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ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA
OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is a unique facility that will reconnect our community following the COVID-19 Pandemic. It will be an innovative, year-round facility that represents the first covered and refrigerated outdoor ice in the region. The facility will support a wide range of summer and winter activities, appeal to all ages, and serve generations to come.

Active Communities Alberta is proud to share this comprehensive public engagement report. This report represents the culmination of countless hours of volunteer effort and community outreach activities. We have been sincere in our desire to thoroughly engage with the community regarding the project and believe this report and the associated engagement activities reflect this commitment.

Active Communities Alberta conducted a wide range of public outreach activities in carrying out this engagement, including:

- Hosting a Neighbourhood Engagement Session for those who live in subdivisions close to the facility (over 2,700 invitations were hand delivered to all Forest Lawn, Sturgeon Heights and Braeside residences);
- Hosting a Public (Community) Engagement Session for all St. Albert residents;
- Conducting a public survey that received 264 responses; and
- Facilitating eight Stakeholder Engagement sessions with key stakeholder organizations, including sports organizations that represent over 3,000 local youth participants.

Key Results



Survey – The average support rating for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub was 7.7 out of 10, with more than half of respondents scoring their support at 10 out of 10.



Stakeholder Support – All organizations that participated in the Stakeholder Engagement Sessions formally expressed their support for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.



Neighbourhood & Community Engagement Sessions – The vast majority of attendees spoke positively about the project and questions and concerns were responded to and documented to ensure the project moves forward with these considerations in mind.

All activities detailed in the report have been funded by Active Communities Alberta. These include printing costs for over 2,700 neighbourhood invitations, running two weeks of St. Albert Gazette engagement notices and social media advertising that resulted in nearly 20,000 impressions.

This public engagement process was carried out under the guidance of a highly knowledgeable and well respected professional with nearly 20 years in the field of public engagement. The process followed the tenets of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).

We would like to acknowledge the hundreds of St. Albert residents who took the time to engage with us throughout this process. The Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is truly for the community and therefore it is important to us that we hear directly from community members. We appreciate the feedback provided and will continue to keep it top of mind as we move forward. While we recognize that we can't address all concerns, we are committed to being "good neighbours" by minimizing any negative impacts that result from the facility. We are very excited to bring the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub to St. Albert to benefit current and future generations.

While this round of formal public engagement is complete, we encourage you to stay in touch. Please feel free to connect with us anytime with questions and feedback at info@ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca.

2. ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA

Active Communities Alberta (Active Communities) is a non-profit organization formed in 2017. It is comprised entirely of volunteers, with a mission of building strong and healthy communities through the provision of recreation and community facilities.

The Active Communities Board and Advisory Committee is comprised of fifteen members who possess a wide range of professional and volunteer backgrounds, including:

- Engineering
- Accounting & Finance
- Construction
- Project Management
- Law
- Recreation & Sport Management
- Non-Profit and Executive Leadership
- Public and Stakeholder Engagement
- Fundraising
- Governance and Policy Development

Over the course of the past 5 years, Active Communities volunteers have contributed over \$500,000 worth of volunteer effort towards our recreation & community projects in St. Albert.

Guiding Principles

Vision

“To be viewed as the leader in delivering recreation facilities and healthy living activities for the benefit of all Albertans.”

Mission

“To promote active living, community building and healthy families by establishing and operating multi-use recreation facilities, facilitating and delivering sport, leisure and family programming as well as providing other activities beneficial to the community.”

Values

Active Living

Community Building

Operational Efficiency

Sustainability

Excellence

3. ST. ALBERT OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB

Overview

Active Communities is building an Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub in St. Albert that will feature twin outdoor recreation pads. Our goal is to open as soon as possible so that we can support the community in recovering from the physical, mental and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Conceptual drawings of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub

Amenities

The facility vision includes the following features:

- Two covered and refrigerated outdoor recreation pads that can be used year-round for various sports and community activities.
- A building with change rooms, washrooms and common areas.
- A freeze-way (pleasure skating path) and cross-country ski trails.

There are several features of note that set this facility apart from others:

- This will be the first refrigerated outdoor rink in the region. The facility will provide outdoor ice for six months of the year.
- The recreation pads will be covered with a roof which helps to keep participants protected from the elements and from direct sunlight. The covered roof also helps with refrigerating the ice, as the ice plant doesn't have to work as hard as it would if the ice were in direct sunlight. This improves energy efficiency and supports environmental sustainability.
- The facility will feature the same style of boards and glass as found at indoor arenas. This will provide a similar quality of playing experience as indoor arenas but at a fraction of the cost. The boards and glass make it suitable for hosting practices and games for various sports and a destination for tournament events.
- The concrete surface will provide a hard, flat surface for many summer activities. The majority of outdoor rinks in the region are grass and having the concrete surface will support utilization of our facility 12 months of the year.
- A lobby area that is available and easily accessible for users of the facility and people using other amenities nearby. There is a need for change and washroom facilities for people cross-country skiing, tobogganing, or playing field sports in the vicinity and our facility will be available for their use. This demonstrates the added benefit for the public beyond those who are specifically participating in activities at our facility.

Uses

The facility will be available for use year-round:

WINTER USES

- School Programming
- Public Skating
- Shinny
- Hockey
- Ringette
- Figure Skating
- Tournaments
- Community Events
- Birthday parties

SUMMER USES

- School Programming
- Basketball
- Pickleball
- Badminton
- Ball Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Roller Skating
- Fitness Classes
- Summer Camps
- Tournaments
- Community Events
- Birthday parties

Based on our research of historical weather data for St. Albert, a refrigerated and covered outdoor facility will extend the outdoor skating season to 6 months (mid-Oct to mid-Apr) compared to the natural ice outdoor skating season, which is 3 months or less (Dec to Feb).

October	November	December	January	February	March	April
		Natural Ice Season: Dec 1 - Feb 28				
Refrigerated Ice Season: Oct 15 - Apr 15						

Larose Natural Ice Outdoor Rink - St. Albert



Operations

The Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub will be a publicly accessible amenity. It will appeal to a variety of uses and user types. These include spontaneous use (public skating, shinny, etc.), school programming, and scheduled bookings (youth sports practices, etc.).

Active Communities will be responsible for operating and maintaining the facility as well as delivering some programming. Staff will clear the playing surfaces of snow and debris, resurface the ice, schedule bookings, and maintain a clean and safe facility. The facility will be financially self-sustaining and not require ongoing taxpayer support.

Comparable Facilities

The Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project is unique to the Edmonton area; however the concept is not unique to other parts of North America. We plan to build on approaches used at other successful facilities throughout the continent. There are over 80 refrigerated outdoor rinks throughout North America and many of these are covered. The following pages show comparable facilities to ours and examples of activities that these facilities are used for.

Toronto, ON



New York, NY



Brampton, ON



Winthrop, WA



Pickleball



Public Skating



Youth Hockey Game



Wheelchair Lacrosse



Youth Hockey Practice



Lacrosse Practice



Figure Skating



Ball Hockey



4. PROJECT STATUS

Land Lease Agreement

In January 2022, Active Communities entered into a 35-year lease agreement with St. Albert Public Schools for land they own. The lease site is in the heart of the city and in the immediate vicinity of schools that have enrolment of over 2,000 students.

The facility will be located behind the new Paul Kane High School and accessed off Sir Winston Churchill Avenue, a 4-lane arterial road. Primary parking will be available at the 78-stall parking lot (adjacent to Sir Winston Churchill Avenue) which is shown under construction in the image below.

Based on the agreement with St. Albert Public Schools, Active Communities will have the ability to utilize nearly 400 parking stalls at nearby schools and district office. This is more than sufficient to meet peak demand for the facility on evenings and weekends (for comparison, Jarome Iginla and Kinex Arenas have 250 parking stalls in total).



Aerial view of Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub location

While the lease agreement is with St. Albert Public Schools, we expect students from all school districts in St. Albert will benefit from the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. We recognized early on in this project that St. Albert's school districts have strong and open working relationships. This was exemplified by the initiative that St. Albert Public Schools demonstrated in March 2022 when they arranged a meeting with three of St. Albert's largest school districts regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. St. Albert Public Schools invited Active Communities to attend as well, and the meeting was held on April 13, 2022.

The superintendents of St. Albert's largest school jurisdictions were in attendance – St. Albert Public Schools, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools and Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord. This meeting provided the superintendents with a forum to gain a comprehensive understanding of the project and discuss opportunities for all St. Albert students to benefit.

Active Communities appreciates the opportunity to directly engage with St. Albert's education leaders and looks forward to continued positive relations. Active Communities also appreciates the ongoing support of St. Albert Public Schools in their role as the landowner. They have recently provided a letter that summarizes the discussions that took place with local school districts regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub in April as well as their perspective on the activities related to this formal public engagement (see Appendix 1).

Project Funding

The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$6 million and Active Communities has raised over \$4 million of this amount.

Active Communities has raised over \$500,000 from St. Albert residents since the inception of this project in January 2021. We thank the community for its continued support.

On February 24, 2022, the Provincial Government announced \$3.5 million in funding for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project. We appreciate the support that the Provincial Government has provided and the congratulatory message that St. Albert Mayor Cathy Heron shared immediately following the province's announcement.

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Mayor Congratulates Active Communities Alberta for Achieving Funding Milestone

Mayor Cathy Heron congratulated Active Communities Alberta (ACA) on achieving a funding milestone, after the Government of Alberta announced \$3.5 million towards the proposed Outdoor Recreation Facility and Community Hub on February 24, 2022, as part of Budget 2022-23.

"Congratulations to Active Communities Alberta," says Mayor Heron. "Achieving this financial goal is one of the many steps required in moving this project forward. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with ACA throughout this process."

On January 31, 2022, St. Albert City Council outlined two conditions that ACA must meet before the City will consider a funding request of up to a maximum of \$1.5 million. Active Communities Alberta must:

Raise a minimum of \$3 million from other sources towards the project through grants or fundraising (achieved Feb. 24, 2022), and

Provide the City with an independent financial review, and a public engagement report, based on criteria mutually established by ACA and the City. Both items are to be funded by ACA.

Once all conditions are met, the City will have 60 days to consider the funding request.

The proposed year-round facility would consist of two refrigerated outdoor rinks that would accommodate dry-court sports in warmer months. The ACA has entered into a long-term lease with St. Albert Public Schools for an area of school board land located within the Fountain Park site. The proposed project is still in its early stages and will be required to go through the City's development permit application process.

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City of St. Albert News Release – February 24, 2022

Provincial Funding Cheque Presentation

On April 22, 2022, the Honourable Dale Nally, MLA for Morinville-St. Albert presented Active Communities with a cheque from the Government of Alberta for \$3.5 million.

The cheque presentation was held at the St. Albert Public School site where the facility will be located. The event was also attended by Marie Renaud, MLA for St. Albert, the St. Albert Public School Board and members of the public.

This event was noted in the Public Engagement Plan that Active Communities submitted to City Administration on April 14, 2022. An invitation for representatives from the City of St. Albert to attend the event was also extended.



Provincial Funding Cheque Presentation – April 22, 2022

Public & Stakeholder Engagement

Over the past year and a half, Active Communities has engaged with many stakeholder groups regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project and has garnered significant support. Several groups have provided letters of support to Active Communities for the project (see Appendix 2), including:

- St. Albert City Council
- Honourable Dale Nally, MLA for Morinville-St. Albert
- Marie Renaud, MLA for St. Albert
- Michael Cooper, MP, St. Albert-Edmonton
- St. Albert Minor Hockey Association
- St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Association
- St. Albert Pickleball Club
- St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club
- St. Albert Ringette Association
- Hockey Alberta
- St. Albert Community Foundation

Since launching the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project in January 2021, Active Communities has maintained ongoing contact with organizations and the public regarding the project. This includes hosting a virtual information session on March 22, 2022 that was advertised in the St. Albert Gazette and attended by many members of the community.

St. Albert City Council Motion – March 1, 2021

Active Communities requested a letter of support for the project from St. Albert City Council. This was discussed and voted on at the March 1, 2021 St. Albert City Council meeting.

St. Albert City Council motion passed on March 1, 2021 (see Appendix 3):

“That the Mayor, on behalf of St. Albert City Council, provide a letter of support for the Active Communities Outdoor Facilities Project.”

The motion was carried 6-1. Mayor Heron and Councilors Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes, MacKay and Watkins voted in favour; Councilor Joly was opposed.

5. REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FROM CITY OF ST. ALBERT

November 2021 Funding Request Letter

In November 2021, Active Communities submitted a request to the City of St. Albert for \$1.5 million in funding to support the construction of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub (see Appendix 4). We proposed that this funding be conditional on Active Communities raising at least \$3 million in funding from other sources.

Excerpt of Active Communities' November 2021 letter to St. Albert City Council:

"Given that St. Albert was preparing to contribute approximately \$1.5 million for a previous single ice refrigerated rink, we propose this amount as St. Albert's contribution towards the project. The City would receive double the value for residents compared to the previous project, as the "Hub" would have two pads instead of one. The commitment would include the condition that St. Albert funding would only be contributed after we raise double this amount (reverse onus). This puts the onus on Active Communities Alberta to raise \$3 million first before St. Albert contributes its portion – thus providing a prime opportunity to stretch St. Albert taxpayer dollars."

"We want to be clear that St. Albert's commitment to fund \$1.5 million would be contingent on Active Communities Alberta raising the corresponding \$3 million first. If we raise the \$3 million, only then does the City contribute \$1.5 million. If we don't raise the \$3 million, the City contributes nothing."

St. Albert City Council Motion – January 31, 2022

In response to the November 2021 letter, a City Councilor brought forward a motion at the January 31, 2022 St. Albert City Council meeting. The motion committed St. Albert City Council to considering Active Communities' funding request within 60 days of specified conditions being met. These conditions were that Active Communities raise at least \$3 million towards the project, obtain an independent financial review and conduct public engagement activities culminating in a Public Engagement Report.

St. Albert City Council motion passed on January 31, 2022 (see Appendix 5):

"That the Active Communities Alberta (ACA) request for financial support to a maximum of \$1,500,000, including services in kind from the City of St. Albert towards an Outdoor Recreation and Community Hub is considered within 60 days after the following conditions have been met:

- The receipt of an Independent Financial Review of the proposal completed by a third party funded by the ACA and Public Engagement report, based on criteria mutually established by ACA and the City; and*
- The ACA has raised a minimum of \$3 million from other sources towards the project."*

The motion was carried 6-1. Mayor Heron and Councilors Biermanski, Brodhead, Hughes, Killick and MacKay voted in favour; Councilor Joly was opposed.

6. MUTUALLY AGREED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CRITERIA

In response to City Council approving the January 31, 2022 motion, City Administration arranged a kick-off meeting with Active Communities on March 1, 2022.

Following this kick-off meeting, Active Communities met with City of St. Albert officials on four occasions to develop a “Terms of Reference for Developing Review Criteria” (see Appendix 6) and the “Mutually Agreed Public Engagement Criteria” (see Appendix 7). Mutually Agreed Financial Review Criteria were also developed during these discussions but are outside the scope of this report. All of these agreements were approved by both parties and Active Communities received signed copies on April 14, 2022.

Criteria Objectives

The mutually agreed public engagement criteria set out two public engagement objectives:

1. Establish a process to provide confidence that stakeholders have had sufficient and appropriate opportunities for engagement on Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub (the Project).
 - a. Clearly defined understanding of how the engagement will influence the Project.
2. Develop a Public Engagement Report detailing the nature and results of Active Communities’ public engagement activities related to the Project.

Satisfaction of Requirements

The mutually agreed public engagement criteria included the requirement that Active Communities will provide the City of St. Albert with the following:

Requirement to Provide to City of St. Albert	Active Communities Actions to Meet Requirement
a) Opportunity to review and provide input into Stakeholder Identification.	Active Communities shared the identified stakeholder list (embedded in the Public Engagement Plan) with City of St. Albert Administration on April 14, 2022. City of St. Albert Administration provided its input on the public engagement plan to Active Communities on May 5, 2022. This input included comments specific to the list of stakeholders identified. In response to this feedback, Active Communities adjusted its stakeholder list.
b) Opportunity to review and provide input into the Public Engagement Plan.	Active Communities shared the Public Engagement Plan with City of St. Albert Administration on April 14, 2022. City of St. Albert Administration provided its input on the public engagement plan to Active Communities on May 5, 2022. In response to this input received from City of St. Albert Administration, Active Communities adjusted its Public Engagement Plan.

Requirement to Provide to City of St. Albert	Active Communities Actions to Meet Requirement
<p>c) Opportunity to review engagement materials prior to the launch of any engagement activities.</p>	<p>Active Communities shared the survey questions and invited City of St. Albert Administration to the neighbourhood and public engagement sessions on May 11, 2022. Presentation materials and agendas for those sessions were also shared in advance.</p> <p>Active Communities provided the stakeholder presentation materials and meeting agendas to City of St. Albert Administration in advance of each stakeholder meeting.</p>
<p>d) Invitation to attend all public engagement activities and to provide clarification on questions raised by stakeholders or information provided by ACA for accuracy as it relates to City interests.</p>	<p>Active Communities extended invitations to City of St. Albert Administration for all public engagement activities. City officials were able to attend all but one of the eleven sessions.</p> <p>Active Communities appreciated the attendance of City of St. Albert Administration. City of St. Albert Administration had the opportunity to provide clarification on questions raised by stakeholders and ensure accuracy of information provided by Active Communities as it related to City interests.</p>
<p>e) A Public Engagement Report (similar to a City of St. Albert What We Heard Report) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Summary of events ii. Summary of data collected from stakeholders iii. Indication of how feedback was or will be addressed over the course of the Project iv. Identify any changes to the Project resulting from the engagement v. Access to raw data collected through engagement 	<p>Active Communities has created and is sharing this Public Engagement Report to satisfy this requirement.</p> <p>This report includes a summary of events, summary of data collected from stakeholders, indication of how feedback was and will be addressed over the course of the project and notes any changes to the project resulting from the engagement.</p> <p>Access to raw data collected is available for the City of St. Albert, as per this agreed to requirement.</p>

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Active Communities has developed a Public Engagement Plan (see Appendix 8) that aligns with the requirements of the Mutually Agreed Public Engagement Criteria. The following is an overview of the plan.

Approach to Public Engagement

Active Communities adheres to the public participation principles of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2). IAP2 is an international professional organization that works to advance the practice of public participation globally. Its [Spectrum of Public Participation](#) is widely used by public-facing organizations and reflects IAP2's [Code of Ethics](#) and [Core Values for the Practice of Public Participation](#) which are based on scholarly research and best practices in the field of public engagement.

IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation (pictured at right) depicts the five levels of participation that define the public's role in public participation.

Given the current state of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project, Active Communities' engagement with the public was focused on the Inform, Consult and Involve levels depending on the nature of the stakeholder groups being engaged with and the impact that the project is likely to have on those stakeholders.

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any public participation process. The Spectrum is used internationally, and it is found in public participation plans around the world.

		INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION				
		INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL		To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
	PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

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Public Engagement Planning Activities

The following is a summary of stakeholder identification requirements as established in the mutually agreed public engagement criteria:

- A list of current and projected stakeholders;
- Level of engagement for stakeholders;
- Why each stakeholder is being engaged; and
- How the stakeholder engagement will influence or be addressed in the project.

As it pertains to development of the Public Engagement Plan, the criteria requires that the plan addresses:

- Engagement methods/tools align with the stakeholder engagement level;
- The process for reporting back to stakeholders;
- Timelines for engagement; and
- Other project activities that overlap with the public engagement period.

Satisfaction of Requirements

The table below summarizes the engagement criteria requirements that are specific to the public engagement plan and how Active Communities met these requirements.

Plan Requirement	Active Communities Actions to Meet Requirement
A list of current and projected stakeholders	The list of current and projected stakeholders is included in the Public Engagement Plan and in this report.
Level of engagement for stakeholders	The level in which we planned to engage with each stakeholder is included in the Public Engagement Plan and in this report.
Why each stakeholder is being engaged	The rationale behind engaging each stakeholder is included in the Public Engagement Plan and in this report. Level of impact was a key factor in determining which stakeholders to engage and how.
How the stakeholder engagement will influence or be addressed in the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project	The Public Engagement Plan outlines the actions that Active Communities will take to incorporate engagement feedback. Furthermore, this report addresses what feedback has been received from the engagement activities and how this is influencing and being addressed in the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project.
Engagement methods/tools align with the stakeholder engagement level	The Public Engagement Plan and this report demonstrates that Active Communities considered the level of stakeholder engagement in determining what engagement methods would be utilized.
The process for reporting back to stakeholders	The Public Engagement Plan and this report demonstrates that Active Communities developed a process for reporting back to stakeholders. This includes conducting a post-session survey following the neighbourhood and community information sessions, validating engagement session summaries with stakeholder groups and committing to share this report publicly and distribute it to session participants.
Timelines for engagement	The Public Engagement Plan established a timeline of May 12, 2022 to June 3, 2022 for the public engagement activities.
Other project activities that overlap with the public engagement period	The Public Engagement Plan noted that there was a provincial funding announcement event that was going to be scheduled in April. At the time the plan was developed the precise date was not known. While this activity did not specifically overlap with the public engagement period (it took place on April 22, 2022, which is nearly three weeks prior to the start of public engagement) we still felt it would be important to note in the plan.

Stakeholder Identification

Active Communities identified 13 different stakeholder groups to engage during this process. Each stakeholder group was analyzed for the level of impact this project has on it. The level of impact resulted in the level of public participation which drove the methodology for each stakeholder group's specific engagement.

Level of Impact

Level of impact for each stakeholder group was assessed based on the likelihood that an organization or its members would be impacted by the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.

Given that it is difficult to fully understand the project's impact without asking stakeholders, the prescribed level of impact for each group was determined using the guidelines below, informed by community engagement work that preceded Active Communities' funding request of City Council and the subsequently defined public engagement process:

- Anticipated facility use – prior to this specific engagement process, Active Communities conducted engagement and developed relationships with numerous organizations throughout St. Albert. Many organizations have previously expressed their interest in utilizing the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.
- Anticipated perception of impacts based on previous public sessions and considering the impact level from the perspective of the stakeholder group. Active Communities has previously held Public Open-house Information & Consultation Sessions and the questions and comments provided a great deal of context that was useful in considering impacts from the perspective of various stakeholder groups. For example, some examples of perceived impacts on Neighbours were traffic, parking and proximity to the facility.

As a result of its previous engagement activities, Active Communities was able to make an informed inference regarding each group's level of impact.

Organizations that were deemed to be impacted at a **High** or **Moderate** level were those where it was likely that its members would be the most frequent users of the facility or where it was likely that its members would be highly impacted by the existence of the project.

Organizations that were classified as **Minor** impact level were those deemed to most likely have fewer members regularly using the facility or those with fewer members initially impacted by the project.

Broad Public Stakeholder Groups

In the case of the broad public stakeholder groups, the project impact was deemed to be **Various** (impact for Residents and Neighbours ranging from Minor to High).

Level of Engagement

IAP2's *Spectrum of Public Participation* sets out the five levels of engagement of public participation. For this engagement process, Active Communities engaged with different groups and organizations at the Inform, Consult and Involve levels based on the corresponding level of impact of each stakeholder group.

Level of Engagement	Active Communities' Goal of Participation	Active Communities' Promise to the Public
Inform	To provide relevant information on the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project.	To keep the public informed during the specific public engagement process and going forward.
Consult	To allow participants to ask questions and, through discussion, obtain feedback and understand perspectives, both positive and negative.	To ensure participants have an opportunity to provide comments and feedback and to follow-up with a public report that outlines that feedback.
Involve	To directly engage groups to discuss any concerns or incorporate elements into the facility that meet specific stakeholder needs.	To ensure that any concerns are understood and to publicly report on how feedback will impact the facility going forward.

Levels of Engagement Corresponding to Levels of Impact

Organizations that were categorized as **High** or **Moderate** were engaged at the **Inform**, **Consult** and **Involve** level.

Organizations that were categorized as **Minor** were engaged at the **Inform** and **Consult** levels.

Given that the impact to the public was classified as **Various** and the importance of developing an inclusive process to engage all St. Albertans, these public stakeholders were engaged at the **Inform** and **Consult** and **Involve** level. In practicality, as explained above, this reflects the promise to thoroughly and attentively ensure concerns and suggestions were heard and acted on when possible.

Methods of Engagement

Active Communities utilized several different methods of engagement as follows:

Method of Engagement	Description
Public (Community) and Neighbourhood Engagement Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Active Communities regarding the project (<i>Inform</i>) • Comments, Question & Answers (<i>Consult</i>) • Discussion (<i>Involve</i>)
Public (Community) and Neighbourhood Post-Session Survey	Following the Public (Community) and Neighbourhood Engagement Sessions, participants were sent a link to a brief survey where they were provided with an additional opportunity to provide input. These follow-up surveys were open for 48 hours following each session and ensured that all participants' voices were heard.
Stakeholder Group Engagement Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Active Communities regarding the project (<i>Inform</i>) • Comments, Question & Answers (<i>Consult</i>) • Engagement Questions and Discussion (<i>Involve</i>)
Engagement Session Summary Validation	Following each engagement session with High and Moderately impacted groups, participants were provided with a summary of the discussion for review. Participants were asked to validate the summaries to ensure accuracy and completeness. In cases where participants did not respond within two days, the meeting notes were considered as validated in absentia.
Information & Consultation Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Active Communities regarding the project (<i>Inform</i>) • Comments, Question & Answers (<i>Consult</i>)
Community Survey	A survey for all community members was launched on May 11, 2022 and promoted by Active Communities Alberta through various means. The survey was open for two and a half weeks and collected St. Albertans' views regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project, including their awareness of the project, comments about benefits and drawbacks, and their level of support. Demographic information was collected to assist in analyzing the 264 responses received.

Stakeholder List

The table below outlines the numerous Stakeholder Groups, along with their accompanying level of Project Impact, Level of Engagement and Method(s) of Engagement.

Stakeholder Group	Project Impact	Level of Engagement	Method of Engagement
St. Albert Residents	Various*	Inform, Consult and Involve (when possible)	Community Engagement Session / Post-Session Survey / Community Survey
St. Albert Neighbours (Forest Lawn, Sturgeon Heights and Braeside)	Various*	Inform, Consult and Involve (when possible)	Neighbourhood Engagement Session / Post-Session Survey / Community Survey
St. Albert Minor Hockey Association	High	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Pickleball Club	High	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Association	High	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Ringette Association	High	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert-Sturgeon Metis Local #1904	Moderate	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club	Moderate	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Skating Centre	Moderate	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Special Olympics	Moderate	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert and Area Sports Organizations (Invitees included the remainder of St. Albert's community-based sports leagues and organizations from the City of St. Albert website)	Minor	Inform and Consult	Large Group Information & Consultation Session (Presentation and Q&A)
St. Albert Business Community (Invitees included: St. Albert Economic Sustainability Advisory Board, St. Albert Chamber of Commerce and former St. Albert COVID Recovery Task Force members)	Minor	Inform and Consult	Large Group Information & Consultation Session (Presentation and Q&A)
St. Albert Youth Advisory Council	Minor	Inform and Consult	Information & Consultation Session (Presentation and Q&A)

*Note: 'Various' impact refers to some Residents and Neighbours being impacted by the project to varying degrees ranging from Minor to High.

8. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Neighbourhood Engagement Session

To provide residents in closest proximity to the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub with an opportunity to learn more about the project and share their views, Active Communities hosted a Neighbourhood Engagement Session on May 17, 2022. The session was specifically promoted to residents of Forest Lawn, Sturgeon Heights and Braeside.



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub site with 100m radius denoted in yellow and Forest Lawn, Sturgeon Heights and Braeside neighbourhoods.

Promoting the Neighbourhood Engagement Session

Active Communities employed several tactics to raise awareness about the Neighbourhood Engagement Session. This included:

Delivering 2,782 Invitations to Forest Lawn, Sturgeon Heights and Braeside Residences

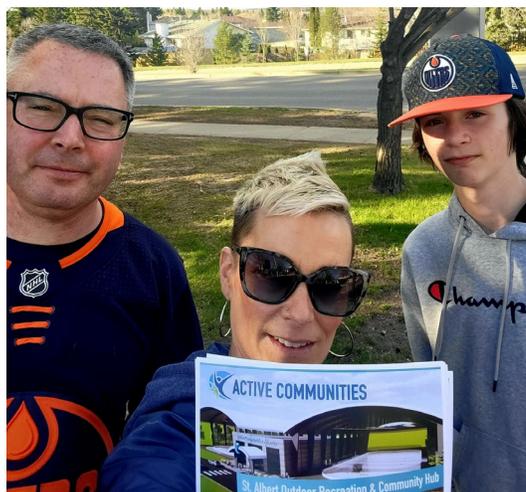
- Invitations were delivered to every residence in Forest Lawn, Sturgeon Heights and Braeside.
- A team of over 25 volunteers hand delivered 2,782 invitations requiring over 35 hours of effort.
- The flyers provided a phone number and email address to contact to register for the session.



Neighbourhood Engagement Session Invitation Handout



Neighbourhood Engagement Session Facebook Targeted Ad



A local family poses while volunteering to deliver Neighbourhood Engagement Session Invitation Handouts in May 2022.

Targeted Social Media Advertising with nearly 5,000 unique impressions

- Targeted social media advertising for residents of Forest Lawn, Sturgeon Heights and Braeside.
- Using Facebook and Instagram’s geolocating features, residents in those subdivisions received targeted invitations to the session.
- The targeted social media ads resulted in 4,916 distinct impressions.



Duration
3 days

Preview

Are you a resident of Forest Lawn, Braeside or Sturgeon Heights? We would love to have you join us for a virtual engagement session regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project. Register for the...

[Learn more](#)

Post on the Forest Lawn “Community” Facebook Group

- A specific Facebook group post in the Forest Lawn “community” Facebook group. Specific post view/impression statistics are not available as Active Communities is not the moderator/owner of the group.

*Neighbourhood Engagement Session
Forest Lawn Facebook Group Post*

Forest Lawn Neighbours - St. Albert
Matt Bécigneul · 18h · 🌐

Hello Forest Lawn residents,

On behalf of [Active Communities Alberta](#), you're invited to participate in a virtual Engagement Session on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:30 pm regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project.

Every household in the neighborhood received the attached flyer but we wanted to post here as well.

We're also conducting a public engagement survey. The link to the survey, and additional information about the project, is available at [ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca](#).

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub
A year round facility for the community, by the community

NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT SESSION
A special session for the residents of Forest Lawn, Braeside and Sturgeon Heights to share your input

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
7:30 PM VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
We want to hear from you

REGISTER
BY EMAIL OR TEXT
info@ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca
or text 780-691-8014

After registering you will receive a confirmation message with a link to attend the meeting.

A YEAR ROUND FACILITY FOR ALL AGES

Public (Community) Engagement Session

To provide all St. Albert residents with an opportunity to learn about and share views on the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub, Active Communities hosted a Public Engagement Session on May 19, 2022.

Promoting the Public (Community) Engagement Session

Active Communities employed several tactics to promote the Public Engagement Session, including:

St. Albert Gazette Advertisements with Total Circulation of 39,418

- Two advertisements in the local newspaper (St. Albert Gazette) for consecutive weeks leading up to the session (May 11 and May 18).
- The Gazette has weekly circulation in St. Albert of 19,709. Therefore, during the 2-week period approximately 39,418 newspapers were delivered in St. Albert that contained our Public Engagement Session advertisement.
- These advertisements were entirely paid for by Active Communities.
- The advertisements provided a phone number and email address to contact to register for the session.

Public Engagement Session Advertisement

St. Albert Gazette Ad May 11, 2022

St. Albert Gazette Ad May 18, 2022

Social Media Advertising Promoting the Public Engagement Session with nearly 15,000 views

- Targeted social media advertising for all St. Albert residents was used to promote the Public Engagement Session.
- Using Facebook and Instagram’s geolocation features, residents in St. Albert received targeted advertising inviting them to the Public Engagement Session.
- The targeted social media ads resulted in 14,916 distinct impressions.

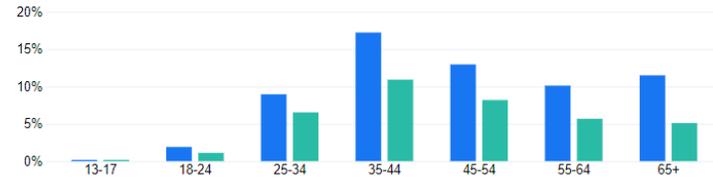
Reach ⓘ **14,916**

Audience

This ad reached **14,916** people in your audience.

People Placements Locations

62.5% Women 37.5% Men



Duration
3 days

Preview

St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub - Public Engagement Session! We invite you to attend a virtual engagement session on May 19. Register for the session by emailing info@ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca...



[Learn more](#)

9. COMMUNITY SURVEY

Active Communities recognized that not all parties would have the opportunity to participate in one of our public engagement or stakeholder engagement sessions. Therefore, we believed it was important that a survey be conducted to understand all perspectives and receive feedback on the project (See Appendix 10).

Survey Format

The survey was conducted using an online survey management platform (SurveyMonkey). The cost of this subscription was paid for by Active Communities.

Survey questions were grouped into demographic, project awareness, facility use, benefits/drawbacks, and level of support categories. The following is a summary of the question groups and overview of the question. Exact question wording is in the “Results” section of this report and in Appendix 10.

Question Group	Question Overview
Demographics	Respondent age category
	Number of people residing in their household
	Ages of each household member
	Subdivision they reside in
Project Awareness	Describe awareness of the project
	How have they learned about the project
	Have they attended previous information sessions on the project
Facility Use	How does their household anticipate using the facility
Benefits / Drawbacks	What do they feel are the benefits associated with the facility
	What do they feel are the drawbacks associated with the facility
	Suggestions on how to address drawbacks identified
Level of Support	Indicate level of support for the project (score of 0-10)
	Why they feel that way about their level of support

Respondents were provided with an (optional) opportunity to provide their contact information at the conclusion of the survey.

Survey Promotion

Active Communities used a variety of means to “get the word out” about the survey and encourage people to participate.

- The survey link was posted on the main page of the Active Communities website in a prominent position at the top of the page.
- The survey was mentioned in Active Communities’ newspaper and social media advertisements. Potential respondents were directed to the Active Communities website for the survey link.
 - The newspaper circulation was more than 39,000 over the two-week period and the number of social media advertisement impressions were nearly 15,000.
- The opportunity to complete the survey was also mentioned at the Neighbourhood and Public Engagement sessions to encourage the public to complete the survey.
- A reminder to complete the survey was also posted on our social media channels in advance of it closing. This generated over 3,800 views.



9. ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

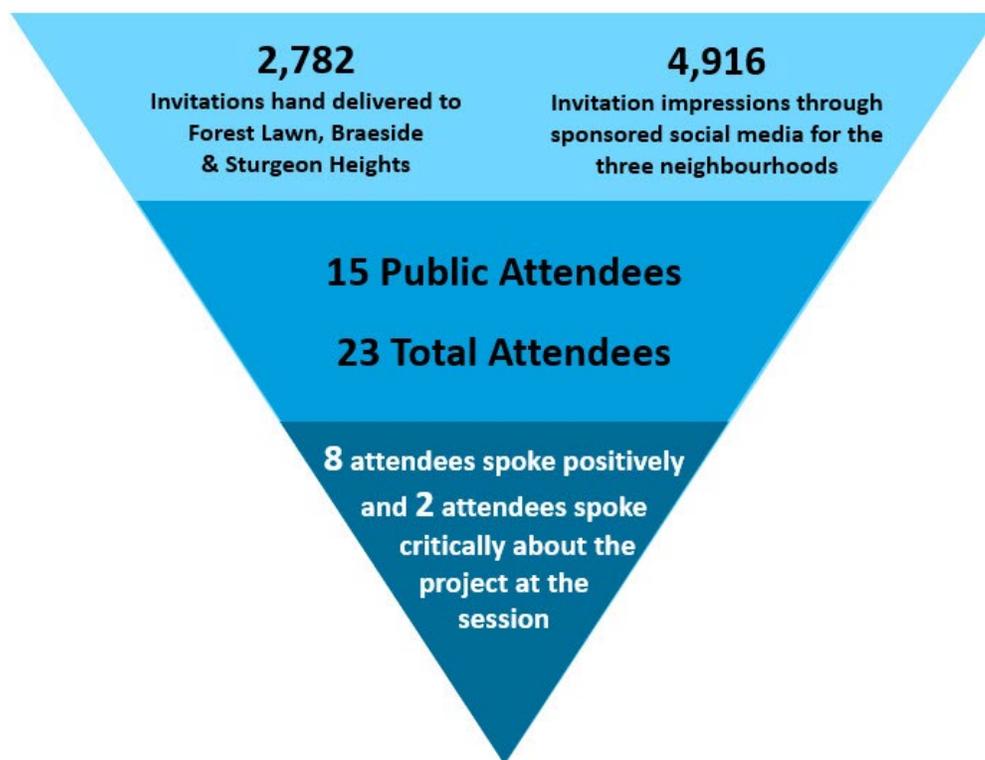
Neighbourhood Engagement Session

The Neighbourhood Engagement Session was held on May 17, 2022. There were 15 members of the public present and a total of 23 attendees overall.

Active Communities began the session with a Land Acknowledgement and followed this with a presentation. The presentation provided an overview of Active Communities, its non-profit operating model, examples of similar projects that have thrived elsewhere in North America, and information about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub including its amenities, location, access to the site and parking.

Following the presentation, session participants were invited to provide comments or ask any questions that they had. During the discussion, eight members of the public made specific positive comments about the project; two attendees expressed concerns. A summary of questions and comments from the Neighbourhood session as well as results of the post-session survey is below.

Neighbourhood Engagement Session, By the Numbers



Organization/Category	# of Attendees
Active Communities	7
City of St. Albert	1
Public	15
Total	23

Breakdown of Neighbourhood Engagement Session attendees

Summary of Questions & Answers and Comments

During the Neighbourhood Engagement Session, participants had the opportunity to make comments and ask any questions about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. The discussion is summarized in the following table.

Speaker 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker 1 expressed thanks to Active Communities and its volunteers. The commenter expressed that the presentation was very professional and comprehensive.• The Speaker indicated that facilities like the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub are what attracts people to St. Albert as a great place to live.• The Speaker indicated they were a former hockey parent and that they see the facility decreasing highway driving on winter roads which will decrease risks for St. Albert families.• The Speaker also indicated they were impressed that the facility will not cost taxpayers money to operate once it is built.• The Speaker felt the facility would help keep kids engaged and out of trouble, making the entire community safer.
Speaker 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker 2 indicated that they felt the project was “great” but expressed concern with the location. They felt that the northern part of St. Albert was underserved. The speaker also commented that they felt the request by Active Communities of the City of St. Albert would have a significant impact on property taxes that are already set to increase in 2022-23.• Speaker 2 also asked several questions: <p><i>Question 1 – What are the dimensions of the facility?</i></p> <p><u>Active Communities Response:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The building footprint is expected to be approximately 60,000 square feet and site approximately 1.6 acres.• The land is owned by St. Albert Public Schools and their Board made the decision to enter into a 35-year lease with Active Communities. <p><i>Question 2 – Up to what temperature can the kids play? Will weather impact the facility?</i></p> <p><u>Active Communities Response:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active Communities expects that there will be the equivalent of several weeks each year that the facility will be unavailable due to inclement weather.• Active Communities conducted a weather analysis as it developed its business case. This analysis looked at over 50,000 weather data points from the St. Albert Weather Station over a five-year period.• This is the nature of an outdoor facility and other sports (soccer, baseball, football, etc.) are flexible around mother nature and adjust their programming in response• We plan to use some of the mitigations that these other sports use. For example, scheduling placeholders (“make-up” times) in case planned activities need to be rescheduled.• Given that we don’t expect the facility to be fully booked, there will be the ability to reschedule missed activities due to weather.

Speaker 2 - Continued

Question 3 – Who will take care of the shifting of the walking path?

Active Communities Response:

- Active Communities will look after addressing the walking path to ensure there is a path through the green space for everyone to use and enjoy.

Question 4 – Concern was expressed about school use of parking lots during evenings and weekends. The speaker felt that there was not sufficient parking.

Active Communities Response:

- Active Communities feels strongly that the nearly 400 parking spots available will be more than enough to accommodate regular facility use during peak times. For comparison, Iginla and Kinex Arenas have 250 parking stalls in total.

Active Communities Response to Location Concerns:

- Active Communities evaluated multiple city-owned sites with the support of St. Albert administration and considered sites from all four quadrants of St. Albert
- The City of St. Albert advised Active Communities that it would be best to pursue non-city land for this project
- Active Communities commenced conversations with St. Albert Public Schools which led to a lease agreement for the site where the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub will be located.

Active Communities Response to Tax Concerns:

- Active Communities has raised over \$4 million from its fundraising efforts and has secured a lease agreement valued at approximately \$4 million. This means that Active Communities is bringing over \$8 million towards an approximate \$10 million project.
 - The \$1.5 million request to the City of St. Albert represents approximately 15% of the total project value and is a good deal for the city and taxpayers alike.
 - Amortizing a contribution of \$1.5 million over a period of 20 years is equivalent to a few dollars per year per household.
 - Active Communities is not seeking any funding from the City of St. Albert for ongoing facility operations and the business case supports this.

Speaker 3

- Speaker 3 expressed concerns about parking, traffic, fumes, mischief, the walking path and noise.
- Speaker 3 also expressed concerns about child safety crossing Sir Winston Churchill Avenue and that school drop off and pick up resulted in significant fumes from idling and parents blocking their driveway in Forest Lawn. Speaker 3 also cited mischief at Fountain Park Pool and Servus Place and suggested that the facility would be better suited for northern St. Albert or at Servus Place.
- The speaker also indicated that noise at the Alpine pickleball court had caused issues and that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub being close to residences would be noisy.

Active Communities Response:

- Active Communities heard the concerns with the school daytime parking along residential streets in Forest Lawn. Active Communities indicated that they had spoken with several residents along Falcon Crescent while delivering flyers.
- Active Communities indicated that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub will not address the parking issues associated with Paul Kane High School but that it will not make those issues worse.

Speaker 3 – Continued

Active Communities Response – Continued:

- Active Communities indicated that the City of St. Albert has an idling bylaw to deal to address vehicle fumes. It was discussed that unfortunately some fumes and idling are realities of living in our winter climate.
- With respect to noise, Active Communities committed to continuing to work with its architect in designing the facility to mitigate concerns due to light, noise and mischief.
- With respect to mischief specifically, Active Communities expressed its commitment to crime prevention through environmental design and to liaise with local law enforcement.
- Active Communities stated that they want to be “good neighbours.”
- Active Communities pointed out that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is almost ten times further away from residences in comparison with the Alpine pickleball courts and that it is committed to exploring noise mitigation opportunities.
- With respect to parking and traffic, Active Communities indicated that Sir Winston Churchill Avenue is a four-lane arterial road and that the facility will have more than enough parking with access to close to 400 stalls. It was pointed out that in comparison the parking lot at Jarome Iginla and Kinex Arenas has 250 parking stalls.

Speaker 4 (via written comments in zoom chat)

- Speaker 4 was supportive of the project and asked about operating costs and the reserve fund.

Question 1 – Does Active Communities have plan for managing operating costs?

Active Communities Response:

- Active Communities worked with several other facilities in North America to gain a thorough understanding of their financials to build its business case.
- Active Communities commented that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub will operate on a self-sustaining basis without ongoing taxpayer support.
- The Province of Alberta and St. Albert Public Schools have reviewed the business case in depth and found it to be very sound as evidenced by the funding support and long-term lease, respectively. The business case is being reviewed by an independent third-party as part of the City Council motion of January 31, 2022 related to Active Communities’ funding request.

Question 2 – Is there a capital replacement fund?

Active Communities Response:

- Active Communities confirmed that its business case includes a Capital Reserve Fund to be allocated for replacement of capital infrastructure. Active Communities indicated that the Capital Reserve contribution percentage is in the range of 15% of operating costs.
- Active Communities plans to maintain the facility to a very high standard.

Speaker 5

- Speaker 5 indicated that they were very supportive of the project and liked the location. They commented that coming out of the pandemic, the facility will be great for youth and families in getting active again. They indicated appreciation for the information presented and hoped the facility would be completed very soon.

Speaker 6 (via written comments in zoom chat)

- Speaker 6 indicated that they were supportive of the project and wanted to know about costs for user groups.

Active Communities Response:

- One of the core objectives of the Active Communities Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is to make recreation affordable for families in order to support and encourage participation.
- Active Communities anticipates that its ice rental fees will be in-line with the subsidized rate currently available to minor sports teams who book City of St. Albert ice times.
- This makes the ice time much more affordable than the market rates that user groups are paying at other facilities (which was noted at up to \$300-\$400 per hour by St. Albert Minor Hockey representatives in a subsequent stakeholder session).

Speaker 7 (via written comments in zoom chat)

- Speaker 7 commented in the chat that they are supportive of the project.

Speaker 8 (via written comments in zoom chat)

- Speaker 8 commented in the chat that they are supportive of the facility and look forward to using it.

Speaker 9 (via written comments in zoom chat)

- Speaker 9 commented in the chat that they like the project.

Speaker 10 (via written comments in zoom chat)

- Speaker 10 commented that they are excited to use the facility and appreciated the information.

Post Session Survey

Following the Neighbourhood Engagement Session, attendees were sent a follow-up survey to provide an opportunity to ask additional questions or provide input. The survey also gauged whether each participant's impression had changed as a result of the information presented and the ensuing discussion.

Of the fifteen public attendees that attended the Neighbourhood Engagement Session, three responded to the post-session survey. The responses to the survey are below:

Q1. Did you increase your knowledge about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

All three respondents responded "yes."

Q2. Having had the opportunity to participate in the Neighbourhood Engagement Session, we'd like to know if your perception of the project has changed. Which of the following statements best describes your impression of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub?

- One respondent indicated that their impression of the project had improved.
- One respondent indicated their impression had remained the same
- One respondent indicated that their impression had declined.

Q3. Do you have concerns with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project that you do not feel were addressed during the presentation or Question & Answer session? If so, please tell us what they are.

- One respondent asked if there would be additional sessions. They expressed that they felt one session did not encompass all residents.
- One respondent said the project would bring unwanted individuals to the neighbourhood.

Q4. As the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project moves forward to construction and operation, are there any specific elements that you feel we should consider to ensure the facility is the best that it can possibly be?

- One respondent implored Active Communities to remain engaged with surrounding homes saying that increased noise and traffic are genuine concerns that must remain a priority for Active Communities.
- One respondent indicated that Active Communities must ensure adequate security is in place.

Q5. Is there anything else that you would like to bring to our attention?

- One respondent indicated “while it may be free land for Active Communities, it is also park space and free land for community. The change will no longer make it free land.”
- One respondent indicated that “it would be great to have "parent" sessions for many of the younger families that could potentially benefit the greatest by the facility.”

Active Communities Response:

We don't see ongoing engagement with the community as having a defined start and end date. We plan to continue to engage with residents of these neighbourhoods throughout the project and when the facility is operating. Resident input will continue to be given genuine consideration by our organization. We trust, taken together, these actions will satisfy the comments mentioned about staying engaged.

We recognize that many residents use the field space (which is owned by St. Albert Public Schools); there will still be substantial space remaining in the field even with our project built. The School Board did its due diligence and made a public decision to enter into the lease agreement that would see a portion of their land utilized for our facility.

We heard from residents concerned about traffic, parking, noise and security. We strongly believe that our project has taken these issues into consideration to date, and we remain committed to listening and engaging as we move forward. Our commitment is to be a good neighbour and we will ensure these concerns continue to be monitored even when the facility is operational.

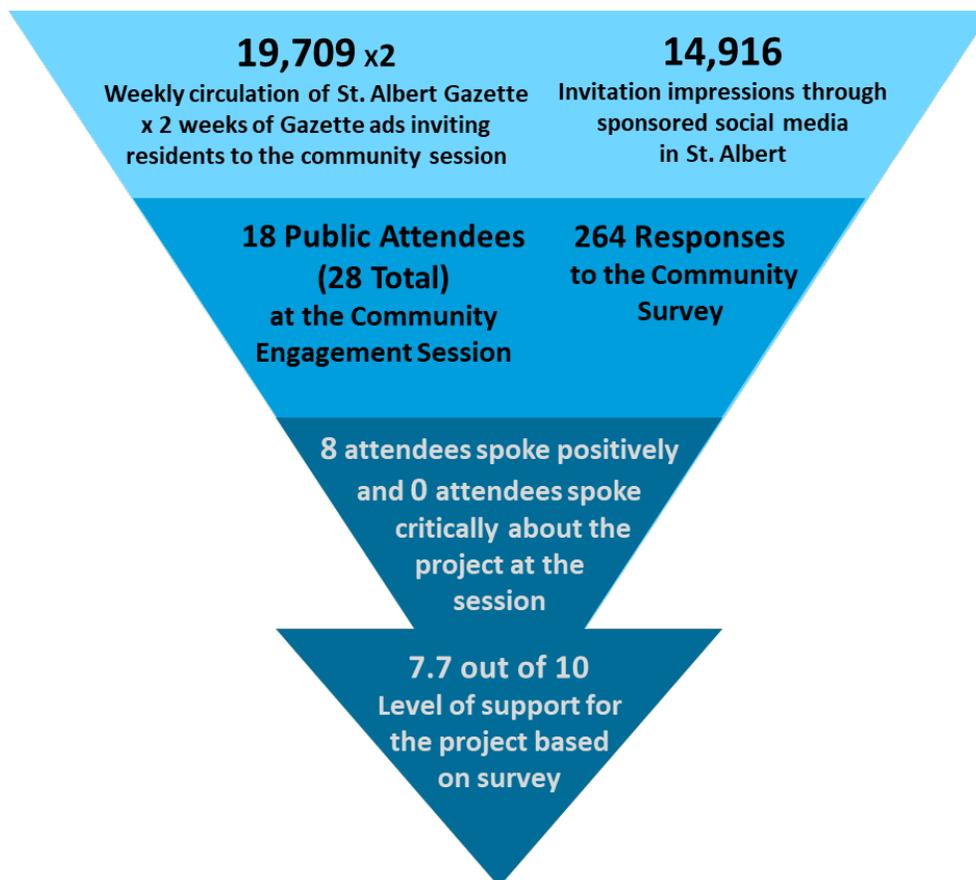
Public (Community) Engagement Session

The Public (Community) Engagement Session was held on May 19, 2022. There were 18 members of the public present and a total of 28 attendees overall.

Active Communities began the session with a Land Acknowledgement and followed this with a presentation. The presentation provided an overview of Active Communities, its non-profit operating model, examples of similar projects that have thrived elsewhere in North America, and information about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub including its amenities, location, access to the site and parking.

Following the presentation, session participants were invited to provide comments or ask any questions that they have. During the discussion, eight members of the public made specific positive comments about the project; there were no attendees that expressed concerns. A summary of questions and comments from the Community session as well as results of the post-session survey is below.

Community Engagement Session, By the Numbers



Organization/Category	# of Attendees
Active Communities	8
City of St. Albert	2
Public	18
Total	28

Breakdown of Community Engagement Session attendees

Summary of Questions & Answers and Comments

During the Community Engagement Session, participants had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. The discussion is summarized in the following table.

Speaker 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker 1 expressed happiness that the project is moving forward and that the project is “Amazing for the St. Albert community, both for kids in sports and in the neighbourhood.”• The speaker indicated that there is “Not enough ice in St. Albert” and that teams are constantly travelling to find ice. They expressed their support for “keeping our money in the community.”• The Speaker indicated that they didn’t realize how many summer uses the facility would have and commented that it was a great surprise to learn.
Speaker 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker 2 made the following comments:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ “It looks like a great facility” and they are “really excited to use it with his family.”○ “Outdoor recreation is what St. Albert is all about.”• The Speaker was pleased to see that the refrigerated ice season would last for six months and be maintained by a Zamboni. They commented that over the past couple years, the natural ice at St. Albert outdoor rinks was often unusable and that it presented “safety issues.”
Speaker 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker 3 felt the facility is “fantastic” and applauded that there is no wasted space.• The Speaker indicated that the facility will make “winter sports much more attainable.” They indicated that they live near a natural outdoor rink location and could only skate outside on a handful of days, citing poor ice conditions.• The Speaker thanked Active Communities for being “trailblazers” and expected that this facility would be the “first of many” in the region.
Speaker 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker 4 indicated that they had used a similar facility in New Jersey and that it was “fantastic.” They indicated the ice was used by all ages from young children to college-level players. They specifically mentioned that the professionally maintained ice was excellent.• The Speaker indicated that they were a minor hockey coach and that their team had signed up for outdoor, natural ice but found the conditions quite poor and often unusable and unsafe, resulting in fewer opportunities to get on the ice.
Speaker 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker 5 made the following comment: “Great project for building community and for providing a new hub for recreation.” They indicated that they are “100% supportive” and appreciated the hard work of the Active Communities team.

Speaker 6 (via written comments in zoom chat)

- Speaker 6 commented in the chat that they are supportive of the project.

Speaker 7

- Speaker 7 expressed support for the facility saying it was “fantastic” and that “[their] grandkids are excited about this.”
- The Speaker commended Active Communities for its due diligence regarding parking and expressed that the facility will have “more than enough.”
- The Speaker indicated that the model “just makes sense” and that “cities don’t need to build an enclosed building at several times the cost.”

Speaker 8 (via written question in zoom chat)

Question 1 – Has Active Communities spoken with other operators of similar facilities?

Active Communities Response:

- Active Communities confirmed that it has liaised extensively with several similar facilities across North America and that those discussions have been invaluable to establishing the vision of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub and in developing a thorough and accurate business case.
- Active Communities also indicated that these other operators have provided operational guidance and intelligence and have corroborated the fact that these facilities are truly community hubs with high demand for multiple recreation activities year-round.

Post Session Survey

Following the Public Engagement Session, attendees were sent a follow-up survey to provide an opportunity to ask additional questions or provide input. The survey also gauged whether each participant’s impression had changed as a result of the information presented and the ensuing discussion.

Of the eighteen members of the public that attended the Public Engagement Session, ten responded to the post-session survey. The responses to the survey are below:

Q1. Did you increase your knowledge about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

All 10 respondents answered “yes.”

Q2. Having had the opportunity to participate in the Public Engagement Session, we’d like to know if your perception of the project has changed. Which of the following statements best describes your impression of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub?

- Seven respondents indicated that their impression of the project had improved.
- Three respondents indicated their impression had remained the same.
- No respondents indicated that their impression had declined.

Q3. Do you have concerns with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project that you do not feel were addressed during the presentation or Question & Answer session? If so, please tell us what they are.

- Of the eight respondents who answered this question, five indicated that they had no concerns.
- One respondent indicated that parking and noise were concerns that they hope will continue to be addressed.
- One respondent inquired as to whether a fitness centre could be included in the design.
- One respondent inquired about costs for public skating and whether they would be in-line with indoor public skating rates.
- One respondent made the following comment: “Wonderful opportunity for St. Albert! Other communities will be admiring the facility and will want their own!”

Q4. As the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project moves forward to construction and operation, are there any specific elements that you feel we should consider to ensure the facility is the best that it can possibly be?

- Of the ten responses to this question, four indicated “none” or “n/a.”
- Additional comments and suggestions include:
 - Roof orientation such that solar panels can be explored in the future and green scaping around the building to reduce noise and light.
 - Inclusion of a storage area for equipment for school academy programs.
 - Polished section of the recreation pad to accommodate dancing.
- One respondent inquired as to whether the facilities’ washrooms will be available to the public (other people recreating in the area).
- One respondent inquired as to whether Active Communities is keeping up with the latest technology in construction.

Q5. Is there anything else that you would like to bring to our attention?

- One respondent indicated “This is a solid, thorough plan and we appreciate the level of genuine community engagement throughout the process thus far. What a boost for the surrounding neighborhoods and the entire City of St. Albert.”
- Another respondent commented: “Great work ACA Board! Wishing you the best of success going forward.”

Active Communities Response:

We appreciate the great ideas that were shared through these responses. We have discussed orientation of the facility to make the roof conducive to solar panels in the future and will continue these conversations with our architect. We expect there will be free ice time and drop-in activities as well – and that drop-in activity rates would be similar to indoor facilities in St. Albert. It has been noted in our business case that washrooms will be available for both those using the facility and those recreating in the area, so the answer to this question is yes. We will keep the other comments in mind as we work with our architect on refining the design; there have been really great ideas shared that are definitely worth exploring.

Community Survey Results

Active Communities launched its Community Survey on May 11, 2022. The survey was live for 17 days and closed end of day on May 27, 2022. There were 264 respondents.

As referenced by a City Councillor at the January 31 Council meeting, St. Albert's proposal to cover and refrigerate Larose Outdoor Rink included public engagement activities. These public engagement activities came in the form of a neighbourhood meeting and an online survey. In comparison, that engagement was only focused on those neighbours who lived within 100 metres of the facility and resulted in 19 survey responses.

The format of our survey is similar to St. Albert's Larose Outdoor Rink survey (see Appendix 9). The Larose survey asked for demographic information, positive comments, negative comments, potential solutions for addressing concerns and anticipated facility usage. Our survey asked questions of similar themes, the results of which are listed below.

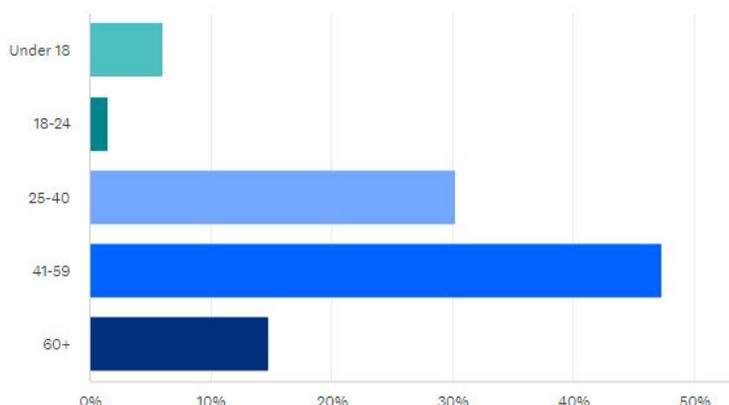
Q1 - Demographics – Respondent Age

Respondents were asked:

Which of the following age categories do you fit into?

The majority of respondents were in the 41-59 age range. The second highest response rate was among the 25-40 age cohort. There were also 16 responses from St. Albert youth. The table below depicts the respondents' age breakdown.

Category	Responses	Percentage
Under 18	16	6.1%
18-24	4	1.5%
25-40	80	30.3%
41-59	125	47.4%
60+	39	17.8%
Total	264	100%



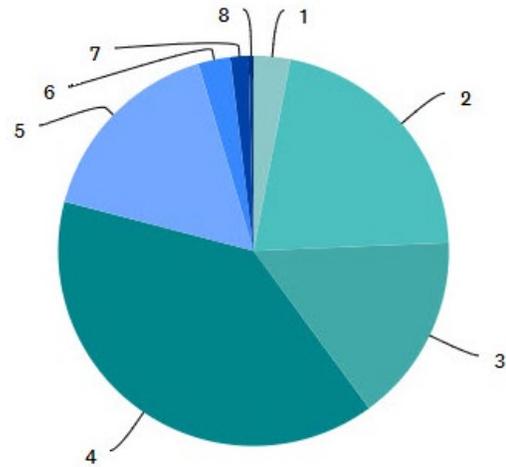
Q2 - Demographics – Household Composition (Residents)

Respondents were asked:

Including yourself, how many people reside in your household?

The most common household size was a family of four, followed by couples. Families of three and five were also fairly common. The breakdown of respondent household composition is below.

Number of people in household	Responses	Percentage
1	8	3.0%
2	56	21.3%
3	41	15.6%
4	103	39.2%
5	43	16.4%
6	7	2.7%
7	4	1.5%
8	1	0.4%
Total	263	100%



Q3 – Demographics – Household Composition (ages)

Respondents were asked:

Including yourself, what are the ages of these members of your household? Please select from the categories provided next to each household member.

Key takeaways from this question were:

- The vast majority of respondents have members of their household who are under the age of 18. Over half of the survey respondents reported having two or three children (135).
- The majority of respondents cited having one or two adults in their household between the ages of 41-59 (156).
- Ninety-seven respondents cited having one or two adults between the ages of 25-40 in their household.
- Forty respondents cited having one or two adults aged 60 and above in their household.

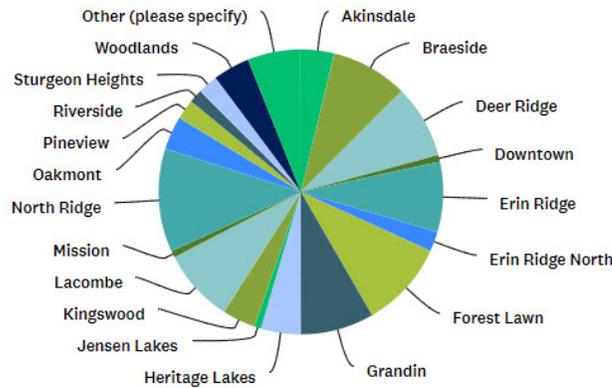
Q4 - Demographics – Subdivision

Respondents were asked:

Which subdivision do you reside in?

The highest number of respondents came from North Ridge, Forest Lawn and Braeside. The breakdown of respondents’ subdivisions is in the table below. Of those who answered “other,” most common were Sturgeon County (7) and Edmonton (6).

Subdivision	Responses	Percentage	Subdivision	Responses	Percentage
Akinsdale	10	3.8%	Kingswood	10	3.8%
Braeside	23	8.7%	Lacombe	22	8.3%
Deer Ridge	22	8.3%	Mission	2	0.8%
Downtown	2	0.8%	North Ridge	31	11.7%
Erin Ridge	21	8.0%	Oakmont	10	3.8%
Erin Ridge North	6	2.3%	Pineview	6	2.3%
Forest Lawn	26	9.9%	Riverside	4	1.5%
Grandin	22	8.3%	Sturgeon Heights	6	2.3%
Heritage Lakes	12	4.6%	Woodlands	11	4.2%
Inglewood	0	0%	Other	16	6.1%
Jensen Lakes	2	0.8%	Total	264	100%



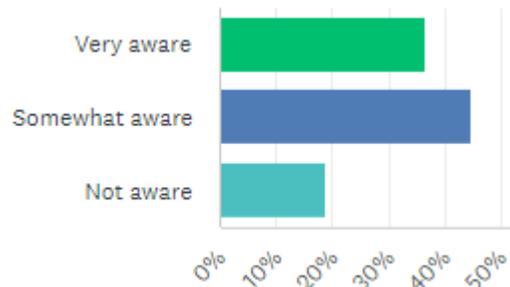
Q5-7 - Project Awareness

Respondents were asked:

How would you describe your awareness of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

The majority of respondents were “Very Aware” or “Somewhat Aware” of the project. Of the 225 individuals that responded to the question, only 18.8% of respondents were “Not Aware” of the project. The breakdown is depicted below.

Awareness	Responses	Percentage
Very Aware	93	36.5%
Somewhat Aware	114	44.7%
Not Aware	48	18.8%
Total	225	100%



Respondents were also asked:

How have you learned about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub? Please select all that apply.

The majority of respondents indicated that they had heard about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub through word of mouth and social media. The breakdown of responses is depicted below.

Source	Responses
Word of Mouth	143
Social Media	133
Local Newspaper	119
Website	51
Mailbox Flyer	32
Other	24
Total	502

Respondents were also asked:

Have you attended a previous public engagement session regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub?

The majority of respondents indicated that they had not attended a previous engagement session. The breakdown is depicted below.

Source	Responses
Yes	46
No	209
Total	255

Q8 - Facility Use

Respondents were asked:

How do you or members of your family anticipate utilizing the facility?

Two hundred fifty respondents answered this question. Respondents were permitted to select multiple responses.

The most frequently cited activities were “Public Skating” (159), “Hockey” (129) and “Drop-in Shinny” (111). Only 27 of the 250 respondents who answered this question indicated that they would not use the facility (“None of the Above”). The results are depicted in the table below.

Activity	Responses	Percentage	Activity	Responses	Percentage
Public Skating	159	63.6%	Roller Skating	49	19.6%
Hockey	129	51.6%	Boarded Soccer	43	17.2%
Drop-in Shinny	111	44.4%	Baseball (on turf)	37	14.8%
Community Events	87	34.8%	Lacrosse	31	12.4%
Ball Hockey	87	34.8%	None of the Above	27	10.8%
Basketball	81	32.4%	Ringette	21	8.4%
School Programming	78	31.2%	Other	15	6.0%
Pickleball	68	27.2%	Special Olympics	14	5.6%
Birthday Parties	61	24.4%	Figure Skating	11	4.4%

Q9 - Benefits

Respondents were asked:

“What do you feel are the benefits associated with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub?”

There were 204 responses to this question that were collected in an open-ended format.

All 204 responses were reviewed and qualitatively analyzed; keywords and themes became evident.

The most frequently mentioned benefit theme was the concept of active families and opportunities for increased recreation and activity for kids and families. There were 118 responses that included comments to this effect.

The second most commonly cited benefit was increased ice for winter sports.

Other frequent themes were that the facility would provide and enhance community gathering, less out-of-town travel for recreation and minor sports and school use.

Only eight respondents cited “no benefits” or a related sentiment. Eight respondents specifically cited the location of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub as a benefit, while three comments cited the location as poor.

A few specific comments about the benefits cited are provided below for additional context:

Comment	Responses
Active families; opportunities for recreation options for kids	118
Increased ice space	69
Community gathering	29
Less out-of-town travel	17
Schools; programming	16
Non-profit, lower cost, visionary model	14
Much needed. Excitement/amazing	14
Covered – protected from elements	11
Specific mental health/Covid recovery benefits	8
Walkability; nearby	8
Good location	8
No benefits; not needed	8
Unique facility	5
Increase neighbourhood attractiveness	4
Poor location	3

Theme 1 – Active families; opportunities for recreation options for kids

“Healthy lifestyles build healthy kids and healthy kids grow into healthy adults who build healthy communities.”

“Encouraging kids and families to be active together, growing the community and providing a space for people to gather in a fun and safe way”

“I think extending opportunities for outdoor activities is essential.”

Theme 2 – Increased ice space

"I am a long-time minor hockey coach in St. Albert and my son's teams typically spend between \$8,000-\$10,000 per year (per team) for extra practice ice in neighbouring rural arenas. The ice times aren't ideal, often requiring taking kids out of school early and typically driving on icy highways in risky (dark) conditions. This proposed facility will offer new opportunities for practice, exhibition and tournament ice at a fraction of the \$200-\$250 per hour rates we're paying elsewhere."

"We desperately need more ice and this will provide good practice ice and ice for tournaments and teams."

"Definitely need more ice surfaces in St Albert."

Theme 3 – Community gathering

"This facility will bring together community and we need more facilities like this for our sports groups, school groups, etc."

"A place to connect and build community."

"Promotes community, friendship, exercise, healthy living, and it is needed for youth sports in StA."

General Comments

"I couldn't be more excited about this facility... I see this facility being used by my family, friends and fellow community members EXTENSIVELY for a variety of activities."

"This is a wonderful addition to our community"

"That it is a facility that my family will use year round for many sports and activities. That it is nearby a number of schools with thousands of students that will benefit. I like that taxpayers won't be on the hook for costs of operating the facility."

"We need this. Our community needs this. What a great opportunity that will benefit everyone."

Opposing views – No benefits

"I don't feel a benefit"

"No benefits."

Q10 - Drawbacks

Respondents were asked:

“What do you feel are the drawbacks associated with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub?”

There were 201 responses to this question that were collected in an open-ended format.

All 201 responses were reviewed and qualitatively analyzed; keywords and themes became evident.

The most frequently mentioned response was that there were no drawbacks associated with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. Sixty-one responses indicated “none,” “N/A” or “no drawbacks.”

As for actual drawbacks cited, the most frequently mentioned were cost, parking and traffic/congestion cited 25, 24 and 19 times respectively.

Comment	Responses
None; n/a; no drawbacks	61
Cost	25
Parking	24
Traffic/congestion	19
Loss of space	14
Poor location	11
Weather; cold	10
Noise	9
Loss of baseball diamond	5
Maintenance	4
Supervision/security	4
Crime/mischief	3
Fair usage	3
Win/win	2

A few specific comments about the drawbacks cited are provided below for additional context:

Theme 1 – No drawbacks

“I think it will be used so much, that we will want another one! No drawbacks !!”

“No drawbacks, as it’s a win win for the city, not having to maintain the facility.”

“None whatsoever. Bishop St is already busy for cars but that’s a given. This won’t make it any worse. The fact the facility is close to St. Albert Trail and Green Grove Dr to Churchill makes it an ideal location.”

“None. These types of innovative facilities are sorely needed and I think any concerns that have been presented in the media or letters to the editor about parking are overblown.”

Theme 2 – Cost

“Additional tax dollars for residents... Cost of ongoing operations.”

“Cost of taxes going up”

“Cost”

Theme 3 – Parking

“Where do you think people will park?”

“Cars already cut through and park in our neighbourhood to get to the existing facilities and this will make it worse.”

Theme 4 – Traffic/congestion

“There is already too much traffic in the area and there have been many close calls with the number of kids in the area and the current traffic volume.”

“Entrance onto to Forest Drive is dangerous and meeting oncoming traffic often a challenge.”

General Comments

“Potential cancellations of events due to extremely cold weather but foresee this happening only a few days each year.”

“Loss of green space.”

“Big drawback if [sic] the baseball diamonds are taken away and no other built. We desperately need diamonds for Fastball for girls.”

Active Communities Comments Response

We recognize that there are trade-offs to any development and appreciate the comments shared above. Many of these comments have been addressed elsewhere in this report and we encourage readers to view those more detailed responses. Our responses include that the facility will be self-sustaining without the need for ongoing taxpayer subsidization and that the available parking stalls are far above what is required to meet peak demand.

It is important to note that loss of the ball diamond is not actually an impact of this project. St. Albert Public Schools has confirmed that, because of its close proximity to the new Paul Kane High School, the ball diamond was going to be decommissioned regardless of our facility.

The comments provided in the survey will continue to be considered as we move forward with this project. It is our goal to minimize the negative impacts of this facility and we are committed to being a “good neighbour.”

Q11 – Mitigation of Drawbacks

Respondents were asked:

If you indicated that there are drawbacks associated with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub, do you have any suggestions or input on how those drawbacks could be mitigated?

Only 140 respondents answered this question. Forty-three of the responses were “no” or “N/A.” Of the remaining 97 responses, there were a variety of suggestions for mitigation of drawbacks. The most commonly cited suggestions were to find a different location (7); ensure a scheduling model that provides for a variety of user groups, including the public (6); managing costs through sponsorships and other revenue (6) and ensuring sufficient parking is available, including a suggestion to charge users or introduce park and ride options (5).

Individuals suggesting an alternate location proposed the following areas of St. Albert: North St. Albert, Riel Park, West St. Albert, Servus Place parking lot and the field behind St. Albert Catholic High School.

Q12 - Level of support

Respondents were asked:

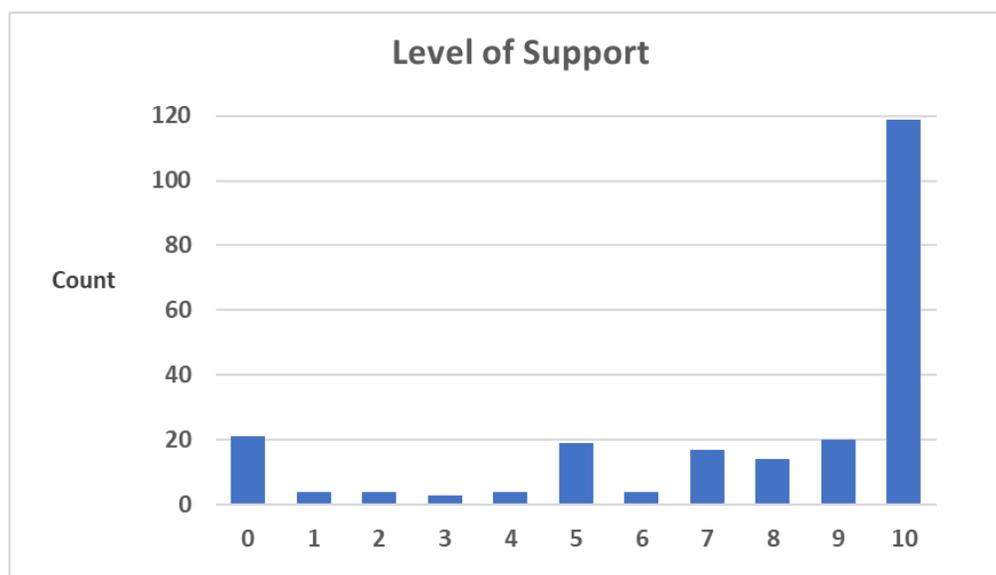
Please indicate your level of support for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub using the sliding scale below? (0-10)

There were 229 responses to the question. Of those that answered the question:

- 119 gave the project a level of support rating of 10 out of 10.
- 20 gave the project a rating of 9 out of 10.
- 21 gave the project a level of support of 0 out of 10.

The median average was 10 out of 10 and the mean average was 7.7 out of 10; a 77% approval rating among the 229 respondents.

7.7/10



Q13 – Additional Clarity – level of support

Respondents were asked:

Please tell us why you feel this way.

There were 198 responses to this question that were collected in an open-ended format.

All 198 responses were reviewed and qualitatively analyzed; keywords and themes became evident.

The most frequently mentioned themes were that the facility will be beneficial to the community and is much needed for recreational space.

Other frequently cited positives were that the facility will address needs for ice, is cost-effective and supports mental health/COVID recovery.

Themes where concerns were expressed include concerns with traffic, congestion and parking and those not in favour of the location.

Comment	Responses
“Great idea”; beneficial to community; supports active community	88
Much Needed (non-ice related)	27
St. Albert needs ice; ice shortage	20
Good use of \$; cost effective	10
Specific mental health/Covid recovery benefits	8
Concern with traffic, congestion and/or parking	8
Concern with location	8
Concern with costs/taxes	6
Want a pool, rec centre or library	5
Takes away green space	5
Concern that facility will be hockey-centric	4
“win” or “win/win”	4
Good location	3
“No-brainer”	2
Unique facility	2
Increase community attractiveness	2
Innovative	2
Don’t need more ice/rinks	2

A few specific comments about the level of support cited are provided below for additional context:

Theme – Beneficial to community
<i>“The facility is unique, timely and much needed in St. Albert.</i>
<i>“This facility will provide additional opportunities for recreation in the community which are sorely lacking. The location is great too.”</i>
<i>“This is going to be great. I think all of the comments about parking and construction on social media are overblown. There’s plenty of parking and the construction will be temporary. I applaud the vision that this group has shown in doing this despite roadblocks by city council for many years.”</i>
<i>“This is a no - brainer - this facility will be awesome for the community!”</i>
<i>“It promotes community engagement and healthy lifestyles.”</i>
Theme – Concern with traffic, congestion and/or parking
<i>“The facility is a great idea but not in an already busy congested area.”</i>
<i>“There is not enough parking to support this project.”</i>

Stakeholder Engagement Sessions

Active Communities began each of the eight Stakeholder Engagement Sessions with a Land Acknowledgement. This was followed by a presentation. The presentation provided an overview of Active Communities, its non-profit operating model and examples of similar projects that have thrived elsewhere in North America. The presentation then provided an overview of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub including its amenities, location, access to the site and parking.

Following the presentation, session participants were invited to provide comments or ask any questions that they had.

The table below summarizes the questions that were raised as well as Active Communities' responses. The agendas, meeting materials and engagement session summaries are attached (see Appendix 11).

Question: What is the cost of the project?

Active Communities Response:

- The total value of the project is approximately \$10 million.
- The cost to construct the facility is approximately \$6 million.
- The value of land and parking that St. Albert Public Schools is contributing is approximately \$4 million
- Active Communities indicated it has raised over \$4 million towards construction and has requested \$1.5 million in additional funding from the City of St. Albert
- The contribution requested of St. Albert equates to approximately 15% of the total project value.

Question: What is the timeline for completing the project?

Active Communities Response:

- Construction is planned to commence in late 2022 and be completed in the summer of 2023.
- Facility opening is planned for the fall of 2023.

Question: Is Active Communities' original indoor "Sport & Community Campus" in North St. Albert off the table? (this question was raised by Pickleball and St. Albert Minor Hockey)

Active Communities Response:

- Active Communities acknowledged that its previous Sports & Community Campus project called for a large-scale indoor recreation facility in Northwest St. Albert.
- There was support from the City of St. Albert in providing \$20 million contingent upon Active Communities meeting certain conditions, including a value for money assessment. Ultimately the support for contributing the \$20 million was withdrawn shortly after the pandemic hit and following the completion of this assessment.
- As a result, Active Communities pivoted to look for alternate opportunities to support its mandate of providing recreation facilities to support the community, hence the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project.
- Active Communities recognizes that, while the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub can be part of the solution for recreation is needs in St. Albert, it is not the entire solution. We are aware that the City of St. Albert has also recently conducted a recreation needs assessment for recreation planning purposes.

Question: How will inclement weather at the outdoor facility be handled (winter and summer)?

Active Communities Response:

- Active Communities expects that there will be the equivalent of several weeks each year that the facility will be unavailable due to inclement weather.
- This is the nature of an outdoor facility and other sports (soccer, baseball, football, etc.) are flexible around mother nature and adjust their programming in response
- We plan to use some of the mitigations that these other sports use. For example, scheduling placeholders (“make-up” times) in case planned activities need to be rescheduled.
- Given that we don’t expect the facility to be fully booked, there will be the ability to reschedule missed activities due to weather.

Question: Will the facility include exterior walls?

Active Communities Response:

- Active Communities indicated that it is not considering enclosing the facility.
- The vision of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is for it to be an outdoor, multi-purpose facility that is open and welcoming for the public.
- The addition of exterior walls would increase facility construction costs and eliminate one of the great advantages of the facility which is its lower relative operating costs compared to enclosed indoor arenas.

Question: How will windstorms and blown snow onto the playing surface be handled?

Active Communities Response:

- The roof and plexiglass around the playing surface will cut down on wind and blown snow but that inevitably blown snow will occur. The rink attendant would employ the following tactics:
 - Snow blowing excess snow off the ice surface
 - Dry Zamboni scrape to remove thin layer of snow remaining, (if necessary); and
 - Standard Zamboni resurfacing

Question: Who is responsible for administering bookings for the facility?

Active Communities Response:

- Active Communities is solely responsible for the construction, maintenance and ongoing operations of the facility.
- This includes administering bookings for the facility. The arrangement is the same that St. Albert sports organizations currently experience when booking from facilities such as Calahoo Arena, Riviere Qui Barre Arena, CAC Arena, KC Arena, etc.

Question: What is the anticipated cost for ice rentals?

Active Communities Response:

- One of the core objectives of the Active Communities Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is to make recreation affordable for families in order to support and encourage participation.
- Active Communities anticipates that its ice rental fees will be in-line with the subsidized rate currently available to minor sports teams who book City of St. Albert ice times.
- This makes the ice time much more affordable than the market rates that user groups are paying at other facilities (which was noted at up to \$300-\$400 per hour by St. Albert Minor Hockey representatives during an engagement session).

Question: How will ice quality be maintained/ensured?

Active Communities Response:

- The refrigeration system at the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub will monitor ice temperature through in-slab sensors/infrared sensors and adjust ice temperature accordingly. This will support high quality of ice as well as provide consistency that is similar to indoor arenas.
- Unlike natural ice outdoor rinks in St. Albert that are flooded with a hose, the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub will be flooded using a Zamboni.
- Having a roof over the ice sheets will limit direct exposure of sunlight onto the ice surface (natural ice outdoor rinks typically have a corner that is in worse condition than others because of additional direct sunlight)
- Maintenance of the ice thickness through edging and dry Zamboni scrapes will also support quality ice
- We recognize that in extremely cold temperatures it may result in ice that is too hard for figure skating activities. This is something that the St. Albert Skating Centre noted as well and we will monitor on an ongoing basis.

Question: Has Active Communities reached out to the business community regarding sponsorship, explicitly facility naming rights?

Active Communities Response:

- We have not formally entered into agreements with businesses at this stage but have received unsolicited interest from the business community in St. Albert regarding opportunities.
- Board members of Active Communities have relationships in the community that will be beneficial to attracting sponsorship from businesses.

In addition to questions, stakeholders also had the opportunity to make comments about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. A sampling of these comments is listed below. A full summary of all comments can be found in the engagement summaries (see Appendix 11).

Stakeholder Comments:

- Representatives of St. Albert Pickleball Club (SAPC) commented that the facility is “wonderful” and a “match made in heaven.” A representative indicated that they appreciated Active Communities’ approach in “thinking big.”
- SAPC appreciated that “everything has been considered including parking.”
- Representatives of SAPC indicated that were “quite impressed” adding that the facility’s broad appeal “sells itself.”
- SAPC indicated that this adds a summer facility and they are constrained on summer facility time. They also mentioned that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub being covered was particularly appealing as it would help eliminate rainouts.
- Representatives of the St. Albert-Sturgeon Metis Local #1904 made the following comment about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub: “very excited... fills a need in the community.”
- Representatives of St. Albert Minor Hockey Association (SAMHA) indicated that there is not enough ice in St. Albert for the many users.
- SAMHA indicated that many of its teams source additional ice outside of St. Albert and pay expensive market rates for ice and are impacted by the additional travel required.

Stakeholder Comments:

- St. Albert Skating Centre indicated its support for more ice surfaces in St. Albert and expressed interest in using the facility for programming and competitions when possible.
- Representatives of the St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club indicated that there is not enough ice in St. Albert for the many users.
- The Raiders indicated that many of their teams source additional ice outside of St. Albert and pay expensive market rates for ice and are impacted by the additional travel required. They indicated a preference to see its teams have access to this practice ice in St. Albert and “keep the money in town.”
- The Raiders indicated that the uniqueness of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub could lend itself to future opportunities and events ranging from elite showcase events like outdoor “winter classic” games or Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta events. There was also discussion about the potential for similar events with other local elite hockey organizations such as the Edmonton Oilers or Edmonton Oil Kings, which other facilities similar to the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub have hosted elsewhere in around the world.
- A participant noted that the location was ideal in the context of its proximity to schools and that it is “great site selection.”
- The St. Albert Rams Lacrosse felt that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub would be extensively used for games, practices and tournaments.
- The Rams indicated that the facility would be a good fit for special events and hosting tournaments, either as a sole venue or in conjunction with other existing facilities.

Each Stakeholder organization was asked a set of engagement questions. These questions and responses are listed below. Full responses are summarized in the engagement summaries (see Appendix 11).

Engagement Question 1 – How do you feel that this project will impact your organization and its members?

Responses:

“More refrigerated ice is beneficial for all hockey programs.”

“More refrigerated ice is very beneficial for its hockey programs and teams.”

“There is a shortage of useful ice in St. Albert and that many teams are travelling outside the community to find ice to practice and play.”

“Great addition to the community [our] athletes would use the facility.”

“Additional refrigerated ice is beneficial for all ice sports.”

“Programming and special event opportunities.”

“An ideal location for showcase events and tournaments.”

“More refrigerated ice is beneficial for [our] teams and members.”

“Unique experiences and opportunities.”

Engagement Question 2 – Do you feel that your organization and its members will use the facility?

<p>Responses:</p> <p>“[Our] members will most certainly use the facility... for practices, games and tournaments.”</p> <p>“Extensively for games, practices and tournaments.”</p> <p>“Absolutely – if you build it, they will come.”</p> <p>“Could see the facility used for skating programs and competitions; unique events.”</p> <p>“[Our] members would make use of the facility. Floor hockey and soccer come to mind.”</p> <p>“Members will absolutely utilize the facility... anticipate use for practices and tournament play.”</p> <p>“Will absolutely utilize the facility.”</p>

Engagement Question 3 – Are there any specific things that Active Communities should take into consideration as it finalizes facility design and prepares for construction?

The table below summarizes the various elements that were brought forward for consideration by the stakeholder groups and how these will influence the project approach.

Stakeholder Input	Considerations for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub
That the facility be accessible for those that have special needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities has committed to the landowner (St. Albert Public School) that the facility will be designed in a manner that is accessible for those with special needs. We have also spoken with our architect and stakeholders to understand what design features can address this. Accessibility will benefit various facility users including school students and Special Olympics.
That the facility includes gender neutral change rooms to support inclusivity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities plans to incorporate gender neutral change rooms into the facility design.
That spectator seating be included as part of the facility. Heaters for the spectator seating was also noted as being desirable. Comments included the opportunity to have temporary seating set up for special events and exploring indoor viewing areas to make it more comfortable for those watching.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the feedback received over the past year, Active Communities did adjust the facility layout and intends to include spectator seating Active Communities will explore opportunities to include heaters in the spectator seating, utilize temporary seating for events that require additional capacity, and ways to incorporate viewing areas into the heated building.
That shot clocks be installed (for use by Lacrosse and Ringette) and that they be visible from the timekeeper’s box.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities will include shot clocks at both playing surfaces and ensure they are visible from the timekeeper’s box.

Stakeholder Input	Considerations for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub
That the benches be designed in a manner that will support the setup as judging platforms for figure skating.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities will work with our architect to include design considerations to support judging platforms, power, etc. required for such events.
St. Albert Pickleball Club (SAPC) expressed a desire for exclusive access to the facility during the summer, as they have challenges with not having full access to existing facilities (such as Alpine courts).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While Active Communities understands this desire, we did explain that the facility is intended to be multi-purpose and therefore available for use by various groups throughout the year. Therefore, an exclusive use arrangement is not feasible. They were satisfied with this response and still believe that the facility would be “used by pickleballers and other members of the community” even without exclusive use.
SAPC expressed the desire for wind shields to be considered for the facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities stated it would consider this for facility design. Given that the facility is in a lower part of the field, and that the boards and glass as well as natural features will help to dissipate wind, whether wind is an issue is yet to be seen. If it is found to be an issue, we will consider adding wind shields subsequent to initial construction.
SAPC expressed the desire for dividers between pickleball courts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities will consider including these to improve the playing experience. There are many options for court dividers (typically measuring 10 ft x 60 ft) and they are reasonably priced.
SAPC indicated that sockets for the pickleball net posts be considered in the floor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities will consider including these to improve the playing experience and will discuss with our architect.
Desire for more pickleball courts in St. Albert, as Larose and Alpine courts do not meet the needs of pickleball. Roof to protect from the elements also seen as an advantage of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initially, Active Communities expected there to be 6 pickleball courts per recreation pad. It has since been determined that a recreation pad can accommodate up to 9 pickleball courts. With two recreation pads, our facility can accommodate 18 courts in total. Having these courts all at the same facility is an advantage for hosting league play and tournaments.

Stakeholder Input	Considerations for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub
<p>While the St. Albert Skating Centre (figure skating) is interested in making use of the facility, the range of winter temperatures that figure skating can take place at is more limited than that of other sports where equipment is worn (hockey, ringette, etc.).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Communities recognizes this and therefore did not consider revenue from figure skating within its business case. Essentially, figure skating bookings would be considered bonus revenue for the facility. • However, given that there is interest from the St. Albert Skating Centre in making use of the facility, there is value in doing a weather analysis specific to figure skating requirements. • Active Communities and St. Albert Skating Centre agreed to this and plan to work collaboratively on the analysis which will provide greater insight into the suitable timing of their use.
<p>Incorporating a heated activity warm-up area for use prior to activities/games (ringette, hockey, figure skating).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several organizations have commented that a heated activity warm-up area would be useful to prepare for activities. • Active Communities is going to discuss this with our architect and see about including such a space. • To maximize facility utilization, it is possible that the multi-purpose space at the facility could double as a warm-up room as well.
<p>Including sport specific markings on the playing surface (ringette lines and cross-ice crease markings on the ice, pickleball court lines on the dry floor, etc.).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Communities will include these respective markings on the ice and dry floor surfaces.
<p>Turf field as an option for the facility during the non-ice season.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To obtain feedback from stakeholder groups, Active Communities raised the potential of a turf field at the facility during the summer. • There was interest in this from organizations such as Lacrosse and Special Olympics. Based on the discussions, turf is considered a nice to have, not a mandatory requirement. • While a turf field may not be an immediate feature of the facility upon opening, it is something that we will consider as an add-on in the future. • The benefit of having two playing surfaces is that one could be turf during the summer and the other could remain a dry concrete floor.
<p>Including a sufficient number and size of dressing rooms at the facility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Communities stated that it is looking at having 4 dressing rooms large enough to accommodate teams and a referee room for each recreation pad.

Stakeholder Input	Considerations for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub
Including dressing rooms for the referees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub will include referee rooms.
Storage area for equipment. This was raised by several groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities plans to have storage space at the facility for equipment such as nets.
Ensure there are multiple sizes of nets depending on the age group. This is applicable to sports such as hockey, ringette and lacrosse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub will have multiple sizes of nets in order to accommodate the needs of sports organizations.
Sound system for music and announcements (requested by St. Albert Skating Centre for figure skating).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities committed that the facility will have a sound system to support this requirement.
A camera system for live streaming. These systems are increasingly used to broadcast hockey games via subscription services and live streaming of games is now a requirement of many leagues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities committed that the facility will have a camera system to support the live streaming requirements.
Strong wi-fi as many events are streamed online or on social media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities committed that the facility will have strong wi-fi to support this requirement.
Designing benches on the dressing room side of the playing surface.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The facility design includes benches on the dressing room side, which addresses this comment.
Meeting room space. Several organizations noted that meeting room space would be a benefit at the facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We plan to have a multipurpose room at the facility that can serve as meeting room space for community organizations.
Suggestion from St. Albert Skating Centre (figure skating) to include heaters to warm-up ice level which would help keep skaters' feet warm and manage ice hardness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities indicated it would monitor the situation with user groups during facility operations and consider exploring heating options in the future.
Opportunities to incorporate cultural artwork, sculptures and displays at the facility, based on feedback received from the Metis Local.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities commits to working with the Metis Local and other Indigenous organizations to find opportunities to incorporate various cultural elements into the facility.

Engagement Question 4 – Is your organization supportive of the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

All stakeholder groups expressed their support for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub, specifically:

- St. Albert Minor Hockey Association
- St. Albert Pickleball Club
- St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club
- St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club
- St. Albert Ringette Association
- St. Albert Skating Centre
- St. Albert Special Olympics
- St. Albert-Sturgeon Metis Local #1904

Information and Consultation Sessions

Active Communities' Public Engagement Plan included Information and Consultation sessions with the following groups/organizations:

- St. Albert Youth Advisory Council
 - Active Communities connected with the Chair of the Youth Advisory Council to arrange for an Information & Consultation Session.
 - Active Communities made a presentation and responded to questions from the Youth Advisory Council at its meeting on June 1, 2022.
- St. Albert and Area Sports Organizations
 - Invites were extended to all of St. Albert's community-based sports leagues and organizations that were not specifically included in the stakeholder engagement sessions.
 - The list of invitees was based on information found on the City of St. Albert website.
- St. Albert Business Community
 - St. Albert Economic Sustainability Advisory Board;
 - St. Albert Chamber of Commerce; and
 - former St. Albert COVID Recovery Task Force members.

Per the Public Engagement Plan, any stakeholders who were not able to attend their designated session would be provided with information about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project and a method to get in touch to ask any questions that they have.

St. Albert Youth Advisory Council

Active Communities believes in the importance of engaging with youth regarding this project. They will be a key user of the facility and the opportunity to present and conduct a Q&A for the Youth Advisory Council was something Active Communities looked forward to.

Active Communities had previously presented to the Youth Advisory Council regarding our Sports & Community Campus planned for Northwest St. Albert. During this meeting the Youth Advisory Council highlighted the importance of access to multi-use trails to support active transportation.

Similar to our last presentation to the Youth Advisory Council, we were impressed with the engagement and insight the current Youth Advisory Council provided. Question & answer topics ranged from the land lease agreement to environmental sustainability opportunities. At the meeting we also highlighted that the facility's location in the heart of the city provides close access to the Red Willow Trail system and the Braeside ravine, thereby supporting active transportation. We are excited to foster a strong relationship with the Youth Advisory Council (and St. Albert youth in general) and will continue to stay connected with them.

St. Albert and Area Sports Organizations

St. Albert's community-based sports leagues and organizations not included in the Stakeholder Engagement Sessions were invited to an Information and Consultation Session. Active Communities did not receive any RSVPs to the session and heard back directly from two organizations that the timing was poor due to the operation of their league activities during the early evenings. Active Communities also heard from one organization that availability was also impacted due to the professional hockey playoffs every second evening during the engagement period. As a result, the session did not go ahead.

To ensure that all groups were informed about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub, each organization was sent a copy of the presentation that Active Communities was planning on giving at the session (and that Active Communities had delivered to other stakeholders). These groups were also encouraged to get in touch if they had any follow-up questions.

As part of its commitment to ongoing engagement, Active Communities will continue to engage with this sector on an ongoing basis.

St. Albert Business Community

St. Albert's business community was invited to an Information and Consultation Session. To accommodate their schedules, we arranged for this session to be held on a weekday during the lunch hour. The invitees included members of the St. Albert Economic Sustainability Advisory Board, representatives from the St. Albert Chamber of Commerce; and former St. Albert COVID Recovery Task Force members. Active Communities received several RSVPs to the session and heard back directly from four invitees that they could not attend due to a scheduling conflict but that they welcomed information on the project. On the day of the meeting, two attendees did not join the meeting and two encountered difficulties in joining. As a result, the session did not proceed.

To ensure that all invitees were informed about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub, each person was sent a copy of the presentation that Active Communities was planning on giving at the session (and that Active Communities had delivered to other stakeholders). Invitees were encouraged to get in touch if they had any follow-up questions.

As part of its commitment to ongoing engagement, Active Communities will continue to engage with this sector during the project and the ongoing operation of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.

10. CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the public engagement, there is strong support in the community for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. This support crosses age groups, stakeholder groups and geographic locations throughout St. Albert.

As detailed in this report, we have documented and reflected upon extensive feedback received regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. We have described many actions in this report that we commit to taking in response to this input. There was tremendous benefit in the public engagement activities and the opportunity to connect with so many members of the community was a privilege.

We would like to reiterate our appreciation to all who participated in the various activities related to this public engagement. The input received is highly valued and we look forward to continuing to engage in the future.

APPENDIX 1

ST. ALBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS LETTER



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA

**OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT**



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kim Armstrong, Chair
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June 3, 2022

Matt Becigneul
Director, Public and Stakeholder Engagement
Active Communities Alberta
info@activecommunitiesAB.ca

Dear Matt:

Stakeholder Engagement

It has been a pleasure to watch Active Communities Alberta (ACA) work through the stakeholder engagement process in a very proficient and professional manner.

I have been aware of and witnessed two open and well-advertised online public engagement sessions which involved a very transparent and informative presentation of the project and its many benefits to the community of St. Albert. Input was openly received in an authentic manner and questions were answered thoroughly, thoughtfully and respectfully.

St. Albert Public Schools notes that Active Communities Alberta continues to work diligently on public and stakeholder engagement to heighten the awareness of the facility and the valuable recreation and cultural opportunities it will provide to people of all ages. Its use and benefit extends far beyond the students of St. Albert Public Schools.

On April 13, 2022, I organized a special meeting of the three superintendents of the largest school jurisdictions operating within St. Albert (i.e. Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord and St. Albert Public Schools). I would like to thank and acknowledge ACA President Matt Bachewich for attending this meeting and directly engaging St. Albert's education leaders about the Outdoor Recreation and Community Hub. This exclusive audience enabled the superintendents to ask questions unencumbered and gain a complete understanding of the project. This level of direct engagement with the CEO's of each education authority is acknowledged as rare and greatly appreciated. It is my perception based on the discussion that all parties left this meeting satisfied with ACA and the Outdoor Recreation and Community Hub project moving forward.

St. Albert Public Schools wishes ACA continued success as it continues to extend its vision through a heightened understanding of the project by the residents of St. Albert, thereby creating even more community participation to make this exciting opportunity a reality.

Sincerely,

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Krimson Sumners
Superintendent

cc: Matt Bachewich, Active Communities Alberta

**APPENDIX 2 LETTERS
OF SUPPORT**



**ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA
OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT**



Mayor's Office
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File: M3058

March 2, 2021

To Funding Agency:

Re: Letter of Support – Active Communities Alberta

The City of St. Albert supports Active Communities vision for creating an outdoor covered ice facility that also supports other recreational endeavors within the community. Active Communities has been engaged with the City over the past five-years for the building of ice arena facilities. At its Meeting of March 1, 2021, Council resolved:

That the Mayor, on behalf of St. Albert City Council, provide a letter of support for the Active Communities Outdoor Facilities Project.

The addition of ice, and dry open recreation space, would be a benefit for multiple user groups with the community – including the public.

The City looks forward to seeing Active Communities succeed with their project and would welcome government funding to help this project come to fruition.

Sincerely,

Cathy Heron
Mayor

cc: City Council
Kevin Scoble, CAO, City of St. Albert
Matt Bachewich, President, Active Communities Alberta



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Dale Nally, MLA
Morinville-St. Albert

July 26, 2021

To Whom It May Concern;

I would like to offer my support for the grant application by Active Communities Alberta for their project to build refrigerated outdoor covered rinks in the St. Albert and Edmonton area. With the increased demand for outdoor recreation facilities and the aging infrastructure of current ice rinks this new outdoor recreation facility would be a welcome addition to St. Albert.

St. Albert is a vibrant city that actively encourages community members to enjoy the beauty of the city by getting out and experiencing all the city has to offer. This in turn cultivates a great community spirit that make St. Albert a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. A state-of-the-art refrigerated outdoor covered rink would be a great fit for the community.

I hope this endeavour and the spirit in which has been developed will garner your support for the Active Communities Alberta project.

I you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours Truly,

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Hon. Dale Nally, MLA
Morinville – St. Albert

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
ALBERTA

Marie Renaud, MLA
St. Albert Constituency

July 06, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

As MLA for St. Albert, I wish to express my full support of Active Communities Alberta in their request for grant funding to support their Outdoor Recreation Facility Project.

The construction of this outdoor hybrid rink facility would create a much needed, affordable and accessible recreation space for the entire community of St. Albert. It would be a template for other projects throughout Alberta, making St Albert an innovative leader.

There are a multitude of benefits that the city would reap from this project. It could reduce the current demand on St. Albert's indoor rinks by creating a reliable, longer lasting outdoor ice space during the winter months. During the summer months the space could be used for a variety of activities including pickleball- a St. Albert favourite. It could become a community gathering space that is accessible all year round.

Sincerely,

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CANADA

MICHAEL COOPER

Member of Parliament
St. Albert—Edmonton

June 24, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to support the application of the Twin Outdoor Ice Facility project proposed by Active Communities Alberta for funding through the Healthy Community Initiative.

This proposed Twin Outdoor Ice Facility would provide much needed ice space in St. Albert and allow the opportunity for outdoor recreational sports programs to utilize this facility. This facility will help foster physical wellness and ensure there are outdoor spaces available for the community.

If you would like to discuss the foregoing in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact my office at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Michael Cooper, M.P.
St. Albert-Edmonton

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St. Albert Minor Hockey Association

February 25, 2021

To whom it may concern,

St. Albert Minor Hockey Association fully supports the outdoor ice project proposed by Active Communities Alberta.

We currently have over 1800 players registered in our hockey programs and are often struggling to acquire sufficient ice sheets for practices as recommended by Hockey Canada. We are the largest user of the available ice sheets in the City of St. Albert, and our teams utilize both the indoor and outdoor rinks. Most of our teams also acquire additional ice from the surrounding communities as it is available for them to rent.

Active Communities proposed outdoor ice sheets would provide 2 additional sheets that can be used year-round by many different sport associations. It would allow our teams to gain more practice ice at a reasonable rate. With more practice ice available, it will allow our players to develop stronger skills and the potential to introduce more children to the game of hockey.

I hope that our teams will be able to utilize these outdoor rinks in the very near future!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Shauna Hudec

President
St. Albert Minor Hockey Association

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February 28, 2021

Matt Bachewich
President
Active Communities Alberta Society

Dear Mr. Bachewich:

RE: Offer of Support

The St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club has been operating since 1989. We are the local minor box lacrosse association, which is Canada's National Summer sport, in St. Albert. We are governed by the GELC (Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council), the ALA (Alberta Lacrosse Association), and the CLA (Canadian Lacrosse Association). The box lacrosse season characteristically runs from early-March to mid-July. We typically have over 300 participants ranging in age from 3 years old up to 16, for both male and females. St. Albert is also the current home to Junior and Senior Clubs (St. Albert Miners, St. Albert Crude, and St. Albert Drillers) which is where our players progress to after they finish the 16U level.

The St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club fully supports Active Communities Alberta with their Outdoor Recreation Facility Project. We currently compete for floor time within the City of St. Albert, at Servus Place (Sarasota and Tudor Glen Indoor Fields and Go Auto arena) as well as the Jarome Iginla and Kinex Arenas. We annual contract additional dry floor space in the Town of Morinville to help accommodate our needs and have used other existing outdoor facilities in St Albert, particularly during the preseason when ice is yet out of the arenas. We anticipate using the Outdoor Recreation Facility for practices, games, "come try" recruitment events (for BIPOC, female, and other minority groups), tournament play, and can reduce the number of contracts needed outside the city. The St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club hosts one of the largest lacrosse tournaments in the Western Canada, the Jeremy Richardson Memorial Baggataway, annually in June. Having a facility like this would allow us to showcase final games. The Outdoor Recreation Facility could even allow us to submit bids to host other prestigious events, like Minor Alberta Provincials or major lacrosse national championships such as the Minto Cup (Junior A) and the President's Cup (Senior B), facilitated by the Canadian Lacrosse Association. The St. Albert Miners have won the President's Cup three out of the past four years, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

In conclusion, we applaud you and your group for taking the initiative to better our community. Our board members were excited to learn of this project and endorse it wholeheartedly. Please accept this offer of support and feel free to reach out if you need any additional information regarding the contents herein. Good luck with this endeavour!

Sincerely,

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Glen Cumming
Co-President
St Albert Rams Minor Lacrosse Club

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Gillian Anderson
Co- President
St Albert Rams Minor Lacrosse Club



ST. ALBERT PICKLEBALL CLUB

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January 22, 2021

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Re: Proposal by Active Communities Alberta (A.C.A.) to build two outdoor rinks in the City of St Albert.

Esteemed Mayor and Council of the City of St. Albert.

Greetings to you from the board of the St. Albert Pickleball Club. We hope this message finds you all in good health as you serve our City.

We hereby would like to state for the record that the St. Albert Pickleball Club wholeheartedly supports the A.C.A. proposal for two outdoor rinks, for year-round multi-sport usage, as communicated in the St. Albert Gazette. These facilities will be able to serve a part of our needs for Pickleball venues as expressed in our Facilities Task Force report, as well as be of benefit to the broader St. Albert sports community. This project will also test the feasibility of not-for-profit operated recreational facilities in St. Albert.

Seeing that this request will be on the agenda for your March 1, 2021 meeting, we ask that you as the Council of the City of St. Albert support this initiative. Your support will keep this investment in St. Albert and may well lead to more projects of this nature in the future.

For the St. Albert Pickleball Club,

Eileen McClean,
President SAPC

CC: Kevin Scoble, City of St. Albert Chief Administrative Officer, info@stalbert.ca
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Kyle Ferguson, Community Recreation Coordinator, kferguson@stalbert.ca



St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club

Date: February 15, 2021
To: Active Communities Alberta
Re: Outdoor Recreation Facility Project

To whom it may concern,

The St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club is honored to provide a letter of reference for Active Communities proposal for an outdoor recreation facility.

The proposal for an outdoor recreation facility will help the City of St. Albert by providing much needed ice surfaces for use by the community. The existing indoor facilities do not provide enough ice to support the community needs. As a result our parents have to travel outside St. Albert for practices throughout the hockey season, and pay high rental rates as there is a high demand for ice.

The proposed facility will enable the community activities that currently reside within the indoor arenas to be shifted to this facility, as well as provide an additional facility that can be used for practices. It is well documented that St. Albert needs more ice surfaces to support the community activities. If the current economic climate does not support a new indoor recreation facility then cost effective alternatives need to be examined. The proposal from Active Communities Alberta provides a viable option that needs to be explored.

The St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club support the proposal for Active Community Alberta's Outdoor Recreation Facility

Yours Sincerely

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Kevin Porter
President,
St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club



To Whom it May Concern;

February 23, 2021

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support of the outdoor recreation facility project being proposed by the Active Communities group.

In 2020 St. Albert Ringette Association registered over 400 members. Not only is St. Albert Ringette one of the largest ringette associations in Alberta but we are also one of the fastest growing. Our current rate of growth at the youngest age groups means that within 3-5 years St. Albert Ringette will begin to out grow the ice allotted to us as a user group with the City of St. Albert.

St. Albert Ringette follows the Long-Term Athlete Development model for development of our athletes, putting a high importance on the training and practice component of development in our youngest age groups. We are already starting to see our youngest teams having to put up to 45 kids/3 teams on the ice in order to ensure that we are able to follow the LTAD ratio of practice to competition.

St. Albert Ringette is always looking for ways to acquire additional ice for our growing membership and has had to seek contract ice outside of our community to support our needs. The addition of an ice surface in St. Albert is paramount to the ability of our association to continue to grow, while still being able to offer quality programming to our existing members.

I thank you for your time and hope to soon see our teams skating on Active Communities new outdoor ice surface.

Regards,

Kristen Bodnarchuk

President

St. Albert Ringette

February 23, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with the full support of Hockey Alberta that we provide this letter of endorsement for Active Communities Alberta and their efforts to increase the supply of recreation facilities in our province.

As the provincial governing body for hockey in Alberta, we recognize the important role sport plays in encouraging lifelong physical activity, healthy living and strong communities. Active Communities Alberta, a non-profit society, has demonstrated a genuine commitment to these values. We have been engaged with Active Communities Alberta since 2017 and we are proud to continue supporting them.

Founded in 1907, Hockey Alberta is a member branch of Hockey Canada. Hockey Alberta represents 180 Member Minor Hockey Associations, ranging from Hockey Calgary and Hockey Edmonton to small associations in all corners of the province, 90 Junior Teams, 57 Senior Teams, 5 Accredited Schools, 6 Para Hockey Programs, and 45 Recreational Hockey Programs with a total of 100,000+ participants, in 197 different communities.

Hockey Alberta supports the innovative outdoor recreation facility project. This is an opportunity to launch a new approach that we expect would provide benefit by repeating it across the province. Scaling this approach will help to address the demand for ice time by Hockey Alberta Members.

The quality of the rinks proposed will provide a comparable ice quality to indoor rinks. The outdoor rinks would also provide a more cost-effective alternative that has the potential to lower the cost of participation and make it easier for those throughout the community to access ice facilities.

We are pleased to provide this endorsement for the Active Communities Alberta Outdoor Recreation Facility Project.

Sincerely,



Rob Litwinski
Chief Executive Officer



ST. ALBERT COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

for generations to come

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June 23, 2021

To: Community Foundations of Canada

Re: Healthy Communities Initiative and Active Communities

To whom it may concern,

The St. Albert Community Foundation has since its founding in 1997 supported local charitable organizations in their endeavors to improve the quality of life for our residents. Active Communities is focused on providing outdoor recreational opportunities for residents with its plan for a multi-use covered, hard surfaced facility to be used year-round for activities from hockey and ringette in the winter to pickle ball, and basketball in the summer.

We believe this project will enhance the lives of our residents and encourage them to participate in healthy recreational opportunities. A partnership with the public school district, now in negotiations, will provide school program access across the district ensuring the facility will enjoy optimum use.

The board of the St. Albert Community Foundation is confident the proposed facility will experience heavy demand throughout the day, the week and in all seasons. Its central location will facilitate easy access for the thousands of residents expected to use it.

The St. Albert Community Foundation fully supports this Active Communities' project and its application for funding by the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Doug Campbell,
President

APPENDIX 3

ST. ALBERT CITY COUNCIL MOTION - MARCH 1, 2021



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA
OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT



CITY OF ST. ALBERT
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Monday, March 1, 2021

2:00 PM conducted electronically via Zoom

1. Attendance (at start of meeting)

PRESENT:

Mayor Heron
Councillor Brodhead
Councillor MacKay
Councillor Watkins

VIA ZOOM:

Councillor Hansen
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Joly

STAFF:

K. Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Hilts, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
D. Leflar, Director, Legal & Legislative Services/Chief
Legislative Officer
D. McMordie, Director, Finance & Assessment/Chief
Financial Officer
C. Wong, Deputy City Clerk
T. Dallimore, Legislative Officer
R. McDonald, Legislative Officer

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 AR-21-022 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That the March 1, 2021 Agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Presentations, Delegations, and Announcements

Nicola Gosse, spoke regarding a proposal to amend the City of St. Albert Hen Bylaw 32/2018.

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 CA-21-006 Consent Agenda
Presented by: Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer
Moved by Councillor Watkins
That the recommendations in the following agenda report be approved:

9.1 Bylaw 1/2021, 2/2021 & 3/2021 - Range Road 260: MDP, Renaming and ASP Amendments - 1st Reading
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Adoption of Minutes

- 6.1 MIN-21-008 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2021
Moved by Councillor MacKay
That the Regular Council Minutes of February 16, 2021, be adopted as amended, with the deletion of the header 17.2 from page 12 of the minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Committee Business

- 7.1 CB-21-006 Appointments to the Youth Advisory Committee
Presented by: Mayor Heron
Moved by Councillor Watkins
That Maakor Okai and Julia Baniak be appointed as members of the City of St. Albert Youth Advisory Committee for terms ending December 31, 2021.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Business Items

- 8.1 AR-21-054 Revised Intent to Annex - City of Edmonton
Presented by: Adryan Slaght, Director, Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Watkins
That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to submit a revised Intent to Annex to the Municipal Government Board, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and City of Edmonton.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Bylaws

- 9.1 BL-21-005 Bylaw 1/2021, 2/2021 & 3/2021 - Range Road 260: MDP, Renaming and ASP Amendments - 1st Reading
Presented by: Sajid Sifat, Planner, Planning and Development - MDP & ASP Amendment
Tracy Tsui, Planner, Planning and Development - Renaming

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:

Municipal Development Plan Amendment (1st reading)

1. That Bylaw 1/2021 being amendment 21 to the Municipal Development Plan 15/2007, be read a first time.
2. That the Public Hearing on Bylaw 1/2021 be scheduled for April 6, 2021.

Area Structure Plan Amendment rename Range Road 260 (1st reading)

1. That Bylaw 2/2021 being amendment 2 to rename the Range Road 260 Area Structure Plan 23/2014, be read a first time.
2. That the Public Hearing on Bylaw 2/2021 be scheduled for April 6, 2021.

Range Road 260 Area Structure Plan

1. That Bylaw 3/2021, being amendment 3 to the Range Road 260 Area Structure Plan 23/2014, be read a first time.

2. That the Public Hearing on Bylaw 3/2021 be scheduled for April 6, 2021.

11. Council Information Items

11.1 II-21-005 Information Item: Corporate Quarterly Report - Quarter 4
Presented by: Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by Councillor Brodhead

That the attachment to the March 1, 2021 agenda report entitled "Corporate Quarterly Report - Quarter 4" be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Council Motions

12.1 CM-21-004 Letter of Support for Active Communities Outdoor Facilities Project

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the 21 day advance notice period for a notice of motion be waived in accordance with Section 23.8 of Procedure Bylaw 3/2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the Mayor, on behalf of St. Albert City Council, provide a letter of support for the Active Communities Outdoor Facilities Project.

CARRIED

For: 6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes,
MacKay, and Watkins

Against: 1 - Joly

Council recessed at 4:11 p.m.

Council reconvened at 4:21 p.m.

13. Information Requests / Notices of Motion / Announcements

Notice of Motion - Mayor Heron

That Administration bring forward a business case for the 2022 budget deliberations for a St. Albert based Home Energy Retrofit Accelerator (HERA) program, including funding amounts per year and any administrative cost impacts.

Information Request - Withdrawing from School Site Allocation Agreement

- Provide information on history of school site allocation committee - how it came to be, objective and expectations of the committee.
- Why are we set up this way with the site allocation committee?
- How are other municipalities approaching site allocation? Do they have committees?
- Impact of potentially discontinuing school site allocation committee.
- How would we do it moving forward?
- If there is a breach to the agreement by one party (ie: attaining a school site with a developer and not the city), does that compromise the integrity of the agreement?
- If we were to end the agreement, that this also nullify or affect in any way the ability for the school boards to claim any site as only a school site or could any of the school sites then be used for other municipal purposes?

16. In Camera

16.1 INC-21-012 City of St. Albert-Sturgeon County Intermunicipal Affairs Briefing
Presented by: Trevor Duley, Manager, Government Relations

In Attendance:

K. Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer (Advice and Information)

T. Duley, Manager, Government Relations (Advice and Information)

Moved by Councillor Watkins

That Council move in camera to discuss a matter pursuant to Section 21 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council went in camera at 4:25 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Hansen

That Council reconvene in Public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council reconvened in public at 4:49 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Joly

That the details of the in camera discussion remain confidential pursuant to s.153(e) of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 16.2 INC-21-006 Council/Chief Administrative Officer Dialogue
Presented by: Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer

In Attendance:

K. Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer (Advice and Information)

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That Council move in camera to have a confidential dialogue with the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to s. 24(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council went in camera at 4:49 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brodhead

That Council reconvene in Public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council reconvened in public at 5:14 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Watkins

That the details of the in camera discussion remain confidential pursuant to s.153(e) of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. Adjournment

The adjournment occurred on a ZOOM platform that was not accessible to the public.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER

APPENDIX 4
ACTIVE COMMUNITIES LETTER
TO ST. ALBERT CITY COUNCIL - NOVEMBER 19, 2021



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA
OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. Matt Bachewich
President
Active Communities Alberta Society



Active Communities
Alberta

November 19, 2021

Mayor and Council
City of St. Albert

Re: Active Communities Alberta – Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub

Dear Mayor and Council,

Active Communities Alberta is a non-profit society that is leading an Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project in St. Albert on land owned by St. Albert Public Schools. The facility will feature outdoor recreation pads that are covered with a roof. These pads can be used year-round; they would be refrigerated for skating and ice sports in the winter and recreation & community activities in the summer. The project has substantial momentum and we have received significant support from the community.

Urgent Need

There is no question that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is needed now. The “Hub” will reconnect St. Albert residents as they emerge from the pandemic. All ages will benefit from the mental, physical and social healing that the facility will provide. The positive health effects of being active were highlighted by Dr. Doug Klein in a recent article:

“To help youth manage their mental health, Dr. Klein suggested that more needs to be done to encourage them to be active, as restrictions have led to an increase of inactivity, and getting more exercise can alleviate anxiety and depression”

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/childrens-mental-health-becoming-a-crisis-in-fourth-wave-in-alberta>

An Opportunity to Fast Track

Our request is that the City of St. Albert support us in fast tracking this project by contributing a portion of the funding required – through a “reverse onus” approach.

Given that St. Albert was preparing to contribute approximately \$1.5 million for a previous single-ice refrigerated rink, we propose this amount as St. Albert’s contribution towards the project. The City would receive double the value for residents compared to the previous project, as the “Hub” would have two pads instead of one. The commitment would include the condition that St. Albert funding would only be contributed after we raise double this amount (reverse onus). This puts the onus on Active Communities Alberta to raise \$3 million first before St. Albert contributes its portion – thus providing a prime opportunity to stretch St. Albert taxpayer dollars.

Additional Benefits

The cost of the project is approximately \$6 million. We have already raised \$500,000 of this from the community and have submitted funding requests to other levels of government. We are confident in our ability to raise the required funds and in-kind donations for this facility. We are also confident that St. Albert's contribution will be limited to a total of \$1.5 million.

We expect that a commitment from St. Albert to provide "reverse onus" funding will encourage other levels of government to contribute to this project – as this will provide them with increased leverage for their dollars.

As a capital funding partner, we are prepared to provide the City of St. Albert with long-term public recognition at the facility for its contribution. We believe it is important that visitors and future generations are aware of the City of St. Albert's contribution to the facility.

We want to be clear that St. Albert's commitment to fund \$1.5 million would be contingent on Active Communities Alberta raising the corresponding \$3 million first. If we raise the \$3 million, only then does the City contribute \$1.5 million. If we don't raise the \$3 million, the City contributes nothing.

If the City of St. Albert would like to explore the opportunity to support fast-tracking this facility, we are open to confidentially sharing financial projections.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Original Signed

Matt Bachewich, MBA, CPA, CGA, BCom.
President
Active Communities Alberta Society
780-239-7825

CC: Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer, City of St. Albert
Kelly Smith, Vice President, Active Communities Alberta

APPENDIX 5

ST. ALBERT CITY COUNCIL MOTION - JANUARY 31, 2022



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA

**OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT**



CITY OF ST. ALBERT
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Monday, January 31, 2022

2:00 PM Council Chambers/Hybrid

1. Attendance (at start of meeting)

PRESENT:

Mayor Heron
Councillor Brodhead
Councillor Killick
Councillor MacKay

VIA ZOOM:

Councillor Biermanski
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Joly

STAFF:

K. Hilts, Chief Administrative Officer (Interim)
J. Pelechytik, Acting Deputy City Clerk
T. Dallimore, Legislative Officer

STAFF VIA ZOOM:

D. Leflar, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Chief
Legislative Officer
D. McMordie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
(Interim)
D. Enger, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (Interim)
A. Victoor, Director of Financial Services & Information
Technology (Interim)
R. McDonald, Legislative Officer
B. Switzer, Legislative Officer

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 AR-22-005 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That the January 31, 2022 agenda be adopted as amended, with the deletion of item 8.1.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Presentations, Delegations, and Announcements

Kirsten Brown-Smith, Resident, spoke regarding Active Communities Alberta Funding Request.

Kim Armstrong, Krimsen Sumners, and Michael Brenneis, St. Albert Public Schools, spoke regarding Active Communities Alberta Funding Request.

Black History Month Proclamation was read in by Mayor Heron and Helen Agbonison accepted the Proclamation.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 CA-22-001 Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Brodhead
That the recommendations in the following agenda reports be approved:

6.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2022

7.1 Community Living Standing Committee (CLSC) Draft (unadopted) Minutes and Agenda Items from January 17, 2022.

7.2 CLSC Recommendation Arising From Environmental Advisory Committee.

7.3 CLSC Recommendation: Environmental Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report.

9.1 Bylaw 01/2022 Municipal Development Plan 1st
Redesignation (1st Reading)
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 MIN-22-001 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2022

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That the Regular Council Minutes of January 10, 2022 be
adopted as presented.

7. Committee Business

7.1 CB-22-001 Community Living Standing Committee (CLSC) Draft (unadopted) Minutes and Agenda Items from January 17, 2022

Presented by: Councillor MacKay

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That the Draft (unadopted) Minutes of the January 17,
2022 Community Living Standing Committee meeting be
received as information.

7.2 CB-22-002 CLSC Recommendation Arising From Environmental Advisory Committee

Presented by: Councillor MacKay

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That Council approve the following Environmental
Initiatives Grant Program applications:

BLESS -Big Lake Environment Support Society
Funds would be used to assemble photos and materials to
print an animal pocket-sized guide, this would be the last
installment of the Big Lake Wetlands pocket guide series.
\$2,250.00

Braeside Pop Up Neighbourhood Garden

Funding would support a neighbourhood pop-up garden. The group intends to use space to host an educational community workshop to increase awareness of growing food and build long-term community relationships. \$5,000.00

Lacombe Park Garden and Connection Place
Funding would support phase two, to maintain and establish the Lacombe Park Community garden by continually building an accessible, permaculture garden which was started in 2019. \$5,000.00

Friends of Leo Nickerson School Enhancement Society
Funding would support a long-term naturalization project. The funds would be used to purchase native trees to re-establish a previous natural boundary along Cunningham road in the Leo Nickerson schoolyard. This project will provide a learning opportunity for all students at Leo Nickerson. \$5,000.00

Riverlot 56 Naturalization Project
Funds will support a long-term community naturalization project to enhance the forest at Riverlot 56. This project will engage the community to volunteer and offer a learning opportunity for students to develop solutions to increase the success rate of this type of naturalization planting through the Pursuits Program at William D Cuts School. \$2,662.00
TOTAL: \$19,912.00

- 7.3 CB-22-003 CLSC Recommendation: Environmental Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report
Presented by: Councillor MacKay

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That the Environmental Advisory Committee Annual Report for 2021 provided as an attachment to the January 17,

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That the following motion AR-19-402 passed by Council on November 18, 2019 be rescinded:

That the Project Charter entitled "Pilot Scale Waste to Energy", provided as a confidential attachment to the November 18, 2019 agenda report entitled "Waste to Energy", is approved, conditional of 75% funding from third party sources and contingent on acceptable agreements being executed; and that the proposed budget be funded by a commitment of a maximum of \$1,000,000 from the Stabilization Reserve

That Project 419762, "Pilot Scale Waste to Energy" be closed and the unused funds be uncommitted within the Stabilization Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Bylaws

- 9.1 BL-22-003 Bylaw 01/2022 Municipal Development Plan 1st Redesignation (1st Reading)
Presented by: Lyndsay Francis and Vicki Dodge, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department
- The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That Bylaw 01/2022, being amendment 1 to the Municipal Development Plan, be read a first time.

That Bylaw 01/2022 be referred to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB)

That a Public Hearing on Bylaw 01/2022 be scheduled for May 16, 2022.

Council recessed at 3:35 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

9.2 BL-22-005 Bylaw 06/2022 Annexation Bylaw Amendments (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Readings)

Presented by: Vicki Dodge, Annexation Project Manager, Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Brodhead

That Bylaw 06/2022, a Bylaw to amend Bylaws 18/2005 (the Traffic Bylaw), 10/2008 (the Transportation System Bylaw), 43/2000 (the Business License Bylaw) and 21/2002 (the Fire Services Bylaw), be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Brodhead

That Bylaw 06/2022 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That unanimous consent be given for third reading of Bylaw 06/2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Brodhead

That Bylaw 06/2022 be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Public Hearing

10.1 PH-22-002 Bylaw 06/2021 - Major Roads, Land Use Bylaw Schedule B Amendment

Presented by: Barb Dupuis, Planner, Planning & Development

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing on Bylaw 06/2021 open.

Moved by Councillor MacKay

That the Public Hearing on Bylaw 06/2021 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That Bylaw 06/2021, being amendment 184 to the Land Use Bylaw, be read a second time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That Bylaw 06/2021 be read a third time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 PH-22-003 Bylaw 55/2021 Land Use Bylaw Amendment -- Redistricting -- Cherot ASP (2nd & 3rd Readings)
Presented by: Eric Schultz, Planner, Planning & Development

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing on Bylaw 55/2021 open.

Jim Killoh, Rohit Group, and Blaydon Dibben, Select Engineering Consultants Ltd., answered questions of Council.

Moved by Councillor Brodhead
That the Public Hearing on Bylaw 55/2021 be closed.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Brodhead
That Bylaw 55/2021, being amendment 203 to the Land Use Bylaw, be read a second time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Brodhead
That Bylaw 55/2021, being amendment 203 to the Land Use Bylaw, be read a third time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed at 5:24 p.m.

Council reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

12. Civic and External Agencies - Councillors' Updates

Councillors provided updates on the work and activities of the civic and external agencies on which they serve as Council's representatives.

13. Council Motions

13.1 CM-22-001 CM - Active Communities Alberta Funding Request

Notice given by: Councillor Killick

Matt Bachewich, President, Active Communities Alberta, spoke regarding Active Communities Alberta Funding Request.

Moved by Councillor Killick

That the Active Communities Alberta (ACA) request for financial support to a maximum of \$1,500,000, including services in kind from the City of St. Albert towards an Outdoor Recreation and Community Hub is considered within 60 days after the following conditions have been met:

The receipt of an Independent Financial Review of the proposal completed by a third party funded by the ACA and Public Engagement report, based on criteria mutually established by ACA and the City; and

The ACA has raised a minimum of \$3 million from other sources towards the project.

CARRIED

For: 6 - Heron, Biermanski, Brodhead, Hughes, Killick, and MacKay

Against: 1 - Joly

14. Information Requests / Notices of Motion / Announcements

Information Request - Councillor Killick

For Administration to follow up with Roseridge to determine if they currently do any methane green house gas capture or if they have any plans to do so in the near future.

Information Request - Councillor Killick

With the recent CTV national news coverage of the solar panels on the Calmar arena it was also announced that the solar energy production data is available online and displayed on a monitor in the arena. This info request is what would it take to make this type of data available to residents for the solar system at Servus place. Also The Calmar arena project stated it has a funding arrangement with Enmax to finance the payment of the solar infrastructure over 15 years and that enmax has several such agreements in place . IR is to request admin provide a report on the details of this agreement with Enmax and how it is structured and could it be applied to future City installations.

Information Request - Councillor Killick

Garbage collection IR on side by side comparison of the new City of Edmonton rates for blue, green, black bins waste collection compared to st albert rates for similar service. Recognize City of Edmonton rates are significantly higher based on a full cost recover model than St Albert rates.

17. In Camera

- 17.1 INC-22-007 Land Matter - Campbell Business Park
Presented by: Christian Benson, Manager, Investment Attraction & Growth, Economic Development

In Attendance:

K. Hilts, Chief Administrative Officer (Interim) (Advice and Information)

D. McMordie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (Interim) (Advice and Information)

D. Enger, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (Interim) (Advice and Information)

D. Leflar, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Chief Legislative Officer (Advice and Information)

M. Erickson, Director, Economic Development (Advice and Information)

C. Benson, Manager, Investment Attraction & Growth, Economic Development (Advice and Information)

P. Nicol, Economic Development Officer, Economic Development (Advice and Information)

Moved by Councillor MacKay

That Council move in camera to discuss a matter pursuant to Section 24(1)(a) and Section 25(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council went in camera at 7:38 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That Council reconvene in Public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council reconvened in public at 8:02 p.m.

Moved by Councillor MacKay

That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to complete a sale of the City-owned property legally described as Plan 0525730, Block 6, Lot 19 (municipal

address 20 Carleton Drive, St. Albert) for a sale price representing market value as determined by an independent appraisal, subject to usual and customary closing adjustments for a commercial property listed with a real estate broker.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Killick

That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to complete a sale of the City-owned property legally described as Plan 0625845, Block 8, Lot 9 (municipal address 65 Carleton Drive, St. Albert) for a sale price representing market value as determined by an independent appraisal less an adjustment approved by the CAO to reflect potential development constraints, and subject to usual and customary closing adjustments for a commercial property listed with a real estate broker.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 17.2** INC-22-001 Land Matter - Fire Hall #1 - 18 Sir Winston Churchill Ave
Presented by: Mike Erickson, Director, Economic Development

In Attendance:

K. Hilts, Chief Administrative Officer (Interim) (Advice and Information)

D. McMordie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (Interim) (Advice and Information)

D. Enger, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (Interim) (Advice and Information)

D. Leflar, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Chief Legislative Officer (Advice and Information)

A. Slaght, Director of Planning & Development (Advice & Information)

E. Cooke, Director of Emergency Services/ Fire Chief (Advice and Information)

M. Erickson, Director, Economic Development (Advice

and Information)

C. Benson, Manager, Investment Attraction & Growth,
Economic Development
(Advice and Information)

Moved by Councillor Killick

That Council move in camera to discuss a matter pursuant
to Section 24(1)(a) and Section 25(1)(c) of the Freedom of
Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council went in camera at 8:15 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That Council reconvene in Public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council reconvened in public at 8:43 p.m.

- 17.3** INC-22-002 Council/Chief Administrative Officer Dialogue
Presented by: Kerry Hilts, Chief Administrative Officer
(Interim)

In Attendance:

K. Hilts, Chief Administrative Officer (Interim) (Advice
and Information)

Moved by Councillor Brodhead

That Council move in camera to have a confidential
dialogue with the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to s.
24(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council went in camera at 8:44 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Killick

That Council reconvene in Public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council reconvened in public at 9:06 p.m.

18. Adjournment

The adjournment occurred on a ZOOM platform that was not accessible to the public.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER

APPENDIX 6
ACTIVE COMMUNITIES / CITY OF ST. ALBERT
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR DEVELOPING REVIEW CRITERIA



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA
OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Active Communities Alberta Funding Request: Terms for Developing Review Criteria

The following organizations:

City of St. Albert (CoSA)
and
Active Communities Alberta (ACA)

Agree to the following terms in partial fulfillment of St. Albert City Council motion CM-22-001:

WHEREAS ACA and CoSA agree to work in the spirit of collaboration.

WHEREAS ACA and CoSA agree to respect the unique demands of their respective organizations.

WHEREAS ACA and CoSA agree to advance their share objectives in a timely manner.

SCOPE: Develop mutually agreed upon criteria for:

1. Completion of an independent financial review of ACA's business case, dated November 12, 2021, including

2. Public engagement and reporting related to ACA's proposed facility and operations as outlined in the business case dated November 12, 2021.

COMMUNICATION: All communication between the organizations related to the above will be directed through the primary contact for each organization.

Primary Contacts are:

CoSA : Daniele Podlubny – Recreation and Parks, Interim Director

ACA Primary Contact: Matt Bachewich – President

The organizations agree to acknowledge receipt of electronic or phone communication within two business days.

The organizations agree to provide a written response to on matters requiring review within 10 business days of receiving the request.

Meetings between the organizations can take place in person, virtually, or hybrid environments.

APPROVAL:

Approval for the following:

1. This document or any changes to this document, and
2. Final approval of the criteria outlined in the scope of this document

be deemed mutually agreed upon when approved in writing (signature or email acceptance) by the Prime Contact for CoSA and ACA.

PROPOSED TIMELINE:

Action	Lead	Date
Initial Meeting	CoSA/ACA	March 1
Table draft criteria scope 1	ACA	March 1
Response	CoSA	March 15
Meeting on criteria scope 1	CoSA/ ACA	March 14-18
Signed criteria for scope 1*	CoSA/ ACA	TBD
Table draft criteria for scope 2	ACA	March 7
Response	CoSA	March 18
Meeting on criteria scope 2	CoSA/ACA	March 14-24
Signed criteria for scope 2*	CoSA/ ACA	TBD

*Date is projected, dependent on the need for reviews, responses, or meetings between parties under the terms of this agreement.

Dated: March 31, 2022

Original Copy Signed

Daniele Podlubny
Interim Director, Recreation and Parks
City of St. Albert

Apr 11, 2022

Date

Original Copy Signed

Matt Bachewich
President, Active Communities
Alberta

Apr 11, 2022

Date

APPENDIX 7

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES / CITY OF ST. ALBERT

MUTUALLY AGREED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CRITERIA



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA

OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA (ACA) & CITY OF ST. ALBERT
MUTUALLY AGREED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CRITERIA

Revised March 31, 2022

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

- 1) Establish a process to provide confidence that stakeholders have had sufficient and appropriate opportunities for engagement on Outdoor Community & Recreation Hub (the Project).
 - a. Clearly defined understanding of how the engagement will influence the Project.
- 2) Develop a Public Engagement Report detailing the nature and results of Active Communities' public engagement activities related to the Project.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIONS

- 1) Public Engagement efforts are guided by IAP2 tenets Including but not limited to:
 - a) Stakeholder Identification
 - i) List of current and projected project stakeholders
 - ii) Agreement to level of engagement for stakeholders within the scope of work related to the council motion, including the following;
 - Why the stakeholder is being engaged?
 - How will the stakeholder engagement influence or be addressed within the Project?
 - b) Public Engagement Plan, including at minimum the following;
 - i) Engagement methods / tools aligned with stakeholder engagement level.
 - ii) Process for reporting back to stakeholders
 - iii) Timelines for engagement
 - iv) Other Project activities which overlap within this engagement period.
- 2) ACA will provide City of St. Albert with the following:
 - a) Opportunity to review and provide input into Stakeholder Identification.
 - b) Opportunity to review and provide input into the Public Engagement Plan.
 - c) Opportunity to review engagement materials or prior to the launch of any engagement activities.
 - d) Invitation to attend all public engagement activities and to provide clarification on questions raised by stakeholders or information provided by ACA for accuracy as it relates to City interests.
 - e) A Public Engagement Report (similar to a City of St. Albert *What We Heard Report*) including:

- i) Summary of events
- ii) Summary of data collected from stakeholders.
- iii) Indication of how feedback was or will be addressed over the course of the Project.
- iv) Identify any changes to the Project resulting from the engagement.
- v) Access to raw data collected through engagement.

Original Copy Signed

Daniele Podlubny
Interim Director, Recreation and Parks
City of St. Albert

Apr 11, 2022

Date

Original Copy Signed

Matt Bachewich
President, Active Communities Alberta

Apr 11, 2022

Date

**APPENDIX 8
ACTIVE COMMUNITIES
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN**



**ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA
OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT**



Active Communities Alberta

St. Albert Public Engagement Plan



Background

Active Communities Alberta (Active Communities) is a non-profit organization, comprised entirely of volunteers, with a focus on building strong and healthy communities through the provision of recreation and community facilities.

Active Communities and the City of St. Albert mutually agreed to public engagement criteria in support of the St. Albert City Council motion of January 31, 2022. The strategy herein fits within the parameters of the mutually agreed public engagement criteria in fulfillment of the public engagement objectives.

Public Engagement Objectives

1. Establish a process to provide confidence that stakeholders have had sufficient and appropriate opportunities for engagement on Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub (the Project).
 - a. Clearly defined understanding of how the engagement will influence the Project.
2. Develop a Public Engagement Report detailing the nature and results of Active Communities' public engagement activities related to the Project.

Approach to Public Engagement

Active Communities adheres to the public participation principles of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2). IAP2 is an international professional organization that works to advance the practice of public participation globally. Its [Spectrum of Public Participation](#) is widely used by public-facing organizations and reflects IAP2's [Code of Ethics](#) and [Core Values for the Practice of Public Participation](#) which are based on scholarly research and best practices in the field of public engagement.

IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation (pictured at right) depicts the five levels of participation that define the public's role in public participation.

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any public participation process. The Spectrum is used internationally, and it is found in public participation plans around the world.

		INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION				
		INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL		To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
	PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

Given the current state of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project, Active Communities' engagement with the public will be focused on the Inform, Consult and Involve levels depending on the nature of the stakeholder groups being engaged with and the impact that the project is likely to have on those stakeholders.

Public Engagement Actions

The mutually agreed public engagement criteria specifies the provision of a stakeholder list, as well as the identified level of engagement for each stakeholder. Additionally, this plan must identify why each stakeholder is being engaged and how stakeholder engagement activities will influence the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project.

This plan must also identify:

- Engagement methods aligned with the level of stakeholder engagement;
- The process for reporting back to stakeholders;
- Timelines for engagement; and
- Other project activities that overlap with the public engagement period.

Stakeholder Identification

Active Communities has identified 13 different stakeholder groups to engage during this process. Each stakeholder group has been analyzed for the level of impact this project has on it. The level of impact correlates to the level of public participation which drives the methodology for each stakeholder group's specific engagement.

Goals of Engagement with Stakeholders

Each stakeholder group identified will play a meaningful role in this engagement process. St. Albert residents are being engaged with the goal to understand their views on the project. St. Albert Neighbours from the surrounding subdivisions (Forest Lawn, Sturgeon and Braeside) are being engaged with the goal of establishing good relationships and to understand the unique perspectives of residents living close to the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub site.

Several potential user groups/associations are being engaged to confirm their anticipated use and level of support for the facility and with the goal to understand their members' perspectives and needs and how they could be incorporated to ensure the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is a first-class facility for a variety of recreation activities.

The Metis Society is being engaged to understand Indigenous perspectives with a view to incorporating cultural elements and programming into the facility and its operations.

Community groups are being engaged as the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub will support St. Albert businesses and the community's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. These community groups represent a variety of interests and their diverse perspectives will be invaluable to the project.

Level of Impact

Level of impact for each stakeholder group was assessed based on the likelihood that an organization or its members would be impacted by the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.

Given that it is difficult to fully understand the project's impact without asking stakeholders, the prescribed level of impact for each group was determined using the guidelines below, informed by community engagement work that preceded Active Communities' funding request of City Council and subsequent defined public engagement process:

- Anticipated facility use – prior to this specific engagement process, Active Communities has conducted engagement and developed relationships with numerous organizations throughout St. Albert. Many organizations have previously expressed their interest in utilizing the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.
- Anticipated perception of impacts based on previous public sessions and considering the impact level from the perspective of the stakeholder group. Active Communities has previously held Public Open-house Information & Consultation Sessions and the questions and comments provided a great deal of context that was useful in considering impacts from the perspective of various stakeholder groups. For example, some examples of perceived impacts on Neighbours were traffic, parking and proximity to the facility.

As a result of its previous engagement activities, Active Communities was able to make an informed inference regarding each group's level of impact.

Organizations that were deemed to be impacted at a **High** or **Moderate** level were those where it was likely that its members would be the most frequent users of the facility or where it was likely that its members would be highly impacted by the existence of the project.

Organizations that were classified as **Minor** impact level were those deemed to most likely have fewer members regularly using the facility or those with fewer members initially impacted by the project.

In the case of the broad public stakeholder groups, the project impact was deemed to be **Various** (impact for Residents and Neighbours ranging from Minor to High).

Note: initial stakeholder impact classification was assessed with potential use acting as a proxy. True impact is best gauged through engagement discussions with each stakeholder group.

Level of Engagement

IAP2's *Spectrum of Public Participation* sets out the five levels of engagement of public participation. For this engagement process, Active Communities will be engaging with different groups and organizations at the Inform, Consult and Involve levels based on the corresponding level of impact of each stakeholder group. Prior to setting out the level that each group will be engaged at, it is imperative to set out what it means to engage at each level and also be clear on what is out of scope of the engagement.

Level of Engagement	Active Communities' Goal of Participation	Active Communities' Promise to the Public
Inform	To provide relevant information on the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project.	To keep the public informed during the specific public engagement process and going forward.

Consult	To allow participants to ask questions and, through discussion, obtain feedback and understand perspectives, both positive and negative.	To ensure participants have an opportunity to provide comments and feedback and to follow-up with a public report that outlines that feedback.
Involve	To directly engage groups to discuss any concerns or incorporate elements into the facility that meet specific stakeholder needs.	To ensure that any concerns are understood and to publicly report on how feedback will impact the facility going forward.

Out of scope items:

Active Communities believes that the ‘Involve’ level of engagement is appropriate for highly and moderately impacted stakeholders. That said, there may be some feedback or concerns that cannot be addressed regardless of how well-intended all parties are. Thus, those particular items are out-of-scope for this public engagement process. Some examples of items that are out of scope are:

- Facility location – Active Communities has secured a 35-year lease with St. Albert Public Schools for the location adjacent to its District Office.
- The “outdoor” nature of the facility (i.e. open and not enclosed).

Active Communities welcomes feedback about elements related to location and design such as comments related to parking or specific user group needs. Those types of comments fit within the scope of the Involve level of engagement and will be explored so as to be understood and reported on.

A Practical Example of *Involve, where possible*

An example of *Involve, where possible* would be if a resident expresses concerns over the location of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. Active Communities will hear that feedback, however the location of the facility has already been determined and is therefore beyond the scope of the engagement process.

Alternatively, a resident may express concerns about potential noise associated with the facility; the promise to Involve would ensure that Active Communities hears the input and incorporates it into the design so as to minimize noise impact *where possible*.

This reflects Active Communities’ good-faith commitment to moving forward with this project while ensuring that feedback is incorporated whenever practical and possible.

Levels of Engagement Corresponding to Levels of Impact

Organizations that were categorized as **High** or **Moderate** will be engaged at the **Inform**, **Consult** and **Involve** level.

Organizations that were categorized as **Minor** will be engaged at the **Inform** and **Consult** levels.

Given that the impact to the public was classified as **Various** and the importance of developing an inclusive process to engage all St. Albertans, these public stakeholders will be engaged at the **Inform** and **Consult** level and will be engaged at the **Involve** level where possible. In practicality, as explained above,

this reflects a promise to thoroughly and attentively ensure concerns and aspirations are heard and acted on when possible.

Methods of Engagement

Active Communities will be utilizing several different methods of engagement as follows:

Method of Engagement	Description
Community and Neighbourhood Engagement Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Active Communities on the project (<i>Inform</i>) • Comments, Question & Answers (<i>Consult</i>) • Discussion (<i>Involve</i>)
Community and Neighbourhood Post-Session Survey	Following the Community and Neighbourhood Engagement Sessions, participants will be sent a link to a brief survey where they will have an additional opportunity to provide input. These follow-up surveys will be open for 48 hours following each session and will ensure that all participants' voices are heard.
Stakeholder Group Engagement Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Active Communities on the project (<i>Inform</i>) • Comments, Question & Answers (<i>Consult</i>) • Engagement Questions and Discussion (<i>Involve</i>)
Engagement Session Summary Validation	Following each engagement session with High and Moderately impacted groups, participants will be provided with a summary of the discussion for review. Participants will be asked to validate the summaries to ensure accuracy and completeness. Should participants not respond within two days, the meeting notes will be considered as validated in absentia.
Information & Consultation Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Active Communities on the project (<i>Inform</i>) • Comments, Question & Answers (<i>Consult</i>)
Community Survey	A survey for all community members will be launched on May 11, 2022 and promoted by Active Communities Alberta. The survey will be open for two and a half weeks and will collect St. Albertans' views regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project, including their awareness of the project, comments about benefits and drawbacks, and their level of support. Demographic information will be collected to assist in analyzing the responses received.

Stakeholder List

The table below outlines the numerous Stakeholder Groups, along with their accompanying level of Project Impact, Level of Engagement and Method(s) of Engagement.

The St. Albert Residents and Project Neighbours groups will be engaged through a Community and Neighbourhood Engagement Session, respectively, that will consist of a presentation on the project and a facilitated question & answer session. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about the project, provide comments and engage in discussion. The St. Albert Residents session will be advertised

through traditional media and social media posts and prospective participants in the Project Neighbours group will be informed through a mail flyer delivered to all households in Forest Lawn, Sturgeon Heights and Braeside and via targeted social media advertising.

The stakeholder groups with a high or moderate impact will be similarly engaged through Engagement Sessions that will consist of a presentation on the project, a question & answer session and a facilitated discussion with standard questions being asked of each organization. As potential frequent users, stakeholders will be specifically asked for input on specific elements, such as facility design.

Stakeholder groups with a minor level of impact will be invited to an Information & Consultation Session. Any stakeholders who cannot attend their designated session will be provided with information about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project and a method to get in touch to ask any questions that they have.

Stakeholder Group	Project Impact	Level of Engagement	Method of Engagement
St. Albert Residents	Various*	Inform, Consult and Involve (when possible)	Community Engagement Session / Post-Session Survey / Community Survey
St. Albert Neighbours (Forest Lawn, Sturgeon Heights and Braeside)	Various*	Inform, Consult and Involve (when possible)	Neighbourhood Engagement Session / Post-Session Survey / Community Survey
St. Albert Minor Hockey Association	High	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Pickleball Club	High	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Association	High	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Ringette Association	High	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert-Sturgeon Metis Local #1904	Moderate	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club	Moderate	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Skating Centre	Moderate	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert Special Olympics	Moderate	Inform, Consult and Involve	Engagement Session / Summary Validation
St. Albert and Area Sports Organizations (Invitees to include the remainder of St. Albert's community-based sports leagues and organizations from the City of St. Albert website)	Minor	Inform and Consult	Large Group Information & Consultation Session (Presentation and Q&A)
St. Albert Business Community (Invitees to include: St. Albert Economic Sustainability Advisory Board, St. Albert Chamber of Commerce and former St. Albert COVID Recovery Task Force members)	Minor	Inform and Consult	Large Group Information & Consultation Session (Presentation and Q&A)
St. Albert Youth Advisory Council	Minor	Inform and Consult	Information & Consultation Session (Presentation and Q&A)

*Note: 'Various' impact refers to some Residents and Neighbours being impacted by the project to varying degrees ranging from Minor to High.

Timelines

It is anticipated that information & consultation sessions and meetings can be conducted over a three-week period, currently planned to occur between May 12, 2022 and June 3, 2022. Multiple sessions will be held on most days with the exception of the St. Albert Residents and Neighbours sessions, which will be the only engagements held on those days.

The majority of the sessions will occur during weekday lunch hours and evenings as that is when most volunteers (both Active Communities and stakeholder group leaders) are available. City of St. Albert staff will be invited to observe all sessions and will be provided as much notice as possible, with consideration that not all stakeholder groups respond in a prompt manner. Active Communities' Director, Public and Stakeholder Engagement will maintain ongoing contact with City of St. Albert representatives regarding scheduling to mitigate any challenges.

Incorporating Engagement Feedback

Public engagement is at the core of Active Communities' mission to promote active living, community building and healthy families through inclusive public facilities with programming that serves the whole community. All of the feedback collected through this engagement and reported to City Council will be reviewed by the Active Communities board for opportunities to alleviate any concerns that are brought forward and incorporate input into facility design and operations where practical.

Additional Activities

On February 24, 2022, the Provincial government announced \$3.5 million in funding for the project. In late April, the Honourable Dale Nally, MLA for Morinville-St. Albert will be publicly announcing this funding at an event that will include Active Communities and St. Albert Public Schools officials. This event had been scheduled for early April but was postponed in consultation with School Board officials.

Conclusion

Active Communities is excited to undertake these public engagement activities to continue sharing the project with the public, hear views and acknowledge any concerns that arise and work with stakeholders to ensure that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub reaches its fullest potential. A thorough public engagement process will help ensure that the facility benefits the community and future generations of families in St. Albert.

APPENDIX 9

**RE: CITY OF ST. ALBERT PROPOSAL TO CONVERT
LAROSE OUTDOOR RINK IN LACOMBE PARK
TO A REFRIGERATED AND COVERED RINK**



**ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA
OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT**



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Outdoor Refrigerated Covered Rink

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RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Community Living Standing Committee recommend to Council that no further action be taken to plan and construct an Outdoor Refrigerated Covered Rink.

That the Community Living Standing Committee recommend to Council to rescind Postponed Motions 19-044 and 19-045.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Community Living Standing Committee (CLSC) with an update on the Outdoor Refrigerated Covered Rink (ODRCR) project to date and to recommend no further action be taken on this project due to public input and cost implications.

ALIGNMENT TO PRIORITIES IN COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO LEVELS OF SERVICE DELIVERY

This facility is not currently part of the Service Inventory and represents a new service delivery.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL DIRECTION OR MANDATORY STATUTORY PROVISION

On November 27, 2018 Council passed the following motions:

PM 19-044 - That one outdoor ice facility that already includes heated lace up change rooms and washrooms is refurbished and upgraded to a refrigerated ice surface with a flat hard surface for summer use, for \$875,000, funded through the capital reserve.

PM 19-045 - That the covered dome is added to the outdoor refrigerated ice rink project for \$300,000, funded through the capital reserve.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

At the direction of City Council, Administration began planning work to convert one of the existing outdoor rink facilities to a covered artificial ice surface supported with a refrigeration ice plant, concrete pad surface, lighting and board system, commonly referred to as an Outdoor Refrigerated Covered Rink (ODRCR). The budget of \$1.175M was approved through the 2019 capital budget to fund this project.

An ODRCR is intended to ensure consistency of an outdoor natural ice surface through temperature fluctuations and to enhance the length of the outdoor rink season, over that of a traditional outdoor rink. The intent of this amenity would be to serve primarily spontaneous, non-programmed users.

The potential sites identified in alignment with the motion for the location of this amenity were those facilities with existing outdoor rinks and warming shelters, specifically at: Alpine Park, Flagstone Park, Gatewood Park, Larose Park, and Willoughby Park.

In order to select the preferred site to host this amenity, park site assessment and feasibility was evaluated by Administration using 20+ criteria (including parking, safety, available utilities, other park amenities, etc.). Based on the site review and analysis, Larose Park was identified as the preferred site for the development of the ODRCR.

Public Participation

To seek understanding regarding the impacts to the neighbouring residents of developing the ODRCR at Larose Park, Administration utilized an online survey and hosted a neighbourhood meeting. Through these avenues, neighbours were invited to hear more information about the ODRCR at a conceptual level and provide their thoughts and feedback on the project.

Both engagement opportunities were shared with the approximately 100 residents that backed onto or faced the park site within 100 metres of the existing outdoor rink in November of 2019.

Thirteen individuals attended the meeting and nineteen residents completed the online survey that was used to gather feedback from those who could not attend the meeting. What was heard consistently was unfavorable community support for the placement of this amenity within Larose Park.

Administration has noted that the feedback received from the community related to two main themes:

- Perceived negative impact on the community (parking, traffic, noise, loss of off-leash area, etc.) by changing the use of a park or placement of significant infrastructure in a community park site; and
- Concerns identified regarding fiscal responsibility and the need for the project in the community overall.

Based on the feedback received through the public engagement, there is a significant risk with proceeding with this project at Larose Park or any of the community park sites originally identified for the project.

Identified potential risks and impacts:

- Dissatisfaction of adjacent park neighbors with enhanced development of the park and the change to the existing amenity;
- Change of service resulting in impacts to increased traffic, parking challenges, noise and

aesthetics of the park site, etc.

The detailed feedback of the neighbourhood meeting is included as Attachment 1: Lacombe Online Survey Results and Attachment 2: Lacombe Neighbourhood Meeting - Public Engagement Outcomes.

Financial Impact of Development

Through 2019, Administration also completed research with other municipalities that offered a similar amenity of this nature (Blackfalds, Black Diamond, Spruce Grove and Montreal) to better understand the site requirements and development costs.

Through this municipal review, costs estimates for similar/comparable projects ranged anywhere from \$1.5M to more than \$3.0M. These development costs include demolition, site preparation, groundwork, utility connections, outdoor rink infrastructure and dome materials and construction.

Administration has received a quote from a potential vendor of approximately \$850,000. The quotation includes the supply and installation of the outdoor rink surface and the rink boards. It does not include the costs associated with lighting, site excavation and ground work, landscaping, utility connections, dome construction, etc. The costs for these additional requirements would be confirmed through detailed design and construction tendering.

Through the municipal review and discussions with potential vendors, it has been noted that the \$1.175M funded for this project development may be insufficient.

Moving Forward

Administration has compiled a number of options for the CLSC's consideration in order to continue to advance the ODRCR project.

Option 1: Align this project to future park development projects

- Positives
 - ODRCR development can be aligned to a future neighbourhood park development charter in an area with less residential impact or prior to residential build out.
 - This amenity could be considered in the development of city wide parks such as Millennium Park or a major recreation destination such as the Community Amenity site.
- Negatives
 - A project delay would occur until a suitable project/site is aligned for the construction of this amenity.

Option 2: Plan for the location of the ODRCR at Servus Place

- Opportunities
 - There are no residential neighbors within 100m of the site.
 - This site has sufficient parking to support this development.
 - There are several operational efficiencies of locating the ODRCR near an existing facility, including, security, maintenance and additional on-site services.
 - This amenity would compliment the existing services and facilities at Servus Place.
 - This amenity could be a stand-alone facility offered as a free amenity separate from the Servus

Place admission fees.

- Challenges
 - Development of the ODRCR infrastructure at Servus Place will limit the future ability for expansion at Servus Place.
 - This site is not one of the sites identified in the original Council direction.

Option 3: Proceed with the development of the ODRCR amenity at Larose Park.

- Positives
 - This was the preferred community site location from the five community sites outlined through site assessment.
- Negatives
 - Significant community opposition exists to the placement of this amenity at Larose Park.
 - This recreation facility could become a major destination in the community and may not be an appropriate use of a community site, as it could result in increased traffic, parking and noise issues

Option 4: That no further action be taken regard building the ODRCR and reinvest the dedicated funds into other capital projects. *Recommended Option*

- Positives
 - Other capital projects can be completed with this returned funding
- Negatives
 - Some residents might be disappointed that the development of an ODRCR would not occur.

STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS OR ENGAGEMENT

Administration consulted with municipalities that offer outdoor refrigerated covered rinks, specifically Black Diamond and Blackfalds, to gather information on requirements and learnings of construction and operation of the facilities. This information was used to assist in developing the categories used in the assessment tool.

Administration also hosted an online survey and neighbourhood meeting for the residents that backed onto or faced the park site within 100 metres of the outdoor rink in November of 2019.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

Financial:

If PM 19-044 and PM 19-045 are rescinded then the \$1.175M Pay-As-You-Go funds would be uncommitted within the Capital Reserve.

These funds could be used for other capital projects, including, RMR, Growth and capital shortfall.

Legal / Risk:

None at this time

Program or Service:

Since it is recommended that the project not advance, there would be no changes to the existing program or standards of service.

Organizational:
None at this time

ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

1. That Administration align this project to future park development projects.
2. That Administration explore the development of the Outdoor Refrigerated Covered Rink Project at Servus Place.
3. That Administration proceed with the development of the ODRCR amenity at Larose Park.
4. That Administration proceed based on specific direction from Council.

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Report for Proposed Outdoor Refrigerated Covered Rink at Larose Park

Response Counts



Totals: 20

1. What do you like about locating the rink at this site?

ResponseID Response

1	test
2	nope
3	Parking ...
4	Waste of money
5	Great area and site to have the covered rink. Lots of kids.
6	Already being used for this activity
7	I am not opposed to the rink or the location, however I like the rink the way it is.
8	I do not like this location
9	No problem eith location
10	It serves a large neighborhood that could use it. Has good parking and a change room
11	It seems a perfect location, and a good temporary solution to the problem of insufficient ice surfaces in St. Albert
12	Nothing. T raffic is already a nightmare. No parking most times due to events at Church or clubhouse as well as Daycare that use up all rink parking as well as street parking including parking on top of crosswalks and blocking driveways. This area would not be able to accommodate another "attraction". With the economy going from bad to in the toilet WHY is this even moving forward? It should be scrapped and the money utilized for basic services rather than this nice to have. IF sports groups claim they NEED it than they can raise the money . PLEASE SCRAP THIS FRIVOULOUS PROJECT . If you can not or will not realize that the taxpayer credit cards are full, than choose a location which does not have the existing parking and traffic congestion that this site has nor the MANY small children from the daycare that utilize this area and are already at risk from all the traffic.
14	please do not build this at all.
15	Good location. Terrible idea
16	I do not have anything positive to say about the option of this site, I think this site is not appropriate.
17	NOTHING Leave the space as it is please It should be for families!!!
18	Nothing at all! I am not impressed!

ResponseID Response

19 The rink seems to be centered for lots of people, as witnessed by all the kids and adults who use the rink in the winter

20 NOTHING!

2. What concerns do you have about locating the rink at this site?

ResponseID Response

1	test
2	there is too much traffic on Larose Dr already
3	The increased cost of access for wonderfun... or wonderfun competing with historically internal facilities for ice time
4	Waste of money
5	None
6	None
7	My number one concern is the loss of the secure off-leash dog area. Secondly, I would be concerned about parking. Although it wouldn't affect me directly it seems like the area would occasionally be overwhelmed. Third concern would be cost. Not just build cost but servicing, maintenance, and policing the facility.
8	It is already very high traffic area It is already over crowded with community events such as soccer, guides, AA, skating , city vehicles It should be put in a area that does not already have an ice rink so we can have more in the city -do not take away an amenity to add a different one It will ruin the off leash area that many people use in the neighbourhood Pedal heads bike camp uses the rink every summer for the whole summer to help kids learn to bike on grass for Safety they can't do it on cement
9	None
10	Cost
11	I have no concerns about the location of the rink
12	See answer to question 1. No parking as it is on street or at rink due to church and clubhouse events and daycare...etc. read answer to question 1
14	I do not want his , what a waste of my taxes
15	Nothing wrong with the location but a waste of money. We need another real rink that hockey and to ringette can use for games

ResponseID Response

16 This area of lacombe is heavily saturated already has an issue with traffic, noise, foot traffic and most importantly safety. 1.The residents living on or near larose drive already have 2 schools. Living on the same street or not far down from a school means more traffic, more caution needed for pedestrians, more buses, more foot traffic/loitering/littering. 2. The residents, in addition to mentioned above also have the traffic and business of the church. The church fills up the near by road ways for not only the weekend masses but there are 3rd party activities/meetings that go on most day/evenings. 3.The residents in addition to mentioned above have the day care. The daycare has the drop off and pick up of all the children in the facility ranging from 1yrs old to approx 5yrs old. There is a constant coming and going. They also have the buses that transport the children to and from other institutions while they are in-care and there is also the issue with staff parking. The staff of sigis do not use the parking lot in front of the building as it not deep enough to have more then 1 lane of traffic so the parents must use it for the drop off and pick up needs that go on all day. This means that the city streets are full for 1 to 3 blocks on both sides of larose drive with resident and sigis parking every day. 4. The residents in addition to mentioned above live on a public bus route. This adds noise to the neighborhood and backs up traffic at times given the school buses from 2 schools and the many parents coming and going as quickly as possible from the daycare. 5. The residents in addition to mentioned above have the addition of a cell phone tower added a few years ago. Their have been residents who felt this affected them when they tried to sell their home. 6. The residents in addition to mentioned above have the boys and girls club which creates alot of extra traffic and parking for 1 to 3 blocks on both sides of larose drive. 7.The residents near that location in addition to mentioned above already have the soccer fields that create extra traffic and parking for 1 to 5 blocks on both sides of larose drive. 8. Most importantly, the residents of this area where this is being proposed already have issues with safety. We have daily issues with traffic parked on both sides of the road, then we add traffic from 3 near by schools, bus route traffic, the small children from sigis trying to go for walks on the street or cross the street, church traffic/parking, sigis traffic/parking, boys and girls club parking and traffic, normal neighbourhood traffic, near by sporting event parking.....this is a VERY BUSY PLACE!! There are huge site line concerns on certain spots of larose. This road was not made for 4 lanes of traffic but that is what we deal with. Parking on both sides and then 2 way traffic in the middle and lots of it! There are parts of the street where by the time a pedestrian and car could see each there is not enough time to stop, especially in the winter. We have been involved in or witnessed so many close calls of cars almost hitting people that it is really upsetting. Our street is already a road where our children cannot play in their own front yard, we have accepted that. Adding 1 more ammendity or resource to this area would be a safety hazard and would further inact the neighbourhood and the value of the near by homes in a negative way. This area cannt tolerant anything more!! Adding this building in the proposed larose location would be further putting children and the residents in harms way and imposing an inconvenience we can afford.

17 No more access for families and kids learning to skate Please leave the space as it is!!!

18 Parking Taxes (Poor home owners & a city that cant live within a budget and spend spend spend). Traffic Loss of Park Noise More City debt

19 Perhaps may be limited if it gets very busy.

ResponseID Response

20 INCREASED TRAFFIC WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE TRAFFIC/PARKING ISSUES, POTENTIAL FOR VANDALISM INCREASING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, INCREASED LIGHT AND NOISE POLLUTION, LOSING BEAUTIFUL MATURE TREES, ESTHETICS OF BUILDING A LARGE INDUSTRIAL STYLE STRUCTURE IN A BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBOURHOOD, ELIMINATING PARK VIEWS, THE FACT THAT THE CITY HAS NOT DISCLOSED ANY DETAILS OF THE USE OF THE BUILDING OR EXACT LOCATION OF IT, UNNECESSARY USE OF CITY OF ST. ALBERT MONEY, WE ALREADY HAVE 2 WONDERFUL RINKS AVAILABLE DURING THE WINTER FOR SKATING/HOCKEY AND AVAILABLE DURING THE SUMMER FOR OTHER USES, AND THE LIST GOES ON...

3. What are some potential solutions to the concerns you've noted above?

ResponseID Response

1 test

2 Look in a new area of the city.

3 Not sure ...

4 Save tax

5 There are no issues.

7 For me 'secure' off-leash is key. Loss of the current facility would be a huge quality of life hit for me personally and for others I have spoken with. People from other neighborhoods (North Ridge and Deer Ridge) are regulars at Larose Rink because according to them it's nicer than facilities in their neighborhoods. The area behind the pump station could be fenced, or as I suggested a few years ago, fence an area of the park on Larose between Longview and Lamartine along the paved trail. That park area is sadly under-utilized. Realistically these suggestions are costly and wouldn't fit the budget, but any additional secure (fenced) off-leash dog area would be compensation for loss of this amenity. I also suggest a short-term temporary fence be erected dividing the fenced off-leash area at Lacombe Lake park just above the mid gate. Lower section for any dogs/owners comfortable with the volume and size of the dogs and people who like to gather and mingle there, and the top section for smaller/shy dogs and people who wish to have a little more relaxed setting and not be overwhelmed. Comparing the cost to the fences surrounding the baseball diamonds across the park from the rinks at approximately \$300 per month, this proposal would only require about 100M of temporary Fast Fence. \$150 to install, \$150 for removal, and \$75 per month to rent. \$500-600 for a 3-4 month feasibility study to see how much interest/usage it would generate seems pretty reasonable and would make up for the loss to dog people when the rink goes in.

8 Lacombe park is totally underutilized only having soccer Relocate the rink elsewhere to create more rinks in the city

9 None

10 Sponsorships

12 This about your tax base who have been hit with cutbacks and many lay offs. Think about how ridiculous the timing of this is. Realizing money was put aside for it the economic climate has drastically changed. Give your collective heads a shake if you feel this should still go ahead

14 Do not build it.

15 Build an indoor rink

ResponseID Response

16 For this area, there is not a solution. This area is too saturated.

17 Put it in a different location Perhaps at Lacombe lake or a different area of the city without an established rink

18 There are none! This area continues to have an increase in traffic & use and this project only adds to the issues.

19 Keep the parking lot in front of Lacombe Reservoir cleared as best you can, so people wont be forced to park on the street.

20 MOVE THIS TO AN AREA THAT IS MORE SUITABLE FOR A FACILITY LIKE THIS. NOT A LOCATION THAT IS ALREADY CONGESTED WITH EVENTS/TRAFFIC/BUILDINGS/PARKING, ETC.

4. Do you/your family use outdoor rinks for skating?

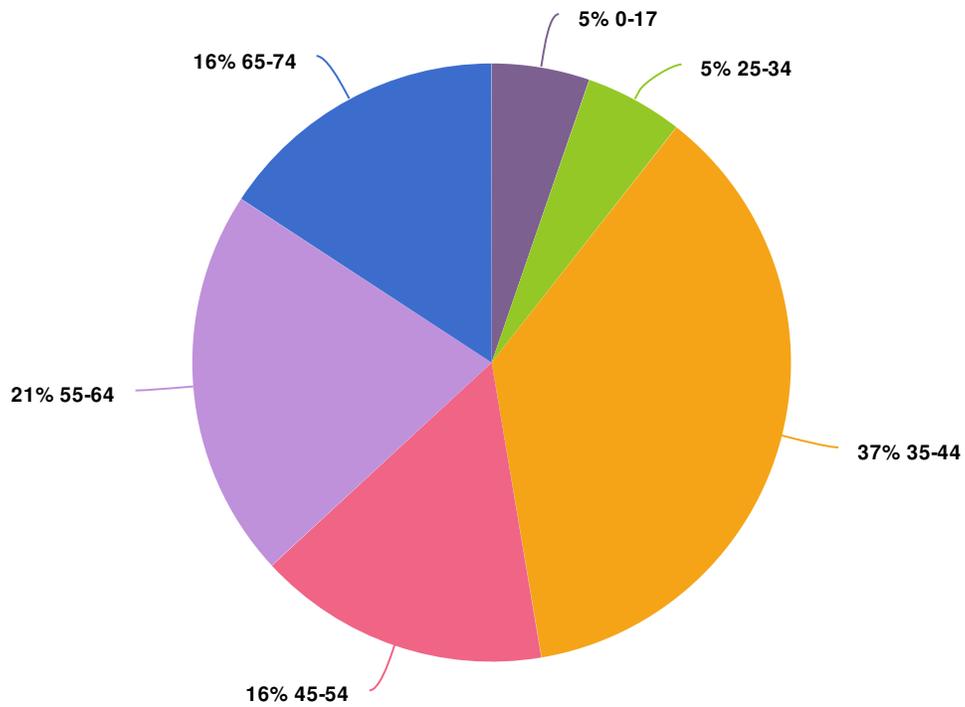
ResponseID	Response
1	test
2	yes.
3	Yes
4	Not anymore
5	All winter. We love the outdoor rinks.
6	No
7	Yes occasionally
8	Yes and I like the outdoor rink We use it all year long as an off leash are and place for kids to play in the summer If the rink was cemented we wouldn't be able to Also my kids spend summer riding bikes safely in rink
9	No
10	We will. Growing family
11	No
12	Yes
14	yes.
15	Yes
16	Sometimes.
17	Yes
18	No
19	Yes, our grown up kids and grandchildren aged 4,6,10 and 16 use the rink and love going there.
20	YES...ALL WINTER LONG, YEAR AFTER YEAR!

5. Would you/your family use the outdoor refrigerated covered rink?

ResponseID Response

1	test
2	No
3	We would as ice time at indoor for skating or simple drop in is almost non existent.. would prefer flagstone park though..
4	No
5	YES
6	No
7	Perhaps, but probably not. We enjoy open air skating. With the great number of bright sunny days we are blessed with, a covered ice surface just wouldn't be the same.
8	No
9	No
10	Yes
11	No
12	NEVER
14	no, . I do not have enough room left in my budget for more taxes. Are you kidding me?
15	Maybe
16	Maybe
17	NO the rink that is there is fine and good for kinda to learn to skate or older kids to play with friends If I want a covered rink I'll go to Servus place
18	No
19	Absolutely.
20	NO, THE WHOLE POINT OF OUTDOOR SKATING IS BEING OUTDOORS...AND IT'S A MORE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OUTSIDE.

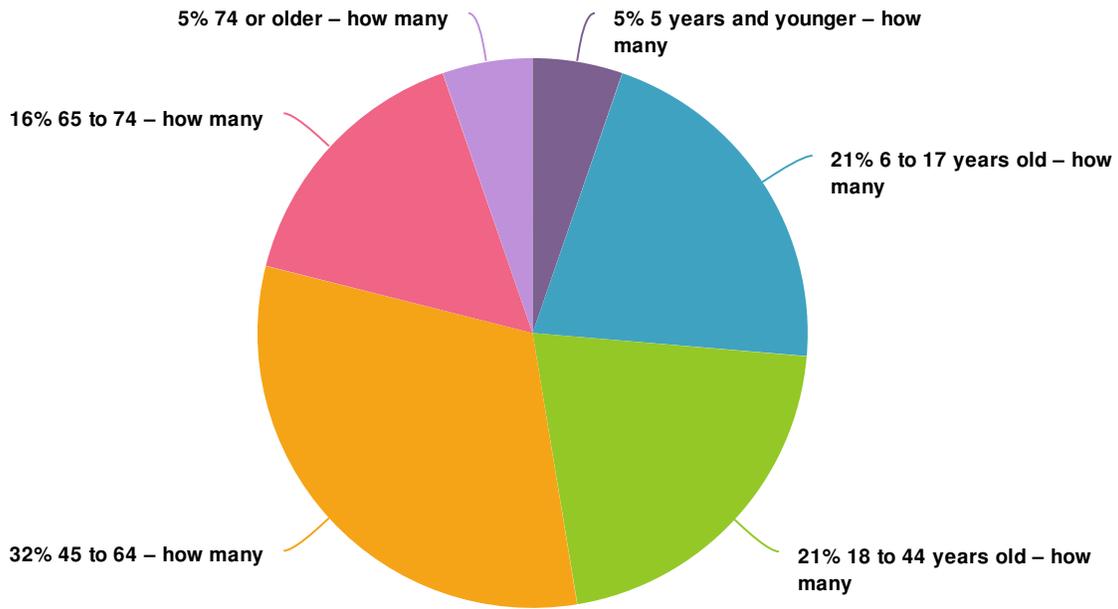
6. Which of the following age groups do you fit into?



Value	Percent	Responses
0-17	5.3%	1
25-34	5.3%	1
35-44	36.8%	7
45-54	15.8%	3
55-64	21.1%	4
65-74	15.8%	3

Totals: 19

7. Including yourself, how many people in each of the following age groups live in your household?



Value	Percent	Responses
5 years and younger – how many	5.3%	1
6 to 17 years old – how many	21.1%	4
18 to 44 years old – how many	21.1%	4
45 to 64 – how many	31.6%	6
65 to 74 – how many	15.8%	3
74 or older – how many	5.3%	1

Totals: 19

5 years and younger – how many	Count
1	1
Totals	1

6 to 17 years old – how many**Count**

2	2
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1	1
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3	1
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Totals	4
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18 to 44 years old – how many**Count**

2	4
---	---

Totals	4
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45 to 64 – how many**Count**

2	3
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0	1
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1	1
---	---

One	1
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Totals	6
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65 to 74 – how many**Count**

2	2
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Totals	2
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74 or older – how many**Count**

1	1
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Totals	1
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Don't Know/Refused – how many**Count**

Totals	0
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Public Feedback

Please write your comments on the sticky notes and put them on the board.

As a neighbour to the park, what are the benefits of having this amenity in Larose Park?

“Sell rink board storage to advertising to generate revenue.”

“Covered facility increases ice safety (eg) NE Corner Melts”

“Increased facility usage.”

“Better ice quality will help.”

“Opens earlier in the season!”

“Excellent idea will extend the ice service for the year. Will help getting extra ice. “

APPENDIX 10

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES COMMUNITY SURVEY



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA

OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub - Public Engagement Survey

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in Active Communities Alberta's St. Albert Public Engagement Survey regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.

Active Communities Alberta is a non-profit society that is committed to supporting active living, community building and healthy families through the provision of recreation and community facilities.

The following questions will obtain your views on the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub along with some general information about you and your household composition.

Additional information about the project can be found on our website at ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca.

The results of this survey will be summarized in a "What We Heard" document that encompasses Active Communities Alberta's public engagement activities relative to the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. No personally identifiable information will be disclosed in the public report.

Privacy Statement:

The information in this survey is collected on behalf of Active Communities Alberta and is subject to the obligations of Alberta's *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA). Personal information provided by you for this survey is collected on a voluntary basis.

Any results, tables or summaries made available to the public will be provided in a manner that preserves and protects survey respondent confidentiality and personal information. Should you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information, please contact:

**Matt Becigneul
Director of Stakeholder and Public Engagement
Active Communities Alberta
info@ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca
780-691-8016**



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub - Public Engagement Survey

Demographics

To best analyze the results of this survey, we'd like to ask you a few demographic-related questions about you and your household.

1. Which of the following age categories do you fit into?

- Under 18 41-59
 18-24 60+
 25-40

2. Including yourself, how many people reside in your household?

3. Including yourself, what are the ages of these members of your household? Please select from the categories provided next to each household member.

	Under 18	18-24	25-40	41-59	60+
Number of members in your household	<input type="text"/>				

4. Which subdivision do you reside in?



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub - Public Engagement Survey

Awareness

Active Communities is building an Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility on St. Albert Public Schools' land next to its District Office on Sir Winston Churchill Avenue. This facility will feature twin recreation pads that are covered with a roof. The pads will be refrigerated during the winter for ice sports and used as dry pads for summer sports, such as pickleball, lacrosse, basketball, etc. The ice will be available approximately 6 months of the year and the dry concrete pad for the remaining months. Active Communities is responsible for building, operating, and maintaining the facility.

The following questions are designed to determine your level of awareness about the project.

5. How would you describe your awareness of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub Project?

- Very aware
 Somewhat aware
 Not aware

6. How have you learned about the Outdoor Recreation and Community Hub? Please select all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailbox Flyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

7. Have you attended a previous public engagement session regarding the Outdoor Recreation and Community Hub?

- Yes
 No



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub - Public Engagement Survey

Facility Use

Active Communities is building an Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility on St. Albert Public Schools' land next to its District Office on Sir Winston Churchill Avenue. This facility will feature twin recreation pads that are covered with a roof. The pads will be refrigerated during the winter for ice sports and used as dry pads for summer sports, such as pickleball, lacrosse, basketball, etc. The ice will be available approximately 6 months of the year and the dry concrete pad for the remaining months. Active Communities is responsible for building, operating, and maintaining the facility.

The following question will explore your anticipated usage of the facility.

8. How do you or members of your family anticipate utilizing the facility? (check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Boarded Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drop-in Shinny | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball (on turf) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Roller Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ringette | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Figure Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Birthday Parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball | <input type="checkbox"/> School Programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ball Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

- None of the above



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub - Public Engagement Survey

Benefits and Drawbacks

Active Communities is building an Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility on St. Albert Public Schools' land next to its District Office on Sir Winston Churchill Avenue. This facility will feature twin recreation pads that are covered with a roof. The pads will be refrigerated during the winter for ice sports and used as dry pads for summer sports, such as pickleball, lacrosse, basketball, etc. The ice will be available approximately 6 months of the year and the dry concrete pad for the remaining months. Active Communities is responsible for building, operating, and maintaining the facility.

The following questions will assess your views about the potential benefits and drawbacks of this project.

9. What do you feel are the benefits associated with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub?

10. What do you feel are the drawbacks associated with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub?

11. If you indicated that there are drawbacks associated with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub, do you have any suggestions or input on how those drawbacks could be mitigated?



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub - Public Engagement Survey

Level of Support

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The following questions will gauge your level of support and why you feel that way.

12. Please indicate your level of support for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub using the sliding scale below?

Do not support Neutral Very Supportive

13. Please tell us why you feel that way.



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub - Public Engagement Survey

Contact Information (optional)

14. If we would like to connect with you to gain additional insights, would you like to share your email address? (optional).



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub - Public Engagement Survey

Thank You!

The survey is now complete, thank you for participating! We value your views and look forward to connecting again in the future.

APPENDIX 11
ACTIVE COMMUNITIES
ENGAGEMENT SESSION AGENDAS,
MATERIALS AND SUMMARIES



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA
OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT



Active Communities Alberta
Neighbourhood Engagement Session
May 17, 2022 7:30pm



Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Presentation**
- 4. Questions and Answers**
- 5. Opportunities for additional engagement (to be emailed)**
 - a. Engagement Session Questionnaire**
 - b. Public Engagement Survey**

Please visit ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca for more information and updates about the project!

Or contact info@activecommunitiesab.ca.



Active Communities Alberta
Neighbourhood Engagement Session
Questionnaire



Thank you for your participation in the Neighbourhood Engagement Session. Since the session was held virtually, we have a few questions to follow-up with you now that you've had the opportunity to participate.

1. Did you increase your knowledge about the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. Having had the opportunity to participate in the Engagement Session, we'd like to know if your perception of the project has changed. Which of the following statements best describes your impression of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub?
 - a. My impression of the project has improved.
 - b. My impression has remained the same.
 - c. My impression of the project has declined

3. Do you have concerns with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project that you do not feel were addressed during the presentation or Question & Answer session? If so, please tell us what they are.

4. As the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project moves forward to construction and operation, are there any specific elements that you feel we should consider to ensure the facility is the best that it can possibly be?

5. Is there anything else that you would like to bring to our attention?

6. If you would like to further discuss any element of this project, please leave your contact information below so we can follow-up with you.



**Active Communities Alberta
Community Engagement Session
May 19, 2022 7:30pm**



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Active Communities Alberta
Community Engagement Session
Questionnaire



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St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub



Community Engagement Session
May 19, 2022

Welcome!



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA





ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA

- Non-Profit Alberta Society
- Volunteer Board of Directors
- Mission
 - Promote active living, healthy families and community building by establishing, operating and maintaining multi-use recreation and community facilities.
- Website: ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca
- [Facebook.com/ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca](https://www.facebook.com/ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca)
- Instagram / Twitter



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA

Comprised of 15 Board and Committee members that bring a wide-range of professional and volunteer experience. Examples include:

- Retired Vice President of Canadian Western Bank
- Chartered Professional Accountant
- Civil Engineer with over 30 years of professional experience
- Rotary Club President
- MacEwan University Foundation Director
- Former Executive Director of St. Albert Seniors Centre
- Public Engagement & Communications professional
- Construction leader with experience that includes Edmonton Ice District, Anthony Henday Drive and Edmonton LRT



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA

Organization competencies

The skillsets and
experience of our
volunteers

Recreation and Community Facility Management	Accounting & Finance	Law	Engineering
Non-Profit Leadership	IT & Analytics	Community, Stakeholder & Government Relations	Construction
Marketing	Fundraising	Communications	Indigenous Relations
Strategic Planning	Enterprise Risk Management	Policy Development	Banking

NON-PROFIT RECREATION FACILITIES



Non-Profit Recreation Facilities

- There are many examples of non-profit operated recreation facilities, locally, provincially and throughout North America.
- Calgary uses the non-profit model extensively. They have informed us that the City of Calgary has not built and operated new recreation facilities since the 1980's.
- Using the non-profit model for recreation service delivery is a way St. Albert can implement recommendations from the \$1 million EY review. Specifically, that the:
“City re-evaluate its role in direct service delivery and explore alternate options”

Recreation Facility Model Continuum

Municipal

Non-Profit

For-Profit



Non-Profit Model Benefits

UNIQUE REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES

- Gaming/Casino Funds
- CFEP/CIP and other government grants to non-profits

COST SAVINGS

- Labour
- Management/Oversight
- Agile and Responsive Operations

Non-Profit Recreation Facilities

- The Edmonton Chamber of Commerce has identified opportunities for cities to save taxpayers dollars through third-party recreation facility operations.
- In reference to non-profit rec facilities, the chamber stated:
“These centres are self-sufficient and do not require any form of City subsidy. In other words, taxpayers are not on the hook for programming, facility operations, refurbishments, or maintenance”.

“The City of Calgary has had success using a third-party operated model for recreation facilities. This model is aimed at ensuring the sustainability of these facilities without the need for additional public funding for operations, lifecycle and capital expansion costs. Using this model, the operator is responsible for cost-recovery and establishing reserves while ensuring goods and services are within market pricing.”

<https://www.edmontonchamber.com/2018/08/19/city-budget-bulletin-1-recreation-centres/>

Non-Profit Rec Facility Examples

Edmonton Non-Profit Rec Facilities

Canadian Athletic Club Society Arena

Knights of Columbus Society Twin Arena

Kinsmen Twin Arena

GO (Saville) Recreation Centre

Funding was: \$9M Municipal / \$10M Prov / \$14.8M Fed)

<https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/media/news-nouvelles/2009/20090911edmonton-eng.html>

Multiple YMCA Facilities

Multiple Community League Rink Facilities

Other Non-Profit Rec Facilities

Classic Outdoor Refrigerated Rink

East Aurora, NY

<https://www.classicrink.org/>

Winthrop Outdoor Refrigerated Rink

Winthrop, WA

<http://winthroprink.org/>

Calgary Non-Profit Rec Facilities

Don Hartman Northeast Sportsplex

VIVO Recreation Facility

Trico Centre

Cardel Recreation South Facility

Westside Recreation Centre

Winsport Centre

East Calgary Twin Arena

Brentwood Sportsplex

Crowchild Twin Arenas

Bowness Community Centre

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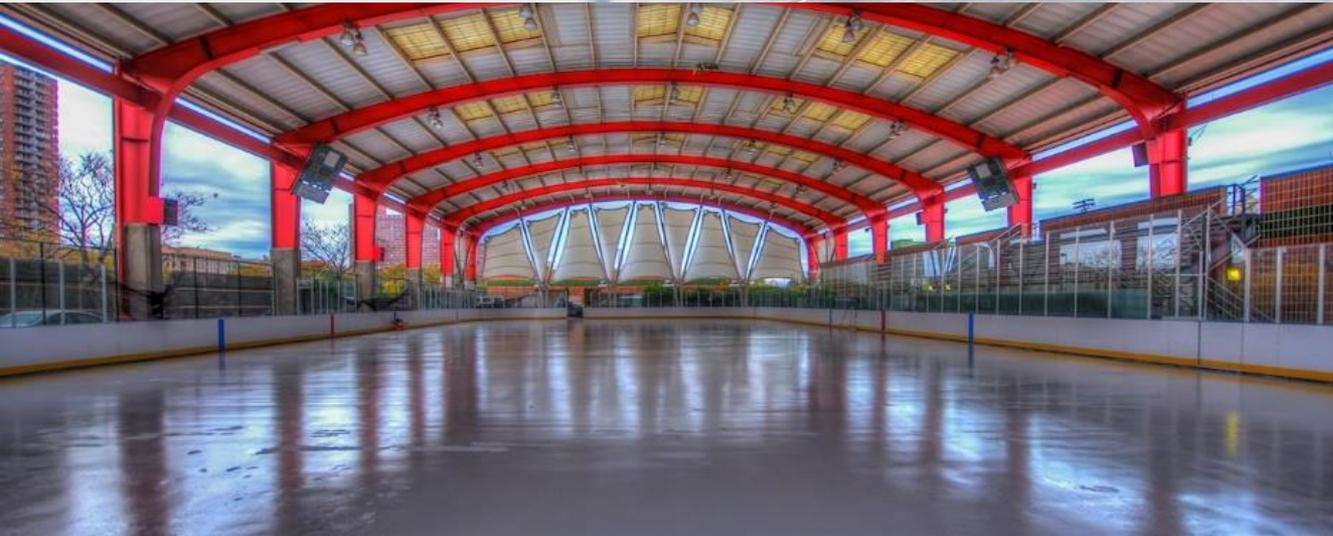
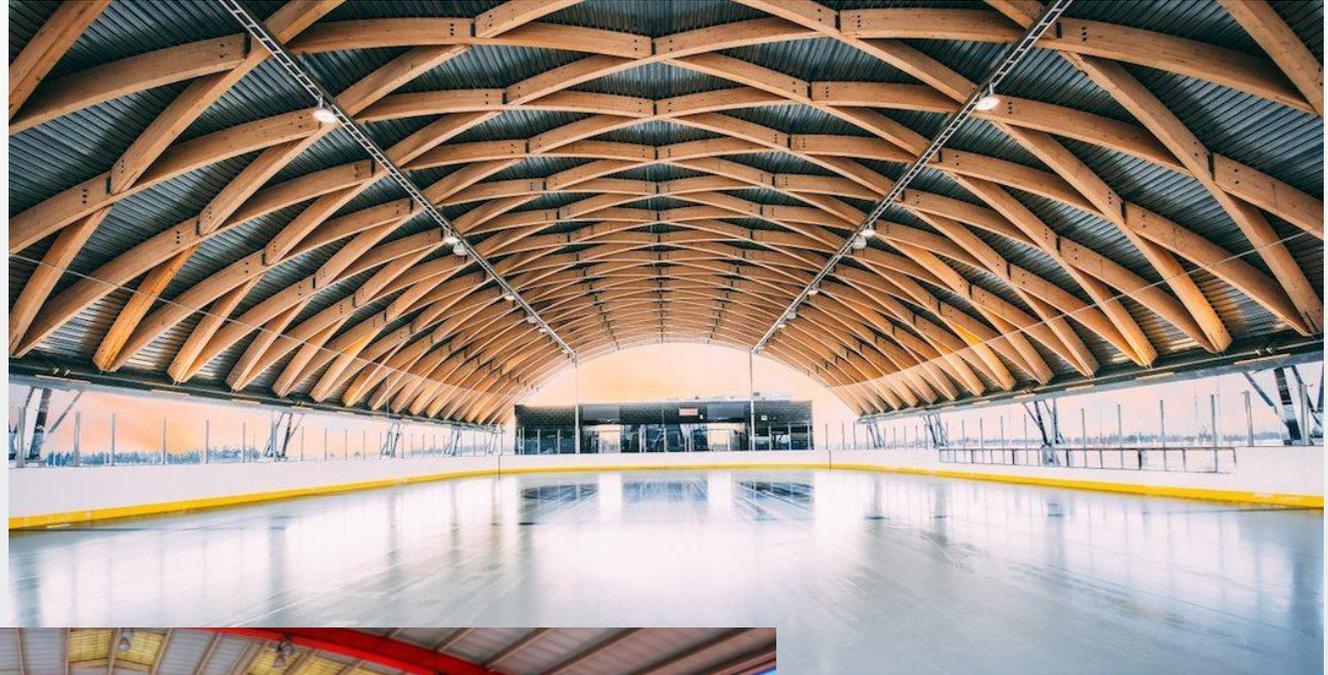


Outdoor Refrigerated Rink Examples



Refrigerated & Covered Outdoor Rink Examples

Brampton, ON



New York, NY

Refrigerated & Covered Outdoor Rink Examples

East Aurora, NY



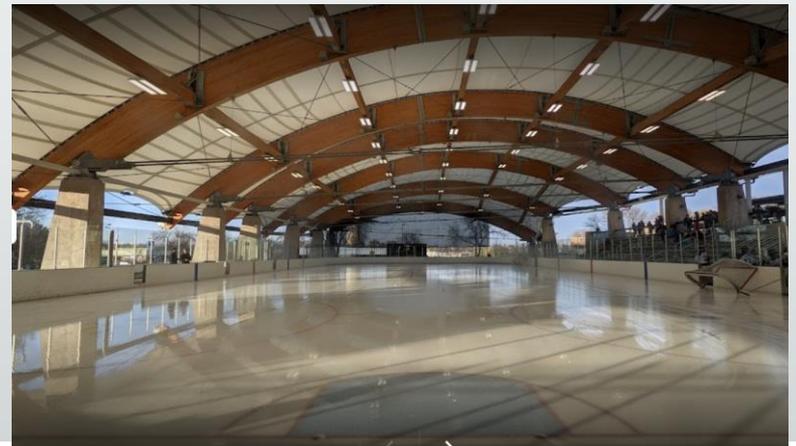
Moses Lake, WA



Toronto, ON



St. Louis Park, MN



Covered Outdoor Facility Activities

Pickleball



Wheelchair Lacrosse



Lacrosse



Ball Hockey



ST. ALBERT OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub

Year-Round, Multi-purpose Outdoor Facility

- Two Recreation Pads that are covered
 - Refrigerated ice rinks during the winter
 - Dry concrete floors during the summer
- Change building with lobby & dressing rooms



Facility Activities

WINTER	SUMMER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Skating• Shinny• Hockey• Ringette• Figure Skating• Tournaments• School Programming• Community Events• Birthday parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball• Tennis• Pickleball• Badminton• Ball Hockey• Lacrosse• Roller Skating• Tournaments• School Programming• Fitness Classes• Summer Camps• Community Events• Birthday parties

Refrigerated Season vs Natural Ice Season

- The natural ice outdoor rink season is approximately 3 months
- The refrigerated season could theoretically be year-round, however we plan to have the ice plant operating from mid-October to mid-April.
- Our facility will allow for skating 6 months of the year, which is double the season length for natural ice facilities.

October	November	December	January	February	March	April
		Natural Ice Season: Dec 1 - Feb 28				
Refrigerated Ice Season: Oct 15 - Apr 15						

Letters of Support

- St. Albert City Council
- St. Albert Minor Hockey Association
- St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Association
- St. Albert Ringette Association
- St. Albert Pickleball Club
- St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club
- Hockey Alberta



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File: M3058

March 2, 2021

To Funding Agency:

Re: Letter of Support – Active Communities Alberta

The City of St. Albert supports Active Communities vision for creating an outdoor covered ice facility that also supports other recreational endeavors within the community. Active Communities has been engaged with the City over the past five-years for the building of ice arena facilities. At its Meeting of March 1, 2021, Council resolved:

That the Mayor, on behalf of St. Albert City Council, provide a letter of support for the Active Communities Outdoor Facilities Project.

The addition of ice, and dry open recreation space, would be a benefit for multiple user groups with the community – including the public.

The City looks forward to seeing Active Communities succeed with their project and would welcome government funding to help this project come to fruition.

Sincerely,

C. Heron

Cathy Heron
Mayor

cc: City Council
Kevin Scobie, CAO, City of St. Albert
Matt Bawechich, President, Active Communities Alberta



Integrity
collaboration
innovation
passion

February 23, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with full support of Hockey Alberta that we provide this letter of endorsement for Active Communities Alberta and their efforts to increase the supply of recreation facilities in our province.

As the provincial governing body for hockey in Alberta, we recognize the important role sport plays in encouraging lifelong physical activity, healthy living and strong communities. Active Communities Alberta, a non-profit society, has demonstrated a genuine commitment to these values. We have been engaged with Active Communities Alberta since 2017 and we are proud to continue supporting them.

Founded in 1907, Hockey Alberta is a member branch of Hockey Canada. Hockey Alberta represents 180 Member Minor Hockey Associations, ranging from Hockey Calgary and Hockey Edmonton to small associations in all corners of the province, 90 Junior Teams, 57 Senior Teams, 5 Accredited Schools, 6 Para Hockey Programs, and 45 Recreational Hockey Programs with a total of 100,000+ participants, in 197 different communities.

Hockey Alberta supports the innovative outdoor recreation facility project. This is an opportunity to launch a new approach that we expect would provide benefit by repeating it across the province. Scaling this approach will help to address the demand for ice time by Hockey Alberta Members.

The quality of the rinks proposed will provide a comparable ice quality to indoor rinks. The outdoor rinks would also provide a more cost-effective alternative that has the potential to lower the cost of participation and make it easier for those throughout the community to access ice facilities.

We are pleased to provide this endorsement for the Active Communities Alberta Outdoor Recreation Facility Project.

Sincerely,
R. Walski
Rob Walski
Chief Executive Officer

mission: to create positive opportunities and experiences for all
project through innovation, industry and recreational service.

vision: hockey for life.

ST. ALBERT PICKLEBALL CLUB

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January 22, 2021

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Re: Proposal by Active Communities Alberta (A.C.A.) to build two outdoor rinks in the City of St. Albert.

Esteemed Mayor and Council of the City of St. Albert.

Greetings to you from the board of the St. Albert Pickleball Club. We hope this message finds you all in good health as you serve our City.

We hereby would like to state for the record that the St. Albert Pickleball Club wholeheartedly supports the A.C.A. proposal for two outdoor rinks, for year-round multi-sport usage, as communicated in the St. Albert Gazette. These facilities will be able to serve a part of our needs for Pickleball venues as expressed in our Facilities Task Force report, as well as be of benefit to the broader St. Albert sports community. This project will also test the feasibility of not-for-profit operating recreational facilities in St. Albert.

Seeing that this request will be on the agenda for your March 1, 2021 meeting, we ask that you as the Council of the City of St. Albert support this initiative. Your support will keep this investment in St. Albert and may well lead to more projects of this nature in the future.

For the St. Albert Pickleball Club,

Eileen McLean,
President SAAPC

CC: Kevin Scobie, City of St. Albert Chief Administrative Officer, kscobie@stalbert.ca
Diane Erger, City of St. Albert Director Recreation and Parks, danager@stalbert.ca
Danielle Podbury, City of St. Albert Recreation and Parks, dpodbury@stalbert.ca
Donna Hechey, City of St. Albert Recreation and Parks, dhechey@stalbert.ca
Kyle Ferguson, Community Recreation Coordinator, kferguson@stalbert.ca



To Whom It May Concern:

February 23, 2021

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support of the outdoor recreation facility project being proposed by the Active Communities group.

In 2020 St. Albert Ringette Association registered over 400 members. Not only is St. Albert Ringette one of the largest ringette associations in Alberta but we are also one of the fastest growing. Our current rate of growth at the youngest age groups means that within 3-5 years St. Albert Ringette will begin to grow the ice allotted to us as a user group with the City of St. Albert.

St. Albert Ringette follows the Long Term Athlete Development model for development of our athletes, putting a high importance on the training and practice component of development in our youngest age groups. We are already starting to see our youngest teams being split up to 45 kid's teams on the ice in order to ensure that we are able to follow the 1:10 ratio of practice to competition.

St. Albert Ringette is always looking for ways to acquire additional ice for our growing membership and has had to seek contract ice outside of our community to support our needs. The addition of an ice surface in St. Albert is paramount to the ability of our association to continue to grow, while still being able to offer quality programming to our existing members.

I thank you for your time and hope to soon see our teams skating on Active Communities new outdoor ice surface.

Regards,

Kristen Bodnaruk

President

St. Albert Ringette

February 28, 2021

Matt Bawechich
President
Active Communities Alberta Society

Dear Mr. Bawechich:

RE: Offer of Support

The St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club has been operating since 1989. We are the local minor box lacrosse association, which is Canada's National Summer sport, in St. Albert. We are governed by the GLCC (Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council), the ALA (Alberta Lacrosse Association), and the CIA (Canadian Lacrosse Association). The box lacrosse season characteristically runs from early March to mid-July. We typically have over 300 participants ranging in age from 3 years old up to 16, for both male and females. St. Albert is also the current home to Junior and Senior Clubs (St. Albert Miners, St. Albert Crusade, and St. Albert Orioles) which is where our players progress to after they finish the 16U level.

The St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club fully supports Active Communities Alberta with their Outdoor Recreation Facility Project. We currently compete for floor time within the City of St. Albert, at Seneca Place (Saracata and Tudor Glen Indoor Fields and Go Auto arena) as well as the Jarome Iginia and Kinex Arenas. We annual contract additional dry floor space in the Town of Morinville to help accommodate our needs and have used other existing outdoor facilities in St. Albert, particularly during the preseason when ice is yet out of the arenas. We anticipate using the Outdoor Recreation Facility for practices, games, "come try" recruitment events (for BIPOC, female, and other minority groups), tournament play, and can reduce the number of contracts needed outside the city. The St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club hosts one of the largest lacrosse tournaments in the Western Canada, the Jeremy Richardson Memorial Baggotaway, annually in June. Having a facility like this would allow us to showcase final games. The Outdoor Recreation Facility could even allow us to submit bids to host other prestigious events, like Minor Alberta Provincials or major lacrosse national championships such as the Minto Cup (Junior A) and the President's Cup (Senior B), facilitated by the Canadian Lacrosse Association. The St. Albert Miners have won the President's Cup three out of the past four years, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

In conclusion, we applaud you and your group for taking the initiative to better our community. Our board members were excited to learn of this project and endorse it wholeheartedly. Please accept this offer of support and feel free to reach out if you need any additional information regarding the contents herein. Good luck with this endeavour!

Sincerely,

Glen Cumby
Glen Cumby
Co-President
St. Albert Rams Minor Lacrosse Club

Gillian Anderson
Gillian Anderson
Co-President
St. Albert Rams Minor Lacrosse Club



St. Albert Minor Hockey Association

February 25, 2021

To whom it may concern,

St. Albert Minor Hockey Association fully supports the outdoor ice project proposed by Active Communities Alberta.

We currently have over 1800 players registered in our hockey programs and are often struggling to acquire sufficient ice sheets for practices as recommended by Hockey Canada. We are the largest user of the available ice sheets in the City of St. Albert, and our teams utilize both the indoor and outdoor rinks. Most of our teams also acquire additional ice from the surrounding communities as it is available for them to rent.

Active Communities proposed outdoor ice sheets would provide 2 additional sheets that can be used year-round by many different sport associations. It would allow our teams to gain more practice ice at a reasonable rate. With more practice ice available, it will allow our players to develop stronger skills and the potential to introduce more children to the game of hockey.

I hope that our teams will be able to utilize these outdoor rinks in the very near future!

Respectfully Submitted,

Shama Hadd

President
St. Albert Minor Hockey Association

Date: February 15, 2021

To: Active Communities Alberta

Re: Outdoor Recreation Facility Project

To whom it may concern,

The St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club is honored to provide a letter of reference for Active Communities proposal for an outdoor recreation facility.

The proposal for an outdoor recreation facility will help the City of St. Albert by providing much needed ice surfaces for use by the community. The existing indoor facilities do not provide enough ice to support the community needs. As a result our parents have to travel outside St. Albert for practices throughout the hockey season, and pay high rental rates as there is a high demand for ice.

The proposed facility will enable the community activities that currently reside within the indoor arenas to be shifted to this facility, as well as provide an additional facility that can be used for practices. It is well documented that St. Albert needs more ice surfaces to support the community activities. If the current economic climate does not support a new indoor recreation facility then cost effective alternatives need to be examined. The proposal from Active Communities Alberta provides a viable option that needs to be explored.

The St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club support the proposal for Active Communities Alberta's Outdoor Recreation Facility

Yours Sincerely

K. Porter
Kevin Porter
President,
St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club



St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club

Project Status



Achievements

- 35-year lease agreement for land
- Over \$500,000 already raised from the community
- \$3.5 million in Provincial Funding announced

Next Steps

- Continue fundraising activities
- Continue public engagement activities
- Facility Design and Construction

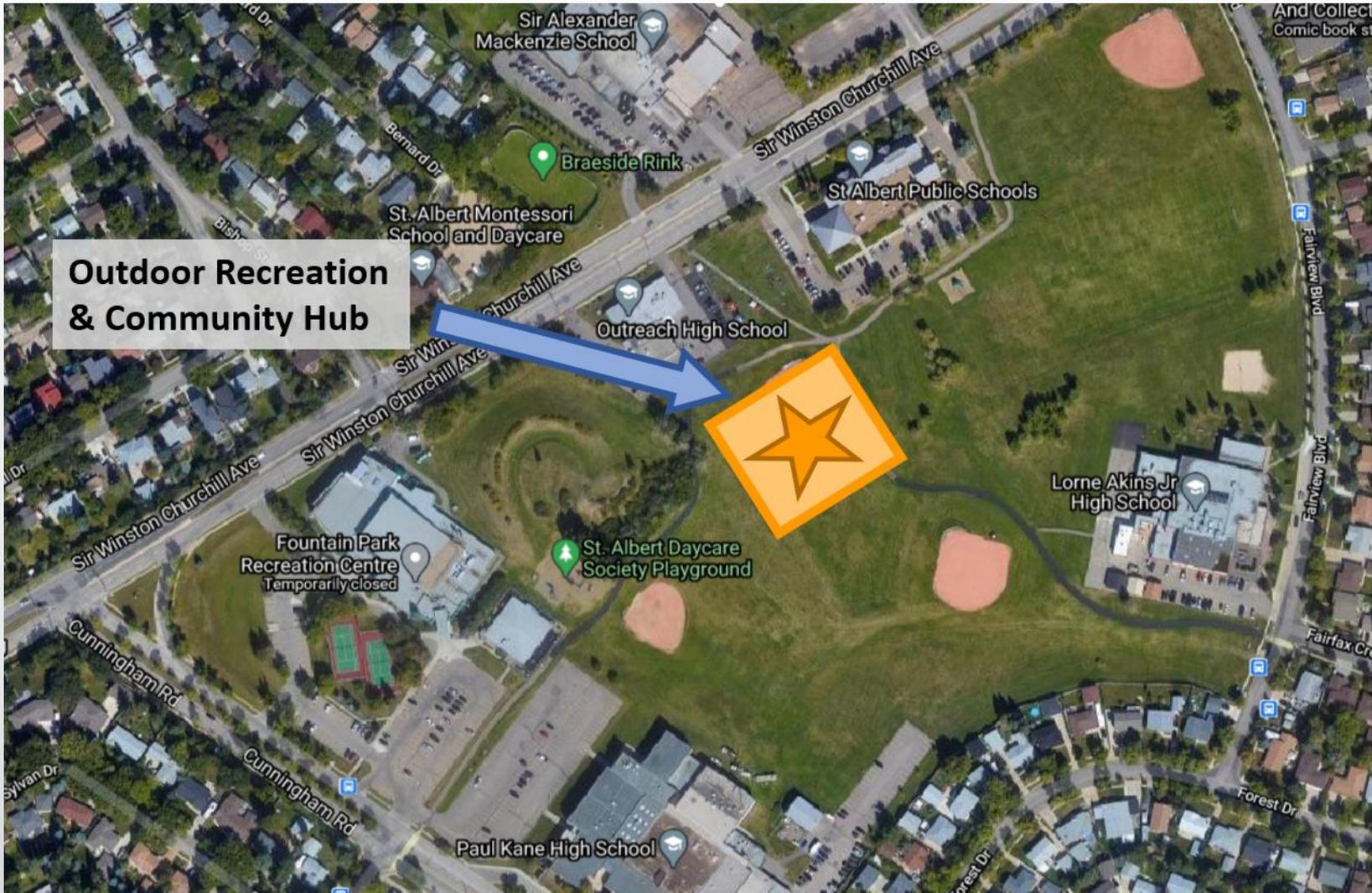
FACILITY LOCATION



Explored Potential Locations

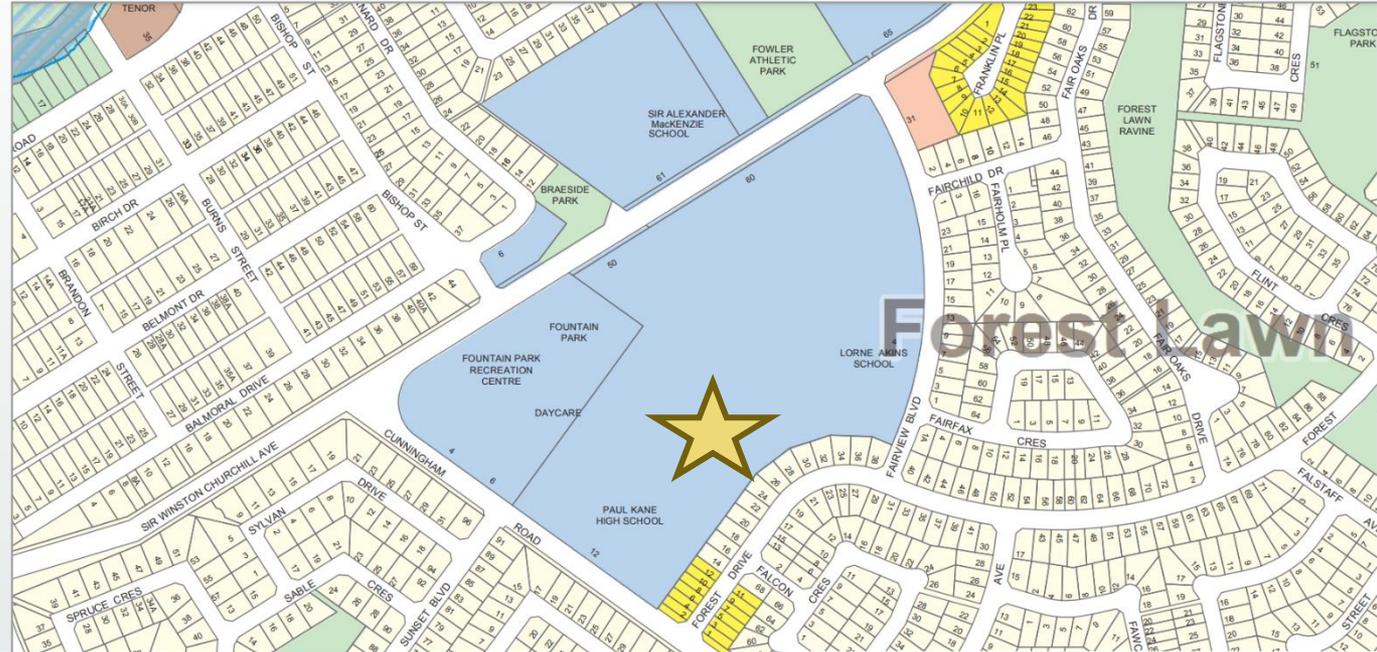
- Evaluated multiple city-owned sites with the support of St. Albert administration
- Considered sites from all 4 quadrants of St. Albert
- Reviewed site servicing plans provided by the City.
- City of St. Albert advised us that it would be best for us to pursue non-city land for this project
- Commenced conversations with St. Albert Public Schools which has led to a lease agreement for the land behind Paul Kane High School.

Facility Location



Land Zoning

The land is appropriately zoned for our facility



The Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub location is denoted by the gold star.

The land use is designated as: “Public and Private Service”

- P Public Park
- PS Public and Private Service
- IF Institutional Facilities
- UR Urban Reserve
- DC Direct Control
- DCMU Direct Control Mixed Use
- DCNUV Direct Control Northwest Urban Village
- DT Downtown District
- S-DC Specific Development Control (Sturgeon County Land Use Bylaw 819/96)

- Designated Flood Line Overlay -based on Schedule G
- Stormwater Management Facility



Based on
Schedule A to Bylaw 9/2005
Land Use Districts updated June 2, 2021
Parcel layer updated June 2, 2021

Facility Parking

Parking Lot	Stalls
Outreach High School	53
Public School District Office	74
New 78 Stall Parking Lot	78
Paul Kane Student Parking	128
Sir Alexander Mackenzie	63
TOTAL AVAILABLE STALLS	396

Facility will be accessed from Sir Winston Churchill Ave. (4-lane arterial road)

Active Communities is authorized to use 5 school district parking lots during non-school hours (~400 parking stalls), which will more than meet our needs.



Facility Parking

- Our arrangement with the school district provides significantly more parking stalls for our facility than the Iginla/Kinex Arena parking.
- Our facility has access to over 400 parking stalls, whereas the Iginla/Kinex Arena parking lot only has 250 stalls

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Iginla & Kinex Arenas = 250 Stalls Total

Active Transportation Access

- It is important to note that the facility being in the core of the St. Albert makes it attractive for active transportation (non-vehicle) by users.
- This will reduce demand for parking compared facilities located away from the core.
- The facility is located less than 1 km from the Red Willow Trail System and less than 600 metres from the Braeside Ravine



St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub



Thank you!
info@activecommunitiesAB.ca



**Active Communities Alberta
St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club**



**Engagement Session
May 25, 2022 6:00pm**

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Presentation**
- 4. Questions and Answers**
- 5. Additional Engagement Questions**

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Active Communities Engagement Session Summary

Organization: St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club (Raiders)

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022; 6-7 pm

Attendees:	<u>St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club:</u>	<u>Active Communities:</u>
	Kevin Porter, President	Matt Bachewich
	Joe Kueber, Secretary	Matt Becigneul
	Gill Hermanns, Director	
	Colin Ludwig, Director	<u>City of St. Albert:</u>
		Daniele Podlubny

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Together we call upon all of our collective, honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a strong, vibrant, inclusive and active community for today and future generations.

Presentation

Matt Bachewich, President of Active Communities, provided an overview of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project to inform members of St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club about its scope and bring them up-to-date on the current status.

Questions & Answers and Comments

Comments

- Representatives of the Raiders indicated that there is not enough ice in St. Albert for the many users. The Raiders acknowledged that they are one of several primary users of ice in and around St. Albert.
- The Raiders indicated that many of their teams source additional ice outside of St. Albert and pay expensive market rates for ice and are impacted by the additional travel required.
- The Raiders indicated that two additional ice rinks that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub would provide will be beneficial to the entire St. Albert hockey community and likely to other ice sports users.

- The Raiders indicated a preference to see its teams have access to this practice ice in St. Albert and “keeping the money in town” as opposed to the many other communities where teams are buying ice.
- The Raiders also noted that, in addition to the cost effectiveness of using the at the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub, the location significantly reduces travel for its teams and families.
- The Raiders indicated that the uniqueness of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub could lend itself to future opportunities and events ranging from elite showcase events like outdoor “winter classic” games or Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta events. There was also discussion about the potential for similar events with other local elite hockey organizations such as the Edmonton Oilers or Edmonton Oil Kings, which other facilities similar to the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub have hosted elsewhere in North America and around the world.
- A participant noted that the location was ideal in the context of its proximity to schools and that it is “great site selection.”

Questions and Answers

Question: Has Active Communities contemplated stands/viewing area?

Over the past year, Active Communities has heard a desire to see some stands incorporated as part of the facility. Active Communities has had discussions with architects and intends to include stands within the facility design. The Raiders commented that having heated stands would be beneficial for parents and spectators.

Question: How does Active Communities intend to handle wind storms and blown snow onto the playing surface?

Active Communities indicated that the roof and glass will cut down on blown snow but that inevitably there will be times when blown snow is an issue. In those cases, the rink attendant would employ the following tactics:

- Snow blowing excess snow towards Zamboni gate and off the ice surface
- Dry Zamboni scrape to remove thin layer of snow remaining, (if necessary); and
- Standard Zamboni resurfacing

Active Communities indicated that discussions with other similar facilities has been, and will continue to be, helpful in employing best practices.

Question: Has Active Communities reached out to the business community regarding sponsorship, explicitly facility naming rights?

Active Communities indicated that it has not formally entered into agreements with businesses at this stage but has heard from the business community in St. Albert that there is interest regarding opportunities. It was also noted that Board members of Active Communities have relationships in the community that will be beneficial to attracting sponsorship from businesses.

Engagement Questions and Discussion

1. How do you feel that this project will impact your organization and its members?

The Raiders indicated that more refrigerated ice is beneficial for all hockey programs including theirs.

The City of St. Albert clarified that the Raiders are part of the Ice Allocation process and that, while they do their best to support the hosting of tournaments, the city's sport partners work collaboratively to accommodate tournaments and the like into available ice times.

The Raiders indicated that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub could allow for some additional ice for other user groups during times when the Raiders are hosting large elite hockey events (such as the John Reid Memorial Tournament).

2. Do you feel that your organization and its members will use the facility?

The Raiders indicated that they believe their members will absolutely utilize the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility.

3. Are there any specific things that Active Communities should take into consideration as it finalizes facility design and prepares for construction?

The Raiders indicated the following elements that could be taken under consideration:

- Consider adding a board room that could be utilized as a public space. The Raiders would find this useful for hosting its Board meetings
- Ensure dressing rooms are built to adequately hold (at least) 14 athletes.
- Consider including female dressing room space in close proximity to main dressing rooms. This ensures that female players can get dressed and more easily join their male counterparts. Using bathroom areas as female change rooms is not ideal but is the experience in many arenas.
- Consideration of a storage area for coaching and practice aides (tires, pylons, etc).
- Possibility of incorporating a warm-up area for players to use prior to games. The Raiders also noted that they could see using this facility for off-ice training (during the non-ice season).
- Consideration of an AV/camera system. These are increasingly used to broadcast hockey games via subscription services (i.e. HockeyTV) and live streaming of games is now a requirement of many leagues.

4. Is your organization supportive of the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

All participants from the Raiders indicated that they support the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project 100%.



**Active Communities Alberta
St. Albert Pickleball Club**

Engagement Session

May 25, 2022 7:30pm



Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Presentation**
- 4. Questions and Answers**
- 5. Additional Engagement Questions**

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Active Communities Engagement Session Summary

Organization: St. Albert Pickleball Club (SAPC)

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022; 7:30-8:30 pm

Attendees:	<u>St. Albert Pickleball Club:</u>	<u>Active Communities:</u>
	Eileen McClean, President	Matt Bachewich
	Douwe Spriensma, Secretary	Kelly Smith
		Matt Becigneul
		<u>City of St. Albert:</u>
		Daniele Podlubny

Engagement Summary

Land Acknowledgement

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Presentation

Matt Bachewich, President of Active Communities, provided an overview of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project to inform members of St. Albert Pickleball Club about its scope and bring them up-to-date on the current status.

Questions & Answers and Comments

Comments

- Representatives of SAPC commented that the facility is “wonderful” and a “match made in heaven.” A representative indicated that they appreciated Active Communities’ approach in “thinking big.”
- They appreciated that “everything has been considered including parking.”
- Representatives of SAPC indicated that they felt every aspect of the project had been considered and that they were “quite impressed” and that the facility’s broad appeal “sells itself.”

- SAPC indicated that its preference would have been for the original large-scale indoor, multi-use recreation facility but were pleased that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub could potentially accommodate pickleball. SAPC remains very interested in a dedicated large-scale facility that would allow them to have access to 20+ courts in one location.
- SAPC indicated that despite their interest in a longer-term dedicated facility, any new spaces where pickleball can be supported are great and that they would make use of the facility.
- They stated that they “hope that this is such a roaring success that the City buys into (Active Communities’) previous project and gets on board for us to carry it out.”
- A representative indicated that they could see substantial interest in the space being a dedicated pickleball facility on an exclusive basis. SAPC recognized that this would present challenges as there will be many groups/sports seeking to use the space during non-ice season (mid-April to mid-October).
- SAPC indicated that it aspires to host large-scale events like tournaments and provincial championships. Depending on the event, these could require up to 24 courts located in one location. SAPC indicated that having access to the approximately 12 courts at the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub makes events possible at the facility and in concert with other nearby courts (i.e. Alpine which also has 12 courts) for larger events.
- SAPC indicated that this adds a summer facility and they are constrained on summer facility time. They also mentioned that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub being covered was particularly appealing as it would help eliminate rainouts.
- SAPC indicated that it is the second largest pickleball association (with 580 members) in Alberta and that the sport is growing at a very fast rate. SAPC noted that other nearby municipalities are investing in pickleball infrastructure.
- SAPC explained that pickleball allows for more activity than tennis and has considerably smaller court sizes. Instead of two or four players in a tennis match, the same footprint can accommodate up to 16 pickleball players.
- SAPC indicated that it has 10 dedicated courts at Alpine. There are six pickleball courts at Larose; however SAPC does not have club-assigned time at the Larose location.
- SAPC indicated that it is a dynamic part of bringing recreation-related economic activity to the city.

Questions and Answers

Question: Has Active Communities contemplated wind screens and separators?

Active Communities is considering how best to accommodate pickleball use by including consideration of wind screens and separators in facility design. Facility attendants would be trained in how to set up pickleball courts to appropriate specifications when preparing the facility for SAPC use.

Question: Has Active Communities considered exclusive use of the facility for groups such as SAPC?

Active Communities understands that part of the draw of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is its capacity to support and accommodate numerous groups, programs and public recreation uses. As such, an exclusive arrangement may not be feasible but Active Communities is interested in continuing to work with SAPC to determine how it can accommodate regular pickleball activities during the summer sports season.

Engagement Questions and Discussion

1. How do you feel that this project will impact your organization and its members?

SAPC indicated that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub would be beneficial in providing more access to pickleball courts and potentially paving the way for programming and special event opportunities.

2. Do you feel that your organization and its members will use the facility?

SAPC indicated that they believe their members will absolutely utilize the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility – “if you build it, they will come.” SAPC indicated that they had interest in using the facility as much as possible.

SAPC would be prepared to use the facility exclusively but acknowledged that there will be several groups interested in enjoying the facility as well. Regardless, they still believe that the facility would be “used by pickleballers and other members of the community.” SAPC indicated that it would make substantial use of facility and that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub would add significant capacity to current pickleball offerings

3. Are there any specific things that Active Communities should take into consideration as it finalizes facility design and prepares for construction?

SAPC indicated the following elements that could be taken under consideration:

- Pickleball wind shields.
- Court separators for safety and increased enjoyment of participants. Separators would result in fewer “ball in” issues on adjacent courts.
- Could incorporate spaces in the concrete to provide more stability to nets that are set up

4. Is your organization supportive of the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

All participants from SAPC indicated that they support the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project.



**Active Communities Alberta
St. Albert Ringette Association**



**Engagement Session
May 26, 2022 1:00pm**

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Presentation**
- 4. Questions and Answers**
- 5. Additional Engagement Questions**

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Active Communities Engagement Session Summary

Organization: St. Albert Ringette Association (SARA)

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022; 1-2 pm

Attendees:	<u>St. Albert Ringette Association:</u> Colleen Caldwell, President	<u>Active Communities:</u> Matt Bachewich Matt Becigneul
		<u>City of St. Albert:</u> Craig Cameron

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Presentation

Matt Bachewich, President of Active Communities, provided an overview of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project to inform SARA about its scope and bring them up-to-date on the current status.

Questions & Answers and Comments

Comments

- SARA indicated that it is the second largest ringette association in Alberta and continuing to grow.
- SARA indicated that there is not enough ice in St. Albert for the many users. SARA acknowledged that they are one of several primary users of ice in and around St. Albert. SARA indicated that its teams are constantly looking for additional ice for practices, games and tournaments.
- SARA indicated that many of its teams source additional ice outside of St. Albert and pay expensive market rates for ice and are impacted by the additional travel required.

- SARA indicated that two additional ice rinks that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub would provide will be beneficial to the St. Albert ringette community and likely to other ice sports users.
- SARA indicated a preference to see their teams have access to this practice ice in St. Albert and “keeping the money in town” as opposed to the many other communities where teams are buying ice.
- SARA indicated that its member teams would certainly be interested in ice at the facility due to the shortage of ice and difficulty in finding prime ice slots.
- SARA also encouraged Active Communities to see about extending the ice season for at least one sheet a little later into the spring, as spring ice is also deemed attractive by their participants.

Questions and Answers

Question: With the discussion regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub, is the original Northwest Indoor Rec Centre off the table?

Active Communities provided an overview of its previous Sports & Community Campus project which called for a large-scale indoor recreation facility. While there was initial support from the City of St. Albert in providing \$20 million, ultimately that support was withdrawn shortly after the pandemic hit. As a result, Active Communities pivoted to look for alternate opportunities to support its mandate of provision of recreation facilities to support the community, hence the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project.

Mr. Cameron from the City of St. Albert clarified that the city has conducted a Recreation Needs Assessment and will be bringing the results of that assessment to City Council in June 2022. The Active Communities Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project is separate from the city’s consideration of future additional recreation opportunities.

Question: How does Active Communities anticipate (severe) weather to impact its ice bookings?

Active Communities has incorporated weather analysis into its business plan and expects there to be, on average, a couple weeks per year when the facility will not be able to be in use. In some instances, the facility may be able to operate for a few hours but would close early due to cold temperatures in the evening; other times, there could be a couple consecutive days of extreme cold conditions.

To accommodate users, Active Communities will work with groups to re-book ice slots or issue refunds. Active Communities does not intend to book the facility to maximum capacity so that there will be opportunities to try to get groups back on the ice as soon as possible. During the pandemic, practices and games were sometimes rescheduled or cancelled altogether; people’s resiliency in ice sports activities was tested and shown to be able to be flexible. Cancellations and re-scheduling are the norm in all outdoor sports already that must contend with rain-outs. Active Communities will work with the minor sports associations and community organizations to ensure that re-booking is a priority when required and utilize mitigations that other outdoor sports use.

Question: How will the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub booking be conducted? Will it be run through the city?

Active Communities clarified that it would be responsible for booking the facility. The process would be very similar to how many nearby non-profit organizations book their facilities - examples such as the non-profit societies for the Bon Accord, Riviere Qui Barre and Calahoo arenas.

SARA expressed interest in also committing to contracts for ice time well in advance of the season, which would provide benefit to both parties.

Question: What is the anticipated cost for ice rentals?

Active Communities indicated that one of its core objectives with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is to ensure that recreation costs are as affordable as possible. Active Communities anticipates that its ice rental fees will be in-line with the subsidized rate currently available to minor sports teams who book City of St. Albert ice times. This makes the ice time much more affordable than the market rates that teams are paying at other facilities.

Question: What is the available parking for a practice at 4:15, what about access and egress for parking?

Active Communities clarified that it has extensive access to parking in the area and that high school ends at 2:30 which provides substantial time for those 4:15 practices. Active Communities also clarified that access to the parking lots is from Sir Winston Churchill Avenue (with the exception of the Paul Kane lot).

Engagement Questions and Discussion

1. How do you feel that this project will impact your organization and its members?

SARA indicated that more refrigerated ice is beneficial for its teams and members. SARA expressed excitement regarding the unique experiences and opportunities that the facility will provide.

2. Do you feel that your organization and its members will use the facility?

SARA indicated that its members will most certainly use the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility. SARA indicated that its members would use the facility for “practices, games and tournaments.”

3. Are there any specific things that Active Communities should take into consideration as it finalizes facility design and prepares for construction?

SARA indicated the following elements that could be taken under consideration:

- Possibility of incorporating a warm-up area for players to use prior to games. The example of the carve-outs at Jarome Iginla and Kinex Arenas was mentioned as being suitable. It was noted that teams get creative with what’s available, including in the dressing room hallway area.
- Inclusion of shot clocks and ringette lines.
- Clear line of sight from the timekeeper’s box for view of the shot clocks.
- Consideration of crease marks to support half-ice games for younger groups that play cross-ice.

4. Is your organization supportive of the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

SARA indicated it is very supportive of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project. SARA stated that it is “keenly interested in access to ice and they are big fans of this development.”



**Active Communities Alberta
St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club**



Engagement Session

May 26, 2022 6-7 pm

Agenda

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- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
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Active Communities Engagement Session Summary

Organization: St. Albert Rams Lacrosse (Rams)

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022; 6-7 pm

Attendees: St. Albert Rams Lacrosse:
Glen Cuming, President

Active Communities:
Matt Bachewich
Matt Becigneul

City of St. Albert:
City representative unavailable

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Questions & Answers and Comments

Comments

- The Rams indicated that they “definitely think they will use the facility”. The Rams felt that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub would be extensively used for games, practices and tournaments.
- The Rams indicated that lacrosse is a growing sport in the region. One limitation to growth is that they are having challenges with overlap of ice sports use of arenas.
- The overlap between the start of lacrosse season and the end of standard hockey season in March/April. Lacrosse's season currently mirrors other “summer” sports by running from April to June. There was desire expressed to shift the season into the summer, however the availability of arenas (due to ice use) in July and August limit the ability to do this.

- The Rams felt that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility would be a perfect solution to extend the lacrosse season to five-months – which is the norm in other parts of Canada.
- The Rams indicated that the facility would be a good fit for special events and hosting tournaments, either as a sole venue or in conjunction with other existing facilities.
 - The Rams mentioned the Jeremy Richardson Memorial Baggataway (tournament) as an example. They currently have to use facilities outside of St. Albert in order accommodate games at the tournament.
 - Another example was the potential to host provincial events in the unique environment presented by the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.

Questions and Answers

Question: Has Active Communities contemplated stands/viewing area?

Over the past year, Active Communities has heard a desire to see some stands incorporated as part of the facility. Active Communities has had discussions with architects and intends to include stands within the facility design.

Question: How many dressing rooms will be included in facility design?

Active Communities indicated that it is looking to include at least 4 dressing rooms and a referee room for each recreation pad.

Question: Would the facility have lighting for the playing surface?

Active Communities indicated that the playing surface would have lighting

Engagement Questions and Discussion

1. How do you feel that this project will impact your organization and its members?

The Rams indicated that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub could support all of its programs. Given the popularity of ice sports and their overlap with lacrosse in the spring, the Rams indicated that the facility could provide additional space during a busy time when they're running evaluations and forming teams. The Rams indicated that the facility would be an ideal location for showcase events and tournaments.

2. Do you feel that your organization and its members will use the facility?

The Rams indicated that they believe their members will utilize the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility extensively for games, practices and tournaments.

3. Are there any specific things that Active Communities should take into consideration as it finalizes facility design and prepares for construction?

The Rams indicated the following elements that could be taken under consideration:

- They currently play on concrete floors at St. Albert arenas, however field turf would be preferable. Active Communities stated it would consider adding turf in the future. The Rams offered to help arrange volunteers to install the field turf to make it more cost effective.
- Ensure the inclusion of shot clocks.
- Consideration of a storage area for equipment

- Ensure that there are three sizes of nets to accommodate all levels of play.
- Consider designing benches to be on the dressing rooms side – so dressing rooms open onto the bench area.

4. Is your organization supportive of the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

The Rams indicated their support and excitement for the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project. The Rams stated that they “absolutely support this facility and the project”.



**Active Communities Alberta
St. Albert Skating Centre**

Engagement Session

May 27, 2022 12pm



Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Presentation**
- 4. Questions and Answers**
- 5. Additional Engagement Questions**

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Active Communities Engagement Session Summary

Organization: St. Albert Skating Centre (SASC)

Date: Friday, May 27, 2022; 12-1 pm

Attendees:	<u>St. Albert Skating Centre:</u>	<u>Active Communities:</u>
	Lyndsay Henderson	Matt Bachewich
	Amanda McCauley	Matt Becigneul
	Deborah Lyon	
	Alexa-Marie Rimmer	<u>City of St. Albert:</u>
		Craig Cameron

Engagement Summary

Land Acknowledgement

It was acknowledged that while the engagement session was being conducted remotely, it was taking place on Treaty Six land:

We acknowledge that while we're meeting remotely this evening, to the best of my knowledge, we're all participating from locations within Treaty Six Territory.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the diverse Indigenous Peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries, including the Cree, Dené, Anishinaabe, Nakota Isga, and Niitsitapi peoples, among many others.

We also acknowledge this as the Métis' homeland and the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place for all peoples who come from around the world to share St. Albert as a home.

Together we call upon all of our collective, honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a strong, vibrant, inclusive and active community for today and future generations.

Presentation

Matt Bachewich, President of Active Communities, provided an overview of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project to inform SASC about its scope and bring them up-to-date on the current status.

This included highlighting that other similar outdoor refrigerated rinks are used for figure skating activities.

Questions & Answers and Comments

Comments

- SASC indicated its support for more ice surfaces in St. Albert and expressed interest in using the facility for potential programming and competitions when possible.
- SASC provided an overview of the typical set-up for figure skating events including judges setting up in the bench areas.

Questions and Answers

Question: How does Active Communities anticipate (severe) weather to impact its ice bookings?

Active Communities has incorporated weather analysis into its business plan and expects there to be, on average, a couple weeks per year when the facility will not be able to be in use. In some instances, the facility may be able to operate for a few hours but would close early due to cold temperatures in the evening; other times, there could be a couple consecutive days of extreme cold conditions.

Given the preference expressed by SASC for facility ice usage when weather is optimal, consideration can be given to booking special events and competitions in the shoulder season of the six-month ice refrigeration period when temperatures are expected to be their warmest. This preference was largely due to participant comfort as figure skating costumes generally don't insulate from the cold to the same extent as fully dressed/equipped participants in other ice sports.

SASC asked about its programs being impacted by inclement weather and how this would be handled. To accommodate users, Active Communities will work with groups to re-book ice slots or issue refunds. Active Communities does not intend to book the facility to maximum capacity so that there will be opportunities to get groups back on the ice as soon as possible. During the pandemic, practices and games for other ice sports were sometimes rescheduled or cancelled altogether; people's resiliency in ice sports activities was tested and shown to be able to be flexible. Cancellations and re-scheduling are the norm in all summer outdoor sports already that must contend with rain-outs.

Active Communities also indicated that it would work together with SASC and other interested groups to conduct further analysis of weather data to SASC. This analysis would examine trends to determine if there are certain days of the ice season when the probability of "good" weather is highest.

How will Active Communities ensure/maintain ice quality?

Active Communities indicated that its refrigeration system will support high quality of ice as well as consistency that is similar to indoor arenas.

An SASC representative indicated that she'd used similar facilities in Europe and that ice could sometimes be hard resulting in subpar conditions. To maintain consistent quality, Active Communities will evaluate ice conditions, including hardness on an ongoing basis to support optimal conditions.

SASC also raised temperature at ice level as a consideration. Many younger skaters, particularly those in learn-to-skate programs, could have cold feet negatively impacting their enjoyment and enthusiasm to continue skating. A representative mentioned the possibility of utilizing heaters to heat up ice level for participants and manage ice hardness. Active Communities indicated it would monitor the situation with user groups and consider exploring heating options in the future.

Question: How will the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub booking be conducted?

Active Communities clarified that it would be responsible for booking the facility. The process would be very similar to how many nearby non-profit organizations book their facilities - examples such as the non-profit societies for the Bon Accord, Riviere Qui Barre and Calahoo arenas.

Question: What is the anticipated cost for ice rentals?

Active Communities indicated that one of its core objectives with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is to ensure that recreation costs are as affordable as possible in order to support participation. Active Communities anticipates that its ice rental fees will be in-line with the subsidized rate currently available to minor sports teams who book City of St. Albert ice times. This makes the ice time much more affordable than the market rates that user groups are paying at other facilities.

Engagement Questions and Discussion

1. How do you feel that this project will impact your organization and its members?

SASC indicated that additional refrigerated ice is beneficial for all ice sports, including SASC members. SASC expressed interest regarding the unique experiences and opportunities that the facility could provide.

2. Do you feel that your organization and its members will use the facility?

SASC indicated that its members will likely use the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility. SASC indicated that seasonality would impact usage but that they could see the facility used for skating programs and competitions/unique events during the shoulder season (warmer portion of skating season). SASC also expressed interest in finding ways to expand the shoulder seasons at the facility in order to run more continuous programming.

3. Are there any specific things that Active Communities should take into consideration as it finalizes facility design and prepares for construction?

SASC indicated the following elements that could be taken under consideration:

- Spectator seating, particularly for competitions and unique events. Use of temporary stands that could be rolled out for an event was mentioned. Active Communities noted that it intends to incorporate stands in its facility design.
- Sound system for music and announcements.
- Strong power supply with numerous outlets near benches (which are converted to judges' stations for competitions).
- Strong wifi as many events are streamed online and on social media.
- Possibility of incorporating a heated warm-up area for players to use prior to performances.

4. Is your organization supportive of the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

SASC indicated it "absolutely supports" the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project. They see it as a "fantastic opportunity for the city." SASC stated that additional ice surfaces would greatly benefit all winter sports organizations.



**Active Communities Alberta
St. Albert Minor Hockey Association**



Engagement Session

May 28, 2022 10:00 am

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Presentation**
- 4. Questions and Answers**
- 5. Additional Engagement Questions**

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Active Communities Engagement Session Summary

Organization: St. Albert Minor Hockey Association (SAMHA)

Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022; 10 am

Attendees:	<u>St. Albert Minor Hockey Association:</u>	<u>Active Communities:</u>
	Jane Sedo, Executive Director	Matt Bachewich
	Shauna Hudec, President	Kelly Smith
	Don Chanski, VP, Hockey Operations	Matt Becigneul
	Paul Reid, Director	Trudy Kueber
	Becki Sinclair, Director	
		<u>City of St. Albert:</u>
		Daniele Podlubny

Engagement Summary

Land Acknowledgement

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We also acknowledge this as the Métis' homeland and the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place for all peoples who come from around the world to share St. Albert as a home.

Together we call upon all of our collective, honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a strong, vibrant, inclusive and active community for today and future generations.

Presentation

Matt Becigneul, Active Communities, provided an overview of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project to inform members of SAMHA about its scope and bring them up-to-date on the current status.

Questions & Answers and Comments

Comments

- Representatives of SAMHA indicated that there is not enough ice in St. Albert for the many users. SAMHA acknowledged that it is one of several primary users of ice in and around St. Albert.
- SAMHA indicated that many of its teams source additional ice outside of St. Albert and pay expensive market rates for ice and are impacted by the additional travel required. One example was provided by a SAMHA representative that some practice ice is upwards of \$300-\$400 per hour.

- A SAMHA representative indicated that some teams use St. Albert's outdoor rinks but that it is not a reliable ice source for its teams. It was noted by Active Communities that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub's ice is will be refrigerated and maintained with a Zamboni ice resurfacer, rather than natural ice that is maintained by flooding with a hose. This will result in a significantly higher quality of ice that will be consistent throughout the ice season. Active Communities expressed that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub's ice and its amenities will make it comparable to indoor facilities in the region that are used extensively by minor sports teams. Active Communities indicated that other outdoor refrigerated rink operators have informed them that their facilities are used for the same activities that take place at indoor, enclosed arenas.

Questions and Answers

Question: Has Active Communities considered wind screens or exterior walls for the facility?

Active Communities indicated that it would consider exploring windscreens. Some other organizations have inquired about them as wind can affect some sports such as pickleball. In the case of ice sports such as hockey, it is anticipated that the regulation glass surrounding the ice surface will greatly cut down on direct wind. Some other facilities feature wind screens and this is something that could be added to facility if wind is an issue.

With respect to exterior walls, Active Communities indicated that it is not considering enclosing the facility. The vision of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is for it to be an outdoor, multi-purpose facility that is opening and welcoming for the public. The addition of external walls would increase facility construction costs and eliminate one of the great advantages of the facility which is its lower relative operating costs compared to enclosed indoor arenas. Adding walls to the facility would reduce the open "walk-up" appeal of the facility.

Question: With the discussion regarding the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub, is the original Northwest Indoor Rec Centre off the table?

Active Communities acknowledged that its previous Sports & Community Campus project called for a large-scale indoor recreation facility. While there was support from the City of St. Albert in providing \$20 million based on Active Communities meeting certain conditions, ultimately that support was withdrawn shortly after the pandemic hit. Ms. Podlubny from the City of St. Albert indicated that, at the time, the City considered the results of its Value for Money Assessment and other factors and withdrew its support.

As a result, Active Communities pivoted to look for alternate opportunities to support its mandate of provision of recreation facilities to support the community, hence the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project.

Ms. Podlubny also clarified that the city has conducted a Recreation Needs Assessment and will be bringing the results of that assessment to City Council in June 2022. The Active Communities Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project is separate from the city's consideration of future additional recreation opportunities.

Question: Will Active Communities be including stands/viewing area?

Over the past year, Active Communities has heard a desire to see some stands incorporated as part of the facility. Active Communities has had discussions with its architect and intends to include stands within the facility design.

Question: How does Active Communities anticipate (severe) weather to impact its ice bookings?

Active Communities has incorporated weather analysis into its business plan and expects there to be, on average, a couple weeks per winter when the facility will not be able to be in use. In some instances, the facility may be able to operate for a few hours but would close early due to cold temperatures in the evening; other times, there could be a couple consecutive days of extreme cold conditions.

To accommodate users, Active Communities will work with groups to re-book ice slots or issue refunds. Active Communities does not intend to book the facility to maximum capacity so that there will be opportunities to try to get groups back on the ice as soon as possible. During the pandemic, practices and games were sometimes rescheduled or canceled altogether; people's resiliency in ice sports activities was tested and shown to be able to be flexible. Cancellations and re-scheduling are the norm in summer outdoor sports, which already contend with rain-outs. Active Communities will work with the minor sports associations and community organizations to ensure that re-booking is a priority when required and utilize mitigations that other outdoor sports use for similar situations.

Question: What is the anticipated cost for ice rentals?

Active Communities indicated that one of its core objectives with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is to ensure that recreation costs are affordable in order to encourage participation. Active Communities' goal is to make sports more affordable, not less affordable. Active Communities anticipates that its ice rental fees will be in-line with the subsidized rate currently available to minor sports teams who book City of St. Albert ice times. This makes the ice time much more affordable than the market rates that teams are paying at other facilities.

The increased cost of gas was raised in relation to teams traveling to other communities for practice ice. Active Communities also pointed out having its facility located in the core of St. Albert provides substantial savings to families.

One representative indicated that some minor hockey teams, particularly young teams (U7 and U9) rent outdoor natural ice for \$37/hour from the City of St. Albert. SAMHA also indicated that minor hockey teams at all age categories rent indoor ice at rates of approximately \$250-\$400 per hour. Active Communities clarified that the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility is not comparable to natural, uncovered ice, but that the ice quality (refrigerated and maintained with a Zamboni) and amenities (change rooms, regulation boards and glass, score clocks, etc.) is comparable to indoor rinks in the region, but will be rented out to users at much lower rates than what teams are paying elsewhere (out of town).

What is the anticipated timeline for the project?

Active Communities indicated that its "happy path" would see earth works commencing later in 2022 with main construction occurring in 2023. Close proximity to servicing is expected to speed up the building process.

Engagement Questions and Discussion

1. How do you feel that this project will impact your organization and its members?

SAMHA indicated that more refrigerated ice is very beneficial for its hockey programs and teams. SAMHA indicated that there is a shortage of useful ice in St. Albert and that many teams are travelling outside the community to find ice to practice and play.

2. Do you feel that your organization and its members will use the facility?

SAMHA indicated that it believes its members will absolutely utilize the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub facility. SAMHA indicated that they anticipate use for practices and tournament play. The risk of inclement weather may preclude the use of the facility for league play, particularly in the initial years of operation.

3. Are there any specific things that Active Communities should take into consideration as it finalizes facility design and prepares for construction?

SAMHA indicated the following elements that could be taken under consideration:

- Ensure adequate dressing rooms to accommodate teams and gender-neutral players.
- Ensure inclusion of a dressing room to accommodate referees.
- Ensure the facility design considers and ensures accessibility.
- Ensure sufficient small nets and dividers to accommodate younger levels that play half-ice.

4. Is your organization supportive of the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

SAMHA indicated that it is supportive of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub and that they've previously demonstrated that support through providing a letter of support in the past.



**Active Communities Alberta
St. Albert-Sturgeon Metis Local #1904**



**Engagement Session
June 1, 2022 12:00pm**

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Prayer & Acknowledgement**
- 3. Presentation**
- 4. Questions and Answers**
- 5. Additional Engagement Questions**

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Active Communities Engagement Session Summary

Organization: St. Albert-Sturgeon Metis Local #1904 (Metis Local)

Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022; 12 pm

Attendees: St. Albert-Sturgeon Metis Local #1904: Archie Arcand (Elder)
Alfred L'Hirondelle

Active Communities:
Matt Bachewich
Matt Becigneul

City of St. Albert:
Craig Cameron

Engagement Summary

Opening Prayer

Elder Arcand opened the meeting with a prayer to the Creator.

Presentation

Matt Bachewich, President, Active Communities, provided an overview of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project to inform members of the Metis Local about its scope and bring them up-to-date on the current status.

Questions & Answers and Comments

Comments

- A representative of the Metis Local indicated that he was “very excited” and that the facility “fills a need in the community.” It provides an “exciting opportunity to do some of their programming.”
- It was discussed that St. Albert was founded by Metis peoples and that awareness of this fact is not widely known. The Metis Local is interested in opportunities to increase awareness within the community.
- A representative indicated that the Metis Local is busy organizing several different streams of activities including cultural events and recreation. The example of a running club was discussed and there was excitement about potential opportunities presented by the facility.
- The Metis Local indicated that it was always seeking venues to host large meetings and gatherings. The potential to use the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub was discussed.
- Active Communities indicated that it was excited to seek ways to include the Metis Local in both facility design and programming. Both parties agreed that there was great potential to collaborate.
- The Metis Local is going to share Active Communities’ presentation with the rest of its board and the two parties committed to touching base in the next couple months.

Questions and Answers

There were no specific questions raised by the Metis Local.

Engagement Questions and Discussion

1. How do you feel that this project will impact your organization and its members?

The Metis Local expressed interest in exploring ways that its members could utilize the facility.

Active Communities indicated that it would love to incorporate indigenous elements into the facility. The Metis Local indicated that many of its members are very artistic but don't have opportunities to showcase their work. Both parties agreed that incorporating cultural artwork, sculptures and displays would be a great opportunity to support the community while raising awareness.

The Metis Local was particularly excited by the high degree of student use that will occur at the facility as it presented an excellent opportunity to educate young St. Albertans. The potential for multimedia displays was discussed.

2. Do you feel that your organization and its members will use the facility?

The Metis Local indicated that its members would certainly use the facility. Both parties committed to collaborating as the project moved forward to explore recreational and community uses. The Metis Local indicated that it uses City of St. Albert facilities for a variety of events and activities. The Metis Local was particularly interested in the outdoor nature of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.

They specifically mentioned music, dancing, art, crafts, training sessions, and meetings of all kinds that the facility could host.

3. Are there any specific things that Active Communities should take into consideration as it finalizes facility design and prepares for construction?

The Metis Local and Active Communities discussed several mutually-beneficial opportunities to incorporate indigenous artwork and cultural elements into the facility design. The Metis Local also stated that meeting room space at the facility would be beneficial. Both parties agreed that increasing awareness of the local Metis community and broader indigenous community would support reconciliation in the community.

4. Is your organization supportive of the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

The Metis Local representatives indicated that they are supportive of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub and would speak to their Board to obtain support from the Metis Local formally. They think this facility "would be a great opportunity and really appreciate (Active Communities) coming to them with this."



**Active Communities Alberta
St. Albert Special Olympics**

Engagement Session

June 2, 2022 11:00am



Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Presentation**
- 4. Questions and Answers**
- 5. Additional Engagement Questions**

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Active Communities Engagement Session Summary

Organization: St. Albert Special Olympics (SASO)

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022; 11am-12pm

Attendees: St. Albert Special Olympics:
Matthew Pedwell

Active Communities:
Matt Bachewich
Matt Becigneul

City of St. Albert:
Craig Cameron

Engagement Summary

Land Acknowledgement

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Presentation

Matt Bachewich, President, Active Communities, provided an overview of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project to inform about its scope and update on the current status.

He also indicated that Active Communities has previously spoken with and received input from representatives of the paralympic sports association and Edmonton Sled Hockey Club, organizations that also provide programming for those with special needs.

Questions & Answers and Comments

Questions and Answers

Question: What is the cost of the project?

Active Communities clarified that the cost to construct the facility is approximately \$6 million. So far, Active Communities indicated that it had raised over \$4 million and has a request with the City of St. Albert for an additional \$1.5 million. Active Communities indicated that the land and parking valuation

was approximately \$4 million, putting the total value of the project at approximately \$10 million. It noted that the contribution requested of St. Albert would equate to 15% of the total project value.

Question: How does Active Communities anticipate (severe) weather to impact its ice bookings?

Active Communities has incorporated weather analysis into its business plan and expects there to be, on average, a couple weeks per winter when the facility will not be able to be in use. In some instances, the facility may be able to operate for a few hours but would close early due to cold temperatures in the evening; other times, there could be a couple consecutive days of extreme cold conditions.

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Question: What is the anticipated cost for facility rentals?

Active Communities indicated that one of its core objectives with the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub is to ensure that recreation costs are affordable. Our goal is to make sports more affordable, not less affordable. Active Communities anticipates that rental fees will be in-line with the subsidized rate currently available to minor sports teams who book City of St. Albert ice times. This makes the facility much more affordable than the market rates that teams are paying at other facilities.

Question: How will the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub booking be conducted? Will it be run through the city?

Active Communities clarified that it would be responsible for booking the facility. The process would be very similar to how many nearby non-profit recreation organizations book their facilities.

Engagement Questions and Discussion

1. How do you feel that this project will impact your organization and its members?

SASO felt that the facility would be a great addition to the community and that its athletes would use the facility.

2. Do you feel that your organization and its members will use the facility?

SASO indicated that it feels its members would make use of the facility. SASO indicated that the sports that came to mind immediately were floor hockey and soccer.

SASO indicated that its floor hockey season typically runs parallel with "hockey season" but that there could be opportunities for events during the non-ice period of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub.

SASO indicated that the facility was particularly appealing for its soccer program both due to its shielding from rain and inclement weather as well as the fact that the recreation pad will be covered and not exposed to the direct sun and heat.

3. Are there any specific things that Active Communities should take into consideration as it finalizes facility design and prepares for construction?

SASO indicated that the majority of its athletes had few physical impairments. SASO expressed that as long as the facility is built to typical accessibility standards, it would be more than sufficient for their use. Having the facility covered is good and a turf field option in addition to the concrete surface would also be appealing.

4. Is your organization supportive of the St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub project?

SASO indicated that it is very supportive of the Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub. They stated they think that “the location and using existing parking makes sense.”

St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub



Stakeholder Engagement Session

Welcome!



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA





ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ALBERTA

- Non-Profit Alberta Society
- Volunteer Board of Directors
- Mission
 - Promote active living, healthy families and community building by establishing, operating and maintaining multi-use recreation and community facilities.
- Website: ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca
- [Facebook.com/ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca](https://www.facebook.com/ActiveCommunitiesAB.ca)
- Instagram / Twitter

NON-PROFIT RECREATION FACILITIES



Recreation Facility Model Continuum

Municipal

Non-Profit

For-Profit



Non-Profit Model Benefits

UNIQUE REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES

- Gaming/Casino Funds
- CFEP/CIP and other government grants to non-profits

COST SAVINGS

- Labour
- Management/Oversight
- Agile and Responsive Operations

Non-Profit Rec Facility Examples

Edmonton Non-Profit Rec Facilities

Canadian Athletic Club Society Arena

Knights of Columbus Society Twin Arena

Kinsmen Twin Arena

GO (Saville) Recreation Centre

Funding was: \$9M Municipal / \$10M Prov / \$14.8M Fed)

<https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/media/news-nouvelles/2009/20090911edmonton-eng.html>

Multiple YMCA Facilities

Multiple Community League Rink Facilities

Other Non-Profit Rec Facilities

Classic Outdoor Refrigerated Rink

East Aurora, NY

<https://www.classicrink.org/>

Winthrop Outdoor Refrigerated Rink

Winthrop, WA

<http://winthroprink.org/>

Calgary Non-Profit Rec Facilities

Don Hartman Northeast Sportsplex

VIVO Recreation Facility

Trico Centre

Cardel Recreation South Facility

Westside Recreation Centre

Winsport Centre

East Calgary Twin Arena

Brentwood Sportsplex

Crowchild Twin Arenas

Bowness Community Centre

Multiple YMCA Facilities

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Non-Profit Outdoor Rec Facility Examples

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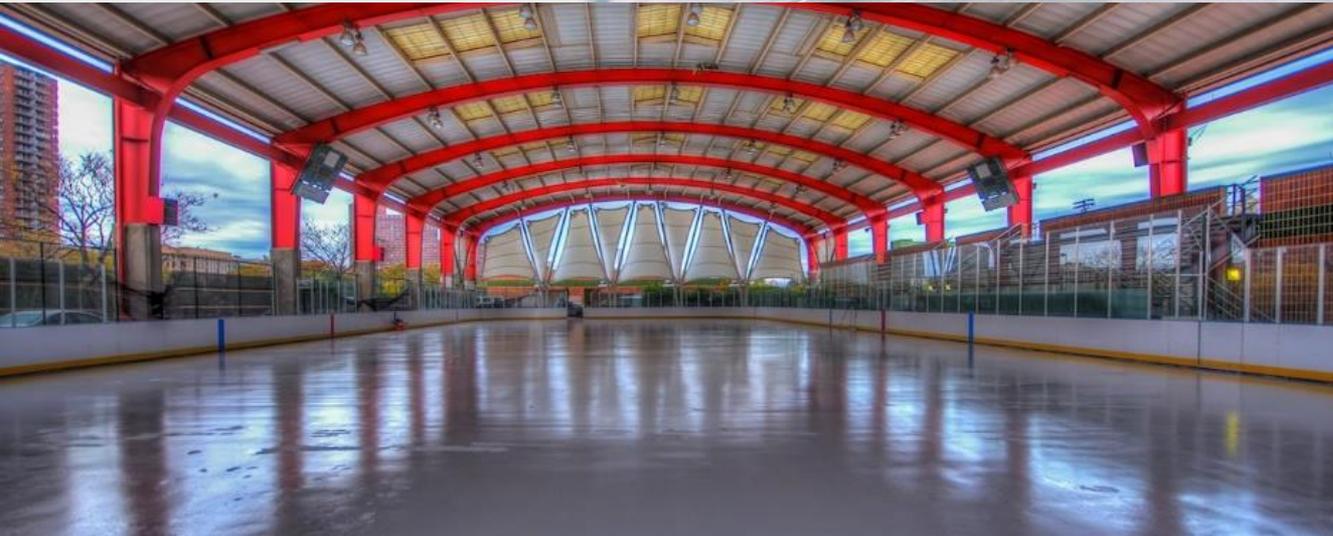
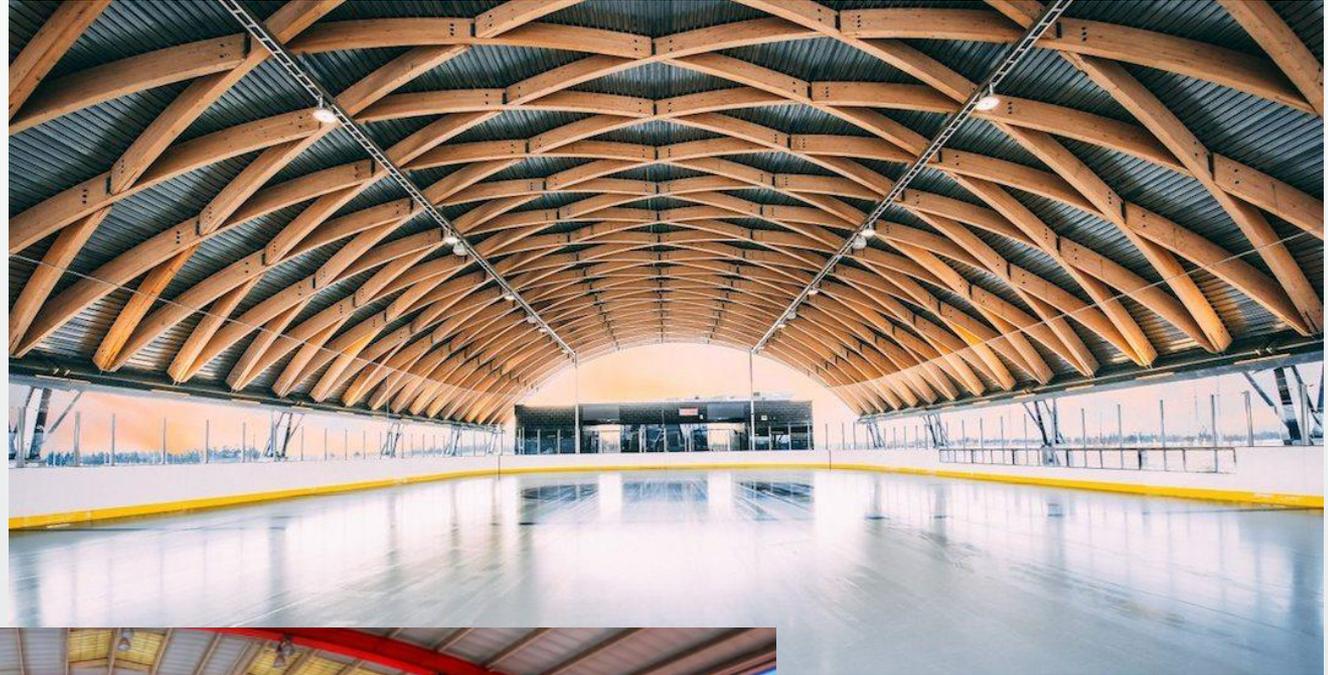


Outdoor Refrigerated Rink Examples



Refrigerated & Covered Outdoor Rink Examples

Brampton, ON



New York, NY

Refrigerated & Covered Outdoor Rink Examples

East Aurora, NY



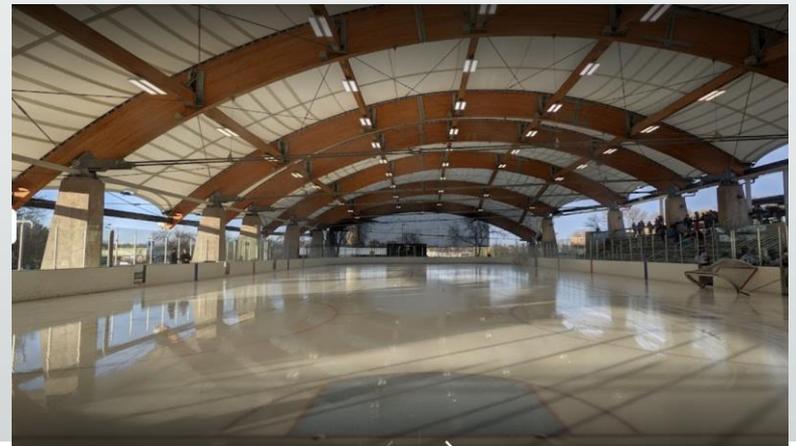
Moses Lake, WA



Toronto, ON



St. Louis Park, MN



ST. ALBERT OUTDOOR RECREATION & COMMUNITY HUB



Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub

Year-Round, Multi-purpose Outdoor Facility

- Two Recreation Pads that are covered
 - Refrigerated ice rinks during the winter
 - Dry concrete floors during the summer
- Change building with lobby & dressing rooms



Covered Outdoor Facility Activities

Ice Sports (Public Skating, Hockey, Ringette, Figure Skating, etc)



Covered Outdoor Facility Activities

Wheelchair Lacrosse



Covered Outdoor Facility Activities

Ball Hockey



Covered Outdoor Facility Activities

Field Sports (Lacrosse, Baseball, Soccer, etc.)



Facility Activities

WINTER	SUMMER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Skating• Shinny• Hockey• Ringette• Figure Skating• Tournaments• School Programming• Community Events• Birthday parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball• Tennis• Pickleball• Badminton• Ball Hockey• Lacrosse• Baseball• Soccer• Roller Skating• Tournaments• School Programming• Fitness Classes• Summer Camps• Community Events• Birthday parties

Refrigerated Season vs Natural Ice Season

- The natural ice outdoor rink season is approximately 3 months
- The refrigerated season could theoretically be year-round, however we plan to have the ice plant operating from mid-October to mid-April.
- Our facility will allow for skating 6 months of the year, which is double the season length for natural ice facilities.

October	November	December	January	February	March	April
		Natural Ice Season: Dec 1 - Feb 28				
Refrigerated Ice Season: Oct 15 - Apr 15						

Letters of Support

- St. Albert City Council
- St. Albert Minor Hockey Association
- St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Association
- St. Albert Ringette Association
- St. Albert Pickleball Club
- St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club
- Hockey Alberta



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March 2, 2021

To Funding Agency:

Re: Letter of Support – Active Communities Alberta

The City of St. Albert supports Active Communities vision for creating an outdoor covered ice facility that also supports other recreational endeavors within the community. Active Communities has been engaged with the City over the past five-years for the building of ice arena facilities. At its Meeting of March 1, 2021, Council resolved:

That the Mayor, on behalf of St. Albert City Council, provide a letter of support for the Active Communities Outdoor Facilities Project.

The addition of ice, and dry open recreation space, would be a benefit for multiple user groups with the community – including the public.

The City looks forward to seeing Active Communities succeed with their project and would welcome government funding to help this project come to fruition.

Sincerely,

C. Heron

Cathy Heron
Mayor

cc: City Council
Kevin Scobie, CAO, City of St. Albert
Matt Bawechich, President, Active Communities Alberta



integrity
collaboration
innovation
passion

February 23, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with full support of Hockey Alberta that we provide this letter of endorsement for Active Communities Alberta and their efforts to increase the supply of recreation facilities in our province.

As the provincial governing body for hockey in Alberta, we recognize the important role sport plays in encouraging lifelong physical activity, healthy living and strong communities. Active Communities Alberta, a non-profit society, has demonstrated a genuine commitment to these values. We have been engaged with Active Communities Alberta since 2017 and we are proud to continue supporting them.

Founded in 1907, Hockey Alberta is a member branch of Hockey Canada. Hockey Alberta represents 180 Member Minor Hockey Associations, ranging from Hockey Calgary and Hockey Edmonton to small associations in all corners of the province, 90 Junior Teams, 57 Senior Teams, 5 Accredited Schools, 6 Para Hockey Programs, and 45 Recreational Hockey Programs with a total of 100,000+ participants, in 197 different communities.

Hockey Alberta supports the innovative outdoor recreation facility project. This is an opportunity to launch a new approach that we expect would provide benefit by repeating it across the province. Scaling this approach will help to address the demand for ice time by Hockey Alberta Members.

The quality of the rinks proposed will provide a comparable ice quality to indoor rinks. The outdoor rinks would also provide a more cost-effective alternative that has the potential to lower the cost of participation and make it easier for those throughout the community to access ice facilities.

We are pleased to provide this endorsement for the Active Communities Alberta Outdoor Recreation Facility Project.

Sincerely,

R. Walski
Rob Walski
Chief Executive Officer

mission, to create positive opportunities and experiences for all people through innovation, leadership and recreational service.
vision, hockey for life.

ST. ALBERT PICKLEBALL CLUB

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January 22, 2021

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Re: Proposal by Active Communities Alberta (A.C.A.) to build two outdoor rinks in the City of St. Albert.

Esteemed Mayor and Council of the City of St. Albert.

Greetings to you from the board of the St. Albert Pickleball Club. We hope this message finds you all in good health as you serve our City.

We hereby would like to state for the record that the St. Albert Pickleball Club wholeheartedly supports the A.C.A. proposal for two outdoor rinks, for year-round multi-sport usage, as communicated in the St. Albert Gazette. These facilities will be able to serve a part of our needs for Pickleball venues as expressed in our Facilities Task Force report, as well as be of benefit to the broader St. Albert sports community. This project will also test the feasibility of not-for-profit operating recreational facilities in St. Albert.

Seeing that this request will be on the agenda for your March 1, 2021 meeting, we ask that you as the Council of the City of St. Albert support this initiative. Your support will keep this investment in St. Albert and may well lead to more projects of this nature in the future.

For the St. Albert Pickleball Club,

Eileen McLean,
President SAACP

CC: Kevin Scobie, City of St. Albert Chief Administrative Officer, kscobie@stalbert.ca
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Kyle Ferguson, Community Recreation Coordinator, kferguson@stalbert.ca



To Whom It May Concern:

February 23, 2021

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support of the outdoor recreation facility project being proposed by the Active Communities group.

In 2020 St. Albert Ringette Association registered over 400 members. Not only is St. Albert Ringette one of the largest ringette associations in Alberta but we are also one of the fastest growing. Our current rate of growth at the youngest age groups means that within 3 years St. Albert Ringette will begin to grow the ice allotted to us as a user group with the City of St. Albert.

St. Albert Ringette follows the Long Term Athlete Development model for development of our athletes, putting a high importance on the training and practice component of development in our youngest age groups. We are already starting to see our youngest teams having to play up to 45 kid's teams on the ice in order to ensure that we are able to follow the LTAD model of practice to competition.

St. Albert Ringette is always looking for ways to acquire additional ice for our growing membership and has had to seek contract ice outside of our community to support our needs. The addition of an ice surface in St. Albert is paramount to the ability of our association to continue to grow, while still being able to offer quality programming to our existing members.

I thank you for your time and hope to soon see our teams skating on Active Communities new outdoor ice surface.

Regards,

Kristen Bodnaruk

President

St. Albert Ringette

February 28, 2021

Matt Bawechich
President
Active Communities Alberta Society

Dear Mr. Bawechich:

RE: Offer of Support

The St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club has been operating since 1989. We are the local minor box lacrosse association, which is Canada's National Summer sport, in St. Albert. We are governed by the GLCC (Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council), the ALA (Alberta Lacrosse Association), and the CIA (Canadian Lacrosse Association). The box lacrosse season characteristically runs from early March to mid-July. We typically have over 300 participants ranging in age from 3 years old up to 16, for both male and females. St. Albert is also the current home to Junior and Senior Clubs (St. Albert Miners, St. Albert Crusade, and St. Albert Orioles) which is where our players progress to after they finish the 16U level.

The St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club fully supports Active Communities Alberta with their Outdoor Recreation Facility Project. We currently compete for floor time within the City of St. Albert, at Arvus Place (Sarazata and Tudor Glen Indoor Fields and Go Auto arena) as well as the Jarome Iginia and Kinex Arenas. We annual contract additional dry floor space in the Town of Morinville to help accommodate our needs and have used other existing outdoor facilities in St. Albert, particularly during the preseason when ice is yet out of the arenas. We anticipate using the Outdoor Recreation Facility for practices, games, "come try" recruitment events (for BIPOC, female, and other minority groups), tournament play, and can reduce the number of contracts needed outside the city. The St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club hosts one of the largest lacrosse tournaments in the Western Canada, the Jeremy Richardson Memorial Baggotaway, annually in June. Having a facility like this would allow us to showcase final games. The Outdoor Recreation Facility could even allow us to submit bids to host other prestigious events, like Minor Alberta Provincials or major lacrosse national championships such as the Minto Cup (Junior A) and the President's Cup (Senior B), facilitated by the Canadian Lacrosse Association. The St. Albert Miners have won the President's Cup three out of the past four years, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

In conclusion, we applaud you and your group for taking the initiative to better our community. Our board members were excited to learn of this project and endorse it wholeheartedly. Please accept this offer of support and feel free to reach out if you need any additional information regarding the contents herein. Good luck with this endeavour!

Sincerely,

Glen Cumby
Glen Cumby
Co-President
St. Albert Rams Minor Lacrosse Club

Gillian Anderson
Gillian Anderson
Co-President
St. Albert Rams Minor Lacrosse Club



St. Albert Minor Hockey Association

February 25, 2021

To whom it may concern,

St. Albert Minor Hockey Association fully supports the outdoor ice project proposed by Active Communities Alberta.

We currently have over 1800 players registered in our hockey programs and are often struggling to acquire sufficient ice sheets for practices as recommended by Hockey Canada. We are the largest user of the available ice sheets in the City of St. Albert, and our teams utilize both the indoor and outdoor rinks. Most of our teams also acquire additional ice from the surrounding communities as it is available for them to rent.

Active Communities proposed outdoor ice sheets would provide 2 additional sheets that can be used year-round by many different sport associations. It would allow our teams to gain more practice ice at a reasonable rate. With more practice ice available, it will allow our players to develop stronger skills and the potential to introduce more children to the game of hockey.

I hope that our teams will be able to utilize these outdoor rinks in the very near future!

Respectfully Submitted,

Shama Hadd
President
St. Albert Minor Hockey Association

Date: February 15, 2021

To: Active Communities Alberta

Re: Outdoor Recreation Facility Project

To whom it may concern,

The St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club is honored to provide a letter of reference for Active Communities proposal for an outdoor recreation facility.

The proposal for an outdoor recreation facility will help the City of St. Albert by providing much needed ice surfaces for use by the community. The existing indoor facilities do not provide enough ice to support the community needs. As a result our parents have to travel outside St. Albert for practices throughout the hockey season, and pay high rental rates as there is a high demand for ice.

The proposed facility will enable the community activities that currently reside within the indoor arenas to be shifted to this facility, as well as provide an additional facility that can be used for practices. It is well documented that St. Albert needs more ice surfaces to support the community activities. If the current economic climate does not support a new indoor recreation facility then cost effective alternatives need to be examined. The proposal from Active Communities Alberta provides a viable option that needs to be explored.

The St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club support the proposal for Active Communities Alberta's Outdoor Recreation Facility

Yours Sincerely

K. Porter
Kevin Porter
President,
St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club



St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club

Project Status



Achievements

- 35-year lease agreement for land
- Over \$500,000 already raised from the community
- \$3.5 million in Provincial Funding announced

Next Steps

- Continue fundraising activities
- Continue public engagement activities
- Facility Design and Construction

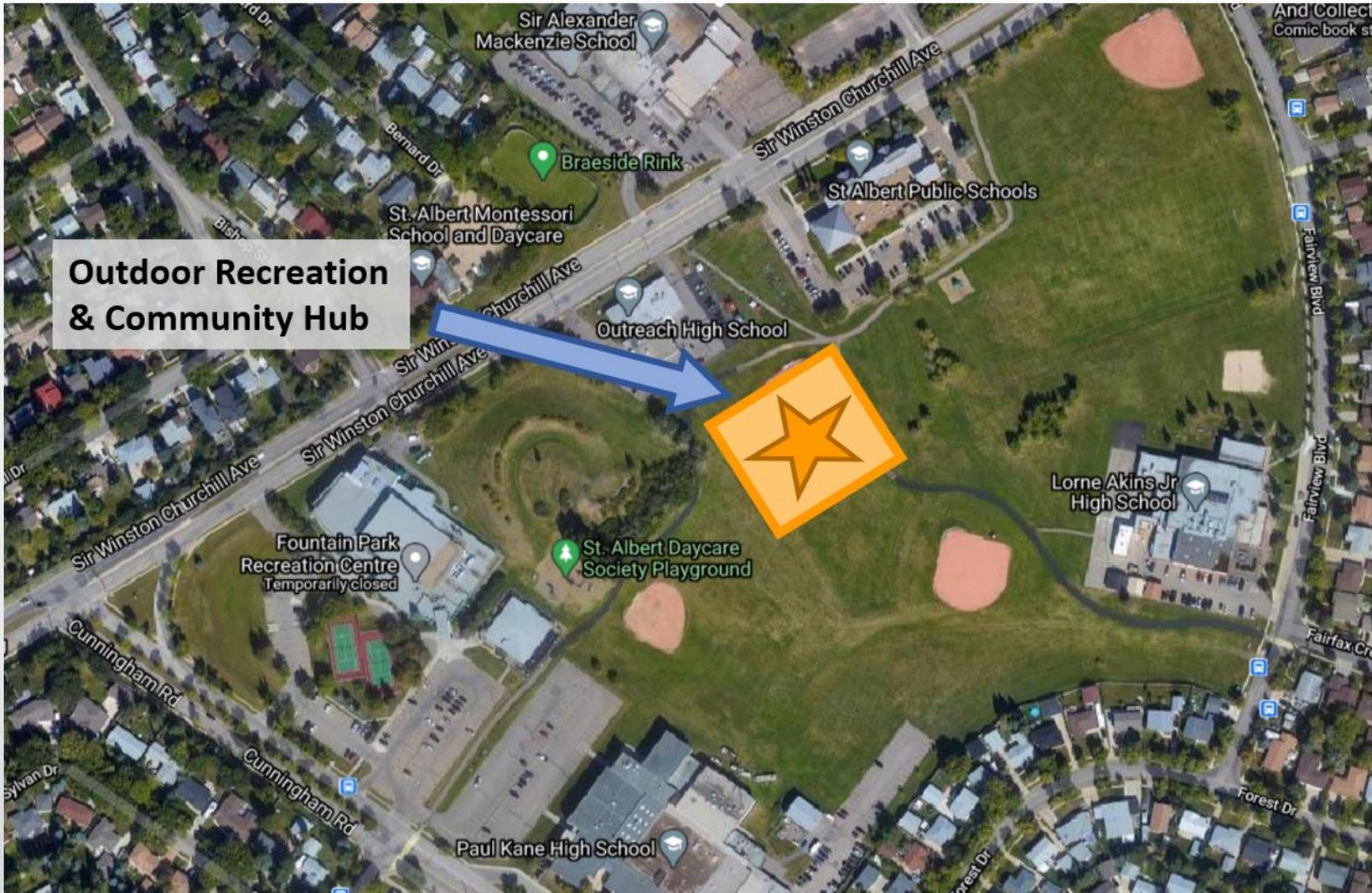
FACILITY LOCATION



Explored Potential Locations

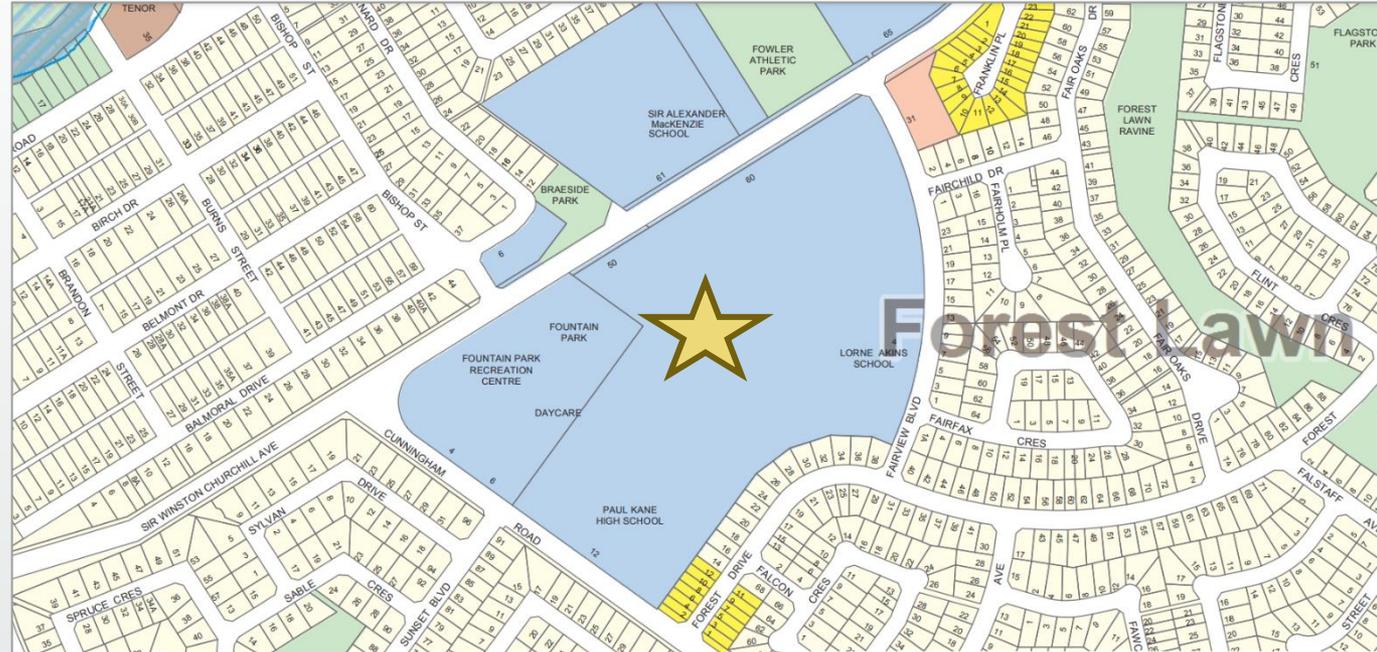
- Evaluated multiple city-owned sites with the support of St. Albert administration
- Considered sites from all 4 quadrants of St. Albert
- Reviewed site servicing plans provided by the City.
- City of St. Albert advised us that it would be best for us to pursue non-city land for this project
- Commenced conversations with St. Albert Public Schools which has led to a lease agreement for the land behind Paul Kane High School.

Facility Location



Land Zoning

The land is appropriately zoned for our facility



The Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub location is denoted by the gold star.

The land use is designated as: “Public and Private Service”

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| | P | Public Park |
| | PS | Public and Private Service |
| | IF | Institutional Facilities |
| | UR | Urban Reserve |
| | DC | Direct Control |
| | DCMU | Direct Control Mixed Use |
| | DCNUV | Direct Control Northwest Urban Village |
| | DT | Downtown District |
| | S-DC | Specific Development Control (Sturgeon County Land Use Bylaw 819/96) |
| | | Designated Flood Line Overlay -based on Schedule G |
| | | Stormwater Management Facility |



Based on
Schedule A to Bylaw 9/2005
Land Use Districts updated June 2, 2021
Parcel layer updated June 2, 2021

Facility Parking

Parking Lot	Stalls
Outreach High School	53
Public School District Office	74
New 78 Stall Parking Lot	78
Paul Kane Student Parking	128
Sir Alexander Mackenzie	63
TOTAL AVAILABLE STALLS	396

Facility will be accessed from Sir Winston Churchill Ave. (4-lane arterial road)

Active Communities is authorized to use 5 school district parking lots during non-school hours (~400 parking stalls), which will more than meet our needs.



Facility Parking

- Our arrangement with the school district provides significantly more parking stalls for our facility than the Iginla/Kinex Arena parking.
- Our facility has access to over 400 parking stalls, whereas the Iginla/Kinex Arena parking lot only has 250 stalls

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Iginla & Kinex Arenas = 250 Stalls Total

Active Transportation Access

- It is important to note that the facility being in the core of the St. Albert makes it attractive for active transportation (non-vehicle) by users.
- This will reduce demand for parking compared facilities located away from the core.
- The facility is located less than 1 km from the Red Willow Trail System and less than 600 metres from the Braeside Ravine



St. Albert Outdoor Recreation & Community Hub



Thank you!
info@activecommunitiesAB.ca