

Children's Engagement 2017

What I Think Is Important

The children participating in this engagement activity were presented with a list of statements about recreation facilities. In an appropriate manner they were asked to indicate a level of importance. Respondents placed the most importance on the statements "They make my life more fun" and "I can be with my neighbours and friendly and make new friends there". This result may indicate the recreation centres are seen by children as an entertainment location as well as a community hub.

The statement with the least agreement was "There is a recreation place or space in my neighbourhood". This might indicate that children are only considering large recreation centres and not taking into account local parks, community areas or school yards as recreation places or spaces. Alternately, children may also be using an alternate definition of the term 'neighbourhood'. As children are often limited in their transit methods to walking or biking, the area that they term their neighbourhood may be constrained by these transportation methods.

Drawing

These responses provided an opportunity for children to express their favourite activities currently and then project 20 years into the future. Over all age ranges, the majority of children expressed themes of play over either community or family. This was consistent in both current themes as well as future preferred activities. Also consistent was the prevalence of the theme of community in future projections over current state. There may be many explanations for this result as children might have the view that adults have an obligation to community that they as children currently do not experience. Also of note was the theme of family which, across all age ranges consistently displayed the lowest proportion of responses. Children may not view that families are an important component of their preferred activities or alternatively, family may be so integral to the child's sense of identity that this theme was simply overlooked.



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Conclusions

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The findings of the Phase I and Phase II engagement activities are extensive and important to consider when planning for community and recreation facilities. The information presented herein represent the overall conclusions from both phases of engagement. The statements noted reflect overall takeaways from all the findings. When examining the findings there may be notable differences between the different phases and even the different data collection mechanisms. Regardless, overall conclusions are still made. There is not a straight line formulaic means to determine these overall conclusions; there is, however, some guiding principles that have been employed. Phase II findings are considered paramount to those from Phase I. As such the more recent findings take precedence in the analysis. The findings from the public/resident survey are considered more heavily than the findings from the other mechanisms utilized as well. Finally, for discrepancies between the telephone and web survey in Phase II, greater emphasis is placed on the telephone survey which is considered representative of city residents. The conclusions presented below address the major issues—not all lines of questioning are included.

Barriers to Participation

The most common barriers to participation in recreation programs and activities at facilities in Edmonton are: cost, transportation, location, health.



Cost



Transportation



Location



Health



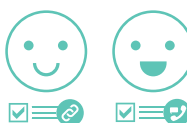
Motivation

Satisfaction Ratings

There are relatively high levels of satisfaction with City recreational facilities. Affordability received the lowest level of satisfaction.



Affordability



General Satisfaction



Safety

Investment in Indoor Recreation Facilities

There is a need to upgrade and develop additional INDOOR recreation facilities. Priorities were determined for both an enhancement to existing facilities and the development of additional or new facilities. These priorities are noted in the lists below.

Indoor ENHANCED/UPGRADED		Indoor NEW/ADDITIONAL	
	1. Seniors Centres		1. Youth Centres
	2. Youth Centres		2. Child Minding Spaces
	3. Swimming Pools for Recreation		3. Seniors Centres
	4. Community Halls		3. Swimming Pools for Recreation
	5. Child Minding Spaces		5. Indoor Children's Playgrounds
	6. Indoor Children's Playgrounds		6. Indoor Skating Rinks for Sport
	7. Indoor Skating Rinks for Leisure		7. Indoor Skating Rinks for Leisure
	8. Indoor Skating Rinks for Sport		8. Community Halls
	9. Multipurpose program rooms		9. Multipurpose program rooms
	10. Multicultural Centres		10. Indoor Fields



Investment in Outdoor Recreation Facilities

There is a need to upgrade and develop additional OUTDOOR recreation facilities. Priorities were determined for both an enhancement to existing facilities and the development of additional or new facilities. These priorities are noted in the lists below.

Outdoor ENHANCED/UPGRADED	Outdoor NEW/ADDITIONAL
 1. Ice Rinks	 1. Sports Fields: Natural Turf
 2. Sports Fields: Natural Turf	 2. Gazebos/Picnic Shelters
 3. Basketball/Sport Courts	 3. Ice Rinks
 4. Swimming Pools	 4. Bike Parks
 5. Gazebos/Picnic Shelters	 5. Swimming Pools
 6. Bike Parks	 6. Skating Ovals
 7. Skating Ovals	 7. Basketball/Sport Courts
 8. Tennis Courts	 8. Sand/Beach Volleyball Courts
 9. Ball Diamonds: Natural Turf	 9. Ball Diamonds: Natural Turf
 10. Track and Field spaces	 10. Sports Fields: Artificial Turf

Community and Recreation Facility Inventory Management

- The most important criteria when considering a reduction in service levels or community and recreation facility close includes:
 - » Utilization levels at recreation facilities
 - » Capital investment to maintain and sustain facilities
 - » Cost to operate facilities

Willingness to Pay to Support Community and Recreation Facilities

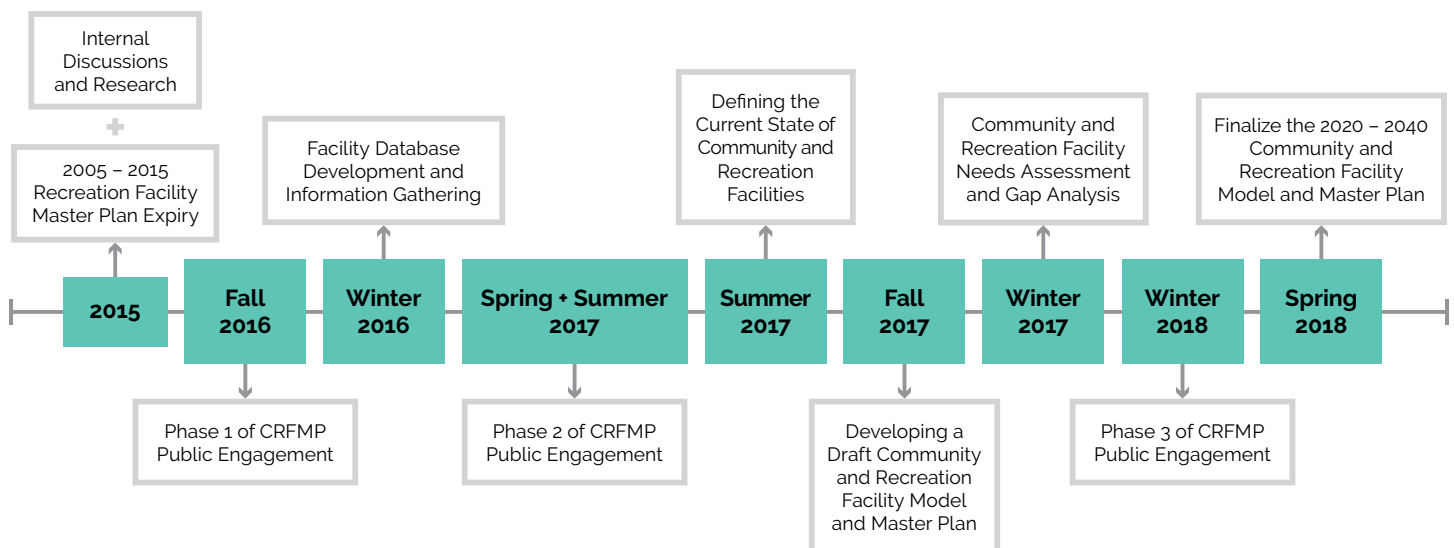
- The majority support the maintenance of current levels of tax support should additional investment be required for the City's recreation facilities
- The majority support the maintenance of current user fees should additional investment be required for the City's recreational facilities



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Next Steps

The information presented herein will be used in the development of draft 2020-2040 Community and Recreation Master Plan which will be finalized in early 2018 after public and stakeholder review. The accompanying graphic outlines the timing associated with previous and future milestones associated with the Plan.



Appendices

A: List of Participating Organizations and Stakeholders

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Stakeholder Engagement: Summer 2017 Participants

1. University of Alberta—Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation
2. Edmonton Speed Skating Association
3. St Albert Soccer Association
4. Edmonton Seniors Slo-Pitch
5. Northwest Edmonton Seniors Society
6. Recreation and Physical Activity Division, Alberta Culture and Tourism (written submission)
7. Athletics, Concordia University
8. Edmonton Skatepark Association
9. North Edmonton Seniors Association
10. Edmonton Foundation of Community Leagues
11. Edmonton Soccer Facilities
12. Boys and Girls Club
13. Athletics, Kings University
14. Francophone Education Region No. 2: Conseil Scolaire Centre Nord
15. Snow Valley
16. SAGE—Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton
17. St. Albert Soccer Association

Community Group Survey: Participants

1. 182 Riverbend Scout Group
2. Accessibility Advisory Committee—City of Edmonton
3. Abbotsfield Youth Project
4. ABC Head Start
5. AdaptAbilities
6. Adult Leisure Programs - Persons with Disabilities Supervisor, City of Edmonton
7. Al Rashid
8. Alberta AdaptAbilities Association
9. Alberta Aviation Museum Association
10. Alberta Basketball
11. Alberta Centre for Active Living
12. Alberta Chess Association
13. Alberta Dance Alliance

14. Alberta Infrastructure
15. Alberta Recreation and Parks Association
16. Alberta Summer Swimming Association
17. Alberta Ukrainian Self Reliance League
18. Alliance jeunesse-famille de l'alberta society
19. Arena Advisory Committee
20. Argyll Velodrome Association
21. Arts on the Ave
22. ASSIST Community Services Centre
23. Athletics Alberta (Track and Field, Road Running Cross Country) Association
24. Aviators Basketball Club
25. Avonair Curling Club
26. Azerbaijan Cultural Society of Edmonton
27. Belgravia Community League
28. Bissell Centre
29. Blitz Conditioning Inc.
30. Bonnie Doon Bowling Lanes
31. Boys and Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters Edmonton and Area
32. Brian Webb Dance Company
33. Canadian Hard of Hearing Association-Edmonton Branch
34. Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation
35. Canadian Native Friendship Centre
36. Canora Community League
37. Capital City Gymnastics Centre
38. Casa Tango Edmonton
39. Castle Downs Recreation Society
40. Catholic Social Services.
41. CDRS/Lorelei Beaumaris Community League
42. Celtic Ceilidh Dance
43. Central Lions Seniors Association
44. Centre d'accueil et d'établissement du Nord de l'Alberta
45. Centre for Autism services Alberta
46. Champions Gymnastics Inc.
47. Chappelle Gardens Residents Association
48. Chinatown and Area Business Association
49. Citie Ballet
50. Cloverdale Community League
51. Canadian National Institute for the Blind
52. Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club
53. Communauté Ivoir-Canadienne d'Edmonton
54. Concordia University of Edmonton
55. Council of India Societies

56. Crestwood Curling Club
57. Community Services Advisory Board
58. Dance Evolution
59. Distinctive Employment Counselling Services of Alberta
60. Dickinsfield Amity House
61. Edmonton Aboriginal Seniors Centre
62. Edmonton and District Soccer Association
63. Edmonton Aurora Synchro Swim Club
64. Edmonton Catholic Schools
65. Edmonton Chinese Garden Society
66. Edmonton Community Foundation
67. Edmonton District Historical Society
68. Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival Association
69. Edmonton Eskimo Football Club
70. Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
71. Edmonton Folk Music Festival Society
72. Edmonton Garrison
73. Edmonton Heritage Council
74. Edmonton Immigrant Services Association
75. Edmonton Joint Use Agreements
76. Edmonton Korean Canadian Association
77. Edmonton Minor Soccer Association
78. Edmonton Musical Theatre
79. Edmonton Pickleball Club
80. Edmonton Pride Festival Society
81. Edmonton Prospects Baseball Club
82. Edmonton Public School District
83. Edmonton Rowing Club
84. Edmonton Scottish society
85. Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council
86. Edmonton Skateboard Association
87. Edmonton Sport & Social Club
88. Edmonton Sport Council
89. Edmonton Springboard and Platform Diving Club
90. Elevate Church
91. Elizabeth Fry Society of Edmonton
92. Ellerslie Curling and Recreational Association
93. Elves Special Needs Society — Adult Program
94. Empowered Living
95. Edmonton 45/50+ Slo-Pitch Association
96. ETOWN SALSA
97. Everyone's Ballroom Dance Association.

98. Evolve Strength Ltd.
99. Fit 'N' Well Inc.
100. Foot Notes Dance Studio
101. Football Alberta
102. Forest Terrace Heights Community League
103. Free Will Players Theatre Guild
104. Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society
105. Glenwood Community League
106. Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council
107. Greater North Central Francophone Education Region No. 2
108. GRIT Program (Getting Ready for Inclusion Today)
109. Haitian Organization of Edmonton
110. Harry Ainlay High School
111. Highlands Lawn Bowling Club
112. Hockey Edmonton
113. Homesteader Community League
114. Idylwyld Community League
115. Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton
116. Indo Canadian Women's Association
117. Infinite Fitness
118. Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services
119. Hangman Fitness/Rock Jungle CrossFit Downtown
120. Ital Canadian Seniors Association
121. Jasper Park Community League
122. Just for Kics Cloggers
123. KARA Family Resource Centre
124. Kensington Community League
125. Kore Dance Studio
126. La Cité Francophone
127. Leanne Brownoff Consulting
128. Leefield Community League
129. Leprechaun Tiger Rugby Club
130. Lessard Community League
131. MacEwan University
132. Mill Woods Cultural and Recreational Facility Association
133. McLeod Community League
134. Metis Child & Family Services Society
135. Metis Nation of Alberta
136. Migrante Alberta
137. Mile Zero Dance
138. Mill Woods Golf Course
139. Mill Woods Seniors Association

- 140. Millwoods Minor Football Association
- 141. Momentum Health and Wellness
- 142. Move Studios
- 143. Multicultural Family Resource Society
- 144. Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative
- 145. Muslim Association of Canada
- 146. NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology)
- 147. North Edmonton Seniors Association
- 148. Northern Alberta Pioneers & Descendants Association
- 149. Northern Sky Greyhound Adopt

