

## ***General Guidelines & Information for Weddings on City of Edmonton Parkland (2004)***

Weddings may be held on City Parkland. There are three main options for citizens considering a wedding ceremony in City Parks.

- Open Parkland – Ceremony on parkland / parks on a non-booked site. If your gathering will have 50 or more people, this type of event is issued a Confirmation of Use by the Bookings Section or in the case of district or neighbourhood parks, the local Community Recreation Coordinator. There is no cost for a Confirmation of Use, however no set-up of any structures is permitted. A Confirmation of Use gives permission for the activity to occur, but does not guarantee a specific site in the park.
- Book-able Picnic Sites, Gazebos or the Borden Park Bandshell – This option provides for a booked space to hold your event. There is a cost per hour for booking these sites, which varies with the facilities provided. Set-up of additional structures can be permitted on these sites. Guidelines for use of picnic sites apply to these sites.
- Community Services Facilities – City Facilities such as the Muttart Conservatory, Fort Edmonton, the Heritage Amphitheater, the ACT Centre and the Rundle Family Centre provide “private” book-able space and can offer more elaborate options in terms of your ceremony or reception. Costs are specific to different options within these facilities, so please contact their rental coordinator for more information. Each facility will also have usage guidelines.

Since a wedding ceremony is a private event, and City Parks are provided as public space, this is the City of Edmonton’s main consideration in looking at such events. Parkland remains a public space, and we can make no guarantees as to who will wander through your ceremony or set up next door. Your “event” may potentially be impacted by weather (both good and bad), other goings on in the park, or other events. As such, there are a few considerations that may effect your planning.

### **General Guidelines and Information**

- Park areas are open for public use from 05:00 – 23:00 daily. (Bookings are limited to 08:00 – 22:00). Amenities such as bathrooms in the parks open & close at different site-specific times.
- Park areas / facilities may be closed due to circumstances beyond our control such as weather damage, vandalism, construction/repair needs.
- The City does not guarantee that public parking will be sufficient for your needs nor that all members of your party may be able to access your event. Parking regulations are enforced in City parks.

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- Parkland and picnic sites are provided “as is”. City crews do no extraordinary work to prepare the site other than standard maintenance and cleaning.
- Generally vehicles are not allowed off of designated public roadways and parking areas. For book-able sites, arrangements can be made at a cost for vehicle access to drop off/pick up supplies.
- The erection of any structures such as archways, awnings or tents (up to 20 x 40 ‘) are allowed only on book-able sites. Decorations may be put up only in a manner that does not damage park structures or trees.
- No rice or confetti may be used.
- Live un-amplified music is allowed but cannot interfere with other park patron’s quiet enjoyment of the park. Stereos or public address systems are prohibited.
- Any temporary signage or directional aids are to be approved by City staff prior to being posted and removed immediately after event.
- Consumption of liquor is prohibited in all City Parks under provincial law.
- Tables in canopies or shelters are fixed and cannot be moved.

**Commercial Activities**

- Any food service may require a permit.
- The use of Horses / Carriage may be allowed by special permit on park roadways or turf. Approval is based on a variety of safety and other considerations.

**Contacts:**

Bookings Unit - [Picnic Site Bookings](#) – 496-4999  
River Valley Events Liaison – 496-4981  
Community Recreation Coordinators – referral through 496-4999  
Commercial Activities Coordinator– 496-8363

**Community Services Facilities:**

ACT / Rundle Family Centre – 496-1496  
Heritage Amphitheater – Wm. Hawrelak Park – 496 - 5835  
Fort Edmonton – 496-8777  
Valley Zoo – 496-8777  
Muttart Conservatory – 496-1403  
Prince of Wales Armoury – 496-8710