

Branch - Community & Recreation Facilities

Program - Civic Events and Partnerships
Title - A-1 Sports Facility

Council Directed
Unfunded
One Time

Results to be Achieved

Construction of a privately operated, multi-sport recreation facility in the City's northeast on private land supported by City funding in exchange for guaranteed public access to the amenities during prime time hours at market rates.

Description

A1 Facility Ltd. approached Council for support to service private land on which A1 would construct a multi-sport recreation facility. Council directed Administration to continue to work with the proponent to explore the opportunity and analyze the business case and develop terms for a potentially binding agreement for access, performance metrics, etc. A1 has requested the City to provide \$5 million in funding support toward the construction of the facility. The facility plans include one full-size outdoor artificial turf, two air-supported dome indoor artificial turf surfaces to accommodate soccer, football, and other sports as well as two gymnasium areas to support basketball, volleyball, pickleball and other court activities.

If council directs Administration to proceed with this partnership, a funding source for the proposed \$5M needs to be identified.

Justification

According to the Facility Plan, the current service provision of indoor turf is inadequate and the City should enhance the current level of service as markets are proven and once facilities currently being built are in operation and showing signs of excess demand. The recent addition of the Edmonton Soccer Dome (Scottish) and seasonal covering of Foote Field (UofA) have augmented some indoor field use trends and enhanced service levels however, utilization of these facilities is extremely high (+90% booked) as reported by the operating partners. A1 Facility Ltd. identified a need for indoor artificial turf surfaces and other recreation amenities on the City's northside. A number of community groups, schools, and academies have submitted letters of support for having access to the amenities.

Incremental (\$000)	2020				2021				2022				2023			
	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs
Annualization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Budget	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,000	-	\$5,000	-	(\$5,000)	-	(\$5,000)	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,000	-	\$5,000	-	(\$5,000)	-	(\$5,000)	-