

Update: Recreation

Initiative Title: Recreation
City Council Sponsor(s): Councillor B. Anderson
Supporting Department and Lead Staff: Community Services Department
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BACKGROUND:

- Active recreation, sport, and leisure opportunities significantly contribute to the quality of life in Edmonton. Edmontonians value active, healthy lifestyles and want their municipal government to work with them to create invigorating recreational opportunities accessible to the widest range of abilities, ages, cultures and incomes. Recreation facilities serve as community hubs, bringing people together in welcoming and vibrant settings.
- The City of Edmonton provides significant support to recreation and sport communities in Edmonton. The City is working with partners on several projects to provide enhanced public recreation opportunities.
- The Recreation Facility Master Plan and supporting plans and strategies provide more detailed direction for facility and program development. Based on these plans there are numerous facilities under development and redevelopment (see Appendix).

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Ensure alignment of recreation and sport efforts and initiatives with strategic policy directions.
- Increase the quality and quantity of sports and recreation opportunities in Edmonton.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC DIRECTION:

- This Council initiative is primarily related to the goal of “Improving Edmonton’s Livability” from *The Way Ahead*. The policy will:
 - Enhance social connectedness for all citizens;
 - Reduce barriers to participation in recreation activities and local programs; and
 - Improve, continuously, the capacity and capability of the organization in the delivery of services to the community and citizens.
- This Council initiative is related to several objectives from *The Way We Live*:
 - “The City of Edmonton celebrates and promotes healthy living”;
 - “The City of Edmonton has a vibrant, diverse sports sector for all Edmontonians”.

This recreation initiative would also touch on policies related to parks and natural spaces, and access to opportunities and programs.

START-UP BUDGET REQUIREMENTS:

- No new budget allocation is required. Projects are brought forward to City Council through the Capital Budget process.

TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT PLAN:

- Ongoing

Appendix**Key Related Projects as of February 2014:**

Implementation of the following plans and strategies is ongoing:

- Recreation Facility Master Plan (2005-2015)
- Recreation Facility Master Plan 5-year Review/Update (2009)
- Urban Parks Management Plan (2006-2016)
- Artificial Turf Plan (2009-2015)
- Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program - Policy C562 (2011)
- Edmonton Valley Zoo Master Plan (2005)
- Enhancing Community Facility Services through Partnerships - Policy C187A (2009)
- Fort Edmonton Park 2010 Master Plan Update
- Medium Term Recreation Facility and Sports Field Plan (2007-2015)
- Outdoor Aquatic Strategy (2008-2017)
- Seniors' Centre Plan (2011-2021)
- 10-Year Arena Capital Development Strategy (2009-2019)
- 10-Year Gymnasium Strategy 2013-2023
- Leisure Access Program

The following plans and strategies are in development:

- Active Recreation and Sport Policy
- Artificial Turf Plan Update
- Golf Course Plan
- Kinsmen Sports Centre Master Plan
- Medium Size Stadium Strategy
- Mill Woods Recreation Centre Master Plan
- River Access Strategy
- Sports Field Strategy

The following new development and redevelopment projects are in various stages of planning and construction:

- Abbotsfield Recreation Centre
- Borden Natural Swimming Experience
- Borden Park Pavilion
- Callingwood Park Pavilion
- Castle Downs Park Pavilion
- Clareview Community Recreation Centre and District Park
- Clarke Field Artificial Turf Renewal
- Commonwealth Stadium FIFA Improvements
- Coronation Community Recreation Centre
- Downtown Arena and Community Rink
- Edmonton Valley Zoo - Entry Plaza and Wander Trail
- Ivor Dent Sports Park
- John Fry Park Pavilion
- Lewis Farms Community Recreation Centre
- The Meadows Community Recreation Centre and District Park
- Mill Woods District Park Pavilion
- Rollie Miles Athletic Grounds Track and Field Renewal
- Victoria Park Pavilion
- Whitemud Equine Learning Centre Association redevelopment
- William Hawrelak Park – projects related to the lake, skating rink, water play feature

There are also a number of projects being developed for consideration in the 2015-2018 Capital Budget Process.