

Hawrelak Park Rehabilitation - \$127 million?

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Dangerous Conditions on Shared Path
along Saskatchewan Drive, 2020

Better along 115th Street in 2022



Hawrelak Park Rehabilitation

- The city is planning to spend \$127 million on rehabilitation of a natural park. The Park will be closed for 3 years. Is this necessary?
- Do upgrades, such as paving the roads, replacing sewer lines, and upgrading washrooms, cost \$127 million? Could these upgrades be done cheaper? For \$7 million?
- The city would save \$120 million and could keep the park open

Hawrelak, November 18, 2022

After 2 weeks of below zero weather: 20 cm thick ice



Big Lake, November 12, 2022

25 cm thick ice



Lake Louise, November 14, 2022

Elladj Baldé testing 10 cm thick ice



Modest investment of \$150,000 would buy a Zamboni

Ice thickness of 25 cm needed (instead of 43 cm for present watering trucks)



Savings in water, fuel and manpower costs is in accordance with Edmonton's Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Strategy

Conclusions

- The city could save \$120 million and could keep the park open by altering the upgrade plans
- A modest investment of \$150,000 would buy a Zamboni, resulting in savings in water, fuel and manpower costs
- This is in accordance with Edmonton's Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Strategy