
CLAREVIEW – NORTHEAST RECREATION FACILITY AND SPORTS FIELD PLAN

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINDINGS AND
RESEARCH FOR DESIGN CHARRETTE**

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Executive Summary

The following pages contain background information to assist you in making informed decisions during the upcoming Design Charrette.

Community Needs Assessment

The first section of this package covers key pieces of information presented by Banister Research & Consulting. It provides the listing of the top Community priorities, both indoors and outdoors, that need to be considered when developing the concept plans for the future recreation facility and sports fields at Clareview. Consider the importance of the various activities as you put thought to the shape and size of each component.

Geographic Information

The geographic information provides insight into the future district park site as well as the neighborhoods they will serve. A list of other recreational facilities in the geographical area is provided within this package. This information is provided to help orient yourself to the park in relation to the neighbourhood, while the Master plan for the park provides an indication of the other requirements for park space on the site (schools, sports fields).

Principles

There are three guiding documents that need to be considered during this planning process. City Council's Infrastructure Strategy, the Recreation Facility Master Plan and the Urban Parks Management Plan provide principles that will guide and support our thinking during the Design Charrette. Carefully read through the summary of these documents to understand the principles and guidelines for facility and park development.

Trends

Understanding trends is key to recreation facility and sports field planning. Please review both the design research summary along with the summary of trends in participation and programming in the Edmonton area. Finally, an environmental scan of organizational needs was completed 2 years ago. As we develop the Recreation Facility & Sports Field Plan, understanding the broader needs of sport and recreation groups is important to consider.

Comparison of Other Recreation Facilities

The final section provides a comparison between recreational facilities in and around Edmonton. Use this section to develop a better understanding of components offered within each recreation facility and the size of each amenity. This will assist us as we create a plan for our future recreation facility.

Community Needs Assessment

Community Profile

Age

| Age Category | 2.5 km | | | 5 km | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male |
| 0-4 years | 3,210 | 1,616 | 1,594 | 5,826 | 2,911 | 2,915 |
| 5-17 years | 9,211 | 4,596 | 4,615 | 17,222 | 8,405 | 8,817 |
| 18-25 years | 7,350 | 3,794 | 3,556 | 12,512 | 6,344 | 6,168 |
| 26-44 years | 15,223 | 7,794 | 7,429 | 28,113 | 14,238 | 13,875 |
| 45-64 years | 12,030 | 6,208 | 5,822 | 23,135 | 11,701 | 11,434 |
| 65 years or more | 3,638 | 1,989 | 1,649 | 9,521 | 5,197 | 4,324 |
| Total population | 50,662 | 25,997 | 246,65 | 96,329 | 48,796 | 47,533 |

Marital Status

| | Total | Female | Male |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Married | 36,300 | 18,162 | 18,138 |
| Common-law | 6,088 | 3,038 | 3,040 |
| Separated | 6,818 | 4,043 | 2,775 |
| Widowed | 3,615 | 2,921 | 694 |
| Never married | 19,775 | 8,977 | 10,778 |
| Other | 705 | 329 | 376 |
| Total population | 73,301 | 37,470 | 35,801 |

Among those aged 18 years or more

Population Forecast

| Year | 2.5 km | | 5 km | |
|------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| | Population | Increase over 2005 | Population | Increase over 2005 |
| 2005 | 50,796 | | 96,811 | |
| 2006 | 52,175 | 2.71% | 99,022 | 2.28% |
| 2011 | 57,698 | 13.59% | 106,071 | 9.57% |
| 2016 | 62,248 | 22.54% | 108,525 | 12.10% |
| 2021 | 64,614 | 27.20% | 110,453 | 14.09% |
| 2026 | 65,209 | 28.37% | 111,046 | 14.70% |
| 2031 | 65,606 | 29.16% | 111,442 | 15.11% |
| 2036 | 66,328 | 30.58% | 112,313 | 16.01% |
| 2041 | 67,468 | 32.82% | 114,092 | 17.85% |

Facilitated Sessions and Survey Results

Community and Stakeholder Facilitated Sessions
Northeast Edmonton Citizen Surveys

General Environment

| Indoor | Outdoor |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bright / Well-lit | Safe |
| Safe | Connected walkways/pathways |
| Library | Year-round activities |
| Accessible / User-friendly | Open park space |
| Sense of community | Trees / Green area / Natural |
| All ages | Athletic |
| Multi-purpose / Diverse | |
| Athletic | |
| Affordable | |
| Family oriented | |
| Comfortable | |

Balance Between Indoor / Outdoor Activities

71% of respondents felt that a district park should be oriented equally towards indoor recreation activities and outdoor sports fields

19% primarily outdoor

8% primarily indoor

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Priority #1 Indoor pool activities

66% of residents stated they were somewhat or very likely to use either now or in the future

- 71% would be likely to use a hot-tub
- 66% would be likely to participate in a public swim
- 62% were likely to participate in fitness swimming
- 53% were likely to use steam room facilities
- 50% would be likely to participate in swimming lessons
- 42% would be likely to use a children's water play area

- Priority #1 for Community (Public Meetings) and Stakeholder (Citywide Organizations) Consultation

Priority #2 Fitness and Weight Training Activities

53% of residents stated they were somewhat or very likely to use either now or in the future

- 74% were likely to use fitness machines
- 65% would participate in weight training, lifting or stretching
- 56% would participate in instructor led fitness classes (e.g. yoga, Pilates)

- Priority #3 for Community (Public Meetings) Consultation
- Priority #2 for Stakeholder (Citywide Organizations) Consultation

Priority #3 Indoor Multipurpose Areas and Activities

42% were likely to use a field house, gymnasium or indoor sports centre either now or in the future

37% were likely to use an indoor multipurpose area or facility space either now or in the future

- 57% running, walking or jogging
- 57% gymnasium activities (volleyball, basketball)
- 46% climbing wall
- 45% drop in centre for youth, seniors and families
- 46% visual arts (painting, crafts etc)
- 40% indoor soccer

- Priority #2 for Community (Public Meetings) Consultation
- Priority #2 for Stakeholder (Citywide Organizations) Consultation

Priority #4 Indoor Rink

42% were likely to use an indoor rink either now or in the future

- 70% general indoor ice skating
- 56% hockey, ringette, broomball, or figure skating
- 42% dry floor activities

- Priority #4 for Community (Public Meetings) and Stakeholder (Citywide Organizations) Consultation

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Priority #1 Outdoor leisure areas, green or park space

73% were likely to use an outdoor leisure area either now or in the future

- 86% running, walking, inline skating, fitness activities
 - 80% events such as picnics, celebrations, group gatherings
 - 62% swimming in an outdoor pool
 - 58% outdoor ice skating
 - 58% tobogganing/sledding
 - 49% play at a playground
 - 49% playing in a water spray park
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- Priority #2 for Community (Public Meetings) and Stakeholder (Citywide Organizations) Consultation

Priority #2 Outdoor sports fields

43% would be likely to use outdoor sports fields either now or in the future

- 59% soccer
- 50% softball/fastball
- 47% baseball
- 44% slo-pitch
- 40% football

OTHER SERVICES

- 58% would be likely to use a dining restaurant (sit-down style restaurant)
- 58% would be likely to use food and beverage concessions, such as hot dogs, hamburgers and pop
- 56% would be likely to use physiotherapy, massage or sports medicine services
- 51% would be likely to use facilities for celebrations, meetings, or parties
- 41% would be likely to use retail stores for swimming and fitness accessories or skate sharpening
- 37% would be likely to use events facilities for performing arts or guest lectures
- 23% would be likely to use onsite childcare facilities while participating in facility or sports field activities

Library - Northeast

- 72% of respondents were supportive of the development of a library as part of the Clareview Recreation Centre Expansion
- 68% of respondents were supportive of the development of a library on the park site, creating a smaller park area for expansion

Geographic Area

Recreation Overview and Inventory

Overview of Clareview District Park Site Description Overview

Clareview Park is a 21.44 hectare district park located at 38 Street and 139 Avenue. This includes future site for Catholic Senior High School, Public Senior High School, and Parks & Recreation facilities.

Recreation Facilities on this site:

- Clareview Recreation Centre includes 2 rink surfaces, an Olympic size (210 x 100 feet) with seating for 600 and an ice surface 200 x 85 feet, a pro-shop, designated warm-up area, boardroom and hall with kitchen.
- Outdoor Skateboard Park

In Partnership with the Schools, future Outdoor Sports Fields and Park Amenities on the site include:

- 1- Combo field inside Track (330 X 210)
- 4 - Combo field (330 X 210)
- 1 - Soccer field (300 X 180)
- 3 - Diamonds (275 radius)

Park Site Master Plan

- Future Site of a Public Senior High School and Catholic Senior High School
- Discussion currently underway regarding potential location of the future Northeast Library

Soil Testing

- Completed by AMPW with initial construction of the Clareview Recreation Centre.
- Soil test of the concrete pond were conducted in 2001

Transportation and Parking

- Presently 124 parking stalls are located on site to service the arena component.
- Good LRT and bus terminal access (couple of blocks away) and bus service in front of the centre

Capital Priorities Plan - Projects

- Multipurpose Recreation Facility in LRFP for this site

Organizations Interested in Capital Park or Facility Development

Several minor sports organizations with roots in Clareview Community League structure have voiced an interest in partnering with the City of Edmonton. The compiled list of groups has not formally submitted their intent but will be contacted;

- North Edmonton Community Sportsfield Association – interest in the development of a Softball Tournament Site. Group visions upgrading the ball fields with dug-outs and bleachers. The group will also pursue; Concession, change rooms with washrooms
- Edmonton Wildcats – Wildcats would like to review the sports field design to ensure proper space is allocated for minor football groups that feed into their program. Clareview area presently does not have a high school program, making the connection to the Wildcats, key in the future development of the sport.
- Gym partners- Basketball and Volleyball Associations have been searching for years to secure or develop gymnasium space to accommodate youth and young adults (only 1 school gym is available in Clareview for competitive games)
- NE Minor Soccer- With the growth of soccer in the north, the need for irrigation fields is being pursued by the organization.
- Community League Sports Directors have also echoed support in the development of concession and washrooms for league or playoff games
- Clareview Area and District Council would like the facility to have a Formal Board Room. Informal conversation with the Clareview Area and District Council have revealed they would be very interested in pursuing a similar arrangement Area 2 Council has with the O'Leary Pool. O'Leary Pool's Board Room comfortably sits 30 participants with attached washroom and food preparation area. Use of the space could include Service and Not for Profit Groups. Key members of these organizations have voiced the difficulty in finding meeting places.

Neighbourhood Architectural Guidelines and Themes

Clareview was designed as the First Urban - Transit Orientation Site. The Clareview area is based on European Design or by today's Urban Planning Terms –TOD, Transit Orientation District. Majority of Clareview residents live in Multi housing complexes. (Neighboring Communities have an average of 50.5% of the population living in multi housing and the Clareview Town Center has 100%).

With the large number of developers who have been part of the creation of Clareview a consistent Architectural Guidelines or Common Theme is not present.

Future Themes/ Concepts –

"Celebration of diversity and cultural backgrounds"

Looking in depth at the individual neighborhoods that comprise of Clareview, Clareview is unique with its cultural demographics. For example Sifton Park Neighborhood- 2001 Census shows- Canadian 4.9%, Chinese 4.7%, Ukrainian 3.0% and East Indian at 2.9% versus City of Edmonton Census - Canadian 6.6%, Chinese 3.5%, Ukrainian 3.1% and East Indian 2.0%. Since 2001, Community Builders have noticed the trend of new immigrant to Canada residing in the Capital Housing Complex reflecting the ethnic groups of; Kurdish, Somalia, Jamaican, and Polish decent. Each neighborhood has pockets of ethnic groups that make "Clareview a Great Cultural Resource" to Edmonton.

The common theme echoed by Community Builder Staff – The need for a “*Welcome Center*” to provide crucial information to new residents of Canada, regarding Edmonton Services: example- housing, facilities, social agencies. An atmosphere of “Welcome” would be reflective through areas that allow for social interaction and celebrating diversity through Cultural Arts.

“Historical Themes” –

- Historically the River Valley- was valuable resource to hunt and fish in. Kennedale Ravine provided the valuable connection for residents to access the River Valley.
- South-end of present day Clareview was part of the meat packing plants that sustained the Hamlet of North Edmonton the 1800’s, and the City of Edmonton until the 1970’s. With the vital rail line connection, Meat Packing Industry expanded south along 66street. This theme is being embraced by Fort Road Redevelopment.
- Late 1800’s North and Central Clareview were homesteaded by handful of family farmers who owned large track of land. Farming in Clareview reflected the mix farming industry unlike today’s “Market Gardens” in the adjoining Horse Hill Area. Research into the homestead families names is still being conducted, to date a few of the “Family Farm Names” within the Clareview Boundaries revealed are; Huffman, Allan, Daciak, Vandellannoite, and Yoachim.
- Other industries; Clareview industries were small in numbers but provided valuable building blocks for the Growing Capital City.
 - Gravel Pit: Located in the River Valley flats off 153 avenue (scheduled to be decommissioned in next few years), provides main source of road material for Northern Alberta
 - Belmont Correctional Center Men Minimum Security-Operational until the late 70’s was located on 137avenue and 34street
 - Home of the “Belmont Drive In Theatre”

INVENTORY OF RECREATION FACILITIES

Within the plan area of Northeast Edmonton (118 Avenue to 167 Avenue and 82 Street to the Saskatchewan River) and within close proximity of the plan area the following recreation facilities are available:

City of Edmonton Recreation Facilities

- 2 Indoor Ice Surfaces
- 2 Indoor Swimming Pools
- 1 Fitness Centre
- 1 Golf Course

Other Recreation Facilities

- 1 Recreation Centre
- 3 Fitness Clubs
- 1 Indoor Soccer Centre
- 1 Senior Centre
- 1 Bowling Centre
- 4 Boys and Girls Clubs / Youth Centres
- 2 Golf Courses
- 1 Curling Club
- 6 Marital Arts Clubs/Centres
- 3 Dance Clubs/Centres
- 1 Yoga Club/Centres
- 21 Community Halls

Indoor Ice Surfaces

Clareview Arena (2 rink surfaces - an Olympic size (210 x 100 feet) with seating for 600 and an ice surface 200 x 85 feet, a pro-shop), Londonderry Leisure Centre (200 X 85 feet arena with seating for 450), Thistle Curling Club – 8 sheets of curling ice

Indoor Swimming Pools

Londonderry Leisure Centre (25 metre pool, shallow water teach pool, whirl pool, steam room, 2 waterslides, swing, rope, children play area)
ACT Recreation Centre (25 metre gradual depth swimming pool, shallow water teach pool, whirlpool, and small children's slide)

Fitness or Weight Training Centre

4 Fitness Clubs (Club Fit, Spa Lady and World Health Club, Londonderry Leisure Centre).

Other Indoor Recreation Amenities

Abbottsfield Recreation Centre
Clareview Recreation Centre (designated warm-up area, boardroom and hall with kitchen, Outdoor Skateboard Park),
ACT Recreation Centre (indoor playground, gymnasium/auditorium, boardroom, open studio, lounge, party room and cafeteria), and Londonderry (aerobics/multipurpose room with special floor, boardroom with kitchen).
Senior Centres (Northgate Lions Senior Centre - 38,000 sq. ft. facility has a large gymnasium with capacity of 400, cafeteria, boardroom, six multi-purpose rooms, rooms for snooker, woodworking, pottery, lapidary),
Boys and Girls Clubs/ Youth Centres (Rundle Boys & Girls Club, NE Teen Centre, Abbottsfield Youth Project (AYP) Society, The Association for Evergreen Youth)

Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society, Ben Calf Robe Society. Many Community Leagues also provide facilities for programs and events.

Marital Arts Clubs/Centers (Canadian Ging Wu Kung Fu Martial Arts, Chang Do Taekwondo, Hung Fung Athletic Club, Korean Tae Kwon Do Academy, SS Kwak's Tae Kwon Do, Spirit Taekwondo Academy)

Dance Clubs/Centers (Dance Theme Ltd, Holy Cross Zorianka Ukrainian Dancers Society, Ukrainian Chermosh Dancers)

Yoga Club/Center (Balance Pilates and Yoga)

Community Halls

21 Community League Halls

Indoor Sports Centres

Edmonton Soccer Centre East and 1 Gymnastic Clubs (North Edmonton Gymnastics Club 6720 – 121 Ave).

Outdoor Sport Fields

Londonderry Park –

- 2 premier combo fields (330 X 180, 330 X 190)
- 3 premier rectangular fields with soccer posts (all 330 X 210)
- 3 diamonds (295, 230, 90)
- 4 tennis courts;
- A track

Rundle Park –

- 1 rectangular field with soccer posts (325 X 165);
- Accessible playground
- 1 combo field (330 X 210);
- 6 diamonds: 5 Premier Shale Diamonds (291 245, 220, 204, and 160); 1 diamond (300)
- Sand volleyball courts; 8 tennis courts;

Other Outdoor Amenities

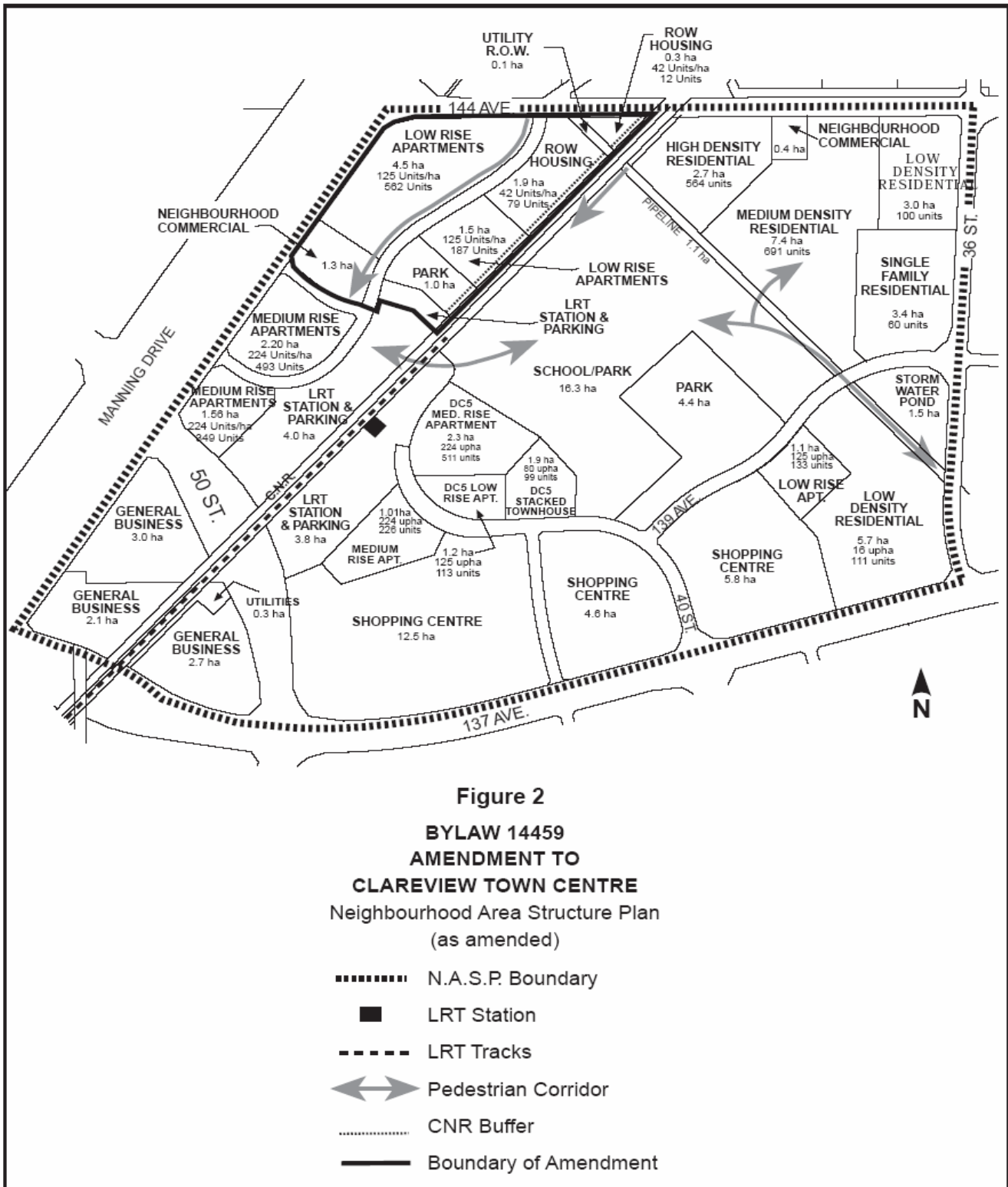
Rundle Park

- Rundle Family Centre includes a public area with a small concession, seating area with a fireplace, lockers, and a rental area.
- Pathways, Horseshoe pits, and Picnic Sites;
- Disc Golf;
- Ice skating;
- Shinny hockey;
- Paddling centre;
- Recreation kayak and canoe activities;
- Multi-use Trails
- Sand volleyball courts
- 8 tennis courts

Hermitage Park

- Dog off leash walk area at the mouth of the Kennedale Ravine (north end of the park)
- Extensive walking and cross country ski trails
- Fishing Ponds (with accessible dock) at the trout pond located at the south end of Hermitage Park
- 20 picnic site with camp stoves

Clareview Neighbourhood Area Structure Plan



Site Development Master Plan for District Parks (as Approved in 1990)

City Council's Infrastructure Strategy



Edmonton City Council's Infrastructure Strategy articulates City Council's commitment to develop and maintain the City's infrastructure assets, which support the delivery of programs and services to citizens.

The Strategy was first developed in response to a growing understanding of the City's infrastructure gap.

Advanced management techniques, many of which have been developed in Edmonton and attracted international attention, help City Council make more informed decisions and use scarce resources more effectively to address challenging infrastructure demands.

More effective infrastructure asset management will help the City to provide cost-effective municipal services, promote economic development, ensure citizen health and safety, protect the environment, and support a high quality of life for all Edmontonians.

Council's Vision

Sustainable infrastructure, maintained through sound financial policies and asset management practices, will contribute to the vibrancy of the City's economy; the vitality of its neighbourhoods; safety of its citizens; protection of the environment; and its capacity to accommodate growth.

Administration's Mandate

To ensure that programs to renew, upgrade and expand infrastructure assets are sustainable and support the City of Edmonton's plans and priorities.

Guiding Principles

1. Infrastructure assets should be socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable.
2. Infrastructure assets are critical to economic development and quality of life.
3. Infrastructure programs should support the values and objectives contained in plans and priorities approved by City Council.
4. Infrastructure is a capital investment and must be responsibly managed.
5. Infrastructure assets must be maintained in a condition that enables them to perform their intended functions.
6. Infrastructure asset management will help the City to balance renewal, upgrading and expansion programs.

Design Principles and Guiding Direction

There are several key documents that provide guidelines and direction for District Activity Parks that are considered in the planning of parks and major recreation complexes. Below is a summary of key components of these policies that will support the design charrette and plan development.

Recreation Facility Master Plan – Principles for Facility Development

1. **Community Hubs** – Facilities should be designed to be community hubs to respond to specific geographic areas of approximately 40,000 to 80,000 people. This can most appropriately be achieved in facilities that are multi-purpose in design, with components that respond to diverse needs, interests, level of ability and skill levels.
2. **Integrated Facilities** - Whenever possible, City recreation facilities will be located in complexes with community arts and culture facilities as well as compatible health, social and community services facilities, to increase opportunities for integration of services. Integrated facilities support diversity and inclusiveness.
3. **Grouping of Facilities** - Facilities (ice surfaces, indoor soccer, or gymnasias) will be twinned or grouped together to support economies of scale and expanded user opportunities, where geographic access can be maintained.
4. **Range of Opportunities** – Facilities will be developed to provide a range of opportunities across the City and designed to create synergies in skill and interest development.
5. **Flexible Design of Facilities** – Future development will ensure to the degree possible, that facilities are flexible in design, with opportunities to accommodate as wide a range of use as possible, and to be converted to other uses in the future.
6. **Physical Linkages & Access** – The City will support access to recreation facilities by a range of travel modes by locating facilities on major transit routes and connecting geographic hubs and other recreation and district facilities by natural and hard surface trails.
7. **Neighbourhood Integrity** – The City will respond to important local needs and maintain the integrity of neighbourhoods through support for appropriate neighbourhood level facilities.
8. **Speciality Facilities** – Citywide and speciality facilities should be programmed for the designated use in prime time.
9. **Focused Funding** – The City will focus municipal tax dollars and other tax based resources, on development of facilities that accommodate basic services that respond to the City's key service target areas, and to ensure basic opportunities for all residents.
10. **Shared Development** – Facility development that exceeds basic design standards and levels of provision will continue to be developed through funding partnerships.

Urban Parks Management Plan

District Activity Parks will be busy, active sites that serve a population primarily within a single Area Structure Plan. They will be primary sites for adult-sized sports fields, senior high schools and major recreation centres and will be located adjacent to major roadways.

The sports field component of a District Activity Park will include regulation-sized, bookable fields that can be used by all ages. A systematic approach to sports field planning would allow rectangular fields to dominate one site and ball fields to dominate a site in a neighbouring Area Structure Plan. This focused development approach would help user groups in delivering specific types of programming (e.g., tournaments, special events, etc.). However, some of both rectangular and ball fields will be provided on each District Activity Park.

District Activity Parks Guidelines

| School Type | Grade Range | Building Envelope | Sports fields | Total Area (ha) |
|--|----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Recreation Complex and District Fields | Not Applicable | 4 – 6 hectares | 10 hectares | 14 – 16 hectares |
| Catholic Senior High | 10 – 12 | 2.40 hectares | 4.10 hectares | 6.50 hectares |
| Public 9 – 12 (2 Tier) | 9 - 12 | 4.85 hectares | 8.10 hectares | 12.95 hectares |
| Totals | | 11.25 – 13.25 ha | 22.2 hectares | 33.45 – 35.45 ha |

Base-Level Development on District Activity Parks will be funded by the City and includes:

- Grading, leveling and seeding
- Major, adult-configured sports fields complete with sports fixtures
- Walkways
- Parking for sports fields as per the Zoning Bylaw
- Bicycle parking / racks
- Tree planting (45 trees per hectare)
- Major Recreation Complex
- Schools, identified by the Joint Use Partners and funded by the Province
- Park sign (District Level)
- Emergency phones and washrooms as part of on-site facilities
- Landscaping

Shared-Level Development on District Activity Parks is considered optional open space development that is funded by the City and the community on a cost-shared basis and may include:

- Major skate park
- Major water play park
- Major playground
- Basketball courts (hard surface pad and part of school)
- Lighting
- Public art and statuary (requires Maintenance Agreement)
- Sand volleyball courts
- Fitness trails
- Performance stages for special events (requires Maintenance Agreement)
- Park furniture (picnic tables, benches, etc.)
- Community notice boards
- Park entrance features
- Minor passive park components as viewing areas for activities
- Tree planting above base level
- Gazebos (requires Maintenance Agreement)
- Social skating/snow bank rink
- Playground

Enhanced-Level Development on District Activity Parks is subject to the findings of the Community Facility Requirements Strategy (Short-term strategy 2006-2010), a single, combined area council or sports group clubhouse may be permitted if space permits and if it can't be combined with a school or major recreation complex. Home Base Agreements are permitted and will be funded by the community.

Prohibited Development on District Activity Parks includes more than one playground on site and major passive park elements (passive park focus has been shifted to Neighbourhood Schools and Community Parks or Natural Areas).

Field Strategy 2005 - 2015

Sports fields are located on City of Edmonton parkland and school board land. To manage sport fields for the residents of Edmonton all fields (excluding stadium facilities) are under the jurisdiction of the Joint Use Agreement. The Vision of the Field Strategy is to have a positive and clear relationship between the Partners of the Joint Use Agreement (City, Edmonton Catholic and Public Schools), field users groups, and the community - working together to provide quality, affordable sport field venues that meet the requirements of all concerned.

Field development or redevelopment is centralized and all projects are evaluated on current and future shortfalls, support from both local and citywide stakeholders, and the level of partnership involvement. A committee structure supports the annual allocation of field time, recommendations of development or redevelopment.

Fair and equitable allocation of Sports Fields is a dynamic process that includes:

- **Standards of Play** for each organization and division that identifies the number of games, the number of practices, and the playing field requirements for each level of sport or activity that will ensure a quality program. User groups and joint use partners will develop standards of play for each sport or activity using the fields. These standards will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure accuracy and will be used in the calculation of the demand for the fields;
- **Demand** for fields is the sum of the number of teams (at each level) times the standard of play for that sport. For non-team activities, the number of participants is used. The sum of the demand for all sports and activities when added to the school use equals the demand for sports fields;
 - Standard of Play x number of teams = Groups demand
 - Sum of all groups demand + School use = Total demand
- **Supply** is determined by two major factors: current inventory and field requirements of users;
- **Entitlement** of field time for a group is equal to that group's demand compared to the total demand (i.e., a group with 5% of the total demand has an entitlement of 5% of the total availability of fields). The entitlement only identifies the number of hours of field time. The day, time and field location is determined by the allocation committees. A group's entitlement may fluctuate from year to year, as its entitlement is directly proportional to its increase or decrease in participants when compared to the overall demand for all groups. Total entitlements will be distributed to allocation categories (major users, seasonal users, casual users, maintenance fields, rest fields), each category will have their fair

share of the field time according to their membership. When the demand for a category of fields is greater than the supply, the group's demand will be decreased to meet the supply, their percentage of the demand will remain the same.

Demand Considerations for Sports Fields

Sport field organizations typically operate their seasons in April, May and June, creating a high demand for sports fields over a short time period. There have been some discussion with organizations to consider expanding their season through the summer, which would allow allocation over a longer playing season and reduce the overall demand.

Sport Field Standards and Priorities

The existing sport field standards were developed in 1990. The Joint Use Committee is currently reviewing the field dimensions and sport fixtures to update this element of the standards.

The Urban Parks Management Plan identifies as one of its Short Term (2006 to 2010) Projects to complete a Sports field Standards Review, which will examine all current sports field standards to insure that they represent the needs of the sport field community, the school boards and Parks. This project will be lead by Asset Management and Public Works with stakeholder involvement of Community Services, Edmonton Public Schools, Edmonton Catholic Schools and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues.

A list of priorities for sports fields has been developed by Community Services, Access to Recreation for consideration, once mandatory sport field components are in place on district and city parks. This list includes:

Diamond Priorities:

- full sized shale diamonds;
- retrofit existing diamonds to create greater clearance;
- four diamond Slo-Pitch site for tournament play; and
- shale diamonds (275' to 300').

Rectangular Field Priorities:

- Premier Large Rectangular Fields (300 x 195 soccer fixtures) and (300 x 210 Combo Fields);
- Sport Specific Fields with lights, change rooms, washroom amenities and storage;
- Alternative site locations for outdoor field closures due to weather (artificial turf); and
- No Fixture Fields (Ultimate).

Home Base Program

The Home Base Program is a partnership between an organization and the City of Edmonton. As part of the partnership, the organization agrees to develop or upgrade desired sports fields to a “premier level” (irrigated rectangular fields or shale infield or base path on diamonds) or better and maintain the fields at a premier level.

In return for entering into a Home Base Agreement (standard license with a 3 year term), partnering organizations receive the following benefits:

- Priority booking status on the allocation of the upgraded field;
- Partner can provide a higher level of field maintenance than the City of Edmonton currently provides that better suits their needs; and
- The opportunity to develop a home site in an area of the city that meets the organization’s needs.

The Home Base Program began in 1986 and is extremely popular, with a large number of groups requesting Home Base sites. The Home Base Program is limited to district and citywide parks, with no new Home Base Programs permitted in the river valley. If the community / sport organization has or desires to build a clubhouse or building, a separate lease is required.

Currently there is a list of organizations requesting a Home Base or interested in expanding their Home Base Program. There is generally a lack of available parkland and sports fields to accommodate these requests that include:

| Rectangular Fields | Diamonds |
|--|--------------------------------|
| ▪ Ultimate (6 – 12 fields) | ▪ Seniors Slo Pitch |
| ▪ Edmonton Minor Soccer Association (proposed on Callingwood Park) | ▪ East Park Little League |
| ▪ Strikers Soccer | ▪ Community Park Little League |
| ▪ Ital Canadians (soccer) | ▪ North East Zone |
| ▪ Association Lazio (soccer) | ▪ SEBA |
| ▪ Edmonton District Cricket Association | |
| ▪ Flag Football (relocation required from Greisbach) | |
| ▪ Jventus Soccer | |

Recreation Trends

Trends in Multi-purpose Recreation Facilities Designs

In 2004, the City of Edmonton completed the Recreation Facilities Master Plan. As part of this process trends and current research were analyzed, in addition to this research other municipal Master Plans have been recently reviewed. Below are a summary of the findings:

- Large, multi-purpose facilities that generate economies of scale and present opportunities for cross-programming are quickly becoming the standard;
- Move away from spaces for male and youth dominated sport activities to those that are inclusive of all ages, genders, interest and abilities to access;
- Designs are more oriented to individual activities rather than group programs;
- Pools are more leisure oriented and facilities with both leisure and lap pools are most successful;
- Lap swimming may increase in popularity as the population ages and becomes more aware of health benefits of physical activity;
- Swimming pool design features include more irregular shapes, waterslides and fountains; leisure pools with spaces for disabled access, teaching beginners and lap swimming; designs that meet all needs through shape, temperature and depth; family change rooms; moveable floors; pools as part of community centers, particularly wellness centers;
- To address emerging sports and increased adult demands, indoor field houses are being designed to serve broad markets, such as indoor soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, volleyball, basketball and badminton;
- Dedicated fitness/social space for youth and seniors are being integrated into recreation facilities;
- Fitness rooms are larger and indoor tracks are making use of circulation corridors and activity spaces;
- Facilities are aesthetically appealing and welcoming, rather than utilitarian, in order to meet the desire for quality experiences;
- Public art is being incorporated into designs;
- Partnerships are becoming more common for capital development, food concessions, program spaces;
- New construction materials are being used such as hardened wall panels in high impact area, new concrete products on floors, walls and entrances, interior glazing to create openness between areas; and
- Designs are exceeding the building code to ensure accessibility and usefulness.

Trends in Recreation Participation and Programming

| Category | Trend/Subject Area | Description/Implications |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Socio-demographic | Aging of the population | → Increased demand for seniors programming → An aging population-almost 100,000 by 2011, increase of almost 27% |
| | Social Change | → Recreation has become a tool for social change ex. reduce crime, break down ethnic divisions, etc. |
| | Ethnicity | → Growing diverse population may lead to a demand for new sports/activities and the need for increased sensitivity to how current facilities are used |
| | Economic disparity | → Income is a significant barrier to participation |
| | Population | → Population of Edmonton continues to increase, putting pressure on existing facilities and increasing demand → Increase in net migration |
| | Tourism | → Balancing and /or prioritizing local needs with regional needs and impact on economy |
| Participation | Importance of being healthy | → More importance is being placed on recreation and physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle |
| | Adult activity patterns | → Adults are more active than they were 10 -20 years ago; active adults will become active seniors as they age |
| | Popularity of physical recreation activities | → Walking is the most popular activity for Edmonton → Increased demand for unstructured and individual activities- in Edmonton Yoga is the most popular → Soccer is the most popular team sport |
| | Children & Youth | → Younger people will look for more extreme activities → Young people will represent more diverse ethnic cultures |
| | Declining participation in sport | → Cost of admission fees, equipment, material and supplies are factors → The recreational facilities or areas are overcrowded or poorly kept/maintained |
| Delivery System | Volunteerism | → Volunteers continue to be important → Increased support for voluntary organizations |
| | Access | → Some population groups will actively seek more equitable access: women, people with disabilities etc. → Safe and convenient facilities will be important |
| | Facilities Planning | → Emphasis on market-driven standards; → "one-stop shopping"- multi-purpose and multi-generational facilities → increased activity among females and seniors has implications on facility design |
| | Programming | → Low cost, spontaneous, individual and less structured activities are becoming more popular |
| | Role of Government | → Government policies will promote more physical activity |
| | User Fees | → Subsidy should be based on ability to pay, not age |
| | Partnerships | → Greater need for creative arrangements with other providers → Essential to develop partnerships with many facets of the community including immigrant groups, community leagues, low-income , etc. |

Programming Trends in Edmonton and Area

Jasper Place

- 10% of participants come from SW of 170 St. Courses are primarily filled from the local area.
- Program fill rates- children aquatics 0-8 are full. High rate for babysitting and youth in action courses
- Types of Programs- school learn go swim and recreational swim
- Attendance Patterns- 17 % adult walk up for aquafit; 18% child memberships
- Leisure Access Program- 14% of attendance

Peter Hemingway

- 16% of participants come from 170 St West, 4% from NE, 6% from SW, rest from surrounding
- No programs are near full
- Types of Programs- 60% of programs need swimming lanes; 7% use aquajog type fitness classes
- Attendance Patterns- 50% are walk up adults, 15% adult memberships, low usage by child and youth
- Leisure Access Program- 10% admissions

Londonderry

- 38% of participants come from East of 66St, 4% Clareview/Hermitage
- Programs- 45% East of 66St, 6% from near O'Leary Pool, 1% from NW
- Aquatics for children 0-8 are full, Yoga and Pilates are near full
- Types of Programs- Children swimming lessons, adult fitness, yoga, pilates
- Attendance Patterns- 51% adult, 11% child
- Leisure Access Program- 12% of admissions

Mill Woods Recreation Centre

- 7% attendance from West of Calgary Trail, 15% of programs from people West of Calgary Trail
- Program Fill Rates- children aquatic lessons- 90%, babysitting course, adult fitness like weight training-70%, kickboxing- 80%, yoga 85%
- Types of Programs- low percentages across all ages
- Attendance Patterns- 57% adult, 42% adult walk up, 11% child
- Leisure Access Programs- 11%

Trans Alta Tri-Leisure Centre

- Members come from- Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, and Parkland County
- Programs- pool, fitness and child services are in high demand

Millennium Place

- 85% of members come from Sherwood Park
- Access to Recreation- require more wellness centre space, arenas, and a field house space
- Programs- yoga, spin classes and combo classes are in high demand

Jamie Platz YMCA

- Members- majority come from within a 3-5 kilometer radius
- Access to Recreation Demands- space for outdoor basketball, more gym space
- Programs- yoga, step class and summer day camps are in high demand

Environmental Scan of Community Organizations

The Community Services Department had Banister Research conduct interviews with 64 stakeholders and 167 program providers regarding their current and potential programming needs in 2004. The program providers and stakeholders were asked questions about the following things: current programs, current facility usage, barriers to participation, waiting lists and future participation. Among the 167 program providers that completed the environmental scan interviews, a total of 310 individual programs were logged. The specific services offered by each program included a wide variety ranging from sports and athletic programs, community league programs, family and community support programs, arts, drama and culture programs, education programs and health and wellness programs.

Program providers were asked to detail the types of facilities they currently use to deliver their programs. More than one-third of the program providers currently use office or meeting space when delivering their programs. A gymnasium was the next most frequently used facility type, followed by multi-purpose space outside of a gymnasium.

Program providers stated that there were few or no barriers for just under one third of the programs they provide. Among the 183 programs whose participants do encounter barriers, program providers most frequently cited low income and poverty, lack of childcare, transportation barriers, physical and mental health issues, language barriers and limited accessibility due to wheelchair or mobility issues.

For 81 of the programs listed, program providers create a waiting list when a program was full, with the remaining 179 programs stating they did not have waiting lists. The Table summarizes the specific details of these program waiting lists by facility component, including the number of participants on these waiting lists, which area of the City these programs serve, and a summary of the reasons why these programs are unable to expand their programs to accommodate those on the waiting lists.

The stakeholders included in this environmental scan included representatives from a number of different organizations including both public and private recreation and cultural facilities, schools and post-secondary institutions, sport and athletic associations, government departments at the provincial and federal government levels, and others who expressed an interest in the development of future facilities in the City of Edmonton. Of the 64 stakeholders that were interviewed, 36 currently maintain a facility or facilities in the City of Edmonton and surrounding area.

While 31 of the organizations interviewed offer only programs and services using the components within their own facilities, 20 offer additional programming that requires other facility components. Thirteen of the 31 stakeholders that currently use other facilities for their programming indicated that they do not have sufficient access to meet the demands of their programs. Seventeen of the 64 stakeholders indicated that they create a waiting list for programs when they reach capacity. Thirteen of these stakeholders have an average of 140 participants waiting on their lists.

| Summary of Program Providers with Waiting Lists | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Facility component | Total # of Programs with waiting lists | Total # of Participants on waiting lists for these programs | Location of City Served (# of programs) | Limiting Factors (# of programs)* |
| Gymnasium | 24 | 1,466 | City-wide (5) Northeast (5) Province-wide (5) Edmonton & Area (3) Southwest (2) Southeast (2) Central North (1) Northern AB (1) | Lack of facilities (13) Lack of staff (5) Lack of funding (3) Lack of volunteers (3) |
| Leisure swimming pool | 13 | 515 | Central North (4) West end (2) Provincially (2) City-wide (1) Southwest (1) Edmonton & Area (1) Province-wide (1) Other Edmonton (1) | Lack of facilities (8) Lack of funding (2) Lack of volunteers (2) Lack of staff (1) |
| Arena | 9 | 1,515 | City-wide (3) Southwest (2) Central North (1) Edmonton & Area (1) Province-wide (1) Other Edmonton (1) | Lack of facilities (5) Lack of volunteers (3) Lack of funding (1) |
| Classroom space | 7 | 8,138 | Northeast (3) City-wide (2) Edmonton & area (2) | Lack of facilities (4) Lack of funding (2) Lack of staff (2) Lack of volunteers (1) Lack of computers (1) |
| Multi-purpose space outside a gymnasium | 7 | 191 | City-wide (3) Southwest (1) Central North (1) Northeast (1) Provincially (1) | Lack of staff (5) Lack of facilities (1) |
| Playgrounds | 5 | 91 | City-wide (2) Northeast (1) Central North (1) Southwest (1) | Lack of funding (3) Lack of facilities (2) Lack of staff (2) |
| Fitness Centre | 5 | 40 | Central North (1) City-wide (2) Edmonton & Area (1) Northern AB (1) | Lack of facilities (3) Lack of volunteers (1) Lack of staff (1) |

| Facility component | Total # of Programs with Waiting Lists | Total # of Participants on waiting lists for these programs | Location of City Served (# of programs) | Limiting Factors (# of programs)* |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Kitchen | 4 | 90 | Northeast (1) City-wide (1) | Lack of funds (3) Lack of staff (2) Lack of facilities (1) |
| Indoor soccer pitches | 4 | 10 | City-wide (2) Southwest (2) | Lack of volunteers (2) Lack of facilities (2) Lack of disabled facility (1) |
| Tennis courts | 3 | 671 | City-wide (2) West end (1) | Lack of facilities (2) Lack of volunteers (1) |
| Banquet facilities | 3 | 515 | Southwest (1) | Lack of facilities (1) Lack of staff (1) |
| Outdoor fields | 3 | 10 | City-wide (1) West end (1) Southwest (1) | Lack of volunteers (3) |
| Teaching swimming pool | 2 | 235 | Nationally (1) Southwest (1) | Lack of facilities (1) Lack of staff (1) |
| Diving pool | 2 | 150 | City-wide (2) | Lack of facilities (2) |
| Theatre/Amphitheatre/Auditorium | 2 | 80 | Old Strathcona (1) Edmonton & Area (1) | Lack of volunteers (1) Lack of facilities (1) |
| Dance Studio | 2 | 40 | City-wide (2) | Lack of facilities (1) Lack of volunteers (1) |
| Curling rinks | 2 | 24 | Northern AB (1) Provincial (1) | Lack of facilities (2) |
| Arts/crafts multipurpose space | 2 | 15 | Northeast (1) City-wide (1) | Lack of funding (1) Lack of staff (1) |
| Office space | 2 | 4 | Edmonton & area (2) | Lack of facilities (1) |
| Lawn bowling fields | 2 | 0 | Edmonton & area (2) City-wide (1) | Lack of volunteers (1) |
| Hot tub (Therapeutic pool) | 1 | 116 | Provincially (1) | Lack of funding (1) |
| Cricket field | 1 | 45 | City-wide (1) | Lack of facilities (1) |
| Rowing facility | 1 | 25 | City-wide (1) | Lack of volunteers (1) |
| Equine centre | 1 | 20 | Edmonton & area (1) | Lack of facilities (1) |
| Library | 1 | 7 | Edmonton & area (1) | Lack of facilities (1) |
| Outdoor festival/event space | 1 | 3 | City-wide (1) | Lack of facilities (1) |
| Baseball diamonds | 1 | 0 | City-wide (1) | Lack of volunteers (1) |
| Indoor track | 1 | 0 | City-wide (1) | Lack of volunteers (1) |

Comparisons of Other Recreation Facilities

| Peer Facility | Servus Credit Union Place | Trans Alta Tri-Leisure Centre | Millennium Place | Londonderry | Millwoods | Jamie Platz YMCA |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Location | St. Albert | Spruce Grove | Sherwood Park | Edmonton | Edmonton | Edmonton |
| Year Building Completed | 2006 | 2002 | 2001 | 1979 | 1979 | 1990 |
| Statistics | | | | | | |
| Total Size in Square Feet | 325,849 | 223,667 | 235,000 | 59,395 | 208,140 | 65,000 |
| Facility Program Components | Size in Square feet | Size in Square feet | Size in Square feet | Size in Square feet | Size in Square feet | Size in Square feet |
| Gymnasium | | 6000 | 4800 | | | 5600 |
| Fitness and Wellness Area | 12,000 (including studio) | 5000 | 15,000 (+5,000 for change rooms) | Upper- 869 Lower- 5440 | 7,461 | 8000 |
| Indoor Track | 300 metre | 224 meters long 4.4 laps=1km | 235 metre loop | | | 200 metre |
| Dance / Aerobics | | | | 1159 | | |
| Stretching | 1500 | 3500 | | | | |
| Aquatic Facilities | | Pool deck space 25200 | | 20,086 | 139935 | |
| Lane Pool | | 25 meter by 25 meter | 25 metre x 25m, 10 lane pool | 371 person capacity 843000 liters | | 25m X 12.5 m Teach Pool = 12 m X 8 m |
| Leisure Pool | 370 person | 266 person 900,000 liters | 300 person wave pool | | 34.5 x 13 | |
| Whirl Pool / hot tub | 40 person | 40 person | 90 person | 19 person 3161 liters | 11 person | 16 person |
| Steam Room | 30 person | 15-20 person | 30 person | 180 sq. feet 10-15 person | | 10 person |
| Sauna | included | 12 person | 20 person | 180 sq. feet 15-20 person | 15 person | none |
| Slides, ropes | 2 waterslides | waterslide is 2.5 stories | | | 250 Foot waterslide- 46 m | |
| Lazy River | 46m long | | 50 feet | | | |

| Peer Facility | Servus Credit Union Place | Trans Alta Tri-Leisure Centre | Millennium Place | Londonderry | Millwoods | Jamie Platz YMCA |
|--|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|
| Arena | | 50,000 | 57,000 | 27911 | 59203 | |
| Size | 3 NHL-Ice Surface=200 X 85 | 2 NHL Ice Surface=200 X 85 | Ice Surface=200 X 85 | Ice Surface=200 X 85 | 2 NHL Ice Surface=200 X 85 | |
| Leisure Ice Surface | 7300 | 5,000 | 65 X 80 | | | |
| Locker Rooms | | 500 each. Total 5,000 | 300 (8 change rooms) | Square feet- 342, 525, 450, 504, 288 Referee Room- 188 (including lockers) | 400 | |
| Field House - Multi-activity courts | 2 regulation size | Total square footage- 50,000 Fields (90 x185) | | | | |
| Other | | Locker Rooms- 400 sq feet each Total 3800 sq feet | | | | |
| Multipurpose Rooms | | | | | | |
| Type of Multi-purpose Rooms | 100-150 person | | 1700 each. One aerobic room is 850 | | Large bookable space | 2 rooms= 2700 /2000 |
| Community Meeting rooms | | 45 x 27- 50-60 people 22 X 27- 25-30 people 18 X 27- 25-30 people 40 X 27- 50-60 people | 5 meeting rooms Capacity 20-35 people | 23 feet in diameter, circular shaped, 44 person capacity | 75 x 48- 3600 sq feet 150 person capacity | 12 x 14 |
| Activity Zones | | | | | | |
| Racquetball/Squash courts | | | | | | 900 per court |
| Child Play Space | | 2700 | 8760 | 150 sq feet meant for 4 or 5 kids | | |
| Child Minding Services | | | | | | 1400 |

| Peer Facility | Servus Credit Union Place | Trans Alta Tri-Leisure Centre | Millennium Place | Londonderry | Millwoods | Jamie Platz YMCA |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Support Zones | | | | | | |
| Lobby / Control | | 10,000 | 13,000 | | 1600 | 3300 |
| Locker Rooms (male/female) | | 5,000 | | 1512 | Women's- 2838 Mens- 1296 | Men's- 1700 Women's- 1800 |
| Family Change Rooms | | | | 874 | 150 | 1000 |
| Commercial Retail Units (CRU) Total | 10,000 | | | | | |
| Concession | | | 2500 | 368 | 1200 | 280 |
| Physio /Other Health Services | | 7500 | 3500 | | 700 | |
| Other Retail | | | 1200 | | | |
| Administration | | | | | | |
| Offices | | | 1075 | | 2950 | 2500 |
| Transportation & Parking | | | | | | |
| Parking Spaces | 1200 paved parking stalls | 560 stalls | 924 stalls | 68 stalls, 3 disabled. School overflow- 100 | 150 | 300 parking spaces |
| Sport Fields & Outdoor Amenities | | | | | | |
| Baseball Fields | | | | 295, 230, 90 | 200, 269, 295, 160, 160 | |
| Multipurpose Fields | | | | 330 X 180, 330 X 190 | 350X205, 320X185, 325X205, 300X180 | |
| Soccer Fields | | | 4 Regulation size fields | | 300 X 180 | |
| Softball Fields | | | | 330 X 210 | | |
| Tennis Courts | | | | | 6 courts | |
| Cricket | | | | | Premier cricket | |
| Skateboard Park | | | | | Outdoor | |

Servus Credit Union Place

Gymnasium

Community Gymnasium with mondo dual durometer sport flooring and a dividable curtain. The gymnasium seats 125 people.

Fitness and Wellness Centre

The fitness facility is equipped with Technogym fitness equipment and 2 wellness studios. Equipment in the fitness centre includes free weights, machine weights, treadmills, elliptical trainers, recumbent and upright bikes, cardio wave machine. Every cardio machine is equipped with a personal entertainment system and Smart Key technology. They also have a state of the art Kinesis Studio for strength, flexibility and balance training. 3 large areas around the 300m, oval, 4 lane track accommodate 20-30 people for stretching. The track also has a straight away lane and spin cycle programming areas in the corners of the track. Services provided include fitness appraisals, personal training, body composition analysis and group personal training.

Aquatic Facilities

The centre has a leisure pool with the capacity for 370 people. The pool is equipped with two hot tubs for 40 people, a steam room for 30 people, a sauna that has two units, 2 waterslides, 46 meter long river ride, 25 spray and water features and a tot pool that is kept at 34 C.

Arena

The centre has three NHL size arenas and a small leisure ice surface. The Championship arena can seat 2023. The Troy Murray and Mark Messier arenas seat 150 and 450 respectively. The two smaller arenas each have four dressing rooms with showers.

Field houses

The two regulation field houses seat 250 per field.

Multi-Purpose Rooms

The centre has an active living multi-purpose room for 100-150 people equipped with a kitchen. As well there are 5 meeting rooms available for rent.

Activity Zones

The children's playground has 17 playground features including 5 slides, a footbridge and a rope bridge. They also provide a drop-in child minding service.

Support Zones

There are traffic counters at the front doors and at the aquatic locker room entrances. The lockers rooms contain gang showers and swim suit drying machines. There is also one family change room that contains 52 lockers, 12 change rooms, 1 special needs change room, 3 toilet stalls and a gang shower area. There is a small concession that opens to the pool area as well as vending machines. There is also 10,000 sq feet of commercial space including a physio therapy clinic, Booster Juice, St. Albert Source for Sports, and Don Cherry's restaurant, lounge and outdoor patio. The RCMP also operates a community policing station in the centre.

Transportation and Parking

There are 1200 paved parking stalls outside as well as a bus stop that is serviced by 3 bus routes.

Sports Fields and Outdoor Amenities

None

Trans Alta Tri-Leisure Centre

Gymnasium

The spontaneous use Gymnasium has hardwood floor, stage lighting and a drop curtain. There is no spectator seating.

Fitness and Wellness Centre

The fitness centre has state of the art training equipment including free weights, machine weights and cardiovascular equipment. The centre has two fitness studios; one is a dance studio with a cushioned floor. The indoor fitness track is 224 meters long and has three lanes wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs and strollers.

Aquatic Facilities

The 25 meter lane has 10 lanes, is kept at a temperature of 28 C and has a capacity of 266 people. The diving boards are 1 and 3 meters. The 30C leisure pool is 0-3.5 feet in depth, has a play structure, a 2.5 story waterslide, water feature and swinging rope. The hot tub can hold 40 people; the Steam Room can hold 20 people and the Sauna can hold 12.

Arena

The centre has two NHL size rinks and a small leisure ice surface for spontaneous use. There are 320 bucket seats and the arenas can seat up to 500 people. There is overhead heating on both seating areas. There are 8 participant change rooms; one is for female use only. As well there are 2 referee/first aid rooms.

Field houses

There are two 90 x 185 soccer pitches with seating up to 500 and glass viewing. One of the fields hosts field house flooring for court activities. The other field has inline skating when indoor soccer season is over. There are 4 change rooms per side, 1 first aid room and 1 referee room.

Multi-Purpose Rooms

The centre has 4 meeting rooms; two of the rooms host 25-30 people and the other two host 50-60.

Activity Zones

The children's play center floor is made of recycled tires for easy cleaning. Child minding services are available.

Support Zones

The monitor Desk has camera surveillance and the secondary desk is available for membership and pro shop sales. The primary desk has 2-3 cashiers. The lockers rooms have 6 showers each including the family change room. The men's has 3 toilets, the ladies has 12 and the family change room has 4. There are 310 ½ lockers and 25 full lockers in both the men's and ladies. The Family change room has 70 ½ lockers. There are 3 family change rooms with 5 single change cubicles and 2 disabled accessible change cubicles. There is also a special needs only change room with a lift to the shower and toilet and a folding change table. There are various commercial spaces including a physiotherapy clinic, Booster Juice, Shotz Sports Lounge, Custom Grind Skate Sharpening and Sports Accessories and a concession.

Transportation and Parking

There are 560 paved parking stalls outside.

Sports Fields and Outdoor Amenities

None

Millenium Place

Gymnasium

The spontaneous use Gymnasium is 4800 square feet with no spectator seating.

Fitness and Wellness Centre

The 20,000 square foot fitness centre includes free weights, machine weights and cardiovascular equipment. The cardio equipment includes treadmills, cross-trainers, stair-masters and more. There are also exercise balls available in the stretching area. There is also an indoor fitness track with an incline that is a 235 meter loop. Services offered include well power and nutrition consultations.

Aquatic Facilities

The 25 X 25 meter lane pool has 10 lanes. The wave pool/leisure pool has a capacity of 300 people. The spray features include an old fashioned steam engine water structure and a 50 foot spiraling vortex lazy river. There is also a whirlpool, steam room and sauna. There is spectator seating for 380 people.

Arena

The centre includes a twin arena with NHL sized ice that seats 850 people. There is also a 65 X 80 leisure ice surface. There are 8 change rooms with 1 shower and 1 toilet each.

Field houses

None

Multi-Purpose Rooms

The centre has 5 meeting rooms of various sizes with capacity for 20-35 people.

Activity Zones

Activity zones include a 10 foot climbing wall for children 12 years and under. The child play space includes a permanent climbing structure with a variety of slides, interactive games and ride'm toys. There is also a drop in babysitting service for newborn and up.

Support Zones

The support zones include a 13,000 square foot lobby with food service, coffee shop and Fruit Monkey. Other retail includes a physiotherapy clinic, Second Cup, Market Grille, EuroSport and Running Room. The men's and women's locker rooms include 200 lockers each. The family change room has four family change room stalls with individual showers.

Transportation and Parking

There are 924 parking stalls and one bus stop. The bus comes every hour during peak times.

Sports Fields and Outdoor Amenities

Outdoor amenities include 4 full size regulation soccer fields and a skate park.

Londonderry Recreation Centre

Gymnasium

None

Fitness and Wellness Centre

There are two fitness centers, an upper and a lower center. Both fitness centers include free weights, weight machines, bikes, treadmills, ellipticals and stairmasters. With equipment in the center the capacity is 111 people; without equipment, 584 people. There is also an aerobics, multi-purpose room with special flooring that can accommodate 60 people. There are also fitness consultants available.

Aquatic Facilities

The 25 meter leisure pool is uniquely shaped and has room for five lanes; it is kept at a temperature of 29.5 C. The pool slopes from 18 inches to 6 or 10 feet deep. The pool capacity is 371 people and holds 843000 liters of water. There is an adjoining warmer shallow water teach pool. The whirlpool can fit approximately 3161 liters of water and 19 people. The steam room capacity is 10-15 and the sauna capacity is 15-20. There is spectator seating in the pool area for 15 people. There are two large slides that enter into deep water, one into the 6 foot and the other into the 10 foot end. There is also a sundeck used in the summer from the pool area.

Arena

The centre has one NHL size arena that is capable of summer ice. The arena has 450 spectator seats and room for 75 people standing. There are 5 change rooms and a referee room varying from 188-525 square feet. All the change rooms have their own gann shower and washroom.

Field houses

None

Multi-Purpose Rooms

The center has a circular shaped board room with a kitchen and capacity for 44 people.

Activity Zones

The children's play center is a small area with toys for kids during lessons or after swimming meant for 4 or 5 kids.

Support Zones

The lobby area spreads out through the building and breaks into distinct lobby areas. The female change rooms include 106 medium lockers and 3 large lockers with a mixture of coin and bring your own lock. There are 5 showers and 3 toilets with one of each being disabled and 3 change stalls. The men's change room includes 106 medium lockers and 6 large lockers with a mixture of coin and "bring your own lock". There are 7 showers and 3 toilets with one of each being disabled, 4 urinals and no change stalls. The family change room has 26 medium lockers, 2 showers and 1 washroom. As well there are two stalls that have a shower and toilet and five stalls for changing. There is also a concession stand with tables set up in the lobby in front. Other services include vending and skate sharpening machines.

Transportation and Parking

There are 68 public parking stalls and 3 disabled stalls. The school parking lot also has approximately 100 stalls that are used as overflow.

Sports Fields and Outdoor Amenities

The outside amenities include 3 ball diamonds, 2 multipurpose fields, one track, 3 soccer fields and 4 tennis courts.

Mill Woods Recreation Centre

Gymnasium

None

Fitness and Wellness Centre

The 7,461 square foot fitness center offers nutrition and fitness consultations. It contains free weights and cardio equipment including bikes, treadmills, rowing machines and elliptical trainers. There are also assorted stack equipment pieces.

Aquatic Facilities

The aquatic facilities include a shallow water teach pool and a dive tank with a 1m diving board. The leisure pool is a 45 m gradual depth wave pool with 6 lanes, it is kept at 29 C. The facility also includes a whirlpool, steam room and sauna. There is also a 250 foot giant waterslide and a tot pool with various spray features. There are 71 deck chairs for spectator seating.

Arena

The centre has two NHL size arenas. The A side has seating for 300 plus 200 standing. The B side has seating for 450 plus 200 standing. There are 8 dressing rooms with 6 showers in each, gang showers.

Field houses

None

Multi-Purpose Rooms

There are 4 meeting rooms and a large multi-purpose space that is available for booking.

Activity Zones

Activity zones include 2 regular size indoor racquet courts and an indoor playground.

Support Zones

The support zones include a cafeteria with catering capacity, and vending machines. Other retail includes a pro shop. The women's locker room includes 9 showers, plus 1 handicap, 3 toilets plus 1 handicap, 4 changing stalls and 404 lockers. The men's change room includes 8 showers plus 1 handicap, 3 toilets plus 1 handicap, 4 urinals, 4 changing stalls and 266 lockers. There are two family change rooms with privacy stalls and 1 toilet. There are no lockers or changing stalls in the family change rooms. There is also a 1200 square foot cafeteria with catering ability.

Transportation and Parking

There is a bus stop at the Recreation centre and multiple bus stops near by. There are 150 parking spaces.

Sports Fields and Outdoor Amenities

The outside amenities include 5 ball diamonds, including 3 premier shale diamonds. There are 4 premier multi-purpose fields. There is a water spray park and an outdoor track. There is one soccer field, 6 tennis courts, a premier cricket field and a skateboard park. Other outside amenities include a toboggan hill, picnic sites and a lake.

Jamie Platz YMCA

Gymnasium

Jamie Platz YMCA has a 5600 square foot gymnasium with no spectator seating.

Fitness and Wellness Centre

There is an 8000 sq foot workout center with a 200 m walking/running track. The Fitness centre includes cardio machines, free weights and weight machines. The cardio machines have a Cardio Theatre system- cardio TV.

Aquatic Facilities

The aquatic facilities include a moveable bottom teach pool and a 25m swimming pool. The teach pool is a warmer pool kept at a temperature of 31 C. The whirlpool can hold 16 people and the steam room fits 10. There is no spectator seating in the pool area. The pools have a capacity of 225.

Arena

None

Field houses

None

Multi-Purpose Rooms

The center has two multi-purpose rooms that are used for preschool and children's programs, child minding, and some fitness classes. The capacity is about 125. The 12 X 14 meeting room has a capacity of 20.

Activity Zones

The activity zones include two 900 sq foot racquetball/squash courts and an indoor playground. The 1400 square foot indoor playground has equipment for children 0-6 years of age. Child minding services are offered for children 0-12 years of age.

Support Zones

The support zones include a 3300 square foot lobby and a 280 square foot snack shop. There are four locker rooms each with 6-8 showers and approximately 130 lockers each. The family change room has 5 private change rooms and 20 lockers.

Transportation and Parking

There are 300 public parking stalls and a bus stop for easy accessibility.

Sports Fields and Outdoor Amenities

None