

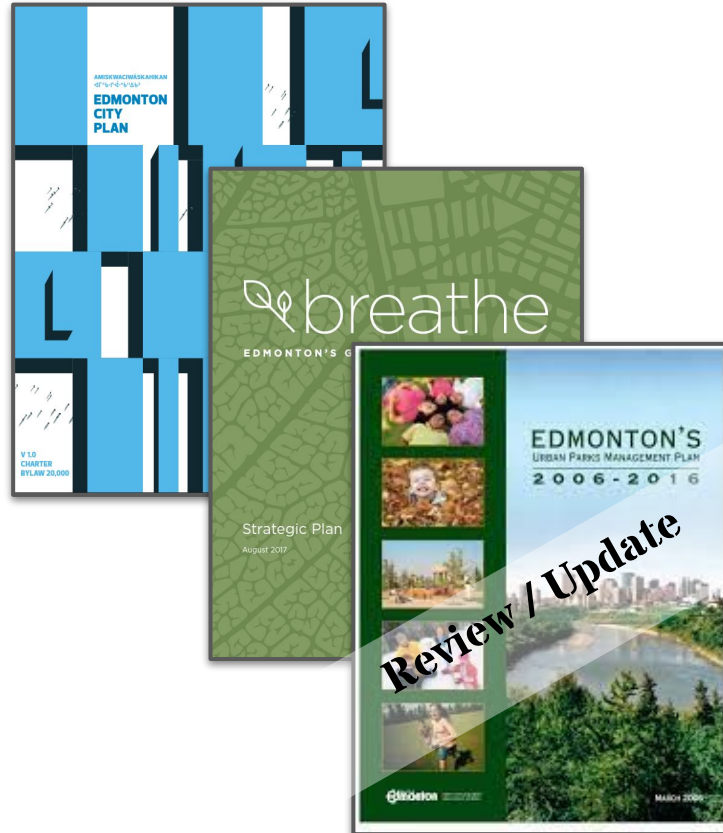
Urban Planning and Economy

**Open Space Amenities in
Developing Neighbourhoods**

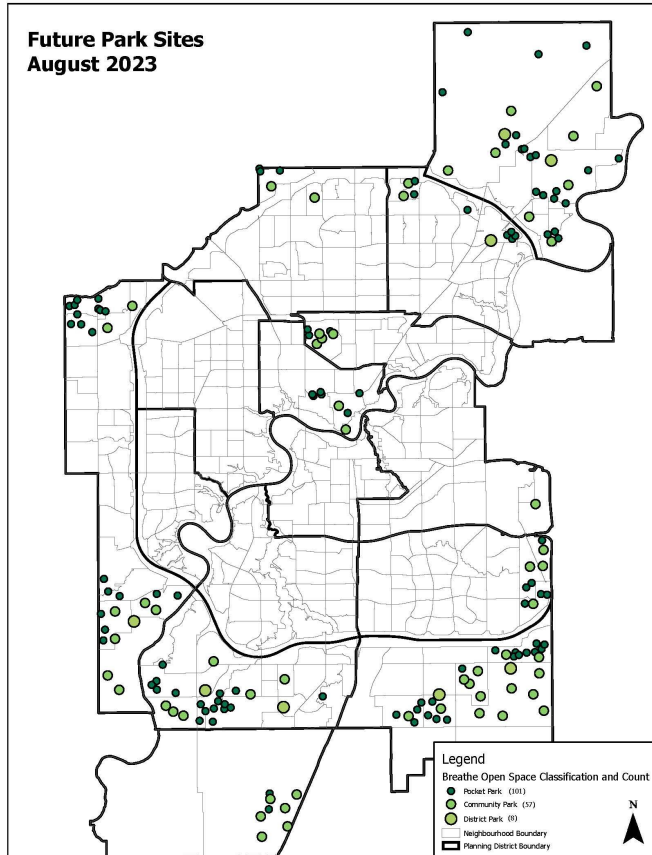
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Alignment

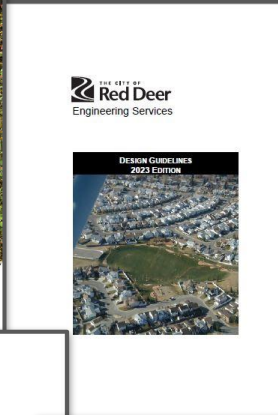


Current Status



- Currently 3 main methods of Park development in Edmonton: Developer Initiated, City-led or Community-led
- Edmonton currently has more than 300 undeveloped and unfunded park sites

Context



- Edmonton's minimum requirements for park development by developers is lower than other jurisdictions considered in this report.
- Existing legislation does not provide the City with the legal authority to compel developers to provide enhanced amenities such as playgrounds.

Options



1. Revised Minimum Requirements
2. Cost Sharing
3. Off-Site Levy
4. Cash-in-Lieu
5. Status Quo

What We Heard



- Targeted stakeholder engagement undertaken with members of the land development industry
- Industry showed strongest support for Status Quo or Cost Sharing options
- Industry showed strong opposition to the Off-Site Levy and Cash-in-Lieu options

Next Steps



- Revise the minimum design and construction standards for park development.
- Continue to support developer initiated parks.
- Continue to consider cumulative costs of increased contribution requirements and potential impacts to market housing affordability.

Questions and Thank You

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