

Gallagher Park

CONCEPT PLAN

Welcome

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Concept Plan for Gallagher Park

Purpose

We want to obtain your input on Gallagher Park as the first step in creating a 20-year Vision and Concept Plan for this park!

What's your vision for Gallagher Park?

We want to know how you use Gallagher Park and what you'd like to see in the future. Help us by answering the questions using the sticky notes and pens provided.

We're here to listen!

Tonight is about listening to what you think about the existing park area – your favourite features and activities as well as what you'd like to see in the future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of our project team members here tonight.

The project team includes City of Edmonton staff, representatives from Cloverdale Community League, The Edmonton Folk Music Festival, the Edmonton Ski Club, and the IBI Group consulting team. We're here to listen to you – we want to know what you think. Your ideas will shape the development of the Concept Plan!

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What is a Concept Plan?

A Concept Plan builds on existing plans, policies and initiatives while identifying public needs and priorities for the park. The Plan also provides direction for environmental protection and recommends civic, cultural and recreational uses that are appropriate to the area.

The new Concept Plan for Gallagher Park will provide a 20-year vision for the park. The Concept Plan will be completed by Winter 2019.

Gallagher Park has a rich history and is known for its site partners: the Muttart Conservatory; the Edmonton Ski Club, the Edmonton Folk Music Festival and the Cloverdale Community League.



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It's Early in the Process!

We are currently in the Idea Gathering and Visioning phase of engagement for the Gallagher Park Concept Plan. We are asking for input from the public that will have a large influence on the direction of the future park.

Feedback we receive will be carried forward into each phase of engagement, all the way to the concept design. Your feedback is important!

Our engagement process includes feedback from internal stakeholders, site partners, external stakeholders and the general public.

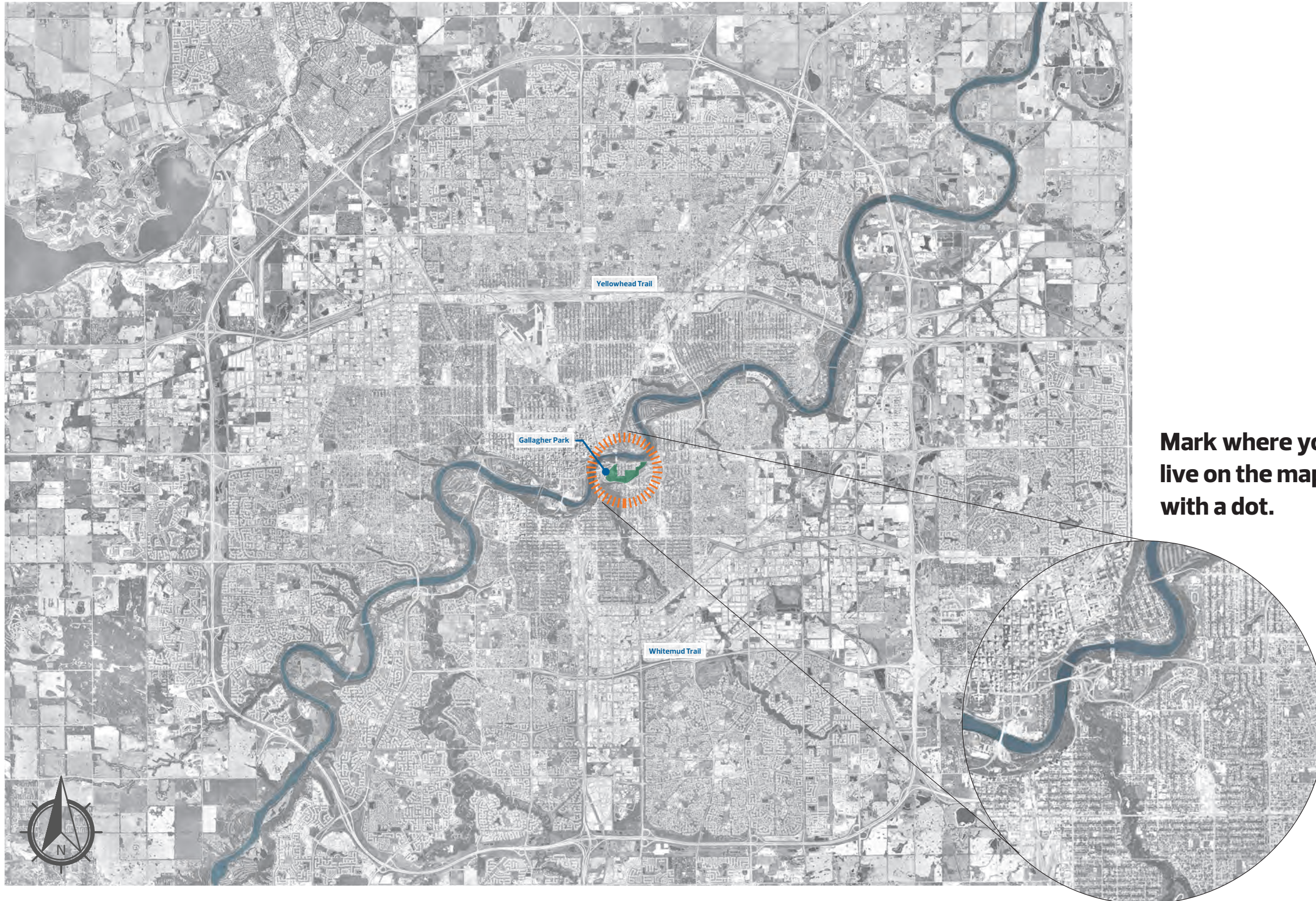


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River Valley Parks

The North Saskatchewan River Valley in Edmonton is known as the largest urban park in Canada, with more than 160km of maintained pathways and 20 major parks.

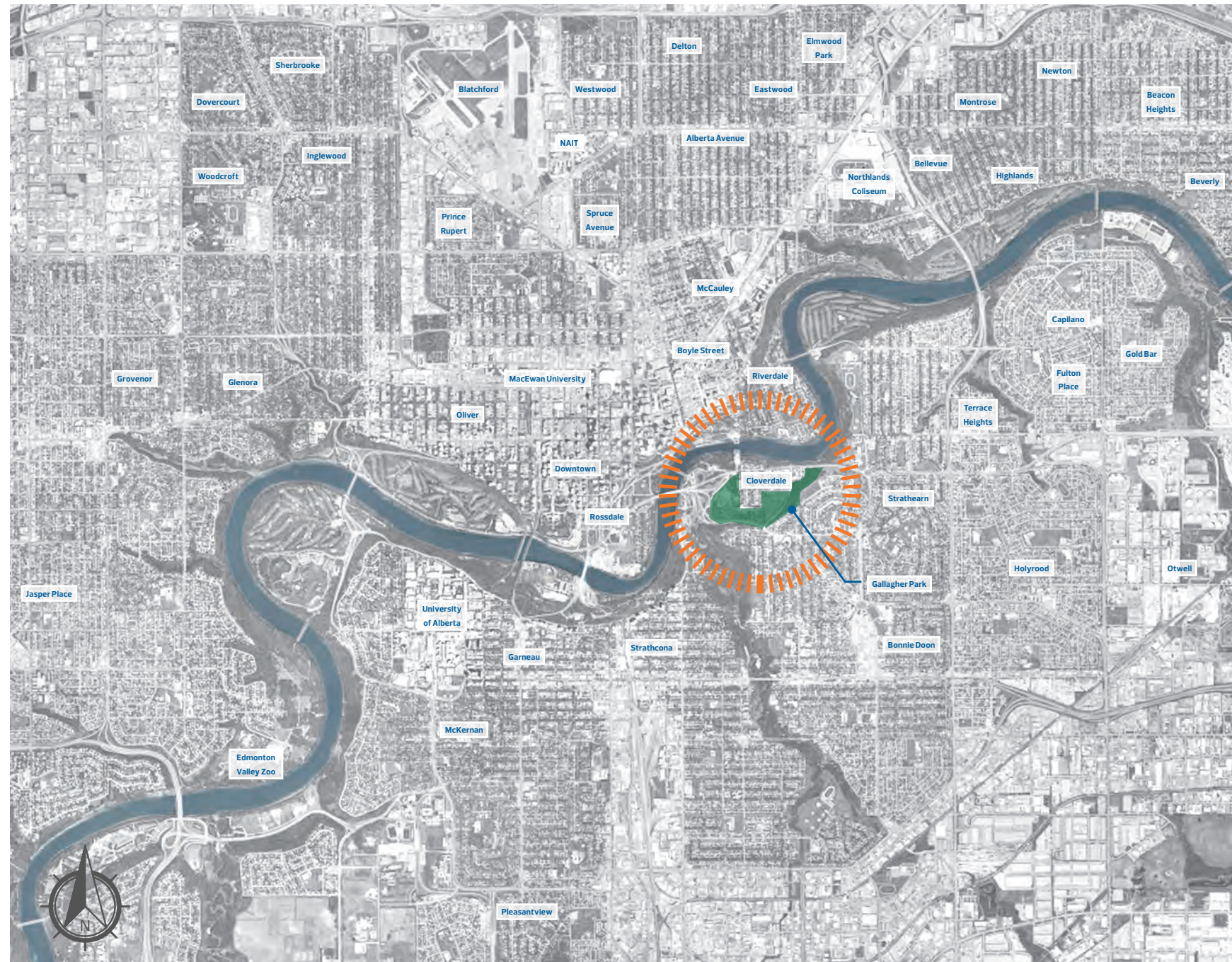
The City of Edmonton takes a different approach while planning and maintaining parks in the River Valley. Only certain activities and developments are allowed to take place for the protection of the natural ecosystem.

This line of thinking began in 1915 when the City of Edmonton adopted a report by Frederick G. Todd, a Landscape Architect from Montreal, to protect the River Valley for recreation.

Sixty years later, the North Saskatchewan River Valley Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) and Bylaw 7188 reinforced the value of the River Valley landscape in City policy.

The ARP, along with Bylaw 7188, seeks to protect the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System as part of Edmonton's valuable open space heritage and establishes the principles for future implementation plans and programmes for parks development.

We want the future park to improve the quality of life for those who visit and enjoy the space. That's why, along with considering existing plans and policies, talking to YOU is so important to this process.



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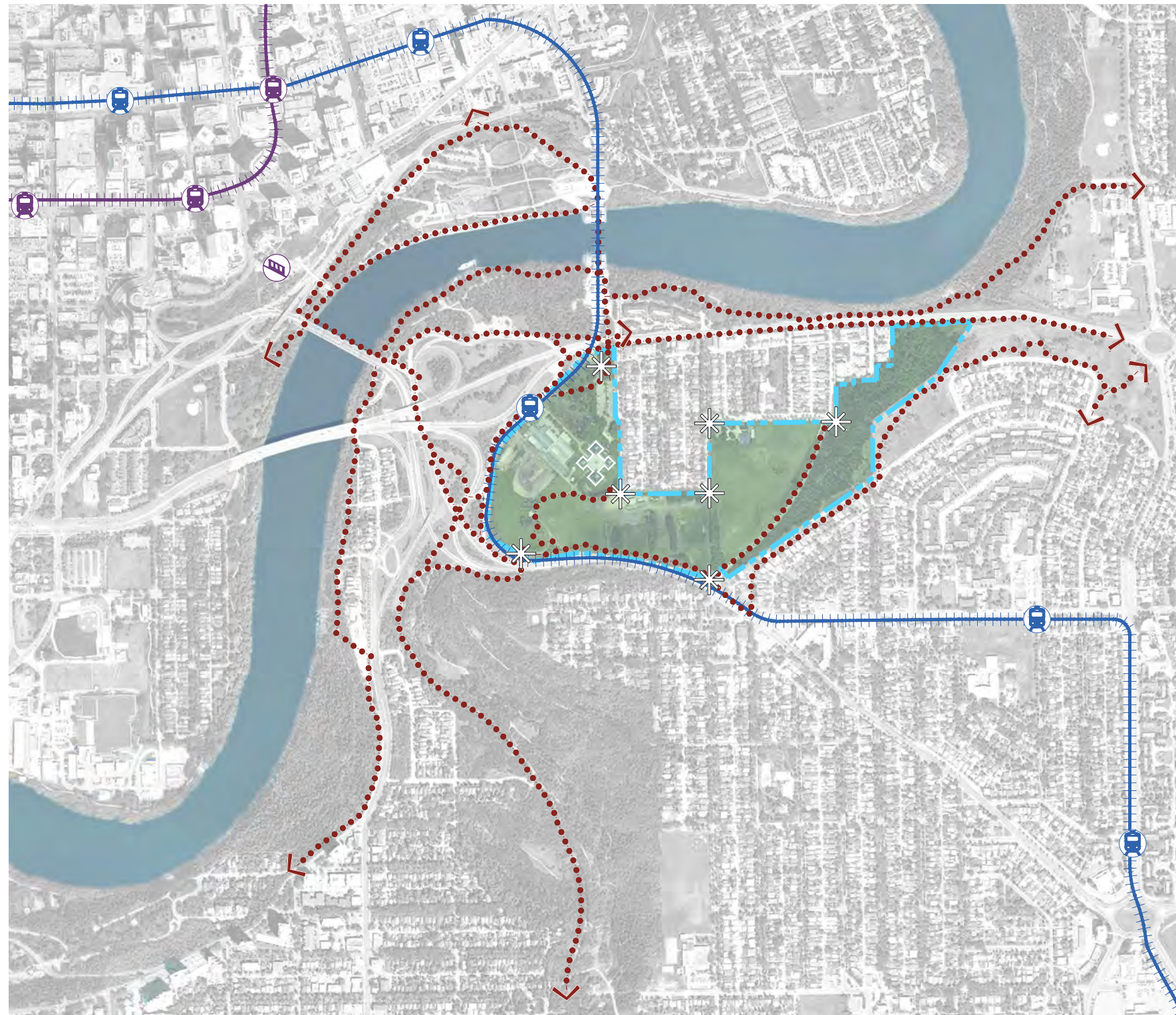
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Access and Circulation: Major Shared-Use Paths

Tell us how you currently get to Gallagher Park.

-  Project Boundary
-  Existing Shared-Use Path or Shared-Use Lane
-  Major Park Entry Points
-  Future LRT Line and Station
-  Existing LRT Line and Station
-  Existing Funicular

Have we missed anything?



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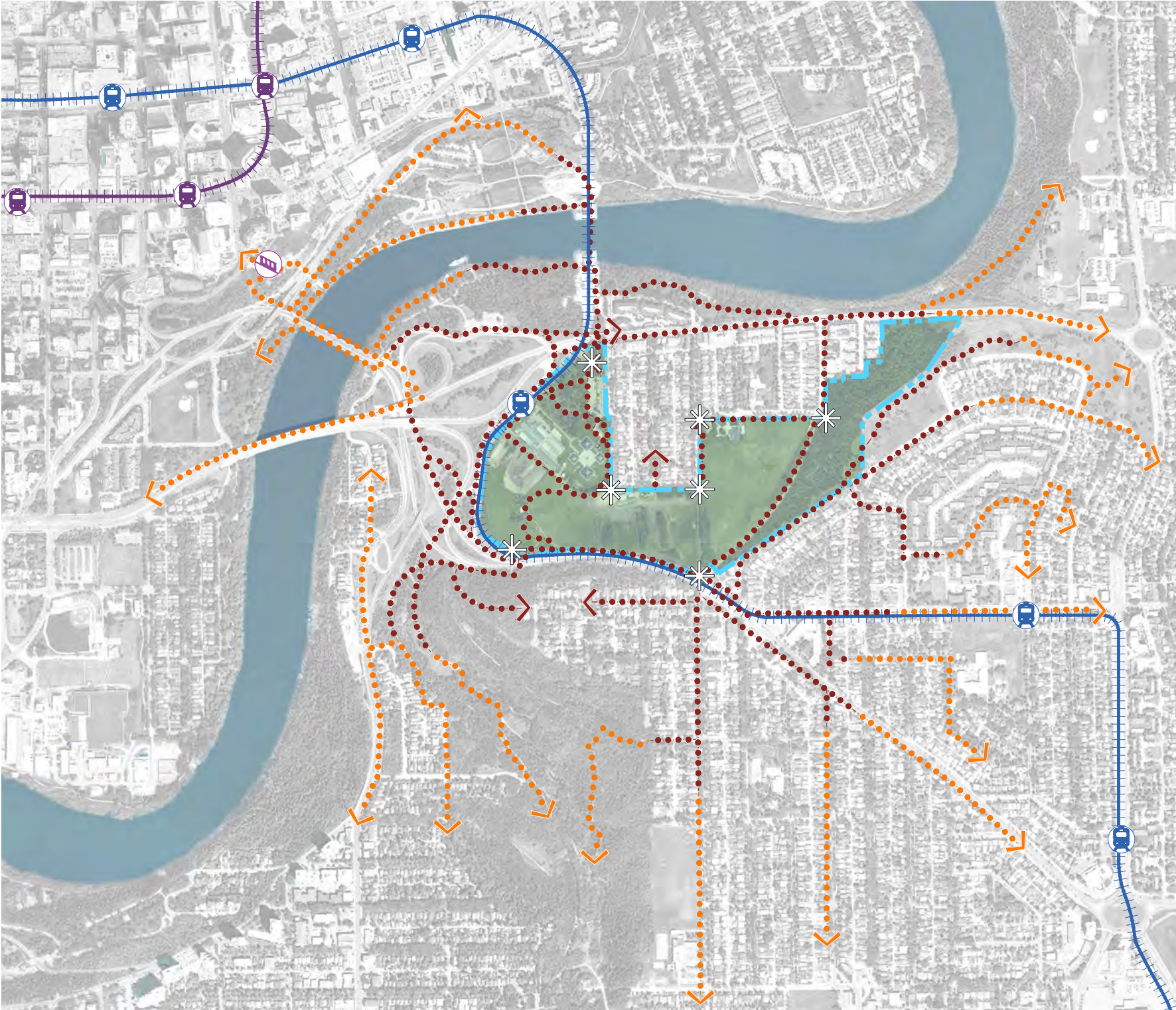
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Access and Circulation: Walking Distances

Tell us how you currently get to Gallagher Park.

-  Project Boundary
-  Within 0.5 km walking distance
-  0.5-1 km walking distance
-  Major Park Entry Points
-  Existing LRT Line and Station
-  Future LRT Line and Station
-  Existing Funicular

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Site History

Tell us what you know about Gallagher Park.

A few significant points in Gallagher Park's history:

- + Indigenous settlements were common along the North Saskatchewan River.
- + Gallagher Park was created and named in 1958 after Cornelius Gallagher.
- + The Edmonton Ski Club was established in 1911.
- + Cloverdale Community League was established in 1920.
- + The Muttart Conservatory was built in Gallagher park in 1976.
- + The Edmonton Folk Music festival was first held in Gallagher Park in 1981.

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Cornelius Gallagher was the mayor of Edmonton between October and December 1896 and was an investor in Pressed Bricks Ltd., a brick-making operation at the east end of the Cloverdale flat in 1908. Gallagher Park was created and named in 1958.

[EA-10-1542]



Edmonton Folk Music Festival was first held in Gallagher Park in 1981. [Credit: Frank Gasparik]



Cloverdale Community League was established in 1920. [Credit: Cloverdale Community League Facebook Page]

Louise Lattimore Photo



Indigenous Settlement along the North Saskatchewan River (1871) [EA-10-130]



Indigenous Settlements in Rosedale (1919) [EA-160-165]



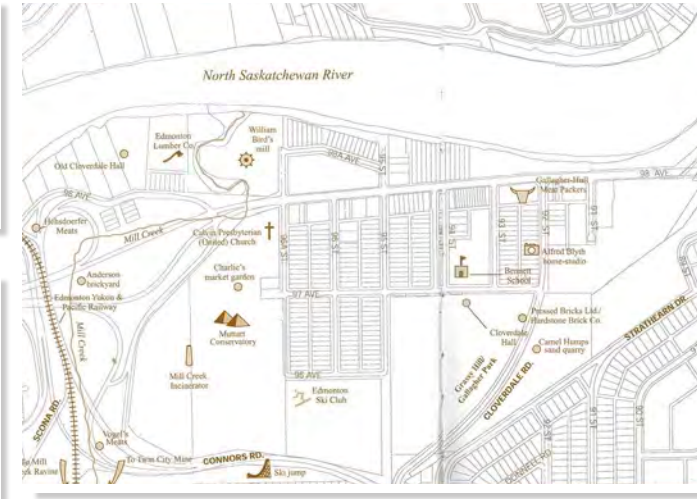
View of Cloverdale and future Gallagher Park site from North [EA-20-6444]



Hardstone Brick Company (1912) [PAA B-1352]



Pressed Bricks Ltd. (1908) [PAA B-1351]



Gallagher Park Area with Historical Context [Map copied from Heart of the City]



Aerial Views of the Future Gallagher Park Site



Aerial Views of the Future Gallagher Park Site



Ski Jump Structure at Connors Ski Hill (1978). The Edmonton Ski Club was established in 1911. The structure was removed in 1978.



View of Cloverdale and Gallagher Park atop Connors Ski Hill [NA-1328-64240]



View of Low Level Bridge, Connors Road and Future Gallagher Park Site [EA-600-5027a]



The Muttart conservatory was built in Gallagher Park in 1976. [EA-20-5506]



The Peace Dove was built in Gallagher Park in 1984 to recognize the Pope's visit.

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Character Areas

Tell us what you know about Gallagher Park.

- 1 Cloverdale Community League:** Existing playground and spray park along with half court basketball and Community League building and skating rink. The area is landscaped and partially enclosed with a wrought iron fence.
- 2 Muttart Conservatory:** The scale and the placement of the Conservatory building and its ancillary buildings separates the northwest corner of Gallagher Park. This area is primarily oriented to access the Conservatory.
- 3 Parkland Use Area:** The grassed hillside and the bottom of the slopes are used as a tobogganing and skiing facility in the winter. In the summer, it serves as amphitheater seating for the Edmonton Folk Music Festival. The slopes are defined by existing tree stands. It contains a main building, service and storage facilities, along with tow rope and T-bar support systems. It also contains the Peace Dove.
- 4 Strathearn Park / Camel Humps Forested Area:** The forested area provides a physical backdrop and edge to Gallagher Park while providing a variety of walking and mountain biking trails connecting the Park with Strathearn neighbourhood. Many formal and informal viewpoints can be found along the eastern boundary.



Project Boundary

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Viewpoints

Tell us your favourite viewpoints.

-  Project Boundary
-  Future LRT Line
-  Viewpoint

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Environmental Considerations

Tell us what you know about Gallagher Park.

The Environmental Overview for this project will investigate local environmental conditions including:

- + Surface and groundwater
- + Past contamination
- + Soils and terrain stability
- + Vegetation communities, weeds, and rare plants
- + Wildlife species, connectivity, and species at risk
- + Historical resources

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Current Uses

Tell us how you currently use Gallagher Park.

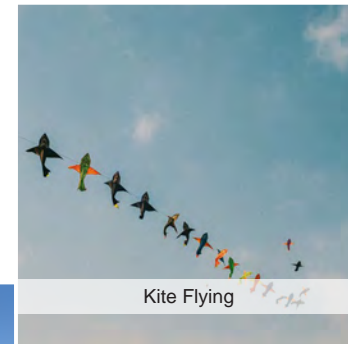
We want to know about any destinations, activities and festivals that you have participated in at the park.

Mark them with a dot and let's find out how many other people have also visited this destination or have engaged in this activity or festival!

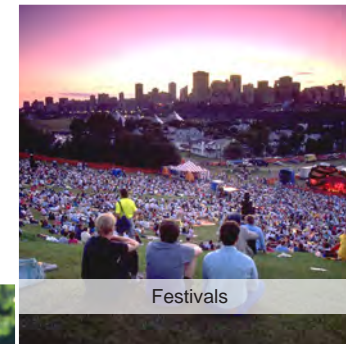
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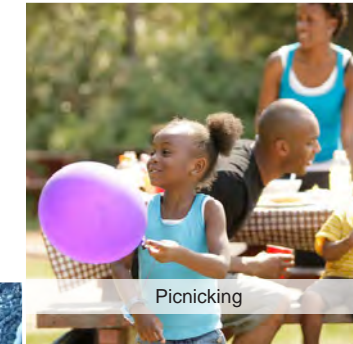
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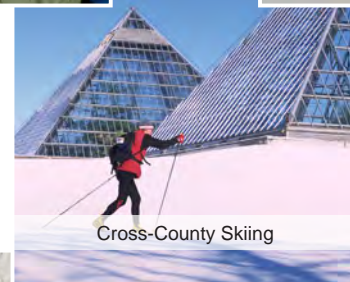
Kite Flying



Festivals



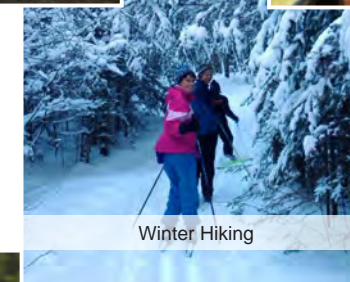
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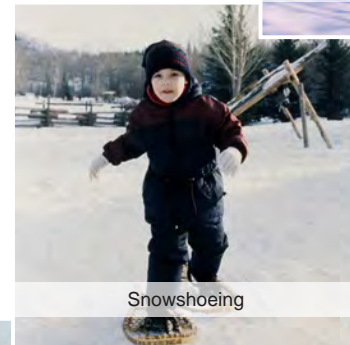
Cross-County Skiing



Informal Recreation



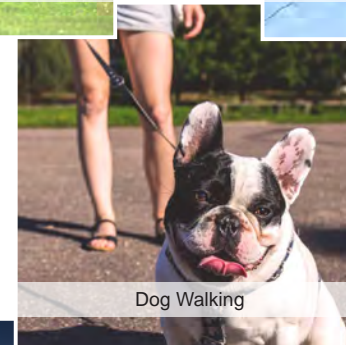
Winter Hiking



Snowshoeing



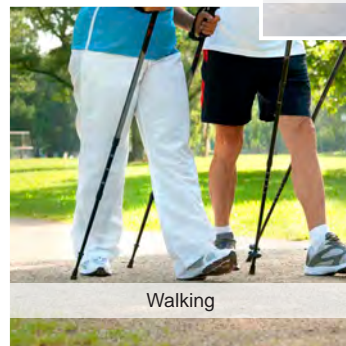
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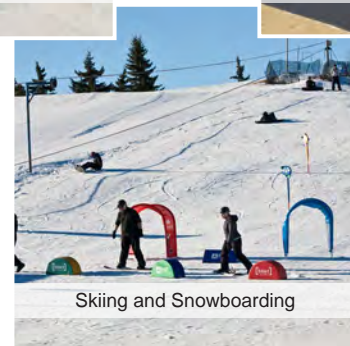
Dog Walking



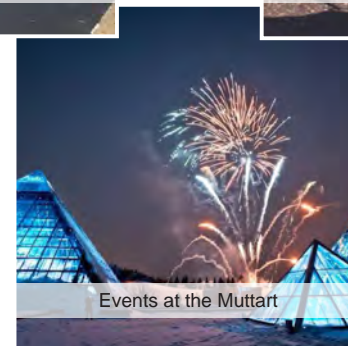
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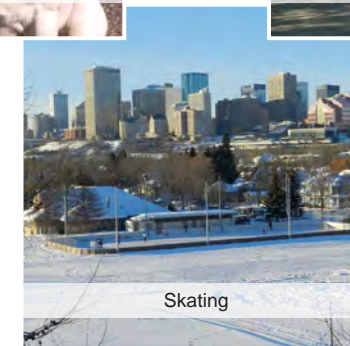
Walking



Skiing and Snowboarding



Events at the Muttart



Skating

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Future Uses

Tell us how you would like to use Gallagher Park.

We want to know about any destinations, activities and festivals that you would like to participate in at the park.

Write in the boxes or add a dot and let's find out how many other people are interested in the same destinations, activities, and festivals.

A grid of 20 empty boxes for writing, arranged in four rows. The top row has 4 boxes, the second row has 4 boxes, the third row has 4 boxes, and the bottom row has 4 boxes. Some boxes contain a large grey question mark.

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Vision and Guiding Principles

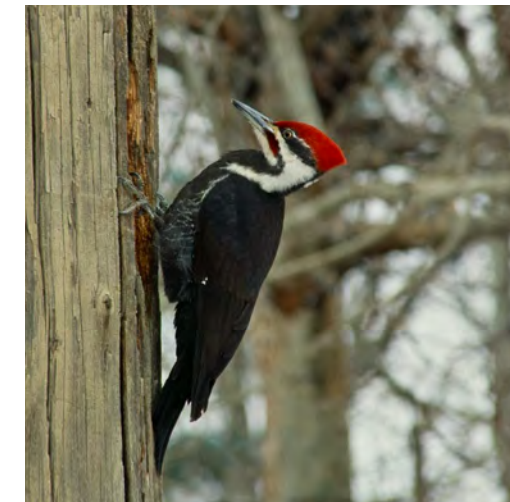
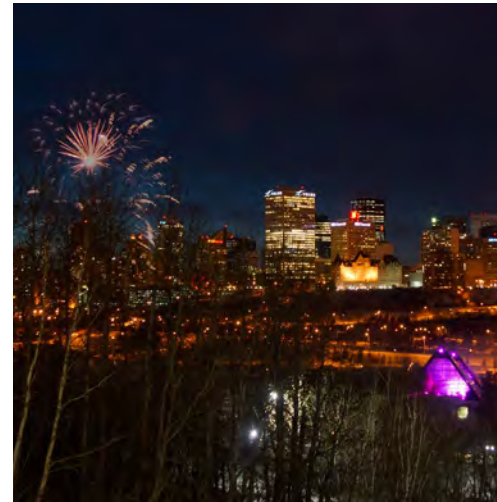
Tell us your comments on the Vision for Gallagher Park.

Our vision for Gallagher Park is a hub for distinctive year round recreational experiences, the only river valley park accessed by LRT, and integrated into the thriving city core and river valley parks system.

The **guiding principles** are:

- + Facilitating enhanced access to both active and passive recreational activities
- + Enhancing the ecological values of the park
- + Providing facilities and infrastructure that support and enhance existing recreation and complimentary uses
- + Encouraging LRT and active transportation access to the Park and its activities

Tell us YOUR VISION for Gallagher Park?



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Next Steps

We need YOUR input!

We want to know how you use Gallagher Park and what you'd like to see in the future.

Stay Involved

Further public engagement events are scheduled at each planning stage.

- + Public Engagement Session #2 –
Concept Design Options for Gallagher Park
- + Public Engagement Session #3 –
Preferred Concept Plan for Gallagher Park



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Using Your Input

Thank you for attending today's open house! We value your time and contributions to this process.

The community input that we receive today will help to create concept design options. We are also gathering input through an online survey.

In the near future, we will come back to the community to present the concept design options and to confirm ideas. The preferred Concept Plan will be subsequently presented and will inform the final Concept Plan.

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