



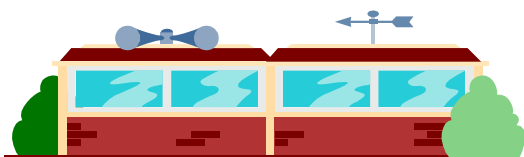
## Field Strategy Approved

We are pleased to announce the completion and approval of the "Field Strategy 2005-2015". The strategy outlines processes for development, allocation and stewardship (maintenance) of sport fields in Edmonton for the next ten years. The strategy will guide the work of the Joint Use Sports Fields Committee for 2005 and beyond. You can access the report at [www.edmonton.ca/jointuse](http://www.edmonton.ca/jointuse). Thanks to all the people who dedicated many hours to producing this ground-breaking document.

## Schools and School Sites

Edmonton Public Schools has begun the process to consider the closure of North Edmonton, Strathearn, Terrace Heights and Wellington schools. Decisions are expected by June. For additional information call Edmonton Public Schools at 429-8427, or go on-line at [www.epsb.ca](http://www.epsb.ca)

Edmonton Catholic Schools declared the St. Sophia site in Abbottsfield surplus to its needs. The City of Edmonton is currently evaluating the site with a decision expected by the fall of 2005. Additional information is available by calling 496-1543. Under the Joint Use Agreement, the City of Edmonton has the first right to purchase surplus school sites.



## Joint Use Principles in Action (Second in a Series)

The second principle of the Joint Use Agreement is Cooperative Planning. The City and the School Boards work together from the time a neighbourhood structure plan is approved to ensure that schools and fields are developed to meet the needs of schools and the greater Edmonton community. By working together the partners ensure that there is sufficient land to meet needs, that amenities are placed in a way that they can be shared by all users, and that sites can be more easily maintained. This optimizes benefits and uses tax dollars efficiently.



## Gymnasium Users

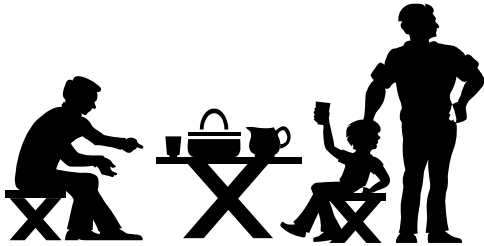
The first comprehensive statistical report on gymnasium use was presented to the School and Recreation Facilities Committee in March. This report provided a wealth of information that will assist the committee in making decisions related to gymnasium allocation. A new initiative has been launched to review the effectiveness of implementation of fees in improving access to gyms.

We are still looking for volunteers to sit on the School and Recreation Committee as representatives of instructional programs and casual users. For additional information call 496-3090 or email [jointuse@edmonton.ca](mailto:jointuse@edmonton.ca)

School gym booking packages will be mailed out to past users by May 1; applications will be due May 31, 2005. If you do not receive a package, please call 496-4999 or access it online at [www.edmonton.ca/jointuse](http://www.edmonton.ca/jointuse)

## School Use of City Facilities

Booking packages for use of City arenas, tennis courts, and picnic sites are being sent to all schools by e-mail. If you do not receive your e-mail by the end of April, please contact Don Zabloski, EPS (429-8341) or Cheryl Shinkaruk, ECS (989-3019).



Your neighbourhood leisure centre will contact you directly about booking swim time. Pool use applications will be due by May 31. A copy of the booking package will be on the web page at [www.edmonton.ca/jointuse](http://www.edmonton.ca/jointuse) There is a list of leisure centres in the Blue Pages of your phone book under Swimming Pools.



## New Fields in the Booking Inventory

Two rectangular fields have been added to the list of facilities booked by Community Services Bookings and Information: School for the Deaf, and Clarke Park. Artificial turf is being installed at Clarke field and should be ready for use in the fall of 2005.



## Joint Use Review Update

Discussions for renewal of the Joint Use Agreement are well underway. As the review progresses, information on public and stakeholder consultation will be posted on the web page at [www.edmonton.ca/jointuse](http://www.edmonton.ca/jointuse)

## *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.

Joint Use News is published twice annually by the Joint Use Agreement Steering Committee and circulated to the three partners and all joint use facility users.

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. The Agreement also clarifies how the partners work together to design, build and maintain school/park sites.

