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Joint Use News

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Joint Use News is published by the Joint Use Agreement Steering Committee and circulated to the three partners and all joint use school and City recreation facility user groups.

The Joint Use Agreement (JUA) is a legal agreement between the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Public Schools and Edmonton Catholic Schools that makes schools available to community groups in after-school hours and arenas, pools and other City facilities available to school children during school hours.

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JUA Review

The JUA Review Team has been hard at work for a year. The main focus has been on developing models for sharing use of facilities. Issues have been identified and the team is now preparing for public consultation to take place early in 2006.

Watch for information at www.edmonton.ca/jointuse

Steering Committee Update

Last fall we said goodbye to Brian Fedor as our chair; this fall we are saying a final farewell. After many years with Edmonton Public Schools, Brian has taken on new challenges with the Capital Health Authority. We are pleased to introduce John Nicoll as his replacement. John brings experience as a former Edmonton Public School Board trustee and an employee of the City of Edmonton.

We also said goodbye to Frank Omoe from Edmonton Catholic Schools. Frank has returned to his first love, principalship of a school, and is replaced on the Steering Committee by Carmen Somers. *Welcome Carmen.*

New School Construction Approved

Edmonton Public Schools will be receiving funding of 17.3 million to build a new high school in Riverbend-Terwillegar.

Once completed, the new high school will accommodate approximately 1000 students. The last high school built by the district was J. Percy Page in Mill Woods in 1982.

Sports Fields

A special task group has been put together to address "stewardship" issues on sportsfields. School and community user group representatives will work together with City staff to develop strategies to ensure fields are in good shape for all to use.



Clarke Field Kick-Off on October 1st launched a new era, with the first game on the new artificial turf field. It was quite appropriately raining heavily enough that without the field turf, the game would have been cancelled!

In 2006 The City is requesting \$757,000 in funding from Council to repair sports fields near schools or in district park sites. Proposed projects are identified below.

St. Cecilia School	Sod & Fixtures
Holy Family School	Re-alignment
John Barnett School	Re-alignment
St. Francis Xavier	Re-alignment
Castledowns Park	Irrigation
Millcreek School	Fixture Re-locate
Argyll Park	Shale diamond
Vernan Barford/Westbrook	Re-alignment
Kameyosek School	Re-alignment
Lee Ridge School	Re-alignment
Glengarry School	Re-alignment
Highlands School	Re-alignment
St. Justin School	Re-alignment
Mayfield School	Sod Repair

The Scoop on School/Park Sites and the Joint Use Agreement

In the early days of the Joint Use Agreement, school districts purchased land when construction of a school was required. Land was acquired to provide outdoor play space as well as a school building.

Starting in 1963 the Planning Act compelled developers to "dedicate" land to municipalities for school and

park purposes. These are known as reserve lands and provide for school buildings, sports fields, and recreation facilities such as community league buildings and playgrounds.

Under the Joint Use Agreement, regardless of whether land was purchased by a school district or acquired through reserve dedication, school districts maintain the school building and an area called the school envelope (generally 15 metres from the building.) When a Community League is on the site, the league is responsible for maintaining its facilities. The remainder of the site, generally sports fields and playgrounds, is managed and maintained by the City.

City-owned and school district-owned fields on school/park sites are reserved for use of schools during the school day, and are booked out to community users in the evening, on weekends and during the summer months.

Urban Parks Management Plan

The draft Urban Parks Management Plan (UPMP) guides the acquisition, development, maintenance, preservation and use of parkland in 2006-2016. It provides strategic direction for all river valley and ravine parkland as well as all school and park sites outside the river valley.

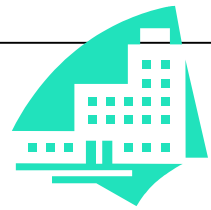
The draft plan is based on extensive research including a public needs assessment. The final round of public consultation is substantially complete. Council review and approval is targeted to occur before the end of the year.

Storm Water Management

The City of Edmonton Drainage Services has developed recommendations and implementation plans for reducing the risk of flooding in priority neighbourhoods. This includes the possible use of school/park sites in Lendrum, Elmwood, and/or Laurier Heights for surface storage of excess storm water.

For more information please call 496-3868 or visit the website at

www.edmonton.ca/floodprevention



Southwest Recreation Centre Update









Construction of a multipurpose recreation centre in the currently underserved and growing area of southwest Edmonton is identified as a priority in the Recreation Facility Master Plan.

The facility will be developed on the Leger District Park site in the Terwillegar Neighbourhood.

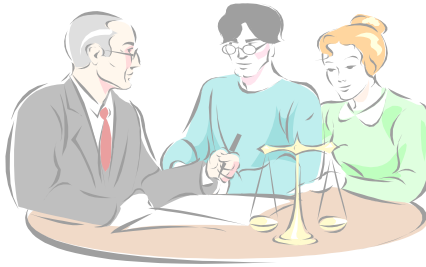
Program elements will include: an ice arena, aquatic facilities, fitness area and community program and social space. First steps will be completion of a needs assessment and conceptual design. The financing strategy may include securing partnerships, grants or sponsorships.



Surplus School Sites Update

 St. Agnes (Allendale neighbourhood)  St. Bede (Gold Bar)  St. Bride (Forest Heights)  St. John (Oliver)  St. Rita (Dovercourt)	<p>The City will purchase the <i>open space portion</i> of these five Edmonton Catholic sites. Transfer to City expected by end of 2005.</p>
 St. Sophia (Abbottsfield)	<p>The City is purchasing the land and building at this site. Future will be discussed by the City and area residents.</p>
 Cromdale School (Cromdale)	<p>The City passed on the option to purchase this site and it was sold by Edmonton Public Schools to the Capital Health Authority. Capital Health is planning to convert the former school site into affordable housing and develop a new health centre on the balance of the site. The City and Capital Health are negotiating shared parking arrangement that could benefit both parties.</p>
 H.A. Grey School (Westwood)	<p>The City has purchased the portion of the surplus school land where the playground and community league parking lot resided. The balance of the site was sold to a church group who are renovating the school as an educational centre.</p>

PRINCIPLES OF THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT



The Joint Use Agreement is guided by the following principles:

SHARED USE

That school sites and recreation sites, facilities and resources be shared.

COOPERATIVE PLANNING

That school sites and parks and recreation sites, and facilities be co-operatively planned.

CONSULTATION

That the parties to the Agreement undertake on-going consultation with User Groups during the lifetime of the Agreement.

EFFICIENCY & EFFECTIVENESS

That the resources of the three parties and User Groups be efficiently used and extended for the maximum benefit of the community.

SHARED COST

That costs associated with the Agreement be fairly shared among the three parties to the Agreement. User groups may have to participate in basic operating costs of facilities, and will be offered the opportunity to purchase or supply enhanced levels of service and to participate in capital improvements.

EQUAL PARTNERSHIP

That there be an equal partnership among the three parties to the Agreement.

RESERVE DEDICATION

That all reserve land and funds generated in lieu of reserve land be used solely for the purposes of school sites and parks and recreation sites.