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Joint Use Steering Committee

The work of the Steering Committee focuses on setting the strategic direction for the sub-committees (Facilities and Land), raising awareness of Joint Use and advocating for Joint Use at all levels of government. As a requirement of the agreement, the Steering Committee reports on joint use activities to elected officials of the City and the School Boards each year. The Joint Use Annual Report for period of September 2015 to August 2016 provides details on those activities and is available [here](#).

Land Management Committee

The Land Management Committee works on the planning, assembly, design, development and maintenance of school/park sites. Thirteen new and one replacement schools are scheduled to open in September 2017. The successful completion of these projects highlights the collaborative working relationship between joint use partners in all aspects of school site planning.

SCHOOLS OPENING IN SEPTEMBER OF 2017 ARE:

Board	School Type	School Name	Neighbourhood	
ECSD	New	E/JH	Bishop David Motiuk	Webber Greens
ECSD	New	E/JH	Christ the King	McConachie
ECSD	New	E/JH	Corpus Christi	Walker
ECSD	New	E/JH	Father Michael Mireau	Summerside
ECSD	New	E/JH	St Thomas Aquinas	Desrochers
EPSB	New	E	Constable Daniel Woodall School	Windermere
EPSB	New	E/JH	David Thomas King School	Secord
EPSB	New	E/JH	Donald R. Getty School	Chappelle (West)
EPSB	New	E/JH	Dr. Lila Fahlman School	Allard
EPSB	New	E/JH	Hilwie Hamdon School	Hudson
EPSB	New	E/JH	Jan Reimer School	The Orchards At Ellerslie
EPSB	New	JH	Michael Phair School	Webber Greens
EPSB	New	E/JH	Svend Hansen School	Laurel
EPSB	Replacement	E/JH	Ivor Dent School	Rundle Heights

SCHOOLS OPENING IN 2018 ARE:

Board	School Type	School Name	Neighbourhood	
EPSB	New	E/JH	Kim Hung School	Granville
EPSB	New	E/JH	Shauna May Seneca School	Walker

When a new Joint Use facility is built, either by the City or a School Board, it was agreed that all partners have a year to arrange for joint use of the facility. This allows each partner the opportunity to ensure that their core programming is covered before offering the time up for joint use booking.

Facilities Management Committee

The Facilities Management Committee (FMC) works to ensure fair and equitable access to all joint use facilities. In this issue, the Facilities Management Committee would like to highlight the great work being done by the City of Edmonton, Parks and Roads Services, Sports Field Rejuvenation Program behind the scenes to ensure that sports fields are maintained and available for joint use.

Did you know that the City of Edmonton sports field maintenance team maintains an inventory of 1,661 fields in Edmonton? During every playing season, sports fields are taken out of service to be rejuvenated and repaired to ensure they are healthy, sustainable and in a safe and playable condition for all users (including school boards) in Edmonton. This is the core of City of Edmonton, Parks and Roads Services, Sports Field Rejuvenation Program.

The rejuvenation period can last up to a month depending on the treatment and severity of the damage. Turf rebuilding programs commence as soon as the field is out of service and the majority of the work is ideally completed within the first two days. This allows turf rejuvenation for the maximum portion of the rest period.

Horticultural activities including topdressing, over-seeding, aerating, fertilizing and initial watering are the foundation of the program. The fields to be taken out of service are planned well in advance, to allow the Information and Bookings group enough notice to inform our field users about the interruptions in field availability. Field assessment in the fall is followed by planning and discussion with field allocators during the winter months and a finalized list is prepared. The annual field closures are then communicated to user groups in the summer sports field allocation process. This format allows field users ample notice to plan ahead and have minimal impact on their season scheduling.

After a period of rejuvenation, the field is opened for regular daily use, the difference in turf quality is evident. On average, 125+ full size rectangular fields are taken out of service for rest and repair. This program is an independent program and does not involve our planned turf maintenance program delivery. The Sports Field Rejuvenation Program greatly assists in spreading use over a larger number of full size rectangular fields, which in turn extends the time before major repairs or restoration is required.

The opening date for sports fields is weather dependent and users are encouraged to check the [City website](#) for notifications.

THANKS FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON GYMNASIUM BOOKING TEAM

A huge thank you to the Principals, Teachers and Custodians who created an amazing welcoming atmosphere for 191 minor groups at your schools. Every day these young people stayed active, engaged and had a ton of fun.



Joint Use Summer Access Program

The innovative Joint Use Summer Access Program continues to be a success story for all Joint Use partners. The program allows emerging Indigenous, immigrant, refugee, low-income and special-needs groups to access school space to deliver programs during daytime hours, Monday to Thursday, throughout the month of July. This program is designed to provide community groups with the space and support needed to run effective academic, cultural, language, recreational and leadership programs. These programs help to build the confidence, capacity, self-efficacy, cultural identity and academic ability of Edmonton children and youth, while also providing a fun and safe environment.

This Joint Use partnership is a collaborative approach between the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Public School Board, Edmonton Catholic School District, Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord and REACH Edmonton. Preparation has already begun for the summer of 2017. Any community groups interested in offering a summer program for socially vulnerable communities focused on academic, cultural/language, recreational and leadership activities can contact the Joint Use Coordinator by email at jointuse@edmonton.ca for more information.

What is the Joint Use Agreement?

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

How do I learn more about the Joint Use Agreement?

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