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Joint Use Steering Committee

In the last year the work of the Steering Committee focused on setting the strategic direction for the committees, raising awareness of Joint Use and advocating for Joint Use at all levels of government. The Joint Use Annual Report for period of September 2014 to August 2015 details activities of the Joint Use Committees is available at [here](#).

During the year, the Joint Use Steering Committee conducted a comprehensive environment scan. The key trends identified included population growth, economic outlook, municipal role in recreation, school/park site planning, immigration and diversity. This information provided the basis for discussions at the Steering Committee and subcommittee strategic planning sessions, and strategies are being developed to address the key trends.

Facilities Management Committee

The Facilities Management Committee (FMC) works to ensure fair and equitable access to all joint use facilities. With the identification of the key trends impacting joint use of facilities, FMC explored the challenges and opportunities being faced by schools and recreation facilities and are working to develop strategies to address them.

POPULATION GROWTH – The good news is that there are 21 new schools being built in the Edmonton area! But until these schools become available, many current schools are squeezed for space and have to use gyms and other areas for classrooms. The pressure on these facilities comes from both the educational programming side and from the community programming side. With increased enrollment at schools, with more students, more phys-ed classes are required to be offered during school times. At times, recreation facilities are used as a teaching facility to conduct phys-ed classes. In addition to that, there are many more school sports teams requiring time in gyms. This reduces the time made available for community groups.

IMMIGRATION AND DIVERSITY – Many newcomers to Edmonton are new immigrants to Canada from a multitude of cultures. As these newcomers adjust to life in Canada, they look to embrace Canadian traditions but also bring their own traditions. This is reflected in the increase in non-traditional sports like cricket and rugby.

Joint Use is providing support to many new and emerging community groups to offer educational support programming in the summer. Information about that program is indicated in the next section.

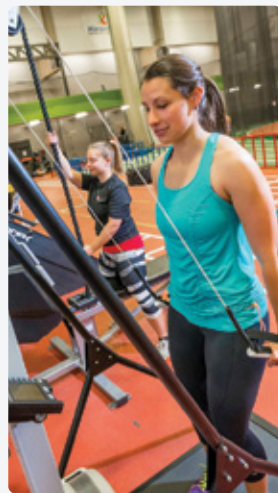
SCHOOL/PARK SITE PLANNING – Over the years schools are becoming larger and draw students from larger districts including several neighborhoods. A majority of students are bussed or driven to school.

Traditional sports fields in the past have included baseball diamonds and soccer fields. With the increase in children playing soccer, many of the new fields are designed with more rectangular fields to allow for flexibility in the sports that can be played.

MUNICIPAL ROLE IN RECREATION – Recreation facilities face many of the emerging trends that impact joint use and are adjusting their programming and planning to meet the needs of a growing and diverse population.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK – All of the Joint Use partners are impacted with the down-turn in the economy. Each partner is looking to do more with less and seek ways to maximize access to their facilities.

CANCELLATIONS – A major impact to community groups is cancellation of time booked in schools. School board administrations are working with the schools to minimize cancellations and are seeking solutions to this ongoing issue.



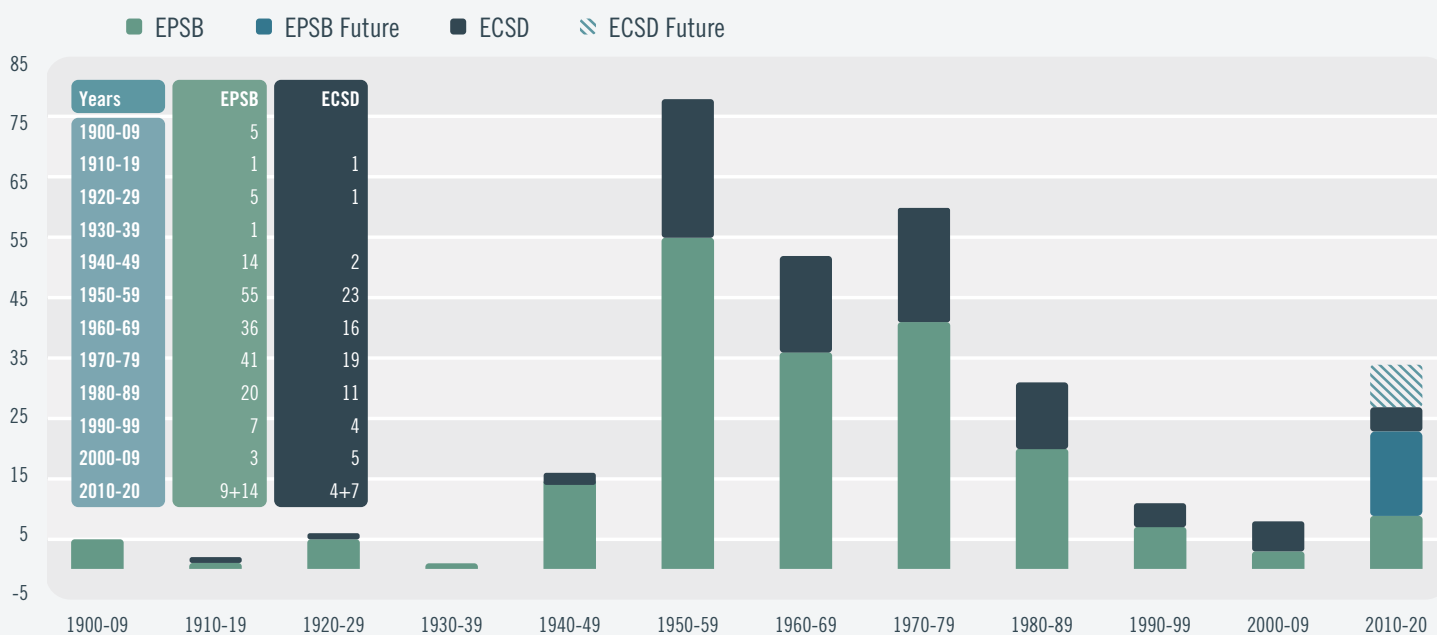
Joint Use Summer Access Program

The innovative Joint Use Summer Access Program continues to be a success story for all Joint Use partners. In the summer of 2015, nine new and emerging community groups with over 1,070 children and youth had access to 625 hours of school time over the summer to hold education support programs. The programs offered by the community groups focused on engaging ethno cultural youth in culturally responsive educational and experiential activities over the summer in 2015. This is a 25% increase in the amount of participants over last year. This included over 400 Indigenous youth attending the Alberta Indigenous Games. A report detailing the activities of the Summer Access Program is available [here](#).

Preparation has already begun for the summer of 2016. Any community groups interested in offering a summer program for socially vulnerable communities focused on academic, cultural/ language, recreational and leadership activities can contact the Joint Use Coordinator by email at jointuse@edmonton.ca for more information.

Land Management Committee

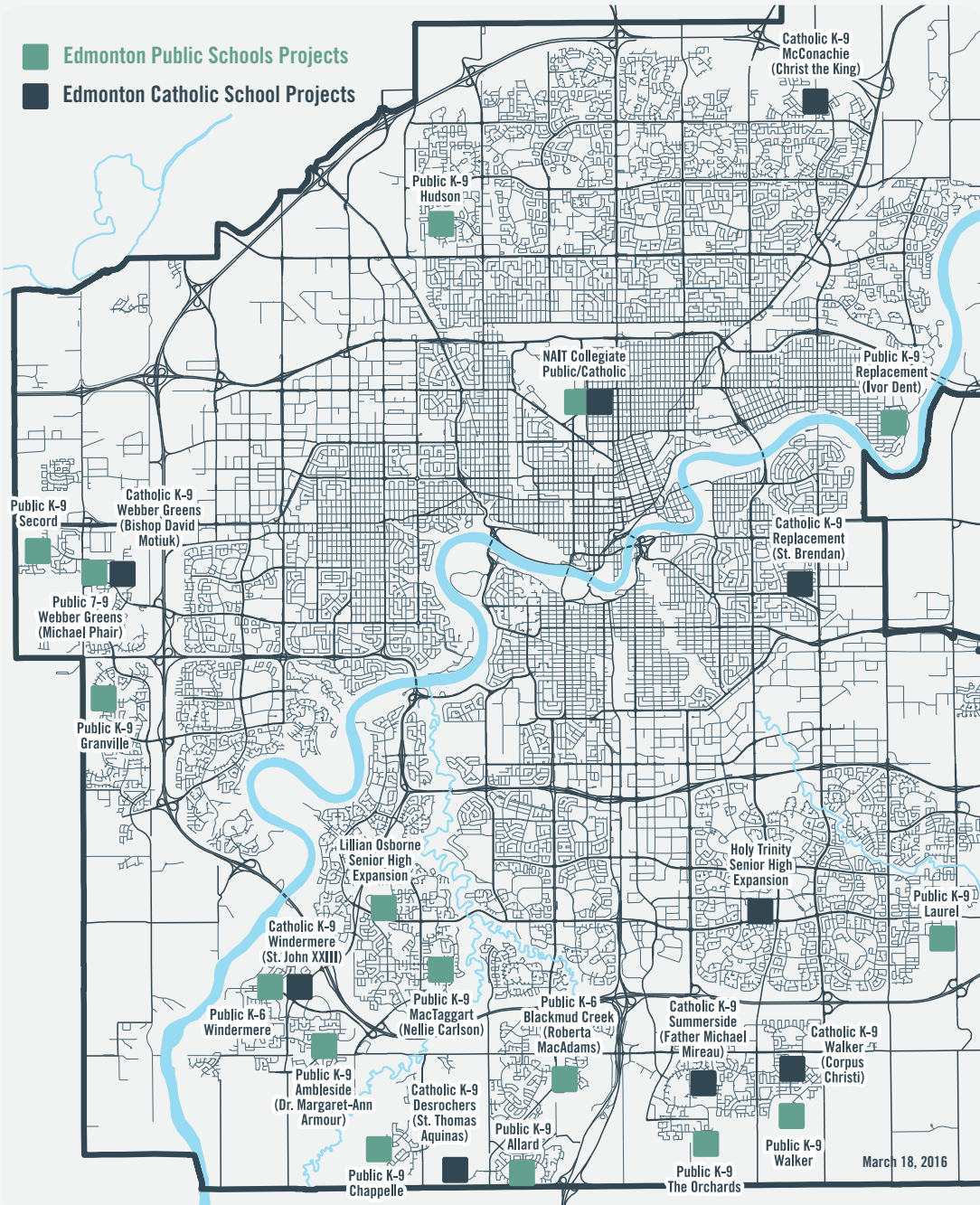
The Land Management Committee works on the planning, assembly, design, development and maintenance of school/park sites. With 21 new schools, including two replacement schools being planned in Edmonton in the next two years, this committee has been very busy to say the least. This is the highest number of schools planned over in a two year period since the 1980's. Indicated below is a chart showing the numbers of schools built in each decade.



The Joint Use partners are working collaboratively to ensure that the school and site designs meet all of the educational and municipal development requirements. The City works to assemble the school/park sites required for construction to begin. The school boards work with the City and Alberta Infrastructure to construct the school and review transportation and traffic impact issues to ensure student safety and to mitigate circulation pressures.

The majority of the news schools are in newer neighborhoods:

Up Coming Edmonton Schools



Schools with a planned opening in Fall of 2016 are:

| Board | | School Type | School Name | Neighbourhood |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| ECSD | New | E/JH | St John XXIII School | Windermere |
| ECSD | Replacement | E/JH | St Brendan School | Ottewell |
| EPSB | New | E/JH | Dr Margaret-Ann Armour School | Ambleside |
| EPSB | New | E/JH | Nellie Carlson School | MacTaggart |
| EPSB | New | E | Roberta MacAdams School | Blackmud Creek |

Schools that are in the planning stages and expected to open in Fall of 2017 are:

| Board | | School Type | School Name | Neighbourhood |
|-------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ECSD | New | E/JH | St Thomas Aquinas School | Desrochers |
| ECSD | New | E/JH | Christ the King School | McConachie |
| ECSD | New | E/JH | Father Michael Mireau School | Summerside |
| ECSD | New | E/JH | Corpus Christi School | Walker |
| ECSD | New | E/JH | Bishop David Motiuk School | Webber Greens |
| EPSB | Replacement | E/JH | Ivor Dent School | Rundle Heights |
| EPSB | New | JH | Michael Phair School | Webber Greens |
| EPSB | New | E/JH | School unnamed | Allard |
| EPSB | New | E/JH | School unnamed | Chappelle (West) |
| EPSB | New | E/JH | School unnamed | The Orchards At Ellerslie |
| EPSB | New | E/JH | School unnamed | Granville |
| EPSB | New | E/JH | School unnamed | Laurel |
| EPSB | New | E/JH | School unnamed | Hudson |
| EPSB | New | E/JH | School unnamed | Secord |
| EPSB | New | E/JH | School unnamed | Walker |
| EPSB | New | E | School unnamed | Windermere |

What is the Joint Use Agreement?

The Joint Use Agreement (JUA) is a formal agreement between the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Catholic Schools, Edmonton Public Schools and Greater North Central Francophone Schools that is designed to optimize the use of publicly funded facilities for the benefit of all. The agreement was initially signed in 1959 and most recently updated for Facilities in 2007 and Land in 2009. The JUA makes schools available to community groups after school hours, and provides schools with access to arenas, pools and other city facilities during the school day. The agreement also clarifies how the four partners will work together to design, build and maintain school and park sites.

How do I learn more about the Joint Use Agreement?

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE JOINT USE COORDINATOR AT:

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