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Open Spaces - Benefits, Risks, and Potential Improvements

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That Administration provide a report to Committee, outlining the benefits and risks of the current process, and exploring potential process improvements for the opportunity purchases of open spaces, for example surplus school sites.

The City Plan Implementation Approach



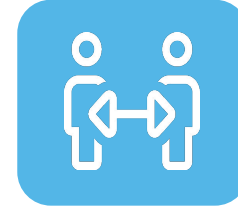
Planning, Policy & Regulation



Process & Service Delivery



Data & Measurement



People, Partnerships & Change Management

Examples

- District Planning
- City Planning Framework
- Zoning Bylaw Renewal

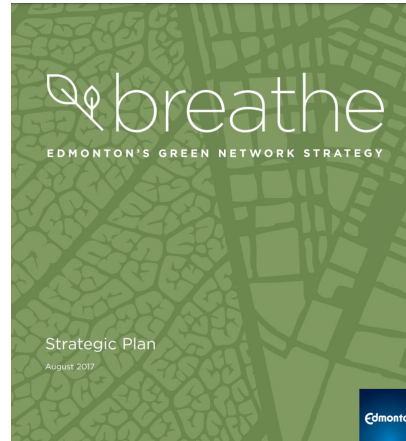
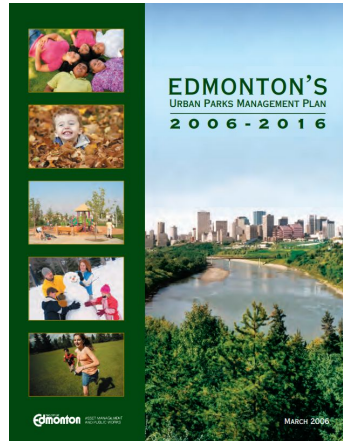
- Prioritized budgeting
- Business planning
- Operational service delivery

- Measures and targets
- Transparent reporting

- Organizational change management
- External relationships and partnership

Parkland Adequacy Assessment - Current Process

- Need for additional neighbourhood open space must be clear
- Assessment considers quantitative and qualitative measures
- Assessment includes broader open space network and adjacent neighbourhoods



Parkland Acquisition - Current Challenges

- Market timelines associated with the acquisition of privately owned properties
- Public engagement may complicate negotiations or create a public expectation
- Process requirements associated with Council Reports
- Priorities are established as part of the four-year capital budget process

St. Andrew School Park Site - Inglewood



Parkland Acquisition - Process Improvements

- Process improvements to consider both quantitative and qualitative assessment criteria
- Early and coordinated exploration of partnership opportunities
- Applying a growth management lens to better prioritize open space acquisition in developed areas
- Changes to timelines stipulated in the Joint Use Agreement
- Periodic increase to acquisition budgets
- Establishment of an opportunistic land purchase composite profile

Thank You & Questions

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