

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

STAKEHOLDER INPUT PROCESS

All site stakeholders were contacted by the City during the Concept Plan development in 2006 and Needs Assessments were completed by each group. To initiate this study process, individual meetings were held with each group in spring 2007 to review their needs and to discuss current and future plans. Needs and wants identified by the groups are summarized below. A stakeholder open house was held on June 21, 2007 to present the draft master plan. Copies of the 2006 Needs Assessments and all stakeholder meeting notes are included in Appendix 1.

Each of the user groups will receive an executive summary of the report and the Final Concept Site Plan.

USER GROUPS NEEDS and WANTS

Grizzlies Football Association

This club promotes football for 7 – 15 year olds. They are very happy with the location and conditions of the fields, but feel that the site would be safer for the players if it had lighting. They actively use the site from May to November, three times a week in the evenings, and weekends. They typically hold one special event each year. They have expressed an interest in pursuing a Home Base Agreement with the City. They have indicated the following desires for improvements:

- Lighting for practice fields
- Storage facility
- Expand and upgrade bleachers
- Additional parking and accessibility
- Amenity building with washrooms, concession, meeting space and storage space.

Edmonton and District Cricket League

This club promotes cricket mostly to males aged 15 – 64 years old. Their season runs from May to September. The batting cages and practice area are used during the week, and the field is used only on weekends. They typically host one major event each year. They enjoy the large field space but the lack of vehicular access to the field and frequent vandalism are concerns. They have indicated the following desires for improvements:

- Additional parking and vehicle access
- Additional cricket pitch
- Club house for storage close to field and washrooms
- Lighting for fields
- Additional batting cages
- Benches

Alberta Schools Cricket Association

This club promotes cricket for school age children and have been involved with the coaching of over 25,000 children in more than 57 schools (Elementary, Junior, and Senior High). They share the cricket pitch on the Mill Woods Sports site with the Edmonton & District Cricket League. They have indicated the following desires for improvements:

- Additional parking and vehicle access
- Additional cricket pitch
- Club house for storage close to field and washrooms
- Additional batting cages
- Irrigation
- Minor field improvements (i.e. pothole leveling)

Mill Woods Soccer Association

This club promotes soccer for males and females of all ages. They frequently use all five of the fields regularly during the week and on weekends from May to September. They host an annual tournament every May long weekend. The association enjoys the central location of the site and the number of fields allows for consistent games times and days, however, one more field would be extremely useful. They have indicated the following desires for improvements:

- More large sized fields (they can accommodate the smaller size within the larger ones)
- Additional parking
- Amenity building with washrooms, concession and office and storage space

Little League Association

This club promotes baseball to boys and girls of all ages. This group hosts one annual tournament every year. They enjoy the centralized site but they have indicated the following desires for improvements:

- Additional parking and access
- Expansion of their fencing to protect spectators from foul balls
- Amenity building for washrooms, storage and club meetings
- Additional batting cage

Percy Page High School

The school uses the basketball courts, tennis courts, football fields, track and inner field, as well as the baseball field for physical education classes and the students of this high school enjoy the skate park outside of school. The school has requested the following improvements:

- Additional Basketball courts next to the skate park
- Additional tennis courts (require 6 courts in total)
- Maintenance for long jump pits

Holy Trinity High School

The school uses a variety of the fields and courts during school hours and until 6pm weekdays including the tennis courts, baseball diamonds, track, soccer fields, and football fields. They have indicated the following as desirable site improvements:

- Additional tennis and basketball courts
- Practice wall near tennis courts
- Additional parking
- Maintenance on the long jump and triple jump pits

MCARFA and MWPC

MCARFA (Mill Woods Cultural and Recreation Facilities Association) and the MWPC (Mill Woods Presidents Council) represent residents of Mill Woods and the Meadows. They do not utilize the sport fields directly but organize the Canada Day celebrations at the site and work towards providing facilities and activities for youth in the community. They were responsible for fund raising and construction of the skate park. They have indicated the following desires for improvements:

- Relocation and reduction of the maintenance yard
- Lighting for skate park
- Storage facilities
- Additional parking and access
- Access to water for drinking
- Additional trails
- Office space

Parks Operation

Parks operation currently uses this site to stage regional grass cutting crews, and for storage of wood chips and shale. Staff is onsite 7 days a week from May to September. A variety of equipment is hosed onsite including trucks, mowers, water trucks, and dump trucks. Desirable site improvements include:

- Additional access through site for maintenance and security
- Amenity building for washrooms, storage, first aid station and offices
- Additional parking
- Paved parking
- Bulk Storage bins for landscape materials

PARKING NEEDS

A large parking lot in the northwest corner of the site serves the two schools and the Recreation Centre, two lots south of Percy Page School serve the school, and a parking lot accessed from 66 St on the east side serves the spray park. Elsewhere throughout the park there are approximately 125 parking stalls onsite with distribution as follows:

- 80 in the gravel parking lot south of the maintenance area accessed from 23 Avenue
- 25 in the parking lot adjacent the skate park accessed from the recreation center roadway
- 20 along the roadway close to Holy Trinity High School, accessed off 28 Avenue

Lack of parking has been an issue with most users of the site.

Each group identified current parking requirements for regular site use and for special events as follows:

	<u>Daily Needs</u>	<u>Special Event Needs</u>
Cricket	50-60	
Soccer	30	150
Baseball	80-100	
Football	100	
Parks Operation	20-30	
MWPC		10,000+

Total current daily needs would be well served by 350 stalls. The largest event requirement is for 10,000 stalls which could be provided by a combination of permanent stalls, designated overflow parking areas, and park and ride systems and adjacent parking lots at Mill Woods Town Centre and Grant MacEwan Campus.

AMENITY BUILDING NEEDS

All groups were requested to provide input into appropriate uses for an amenity building. All groups indicated that more and improved washroom and storage facilities were the highest priority. Other desires were:

- Accessible by vehicles
- Storage
- First Aid Station
- Change rooms for 40
- Washrooms and Showers
- Office Space
- Meeting rooms
- Multi-purpose room
- Kitchenette/Concession Area
- Centralized location