



Joint Use News

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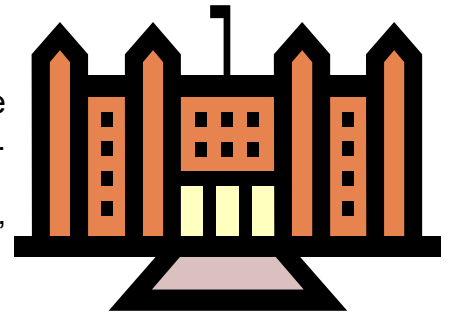


Joint Use News is published by the Joint Use Agreement Steering Committee and circulated to the three partners and all joint use school and City recreation facilities users groups.

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.

Gymnasium Users

School gym booking packages will be mailed out to past users by May 1st. Applications will be due May 31st. If you do not receive your package, call 496-4999.



The game of futsal, a five a side indoor soccer game played without the use of sidewalls, will be accommodated in gyms this year.

The School and Recreation Facilities Committee heard two appeals under Standards of Play this spring. The standard for youth basketball practice has been revised; a request to establish a special standard for elite volleyball practice denied.

An initiative is underway to collect significant data, both pre-season and post-season, that will go a long way to establishing an accurate picture on demand and availability. This data will be extremely helpful to the School and Recreation Facilities Committee in making plans for the future.

COOPERATING FOR EDMONTON

Joint Use Principles in Action

The first principle of the Joint Use Agreement is *that school sites and recreation sites, facilities and resources be shared*. The main way the partners “live” this principle is in providing access to each other’s facilities at low or no cost. Another principle that comes into play in this exchange is *that the resources of the three parties and user groups be efficiently used and extended for the maximum benefit of the community*.

Eligible community user groups pay a maximum of \$15/hour for gymnasium bookings under Edmonton’s Joint Use Agreement. Youth access is free in all but large high school gyms. School groups accessing City of Edmonton facilities reap similar benefits. There is no cost for schools to use City pools, arenas, tennis courts, or picnic sites during school hours. Some services such as additional ice flooding or swim instruction are charged. Without the benefit of a similar agreement, both school groups and community users in other centres pay full rental rates for facilities.

We are pleased that as trustees of public facilities we are able to make this contribution to our community.



Project Updates

Sport Field Strategy (Field Strategy Redesign Process)

The working committee is well into the process of updating the 1996 Total Quality Sports Fields document. Recommendations and initiatives will be presented in public forums in the fall of 2004. Additional information is available from Dave Linman at 496-4891.

Urban Parks Management Plan

The Urban Parks Management Plan is undertaking the second phase of the stakeholder consultation plan, meeting with targeted stakeholder groups. The first of those meetings was with our own Sportsfield committee. The Stakeholder Consultation Plan will be complete by the end of June 2004. For further updates contact Bob Priebe at 496-4780.

Recreation Facility Master Plan

The Draft Recreation Facility Master Plan will be presented to stakeholders and the public in April. The Master Plan is a comprehensive strategy for the City's public recreation facilities. The Plan will look ahead 10 years to anticipate facility needs and set out priorities and recommendations. Please watch the City's website (www.edmonton.ca) for further updates or contact Ann Dae, Community Services at 496-8233.

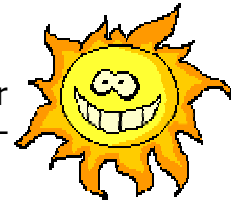
Pest Management Policy

On February 24th, City Council approved an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy committing the City of Edmonton to providing safe and healthy urban environments. Whereas controlling weeds and other pests is important for the enjoyment and sustainability of these environments, this policy limits pesticide use in the management of pests on City property. As well, the City of Edmonton will implement a Public Education program for Edmontonians on the Use of Pesticides. Additional information is available on-line at www.edmonton.ca



Field Users

Fields will be open for play April 26th – weather permitting.



Remember to check the Field Condition Line at 496-4999 (press #1) or online at www.edmonton.ca to ensure fields are playable in changing conditions.

Four new rectangular fields at Foote Field East at the University of Alberta are now included in the agreement providing community access. From April 26 to August 5, 2003 they will be used as soccer fields. From August 5 to November 27, 2004 two of these will convert to a full size football field. If required the remaining two can be converted as well.

The Community Services Department exercises a Zero Tolerance policy with respect to the Gaming and Liquor Regulation, Section 85(1) related to the prohibition of alcohol on City of Edmonton Parkland.

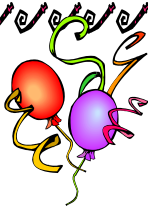
User groups found to be in repeated (3) violations of this regulation will automatically forfeit their usage entitlement without reimbursement of registration costs and as well are subject to any relevant fines issued by the City of Edmonton Bylaw Enforcement Services or City of Edmonton Police Services.

Schools Use of City Facilities

The information package for booking City of Edmonton facilities for school programs will be distributed to schools by the end of April. This year you will receive both an electronic and a hard copy version. Next year it will be electronic only. If you don't receive your copy, please call 496-4999. Your neighbourhood leisure centre will contact you directly about booking pool time.

A new Arena Strategy has been approved by City Council. In the strategy a Joint Use Allocation Committee was established. Don Zabloski (EPS) and Cheryl Shinkaruk (ECS) co-chair this committee which is responsible for coordinating arena ice allocation for school user groups.

Steering Committee Activities



The Joint Use Steering Committee is busy preparing for renewal of the agreement in 2005.

Other goals in their 2004 plan include:

- To have a good understanding of demands and trends and use them in decision making.
- To design and implement a comprehensive communication plan
- To have written documents recording agreed roles, responsibilities, structure and communication links for all JUA committees.
- To be aware of strategies and initiatives related to the mandate of the Joint Use Agreement on an ongoing basis.
- Clarify the role of the Joint Use Agreement in relationship to ancillary agreements and initiatives.
- Complete implementation of the recommendations from the



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 ongoing consultation with User Groups during the lifetime of the Agreement.

EFFICIENCY AND 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.