

**Joint Use Agreement Review  
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The Joint Use Agreement Review Team has been hard at work since the last update interpreting input from the public consultation, translating it into program requirements and drafting recommendations to meet needs of the partners' mandates and the interests of the Edmonton community.

The Review Team invited participation of the North-Central Francophone School District with the understanding that there could be one Joint Use Agreement when negotiations are completed. Currently, the Francophone Board has a similar but separate agreement with the City.

The Team categorized public input along with data from the Review Team discussions. This information became the basis of discussions leading to:

- draft principles for the agreement,
- a proposed governance structure, and
- a potential framework for use of facilities.

The desire for more access, and recognition that funding constraints can limit access, were both identified in the public consultation. The Team therefore also entered into discussions as to whether implementing an incremental cost model could improve access to facilities. Those discussions are still continuing.

A number of purely operational items were also identified and forwarded to the Joint Use Steering Committee for review and implementation as appropriate. The most significant of these was the call for a consolidated system for school bookings, which was subsequently put in place for the 2006/2007 season. The administrations continue to work to making the system seamless. Another partner initiative will be launched shortly to address concerns about consistency and fairness in allocation of facilities.

The Review Team are confident that they are coming close to a new JUA that will continue to play a significant role in the cooperative provision of educational and recreational spaces, meeting current and future needs.