

Update: Recreation

Initiative Title:	Recreation
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Department Lead(s):	Rob Smyth, Community Services

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 2013:

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 Aquatics Strategy (2009-2015)
- Enhancing Community Facility Services through Partnership – Policy C187A
- Cemeteries Master Plan
- Capital Priority Plan for Golf Courses
- Seniors' Centre Plan 2011-2021

- Kinsmen Sports Centre Master Plan
- Community Facility Partner Capital Grant Program – Policy C567
- Urban Parks Management Plan
- Winter Cities Strategy
- 10 Year Gymnasium Strategy (2013-2023)

The following Plans and /Strategies are in development or awaiting approval:

- Sports Field Strategy
- Artificial Turf Strategy
- Municipal Sport Policy
- Mill Woods Recreation Centre Master Plan
- Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan
- Buena Vista / Laurier Park Master Plan
- Medium Sized Stadium Business Case and Needs Assessment

The following recreation and sport projects were completed in 2012:

- Mill Woods Artificial Turf
- Hardisty Pool Rehabilitation
- Commonwealth Stadium Community Recreation Centre
- Boyle Street Community Centre
- Northgate Lions Seniors Centre Roof Replacement
- Confederation Arena Renewal
- Artificial Turf Field at Henry Singer Sports Park (partnership with Edmonton Soccer Association)

Projects currently in various stages of design and construction:

- Clareview Community Recreation Centre and District Activity Park with Artificial Turf
- The Meadows Community Recreation Centre and District Activity Park
- Ivor Dent Sports Park
- Abbotsfield Recreation Centre
- Commonwealth Stadium Seat Replacement
- Clarke Stadium Seating Enhancements (partnership with FC Edmonton)
- Edmonton Soccer Centre Rehabilitation Projects.
- Coronation Community Recreation Centre Design
- Lewis Farms Community Recreation Centre Functional Program (completed)
- John Fry Park Pavilion
- Mill Woods District Park Pavilion
- Castel Downs Park Pavilion and Sports Fields
- Borden Park Pavilion, park renewal and Natural Swim Experience
- Callingwood District Park washroom building and sports field irrigation
- Victoria Park Pavilion
- Rollie Miles Athletic Park – running track replacement
- Snow Valley Ski Hill – landslide repairs

- North Edmonton Gymnastics Club (partner capital grant)
- Westmount Fitness Centre (partner capital grant)
- Wm Hawrelak Park – Improvements for ITU Triathlon
- Commonwealth Stadium – Capital Improvements for FIFA Women’s World Cup
- Various Sports Field Renewals

Future Steps:

- Work to complete these projects is ongoing and will continue through the 2012-2014 Budget Cycle. 2015-2018 Capital Priorities Plan will come to City Council for approval in late 2014 with additional projects identified.