

<b>Community Recreation and Culture Branch Equity Programming</b>	
<b>Programs and policies to address financial barriers</b>	
*please note that some programs/policies listed may apply to more than one category	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Leisure Access Program	Leisure Access Program which provides eligible Edmontonians living at or near the low income thresholds established by the federal government and those relocated to Edmonton through the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel with access to the City of Edmonton recreation facilities, attractions and programs at a free or significantly reduced cost. This program ensures that financial status does not become a barrier to accessing services that support health and wellbeing.
Free Museum Programming	Free Drop-In Program at John Walter Museum on Sunday Afternoons
Toonie Swims	Two dollar swim at Eastglen
City Wide Public Skating Program and CanSkate/ Sledge Hockey	Free Public Skating opportunities (@ 35 hours per week). Downtown Community Arena partnership with Oilers Entertainment Group, offering Can Skate and Sledge Hockey for downtown schools meeting low income/high needs criteria.
Green Shack Program/Play Rangers	Free drop-in outdoor playground programs for children. In 2023, together, our summer Green Shack Program and September - June Play Rangers sessions served over 200,000 attendees.
Fee Waiving for Care Providers	Fees waived for both admission and program participation for Care Providers
Accessibility Days	Accessibility Days at the Edmonton Valley Zoo, Muttart Conservatory, John Janzen Nature Centre and John Walter

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	Museum offer organizations a free accessibility program (including bussing, if applicable) in Spring 2023 and Fall 2024 for groups and organizations with accessibility, sensory, or other needs to participate in a free program. We offer groups the opportunity to experience our attractions at no cost and to provide memorable experiences.
Virtual offerings	Virtual fitness, arts, and education programs are growing in popularity as they address costly transportation barriers.
Free Outdoor Skating	Free outdoor skating at Rundle Park, Victoria Park, Hawrelak Park (closed for construction so alternate ice at Laurier Park) and The Meadows Recreation Centre.
Funicular	Free access to the funicular, enabling those with mobility challenges or those with wheeled aids/strollers and bikes to access the river valley
Sportsfields	Free access to approximately 1500 sports fields
River Valley Parks	<p>Free access to 160 km of walking trails or biking paths in the river valley, and more than 20 river valley parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Buena Vista Park</li> <li>● Capilano Park</li> <li>● Dawson Park</li> <li>● Emily Murphy Park</li> <li>● Gallagher Park</li> <li>● Gold Bar Park</li> <li>● Government House Park</li> <li>● Hermitage Park</li> <li>● Jan Reimer Park</li> <li>● Kinsmen Park</li> <li>● Louise McKinney Riverfront Park</li> <li>● Mill Creek Ravine</li> <li>● Northeast River Valley Park</li> <li>● Queen Elizabeth Park</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rundle Park</li> <li>● Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park</li> <li>● Terwillegar Park</li> <li>● Victoria Park</li> <li>● Whitemud Park</li> <li>● Fort Edmonton Park</li> <li>● Whitemud Ravine Nature Reserve</li> <li>● MacKenzie Ravine</li> <li>● MacKinnon Ravine</li> <li>● Ramsay Ravine</li> <li>● Constable Ezio Faraone Park</li> <li>● Henrietta Muir Edwards Park</li> <li>● Nellie McClung Park</li> <li>● Irene Parlby Park</li> <li>● Argyll Park</li> <li>● Forest Heights Park</li> <li>● Ravines such as Kinnaird, Kennedale Ravine, Fraser Ravine, and Fulton Ravine.</li> </ul>
Free Golf Lessons	In partnership with Lululemon, free lessons for junior girls at Victoria Driving Range
<b>Age-specific programs</b> *please note that some programs/policies listed may apply to more than one category	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Dreamnight at the Edmonton Valley Zoo	A free event for chronically ill children.
Youth After School Program Initiative (YASP): Partner Programming	Offers afterschool staff led programs by partner organizations in recreation centres.

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Water Safety	Learn to swim lessons offered in French or English to all ages and abilities including schools and virtual water safety sessions.
Youth After School Program Initiative (YASP): After School Pass Youth Summer Pass	Youth after school pass: a membership for youth that is more than 75 percent discount off a regular-priced youth monthly membership.  Youth Summer Pass: For between \$25 to \$33/month, youth between 2-17 can get unlimited access to all City of Edmonton fitness centres, swimming pools, outdoor pools, gymnasiums, drop-in activities, virtual fitness classes and more
Discounted senior access	Senior Matinee Hour: Seniors can access all City of Edmonton fitness centres, swimming pools and gymnasiums for a daily admission fee of \$3.50/person from 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m.
<p><b>Programs/Services for persons with physical disabilities</b> *please note that some programs/policies listed may apply to more than one category</p>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Accessible communications services	Accessible communication services (American Sign Language, Interpreters, Real Time Captioning equipment)
Adapted Swimming lessons	Deaf and hard of hearing learn to swim lessons at all pools.
Water Works	A drop in aquatic exercise program specifically for people with muscle, joint, or mobility challenges
Adapted Programs and Adapted Program Partnerships	These programs are geared towards persons with disabilities providing city-wide opportunities to explore arts, crafts, and recreation while having fun and making new friends. All activities are adaptable.

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	Partner agencies utilizing City facilities to offer programs for individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities.
Partnership with 100 Voices Program	Edmonton Valley Zoo partnership with Edmonton Catholic Schools 100 Voices program supporting kids with learning challenges
You Can Ride 2	An adaptive biking program at the Zoo for children with disabilities and their families to promote an active lifestyle
Indoor Playground	John Janzen Nature Centre indoor playground, designed for wheelchair accessibility for 90 per cent of play elements
Outdoor Playground	Jumpstart Clareview Park: an inclusive playground brought to Edmonton by Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. The playground was designed by leading experts in adaptive and inclusive play to be universally accessible with barrier-free structures, multiple sensory and quiet areas, double wide ramps for mobility chairs and static free slides for those with cochlear implants.
Adapted Swims	A swim that's sensory friendly for people with disabilities and their families and/or caregivers. Lights will remain on, music will be turned off, appropriate toys available.
SwimAbilities Programs	Adapted Aquatics learn to swim programs for children with limited mobility or disabilities.
Karataquatics	Aquafit without music in a sensory friendly environment.
Adaptive Golf programming	Adaptive Golf programming lessons at Victoria Driving Range in partnership with the Paralympic Sports Association (separate programs for adults and children)

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Ice Bikes	Providing opportunities for those who have limited mobility to skate, or newcomers who have not yet learned to skate with the ability to experience ice biking for recreation.
<b>Gender-specific programming</b> *please note that some programs/policies listed may apply to more than one category	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Women on Weights (WOW)	A program to provide direction and confidence to women in a traditional weight room setting focusing on proper technique
For Girls By Girls (FGBG)	A sport program for girls aged 9-15 to help them gain sport skills in a positive, safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment with like-minded girls
Inclusive Swim	Women and girls only and transgender inclusive swims, aquafitness and lessons.
<b>Culture specific programming or policies</b> *please note that some programs/policies listed may apply to more than one category	
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Nikaniw Indigenous Youth Program	Nîkânîw combines the cultural teachings and guidance of Indigenous Elders and Leaders with an aquatic pre-employment program for Indigenous youth and includes instruction of water safety education, first aid, CPR and leadership skills. These program areas complement each other, teaching a respect for Mother Earth, and especially the element of water. Expansion of this program is currently underway to build a curriculum for the Nikaniw program that reaches beyond aquatics, with the support of the Indigenous Relations Office.
Newcomer Arts Programs	Arts programs have been customized in collaboration with Catholic Social Services to connect newcomers with the community while building new skills.

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Smudging Policy and Procedure for CRC sites	An initiative to create more designated spaces within CRC facilities for smudging to allow for spontaneous use of space for Indigenous recreational activities
Free 'welcome to swimming'	Free 'welcome to swimming' drop in service for newcomers. Orientation to the pool with water safety lessons shared.
Indigenous Youth golf programming	Includes a free try it day at Rundle Golf Course for youth and juniors that includes a free two hour lesson and 48 free tee times
Golf Programming	Two sets of lesson programming offerings in June and July for Indigenous youth under 18 at a subsidized rate
Alberta Indigenous Games Support	Work with Alberta Indigenous Games to offer youth and adult golf tournaments at a reduced rate
Language offerings	Learn To Swim lessons offered in French
<b>General Provisions</b>	
Adaptive fitness equipment at 12 of the City's recreation/leisure centres.	
<p>In addition, specialized requests for access to sport facilities are viewed through an accessibility lens. Although there are requirements around sport facility allocation, the City recognizes that additional challenges are posed to groups with specific accessibility needs. Because of this, facilities that can provide enhanced accessibility options are prioritized for the groups requiring these amenities. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmonton Adaptive Sledge Hockey has been provided with weekly arena rental time at The Meadows Arena, a facility that is designed with the purpose of supporting Sledge Hockey programs.</li> <li>• Special Olympics has historically been provided advanced access to facilities best suited for their programming.</li> </ul>	

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- Use of City gymnasiums is encouraged for wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, and related sports.
- An accessibility pilot program is underway for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Sensory room at ACT Aquatic & Recreation Centre

Sensory kits (KultureCity) for Zoo, Muttart and John Janzen Nature Centre visitors who may have sensory stimulation sensitivities.

Mobility scooters, wheelchairs, wagons and strollers for rent at the Zoo.

Wheelchair rentals at Muttart Conservatory