

## Argyll Velodrome Feedback Comments

### Impact for the City of Edmonton

- I believe that the upgrade/redevelopment of the area will stimulate sport participation which is necessary for a community that is in dire need of activity. The new facilities will aid in the possibility to host national and international events for cycling which in turn aid in the financial stimulation of Edmonton.
- It is a benefit to Edmonton to have a cycling track facility in its inventory. A cycling track is a mandatory facility for all major games the City of Edmonton may wish to host.
- It could only help Edmonton's reputation by having another world class facility.
- The Velodrome proposal is excellent and will be a great asset to Edmonton.
- The Velodrome re-development proposal is excellent and will be excellent for Edmonton!
- I would like to be able to use a year round facility in a part of the province that is limited by climate. Further, covered velodromes nationwide are limited, thus opening up the opportunity to hold national/world class events. 'City of champions....'
- I think covering the unit would allow Edmonton to have a first class facility.
- Would help to make Edmonton a center of excellence for a cycling training center and as a destination of premier cycling events. The economic spin-off from the Velodrome would benefit the local economy, promote cycling and fitness to youth, and spur community involvement.
- This is an excellent proposal which will only benefit the city of Edmonton
- As residents who live directly across the street from the Velodrome, we vehemently support the redevelopment proposal. Our family is both involved with the Juventus Cycling program as well as has taken part in Rugby club functions and Juventus Soccer. WE are strong supporters of what the Velodrome means to young Canadian athletes. The average resident unfortunately is not aware of the importance of supporting this facility. Few residents seem to use it, few are affected by it and even sadder there are many who were not even aware that it is in their neighborhood. WE are unbelievably fortunate to be able to boast that our city has a Velodrome. There are less than 3 in Canada in total. As a result we are a city that has quietly trained athletes of Olympic caliber. Why we would not want to continue this legacy for our city is beyond comprehension. Improve and redevelop the Velodrome so that it becomes a year long training facility. It will only better our reputation as a city and as a community.

## Impact for the Cycling Community

- Covered Velodrome will put Edmonton back on the World Cycling map
- Would help to make Edmonton a center of excellence for a cycling training center and as a destination of premier cycling events
- I am a member of Juventus cycling club and I use the Velodrome. An indoor Velodrome will allow year-round training, and result many more Edmontonians to "stand on the podium" at Provincial, National and International events. I accompanied Gail Wozny to the Masters World Championships held in Manchester, September of 2006 where she won a Bronze Medal in the 2000 meter pursuit (that's number 3 in the world in her age group!!). Manchester velodrome is busy year round with many youth and other age group clubs that train year round. This will become the case here in Edmonton. This facility will provide another year-round option for youth in Edmonton to be involved in healthy activities, and will result in many more medals for Edmonton to be proud of.
- A covered velodrome would also raise the profile of the facility on a national (Canadian Cycling Association) and international stage (Union Cycliste Internationale) with the potential for high caliber events. 'Olympic Legacy' programs, such as the Lori-Ann Muenzer Program (L.A.M.P), would get additional exposure during the winter months and school programs could incorporate the use of the facility into their curriculum for the entire school year and not just the months of May and June.
- The indoor velodrome will be an important asset to developing world class cyclists in Canada.
- A year-round use velodrome will help expand the sport and allow proper training for our elite athletes!
- I am a cyclist and would like to have year round access to the velodrome
- in Edmonton's climate, important to have opportunities for cycling training indoors such as with this velodrome proposal
- It will give more options for cyclists to train all year long
- It will give cyclists more options with training all year round.
- Great potential to make Edmonton a centre for developing cyclists from across Canada.
- An indoor cycling facility would be a tremendous boost for the development of world-class athletes from Edmonton.
- This Covered Velodrome will put Edmonton back on the World Cycling map. Will be of immense benefit to local cyclists of all levels and provide year round training facilities to elite level cyclists like Lori-Ann Muensen and other future Olympians.
- Is a good idea because cycling will be a larger sport in Edmonton
- I am a master track cyclist who would absolutely relish being able to ride year round.
- We need to continue to provide adequate training and competing facilities for our amateur and world class athletes

- It is an excellent athletic addition to this city that is a world class facility. It's a major component in the development of our young athletes.
- Edmonton has a great facility that has produced world champion athletes but is only available a few months of the year. The velodrome should be a year-round facility attracting the best athletes in Western Canada...
- This development will bring in many top cyclists and will allow much better training. It will also attract high-end competitions and therefore money.
- Because it will give cyclists more training all year round, attraction for world competitors. Suggest a bike powered blender for smoothies.
- This proposal represents a major improvement for cycling / athlete development in Canada.
- We sorely need a winter facility for cycling. We have international local cyclists who cannot train here, plus we can start a grass roots program for the youth in the winter months.
- I think the opportunity for year round development for cycling athletes would be absolutely fabulous
- I think it will be awesome to have indoor training in the winter for a covered velodrome track!

#### Impact on Children / Youth & Families

- The indoor Velodrome is an extremely important facility for many groups and most importantly will help our children
- This facility will provide another year-round option for youth in Edmonton to be involved in healthy activities
- We use the park and velodrome extensively. It is the ideal family sport and activity in the summer. The whole family can go and take turns, use the park, use the facility. It is one of the few sports where adults and kids alike can enjoy at the same time even though we compete at all different levels. If it were year-round (indoor) that would extend our family sporting opportunity by several months.
- Use it all the time, with whole family, several times per week. More and more friends are also trying it out, bringing their kids!
- Cycling is a growing sport for younger generation, more and more every year.
- The young people in this community, including me, see a great future in the neighbourhood as a result of a facility like this. Thanks

#### Parking

- Only resident parking be allowed. All users must use either parking lot, Bus, or bicycle.
- Need to provide local residents protection against too many parked cars in

the area, parking on one side of 88st should be banned except for residents or something like that

- As a park user and a resident of Ritchie, my family has no problem with updating and developing this area- and increasing off street parking is long overdue [ don't understand why the neighbours wouldn't want their streets left freer of congestion ]
- I'm quite troubled to learn that the southern most parking lot has been all but "scrapped" due to opposition in favor of a "phasing approach - if required". While I do understand the reasoning and agree that it is a good idea to only build it if required
- Remove portables and move current parking lot on east side of school to the rear of the school on the current portable imprint. Landscape parking access and parking lot at school site to remove sight lines of parking lot from residents across the street. I don't support expansion of the current school parking lot unless it is moved to the north side of the building
- I support the proposed new parking lot off of 66 Ave -it will help solve a number of traffic problems, place the parking in proximity to the ball fields, and use an area that is little used for park purposes at this time
- The parking issue must be fully resolved from the onset. When facility is fully operating what would be the number of participants if all venues are fully used at the same time; hence what number of vehicles might be present
- More parking space is needed. Whenever there is an event such as baseball, there are cars parking all over the street.
- I support the development of expanding the Velodrome, however, also stress that the proposal for the 60 stall parking on the south-west area near the baseball fields should also be included. As we already see that the baseball field users do not park far and walk to the field, instead park on the street parking, limiting the street parking during the weekends and no opening up parking only congests our parking lot at the church (with members and soccer players as there is no parking for them either), it limits the amount of parking around the area, therefore making it a huge safety concern for all. I strongly propose for the 60 stalls of parking in addition to the Velodrome parking.
- Presently a fire truck would be unable to travel down 88 street without changes to the parking on both sites.
- Esthetics of the new access point to the Velodrome parking lot is important, as we reside across the street.
- Ensure parking is not too close to ravine edge
- Immediate sign on parking lot east of school building indicating ok to park there
- Parking is a prime concern. Comprehensive studies should be made to adequately quantify the parking required.
- Parking issues are a concern
- Put the parking lot near existing lots. Encourage patrons to bike, walk or

bus. Don't ruin the ravine. I will not support this proposal with the parking off 66 Avenue.

- Continue to allow parking on both sides of 88 Street
- Adopt the transportation proposal of restricting parking May - August on 88 Street
- Too much space allocated for parking at edge of ravine.
- Parking restrictions should be on the house side not the park side of 88 Street.
- Not building the 60 car parking lot as it is on a corner where cars tend to drive very fast
- Reduce the number of parking stalls. 243 is too many. Bigger is not always better
- I would like to see the residential parking permits / parking ban extended along 69 Ave / 84 Street to minimize traffic congestion in front of the tobogganing hill and ensure adequate parking is provided at the school site. This could be a major issue depending upon the user groups who eventually occupy the building
- Keeping the current entry / exit laneway as is Ensuring affordable public access to facilities.
- The parking lot lighting should be directed down and shielded from bleeding out and up into the night sky. This will help minimize the visual impact of the larger parking lot on the sky and City view.
- The proposed entry way to the large parking lot will interfere with access to a house on the corner lot at 69 Avenue and 89 Street.
- I am against the 60 car parking lot on the south side of the park. Verbally saying it is phase 2 and only if necessary is not satisfactory
- I fully support the parking lot for the extra 60 parking spaces. Long overdue!!
- More parking space
- The proposed parking ban on the street is not a good idea. Limits access to the playground and sports fields.
- Hopefully the additional parking lot will be unnecessary
- Appropriate parking and traffic flow measures are important to gain the support of the community residents who will also benefit positively from the facility.
- This cannot go there unless the parkades are build
- I am in favor or this plan including the extra parking just off of 66th Avenue by the bus stop
- Should make sure that the ball diamonds, soccer fields etc have adequate parking and washroom facilities
- I consider it well thought out. The entrance into the velodrome parking should be reworked - should be wider.
- I do support a parking lot at the south end of the park to reduce / eliminate street parking by non-residents

## Traffic

- I am concerned about the traffic coming into and out of Argyll. The intersection of 86 street and Argyll Road is congested and dangerous. There are many times when you are only 5 cars back and you don't make it through the light. With increased traffic in the area it may make it more difficult as a resident to leave the area through that intersection. If all of this money is going to be spent on redeveloping Argyll Park, then some needs to be put aside to upgrade this intersection before it becomes more of a danger.
- It (60 stall lot) was one of two hopes residents had of slowing down and managing the traffic in and out of the facility. I've seen my fair share of high speed passages through the neighborhood and will attest to the fact that it is those with ball gloves, soccer balls AND those with bicycles.....If you are not going to put in the south parking lot you better consider traffic controls like the mini rotundas and stop signs.
- should have shared other Transportation committee recommendations at meeting - roundabout at north end of 86th street, signage, speed controls etc. (I trust the Argyll/City Traffic Study recommendations are proposed for implementation)
- I do however, think it is important to consider the residents of Argyll in the transportation plans. I think it would be good to put a traffic circle on the streets that intersect in front of the old school to slow traffic down a bit. I think if you consider the safety and traffic issues in your planning you will have a perfect plan.
- Some reservations about traffic volumes
- Only if the traffic issues are addressed to the satisfaction of residents who are affected. So far the transportation issues have been poorly dealt with. Changes must be cost effective and safety oriented and not impede emergency response times.
- Make sure increased traffic doesn't affect the neighbourhood too much
- The traffic has to be reworked from the passive plan that has been proposed. Maybe putting up stop signs is not enough to keep our children safe.
- We would like to see something at the corner of 86 Street and 68 Avenue (by the school) to reduce the speed at which traffic goes around the corners.
- Continue to allow parking on both sides of 88 Street, it slows the general flow of traffic. Consider other traffic controlling efforts, a round about at 69 Avenue and 86 Street. More local traffic only signs. More use and eyes on the street will reduce perceived bad behaviour problems.
- 1) Further public awareness of the traffic impact on a weekly (weekday and weekend) 2) Make use of public transit options during major events ie: park n ride.
- As a resident of Argyll for over 40 years, I would like to suggest that the traffic problems need to be dealt with first. Throughout the summer we

are unable to access our only way out of Argyll; which is 86 Street. Sometimes week nights and Sundays the traffic is backed up from Argyll Road to 69 Avenue. Argyll school it is also backed up to 88 Street and 66 Avenue. Sometimes it takes 8 to 10 light changes on Argyll before we can get off 64 Avenue onto 86 Street to continue on our way.

- I like what's planned, HOWEVER I am unable to support the velodrome redevelopment without stronger plan to reduce speed of traffic down 86 Street. Resident kids have to be safe. Without a stop sign or traffic circle (mine) or speed bumps racing down the street will continue. Many winter days cars will go too fast at 69 Ave and 86 Street in either direction, into fences or onto the curb. Residents refuse to park there for safety of their vehicles
- A more accurate traffic study is required. Something needs to be done to address the increased traffic and speeding
- People run stop signs now, what would a yield sign do? Put in large speed bumps on 66 Avenue to slow down drivers and move the bus shelter so they have more visibility.
- More daily traffic due to indoor facility
- It creates too much traffic in this quiet neighbourhood
- Traffic concerns have not been dealt with adequately. Traffic must be slowed on the entire corridor and if that means imposing a lower speed limit so be it. Transportation has dropped the ball on this one.
- I am very concerned that increasing traffic issues have not been adequately addressed at the corner of 86 Street and Argyll Road. It is one of only two entrances into the neighbourhood!
- There will be too much traffic on top of all the other activities that will be going on.
- There is already way too much traffic in the neighbourhood. I would rather have tax dollars spend on fixing our neighbourhood roads and sidewalks than on expanding the velodrome for a few avid cyclists
- It will increase traffic through residential neighbourhoods. No control on future developments.
- Traffic
- It will lead to increased traffic in the area. This will increase speeding and dangers for neighbourhood children and animals
- It will create more congestion in this area
- The possibility of too much traffic.
- Traffic volume increases on residential streets are unacceptable. We do not yet know what the traffic flow to Argyll school will be. The cost of increasing road width to accommodate ETS on 88 & 86 Street has not been considered.
- The traffic past my home will increase almost 3 times over what it is now and the traffic will be a problem on a year round basis not just the summer months.
- The velodrome redevelopment would create a major, high profile facility.

- Such a facility should be located on or near a road with at least 4 lanes of unobstructed traffic.
- Traffic and congestion. With only 66 avenue and 86 street as entrances and exits, what is going to happen when RESIDENTS want to get in and out in a timely manner on busy days???????
  - An addition on a NO-U-TURN sign at 86 Street and 64 Avenue is necessary. Lights at Argyll Road and 86 Street will require a left turn phase light for exiting traffic traveling South bound to accommodate exiting traffic increase from development of Argyll. Speeding is common on 66 Avenue, what measures can be instigated to reduce traffic speed? Speed bumps do not work for ETS.
  - Appropriate parking and traffic flow measures are important to gain the support of the community residents who will also benefit positively from the facility.
  - I love the ideas of both the school and the velodrome but can't support it without a better, safer plan for reducing the speed of motorists down 86 Street.
  - The increased traffic for the multiuse area is not as great a concern as the speed at which they go.
  - This neighbourhood has a big traffic problem. With the proposed development of the Velodrome / Argyll Park and Southwoods the roads can't take it.
  - The velodrome does not create as much vehicular traffic as the sport fields
  - Unsure if projected vehicles are accurate

- Facility design / operations**
- A multi-purpose facility, as proposed with this plan, will take advantage of the existing nature of the velodrome and enhance the potential use of the space for other programmed or spontaneous activities. A recreational facility in the area of Argyll, Avonmore, etc., will augment/compliment the Bonnie Doon Leisure Centre by providing a venue for activities that Bonnie Doon does not currently accommodate. The close proximity to the green space of Mill Creek also entertains the possibility for outdoor activities in a manner similar to the Kinsmen and A.C.T.
  - I think the multipurpose, multiuse facility of the proposal is an excellent idea. It is important to encourage recreational participation by people of all ages and this proposal would encourage that.
  - The alternate sport facilities provide local residents with a nearby recreation center.
  - This would be a multi use facility which would provide a venue for beginners right up to pros and everyone in between not just in the area of cycling but running, racket sports among others.
  - As a great use of resources for multiple sports and recreation

- The multiuse plan looks fantastic. Glad to see that it will really service many activities and could be used by large number of school groups throughout the year as well. I feel the Velodrome has done a wonderful job to consider not just the cycling community but the entire community as well.
- Excellent layout multiuse facility.
- The redevelopment with the expanded facilities makes the velodrome more of a community facility than an exclusive building for certain athletes.
- Makes the facility much more user friendly and multi use in nature
- Excellent facility for a multitude of sports
- I would like to see the proposed fitness centre fully accessible (many seniors in area). Also, I would only be supportive of the velodrome's redevelopment if the fitness centre is accessible to City of Edmonton recreation facility pass holders. If the biking community is going to be using parkland in this way then they can give back to the wider community too.
- Complimentary access to the fitness facility for community league members.
- No user fees for Argyll residents
- Residents should be able to use facilities at a discounted rate.
- Recommend community league get a discount on fitness centre etc
- Ease of access for all potential user groups
- Ensuring affordable public access to facilities.
- There is a lot of worry about height. It seems larger on model then in park now. Shadow would fall north over trees so really not a big issue. Make washrooms available to public. Re plant area behind to improve animal/bird habitat. Good luck
- Does it need a bit more spectator seating
- I would like to see badminton courts as an option for the interior field. There's not many high quality indoor badminton courts in Edmonton. This is a good opportunity to provide such a facility.
- Volleyball would be a great use of the facility. Tennis or badminton would also be good.
- I like the public access to the gym and sports fields. The use of the public washrooms and outhouses is so necessary.
- Have healthy food served in the facility.
- Infield at track area should have a tennis court or badminton court. Idea of winter training would be an added bonus
- Have the facilities being used around the clock.
- I would like to see the addition of "winter season enhancement" in the area of quality of life. Why not a first class restaurant facility, "side-walk" cafe, where people might come use for that purpose other than for recreation, or in addition to recreation
- If all facilities have food available make it healthy
- Proposed foot print of velodrome too large
- Nervous about size of velodrome
- Maximize space. Maintaining existing footprint with protection of the ravine. Minimize destruction of green space.

- The building must contain public washrooms, as proposed by the Velodrome people
- I was told at the meeting the height was 13 feet. I now find out the height is actually 13-14 metres. I do not like the thought of a gigantic white dome out on the field.
- How EXACTLY this would be operated and how fees would be charged was not presented. In fact, the velodrome association confirmed they do not know those details. We also need details on all the proposed "profit centers" in the velodrome. Not just the proposed ones, but what would be possible under the zoning
- If there were only a velodrome operating year round I would be less opposed. By adding a field house and game courts the velodrome becomes too big a facility for this small neighbourhood.
- My suggestion for the velodrome proposal is that a more creative use of the infield be considered. Is there not enough field house type space (or at least school gym space) for volleyball, badminton, basketball etc. Make it a MTB jump park, skateboard park, BMX track, something different.
- I would be in favor if velodrome is pushed into the ground and the height does not exceed the current club house height.
- Overall the site plan looks good. One change I would strongly recommend would be an easy modification that would make a great improvement. Currently the city does not have adequate training centre for indoor track. The Butterdome is too worn out and is in need of replacement. For competitive running the Kinsmen Centre does not have an appropriate surface. The proposed running track at the velodrome could fill a great need if it were made to standard size that could be used for competition. A 300m track would be ideal. I think under the current plan this could be accomplished by making the seating around the cycling track portable so that it could be moved back when the track is in use. This would allow the running track to follow the edge of the cycling track and have a proper shape. The advantage would be a fast competitive track that could be used recreationally as well as competitively. Currently many track clubs travel to the Dempsey Centre in Seattle which has a 300m track, this is because the longer straights and wider turns allow for faster times than a 200m track and these times are acceptable to provincial or national sport bodies (Athletics Canada) For the expense of laying down a 300+ metre track, I strongly recommend that it be done right and meet both the needs of the recreational and competitive running community. I would have a look at the Dempsey Centre in Seattle as a reference.
- Some worry if cut-backs cause an inadequate fitness centre.

#### Process / Format

- These are my comments on the proposed Velodrome redevelopment: (note your form on line is confusing since the question is the same as on the form

for the feedback on the park plan) the lack of information at the open house on the velodrome is astounding. The velodrome, and City, did not publicly display critical information that people would OBVIOUSLY want to know, like the proposed height of the building. They had no more details now than they did in April. The refusal by the velodrome and City to provide Hazeldean Community League copies of the business plan, traffic study, parking study, alternate site study, environmental impact assessment, etc, leads to a perception that the City and velodrome association are hiding things. This is not an open and transparent process. This is not true and effective public consultation. Without providing people who ask for it the critical information in advance, your consultation at the open house is meaningless. The City says they will release the business plan but the Velodrome association would not consent. When asked about this at the public house, the Velodrome association told one person that they would not release it because it is "too complicated" and told another that "they are not legally obligated to do so" and also said that the city never asked if they could release it. If taxpayer's dollars are going into this project, the City should either release it outright or force the hand of the Velodrome association on this. Please note, I am not necessarily opposed to the velodrome, but the lack of information (the actual paper information please, not just verbal comments at an open house) makes it impossible to support it now.

- Your last question related to the Master Plan. I am responding to the Velodrome redevelopment. The AVA & the city refuse to disclose requested documents and information regarding major features involving the velodrome. There are too many unanswered questions and too much uncertainty. The AVA refuses to release its business plan to the public (telling me essentially that the public, which includes me, would not understand it). Also, I found that the AVA provided absolutely no new information from the last public meeting making this public meeting a complete waste of time since the AVA could offer nothing further apart from leading everyone to believe this was the last meeting and what we saw, or could think of asking in the crowded room, would be it.
- The Velodrome re-developer is very controversial. We need to see the Velodrome re-development business plan before we can make an informed decision.
- I feel information related to some of the studies could have been partially released. I understand you did not want to release draft information however, some information could have been presented.
- Also troubled Velodrome Assoc. won't release business plan.
- Again, this survey is poorly worded
- need for openness, transparency and sharing of information including traffic studies, etc. -need to build confidence and trust in process
- Nervous of lack of transparency: 1) release the traffic study 2) release the business plan 3) what's going to keep the velodrome going if it goes

- insolvent.
- The velodrome proponents could be more forthright in their aspirations

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| <b>Community Access / Accessibility</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Allowing the velodrome association to present at the open house like they did leads to the inevitable conclusion that this is a city facility like the Kinsmen Center. If I am to support it, I want to know that if I buy a Kinsmen membership, I can use the running track at the velodrome. Otherwise, what is to stop it from being cost prohibitive for people in the neighbourhood?</li><li>- Before agreeing to any redevelopment, I want to know how much user fees will likely be and whether I will be a potential user of the field house portion of the facility</li><li>- Many unanswered questions, especially regarding cost or using facility. If it's expensive I don't want it here</li><li>- Complimentary/discounted fitness passes to community league members</li><li>- Will the velodrome be accessed like Kinsmen Field house under a similar fee schedule?</li><li>- Will passes to Edmonton facilities include this facility?</li><li>- The velodrome proposal is a bonus for the community and as long as community has use of the facility I support its development</li></ul> |  |

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| <b>Miscellaneous</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- It is good plan.</li><li>- Much needed.</li><li>- I support this proposal it's an excellent plan.</li><li>- I support this proposal, it sounds like a great plan - looks well though out and designed. Great need for this type of facility.</li><li>- Well thought out. A world class opportunity.</li><li>- Great opportunity for numerous people to benefit from all the new facilities. Seems well thought out for a change.</li><li>- A wonderful, world class facility for a city that sees winter 8 months of the year.</li><li>- This development will enhance the Argyll area</li><li>- Excellent way to cycle all year round. Motivation to get into track riding.</li><li>- Excellent explanation for the future of cycling.</li><li>- This will be an amazing addition to Edmonton.</li><li>- Because it is a unique facility for Canada.</li><li>- Great idea, provides 12 month access, needed facilities for all cyclists of all ages.</li><li>- As a well thought out proposal</li><li>- great proposal</li><li>- Can't wait for an indoor velodrome.</li></ul> |  |

- A world class facility!
- Like the plans for the Velodrome
- Excellent
- This is a fantastic facility. Edmonton needs it.
- There has been an effort to listen and reassess.
- Very Good.
- This is a location needed not only locally but nationally. The committee presenting the proposal has developed a very professional and well thought out plan.
- It will bring more traffic to the area but it is well planned and will benefit our growing city.
- A world class facility for a world class city.
- Again, this plan and facility is long overdue.
- This plan is a great development for the area.
- I support this proposal fully, the exciting improvements to velodrome.
- Another world class facility in Edmonton is awesome
- 100%
- Much needed facility for city and sports.
- It is a wonderful idea! 100% in favour. Health and fitness is always the way to go.
- As it is presented at this meeting
- Excellent. Get it done! Let's make sure it's a world class facility. This is an excellent opportunity.
- Whole heartedly!
- I support this proposal fully as a resident of the neighbourhood.
- Year round cycling facility for the community is a great idea.
- To encourage and boost Alberta and Edmonton's cycling community.
- Promotes year round recreation and competition.
- Perfect facility to keep Edmontonians active.
- It is sensitive to the surrounding park land and would be a great addition to Edmonton's sports legacy.
- In entirety.
- As described in writing
- this is a no brainer
- Asset to community with all the activities that will be available to everyone in city as well very close for us Argyll residents!! Great
- Great project and a much needed facility in the area.
- Rec Centre will be great.
- As the existing velodrome is in need of a major facelift. (Great design with year round capabilities)
- Looks good to have more indoor field space for non cyclists.
- Good use of space and ample parking. Well thought out.
- Promoting and facilitating cycling in any or all of its forms is promoting a greener city.
- Yes, plant lots of money trees

- Excellent work done so far.
- Solid plan for a world class facility
- Excellent
- I support the development of an indoor velodrome. It gives young riders a greater competitive opportunity and enhances community use.
- North America needs another indoor cycling track...so why not Edmonton. We are booming, we are progressive, we have lots of youth, we can do it.
- I support this proposal but make sure the area behind building and ravine is well lit for safety at night
- If the indoor velodrome is built, it would be nice to have healthy foods sold at the concession area.
- As long as the Velodrome is sunk so the height isn't obtrusive
- Food service should be available - with the emphasis on healthy choices including gluten free options. Gourmet coffee bar!
- Provided that the existing velodrome is structurally sound and will be internationally accepted for competition purposes. Suggest a bike powered blender for smoothies
- As removal of the BMX Track is necessary to clean up the area. A BMX track such as this would be better served in an industrial park where traffic, parking and unsightliness would not be an issue on evenings and weekends.
- Is the fitness centre big enough? It may get awfully congested.
- As well, funding must be in place so tax payers are not left holding the bag
- I am concerned with the proposal in the aspect of funding. Ideally - looks great but the concern is what will happen if all funds are not raised? I would like to see a commitment of the plan as proposed.
- My only concern with the velodrome development is the amount of use it may get, how it will be funded? Otherwise I think it is a good idea, and that making it multi use with activities on the inside and a covered facility makes it more viable
- Reduce the scope of the plan at this time. The community and facility users should undertake more of the development costs as part of a general community enhancement program.
- A bit disconcerting that everything is open and discussed publicly except for the BMX track. What will happen to this venue appears to be an after thought that will be decided later behind the scenes. This leaves the BMX track in the position where it is difficult to make any plans, both short and long term. Given the growing interest and larger participation of BMX compared to velodrome disciplines maybe thought should be given to relocating the velodrome and letting the BMX use this area.
- In a perfect world the velodrome and the BMX would work together to create a true multiuse/multidiscipline centre where the synergies might increase value to ALL cyclists.
- No detailed info on potential tenants of Argyll school was available - the

Argyll Comm. League is relying on the City's promise to bring forward a short list of possible tenants for review and endorsement by Argyll Community

- Cycle traffic restricted to some of paths only.
- Consider the access for Emergency Vehicles
- This velodrome proposal is an opportunity for the city to gain a world class facility. The city better jump at the chance since it obviously has the "players" here locally with such a grand vision
- This facility would provide this area of the city a community rec. centre. I like the multi use concept. I think this would be a great benefit to the community and this section of the city.
- Looks good, late in coming but I like what I see
- If a private user wants to build a facility they should purchase their own property and develop it as they see fit.
- This community is too small geographically to support this expansion.
- Argyll will be highly impacted. No other community will. Take it to non-populated areas as are Commonwealth Stadium and Rexall Place, many indoor soccer centres. Not in a small community such as Argyll.
- The present location is inappropriate for a major high profile facility. A different location should be found.
- There has been no allowances for one of the major users of this area - BMX - A much larger user than the velodrome.
- As well, funding must be in place and the project deemed viable so that taxpayers aren't the ones bailing out a white elephant.
- There are thousands of homeless people in the city, some of whom even live in the valley around the velodrome. The money wasted so far on this, common sense would be better spent on housing the less fortunate. \$20 million would go a long way to helping those who need help.
- It should not be built with tax dollars
- More chances of criminal activities hence increases the safety risk for the neighbourhood.
- It is abysmal that the City had nothing up about the North Saskatchewan Area Redevelopment Plan, which applies to the park and prohibits an indoor sporting facility unless it is necessary that it be located there, and approved by Council
- Nor should it occupy public parklands.
- Green space is sufficient for recreational use in summer (baseball, flag football, ultimate Frisbee). For winter, concentrate on upkeep of hockey rinks (indoor and outdoor). This is Canada after all.
- Transition back to parkland.
- The velodrome is garbage.
- The velodrome is a white elephant from day one and is the same today.
- I support a proposal that alternative sites, closer to major thoroughfares be considered.
- !!It is very important that the BMX Track is incorporated into this area!

- It would be helpful if there was more definitive information on the Argyll school situation - it could become open area or not.
- My only concern is the space where the building comes closest to the ravine be well lit for safety and security at night.
- The city has not followed its own policies for setting major sports facilities in developing the much expanded velodrome. Argyll is too small a community to absorb the impact of what is being proposed for the velodrome.
- I anticipate some resistance from community members in the area but would like to stress the importance of what the citizenry gain from their recreation facilities. These centers provide a sense of community, health and well-being, inclusion, a safe environment for participation, civic pride and venue for integrated services. As a Tier 1 Annual Family Pass holder I recognize the diversity of the city's facilities and have appreciated those that I have visited for what they offer. I believe that the inclusion of the Argyll Velodrome into the makeup of the city's group of recreation centers would be welcomed by many of my fellow "Community Services" members.
- I think a covered velodrome facility with the sporting facilities inside is a wonderful idea. I think it would pay for itself in no time, as there is not a close multi-sport facility in the area.
- Let's proceed with the Velodrome.
- I fully endorse the proposed Velodrome project. This would be an asset to the community, the city, the sports community, for the entire nation.
- I think that this plan to build a multi-sport facility is an excellent plan to grow various sports in Edmonton. Cycling in Canada has grown to the level where we need indoor facilities, especially in our climate. In addition to cycling the facility will and can be used for various other sports that need indoor room in our climate. Thank you for doing this for our population.
- Strongly support this plan. Definitely a good model for other areas.
- I think a city doesn't get many chances for a new velodrome. It would be a shame to pass on the opportunity. A year round building would be a great boon to the city to develop world class athletes and promote health and fitness to the general public.
- Should proceed as soon as possible.
- I think this Velodrome can put Edmonton back on the map as a major Canadian cycling stronghold. Just like back in 1978 when the Commonwealth games were here, we saw a huge benefit. These facilities will also unload some of the crowds at other locations since Edmonton facilities are overloaded.
- I wish something like this was being developed in my community.
- Great job so far on this project!
- The facility would greatly enhance the neighbourhood with the services available. The Velodrome would be used year round, it is under used now,

- plus the other facilities are fantastic.
- The covered Velodrome will eliminate the BMX track which is wonderful. The covered Velodrome will enable city cyclists to train year round and provide a super community asset in terms of spectator viewing and participation/ Please don't let curmudgeons kill this plan.
  - We will be able to develop cyclists at entry level all the way to Olympic level.
  - This will be a very nice multi sport facility centre. We live in St. Albert so the Velodrome would be a family outing for us. Being an athlete, I can see how I can easily use this facility anytime we would come here. As a cyclist I am looking forward to having indoor cycling all year round, especially give the long Edmonton winters.
  - Support the level of racing an indoor velodrome would bring to the city of Edmonton. The level of athletes that would result from year round training, not only for the city of Edmonton but for Alberta and Canada
  - This would be an excellent addition to the city of champions with an all ages target for community at large.
  - We have world class cyclists and our Canadian gold medal winner in our city. Lets keep this ball rolling and encourage young people and us older people to stay fit and hopefully the City of Champions will have many more!
  - Having a covered velodrome in Edmonton will be a big asset to the city. It will again put Edmonton on the map as a major supporter of all sporting activities for all ages.
  - The velodrome redevelopment is sorely needed. Too many young people are not getting the exercise and training that they need. We definitely need another multi use facility in this area. I am in favour of this project, even if my taxes go up.
  - The velodrome will bring another world class facility to Edmonton.
  - I like having a multi use facility Velodrome. Badminton, running is fantastic for the neighbourhood as I have to drive to the river valley in order to use any fitness outlet, or the outskirts of town, Millwoods at the YMCA (William Lutsky)
  - Healthy lifestyles are of the utmost importance to society and any facility that will increase opportunities to be healthier is sorely needed. Also, it's a facility that will help put Edmonton on the map.
  - This facility will be a tremendous asset to the Canadian cycling community, the greater Edmonton and local non-cycling user groups as well as a valuable facility for local residents. I cannot see any negative impacts that would impede the redevelopment of the velodrome and the surrounding park space.
  - Our city needs to support any and all facilities that introduce new and existing sports to our children. Cycling is a healthy sport that all ages can enjoy throughout their lives. The ability to be able to use such a world class facility in the development of our young athletes is priceless. I fully

support this project and encourage the community to embrace it and get behind it.

- I think a covered velodrome would be very advantageous for the City of Edmonton. It would especially support "Active Edmonton's" goals. I think it would benefit the cycling community and encourage the growth of youth participation in the Lori-Anne Munzer and Sprok Kits programs. Edmonton, in its goal to be a world class centre, would benefit from the velodrome plan.
- Edmonton needs more multi-sport indoor facilities and the velodrome answers these needs. The public will be the winner when this is completed
- Edmonton has needed a facility like this for a long time. 1 million population is there to support it.
- With the proposal like this we are building our future - our children are our future. Sport teaches and develops young women and men. These facilities also consider the general public with fitness, health and wellness too - regardless of age.
- I don't have any objections to the velodrome plan
- I like the velodrome redevelopment plan as is. It appears that a lot of effort has gone into the existing plan and it works well
- Hopefully another world class facility which attracts world class athletes and events (eg: world track and field championships, world amateur games)
- It is very encouraging to see the multi-use elements of this proposal. As a cyclist it provides a facility for my family to use while I am using the velodrome. I live in St. Albert and a facility of this nature provides a destination for me to bring my whole family to. I really appreciate all the time and effort being put into this project to bring it to fruition. I will definitely be a year round user of this facility.
- Looks like a tremendous amount of work / planning has gone into this already. The planning committee has done a great job.
- Further, when this under used white elephant fails due to mismanagement and lack of use, the city's tax payers will be left holding the bag for an ill conceived waste of money, time and effort.
- I was formerly supportive of a new velodrome. Upon reviewing all the information I am now highly opposed to it.
- remember only amateurs should benefit from this
- Again, because so few Edmontonians even know where the Velodrome is, feedback from users of the facility should be given more weight.