

PROJECT UPDATE:

PAUL KANE PARK Ornamental Pond Re-development

For the last 35 years, Paul Kane Park has been one of Edmonton's most popular neighbourhood parks, known for its extensive ornamental pond and stream.

In 2011, changes were made to the *Alberta Public Health Act*. Paul Kane Pond was identified as not meeting current regulations for use as a water play feature or wading pool.

Since 2014 the City has been working closely with the public to create a vision for the pond that meets public health requirements, considers the needs and input of the community, and makes the most of available capital budget.



WHAT'S BEEN DONE?

In 2014, the City of Edmonton developed options for the site. The community provided their feedback online, at a community workshop and at two open houses.

Based on feedback and comments gathered from the public, a preferred concept option was developed and approved.

The concept was further refined and in October 2015 the schematic design was presented at an open house and subsequently approved.

Since that time, design development has been the focus.

THE VISION

The approved design for the ornamental pond at Paul Kane Park will create a green oasis in the heart of the city by:

- Maintaining the existing footprint of the ornamental pond with a wetland ribbon of plant material to border the pond edges creating a naturalized bank.
- Adding small wooden decks adjacent to the wetland ribbon.
- Maintaining a large treed island in the pond, as well as the hills and topography currently enjoyed in the park.
- Adding a runnel plaza - a water feature that will flow to the pond creating sound and opportunities to interact with the water.

THE FUNDING

In December 2014, City Council approved funding for this project as part of the 2015-2018 Capital Budget deliberations.

WHAT'S NEXT?

2016: PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Construction of the new water feature is expected to begin Spring-Summer 2016

Construction notice to occur in advance of site work.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To view the approved design plan and find out about upcoming timelines
visit: www.edmonton.ca/paulkanepond