



# REIMAGINE OLIVER WELLNESS

## What We Heard #1

Edmonton

### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: STAGE ONE SUMMARY

The City is creating a vision for the future of recreation in Oliver; a vision that is rooted in citizen insight and principles based on community needs *now and into the future*. This will create the Oliver Recreation Strategy that will be the foundation for recreation decisions. We are excited to share the initial results with you!

#### The Project Timeline



#### Our Engagement Timeline

**Stage 2**  
February - April 2020  
Based on the themes from the Recreation Needs and Wants Assessment, generate specific ideas.

**STAGE 1: Complete ✓**  
August - September 2019  
Recreation Needs and Wants Assessment

**Stage 3**  
May - July 2020  
Finalize vision.

#### What's Next

We are excited to introduce **Bang the Table**, an interactive online engagement tool, in **February 2020**. Bang the Table will allow you to submit your ideas and see your neighbour's inputs in real-time. Stay tuned - we will let you know when the tool goes live on our website.

## What We're Hearing (so far)



### THEME ONE: INDOOR COMMUNITY HUB

Space should be:

- focused on physical and social recreation,
- age-friendly, inclusive and accessible,
- vibrant, multipurpose and programmable,
- accommodate growth,
- a high standard of design,
- partner based (with community league and other organizations).

Ideas include: community center, wellness & recreation center, indoor playground, library\*, pool, community league building.

### THEME TWO: OUTDOOR AMENITIES

Space should be:

- focused on physical and social recreation,
- all-season,
- age-friendly, inclusive and accessible,
- vibrant, multipurpose and programmable,
- partner based (with community league and other organizations).

Ideas include: more garden plots, dog park\*, outdoor fitness equipment, rink, skateboard park, gazebo, more benches, natural play spaces.



### THEME THREE: CONNECTIONS

Ideas to consider:

- encourage wayfinding between existing amenities,
- ensure placemaking strategies are in place (ie. park signage),
- pedestrian and bike-friendly,
- better transit connections,

Ideas include: poster/message boards (ways to get information out to the community), wayfinding signs, park signage and connectivity.

*\*Implementation of these ideas are subject to alignment with City budget, plans and strategies, and Edmonton Public Library business plan. More information will be posted at [www.reimagineoliverwellness.ca](http://www.reimagineoliverwellness.ca)*

## What We Did

Between August and November 2019, we completed a recreation needs assessment using a number of tools:

1. **Pop Up Boards.** Pop-up boards were placed in various parks and at events from August 12 - September 19, 2019. Over 120 ideas were collected on how you spend time in Oliver, what would make it easier for you to spend more of your free time in Oliver and future opportunities for recreation.
2. **Recreation Needs Assessment Survey.** A comprehensive recreation needs assessment survey was available between October 18 - November 11, 2019. 347 people provided insights on their current recreational activities and ideas for future recreation.
3. **Community Workshops.** We facilitated two community workshops on November 21 and November 30, 2019 to gather more detailed input from the residents. These workshops are part of a series that will resume in the spring - you'll have a chance to attend then. We are also building our online engagement (see below) to mirror and build on the community workshops.

**In the meantime, share this email with a neighbour to help us reach as many Oliver residents as possible!**

## Contact Information

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