

## Update: Recreation Initiative

**Initiative Title:** Recreation  
**City Council Lead(s):** Councillor B. Anderson  
**Department Lead(s):** Citizen Services, R. Jevne

### **Recommendation - Renew for 2017-2021 Council Term**

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#### **Objective**

Active recreation, sport and leisure opportunities significantly contribute to the quality of life in Edmonton. Edmontonians value active, healthy lifestyles and want their municipal government to work with them to create invigorating recreation opportunities accessible to the widest range of abilities, ages, culture and incomes. Recreation facilities serve as community hubs bringing people together in welcoming and vibrant settings.

The City of Edmonton provides significant support to recreation and sport communities in Edmonton. The City is working both with partners and directly to deliver projects to provide enhanced public recreation opportunities.

The Recreation Facility Master Plan and supporting plans guide the direction of facility development. There are several plans and strategies underway that provide more detailed direction for facility and program development. Based on these plans there are numerous facilities under development and redevelopment (see lists below).

Specific objectives include:

- Increase the quality and quantity of sports and recreation opportunities in Edmonton.
- Ensure alignment of recreation and sport efforts and initiatives with strategic policy directions.
- Facilitate partnerships with recreation and sport organizations to deliver the best possible services to citizens and visitors.

#### **Key outcomes, projects or activities and their status as of May 2017**

Current initiatives include the implementation of the following Council or department approved direction-setting plans and strategies:

- Recreation Facility Master Plan (2005-2015)
- Recreation Facility Master Plan 5-year Review / Update (2009)
- Medium Term Recreation Facility and Sports Field Plan (through 2015)
- 10-year Arena Capital Development Strategy (2009-2019)
- Outdoor Aquatic Strategy (2008-2017)

- Enhancing Community Facility Services through Partnership – Policy C187A
- Kinsmen Sports Centre Master Plan
- Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program – Policy C567
- Urban Parks Management Plan
- WinterCity Strategy
- Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan
- Buena Vista / Laurier Park Master Plan
- Dermott District Park Master Plan
- Rollie Miles Athletic Park Master Plan
- Londonderry Athletic Grounds Master Plan
- 10 Year Gymnasium Strategy (2013-2023)
- Medium Size Stadium Strategy
- River Access Guiding Principles - Policy C568
- Live Active (2016-2026)

The following plans, strategies and partnerships are in development or awaiting approval:

- Recreation Facility Master Plan
- Dawson Park Master Plan
- Oleskiw Park Master Plan
- Queen Elizabeth District Park Master Plan
- Glengarry District Park Master Plan
- Confederation District Park Master Plan
- Eastglen Pool Functional Program
- Rollie Miles Community Recreation Facility Functional Program
- Rollie Miles Athletic Park renewal (funded pending completion of facility functional program)
- John Fry Sport Park Master Plan
- Tennis Alberta Indoor Tennis Center
- University of Alberta South Campus Twin Arena
- Ivor Dent Sports Park Phase 3
- Commonwealth Stadium Master Plan
- Coliseum Transformation (Repurposing)
- Peter Hemingway Leisure Center renewal

Funded projects currently in various stages of design and construction (2016-2018):

- Borden Park Natural Swim Experience
- Mill Woods Artificial Turf Spotters box
- Johnny Bright Sports Park Grandstand Replacement
- Dermott District Park renewal
- Londonderry Athletic Grounds schematic design (includes artificial turf)
- Terwillegar Heights District Park Artificial Turf schematic design

- Castle Downs Arena renewal
- Donnan Arena renewal
- Grand Trunk Arena renewal
- Russ Barnes Arena renewal
- Michael Cameron Arena renewal
- Jasper Place Leisure Centre renewal
- Lewis Farms Community Recreation Centre and District Park Detailed Design
- Whitemud Equine Centre Riding Arena Replacement (partner with WELCA)
- Ivor Dent Sports Park Phase 2
- Buena Vista Laurier Park Master Plan Implementation
- Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan Implementation
- East and West River Valley Trails
- Boat Docks and Launches
- Coronation Community Recreation Center
- Edmonton Soccer Center South Expansion
- Civic Precinct Surface and Fountain Renewal
- MacEwan West Repurposing
- Kihciy Askiy Sacred Earth Design Phase 1

### **Future Steps**

- Work to complete these projects is ongoing and will continue through the 2015- 2018 capital budget cycle.
- Complete updates to Breathe: Edmonton's Green Strategy and the Recreation Facility Master Plan.
- Planning and work with partners is underway for projects to be brought forward for consideration in the Fall 2017 Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment and/or in the 2019-2022 Capital Budget

### **Evaluation**

Continuation of this initiative is important to allow a connection between community partner projects and Council. Recommend that the name be revised to Sport and Recreation.