

THE COMMUNITY OF LENDRUM PLACE

ABOUT THE PARK REDEVELOPMENT

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Our neighbourhood's vision is of an active, family-oriented, and vibrant community where neighbours share and connect. Lendrum's goals include that residents interact, value the natural and athletic spaces, are engaged, and actively enjoy the park.

To that end, and in response to a needs assessment process in Lendrum in 2010, our community has embarked on projects to redevelop the recreational facilities in Lendrum Park requiring rehabilitation. In 2010 a sub-committee of the Lendrum Community League was formed and a project to redevelop the playgrounds and spray deck was launched. This project was later phased into two parts with Phase I of park redevelopment resulting in the construction of a new nature-themed playground in September 2015.

In May 2015 a new Lendrum Park Redevelopment Committee re-started the project to redevelop the existing aging spray deck into a dynamic and interactive spray park. The new shade structure awaits Phase II construction. A new path around the play areas for walking and biking is also proposed.

The project will see the removal of the existing junior playground equipment and sand adjacent to the Lendrum Community League Hall. The existing spray deck will be removed and replaced with a new spray park complete with spray features. The old gazebo will be removed and the new gazebo installed. Existing infrastructure (hard surfacing, landscaping, site furniture, utilities, etc.) may be reused where possible.

A spray park and new bike trail will help realize our goal to make active living an integral part of community life. They provide opportunities for spontaneous recreation that engages children to go outdoors for stimulating unstructured play.

WHY A SPRAY PARK?

A spray park would provide children of all ages and abilities with a sensory-rich & high play value environment that is shown to contribute to children's physical, social and cognitive health and development.

The current spray deck is aging, only partially functional, and is in poor condition. Many spray nozzles no longer work and cannot be replaced as they are no longer manufactured, and the deck incurs standing water due to poor drainage which does not meet health standards. Someone with a City key must be on site to turn water on and off.

Lendrum is a mature neighbourhood and this opportunity for the interactive and dynamic type of play

spray parks offer would help encourage families to make it their home, which is important for the renewal of our community.

A needs assessment showed there is strong support in our community for redevelopment of park land.

The City of Edmonton's Aquatic Strategy supports the conversion of old spray decks to increase active recreation opportunities and use of existing infrastructure.

Scientific evidence from The Guide to Community Preventive Services and other sources shows that providing access to places for physical activity such as trails increases the level of physical activity in a community. Trails provide a wide variety of opportunities for being physically active including walking, jogging, running, in-line skating, wheelchair recreation, cross-country skiing and biking. Bike bumps are especially attractive to children and help entice children to get outdoors and get active.



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