

Terms of Reference: Community Hubs

Council Term:	2017-2021 Council Term
City Council Sponsor(s):	Councillor J. Dziadyk Councillor M. Walters
Supporting Department:	Citizen Services
Administration Lead:	Rob Smyth / Niki Anderson
Initiative Status:	New

Mandate

A community hub or site is an accessible and inclusive public amenity such as a multi-purpose building, vibrant community space or place such as a plaza, green space, or street. Community hubs seek to optimize the use of public assets, are designed to encourage public social gatherings and provide spaces for people to congregate and connect in both planned and incidental ways. Broadly defined, community hubs are public spaces that strengthen citizens' sense of place and connectedness.

Desired Outcomes

- Outcome #1: Connected citizens and communities.
 - Understand the demographic story of Edmonton's mature neighbourhoods using Stewarding Great Neighbourhoods and other data collection to. This data will tell us how connected our people in our neighbourhoods are or are not.
- Outcome #2: Public infrastructure is maximized to support complete communities - Edmonton is comprised of complete communities in both new and mature neighbourhoods.
 - A strategy for building complete communities - Community hubs will improve residents access to a greater range of opportunities such as co-working spaces, live-work spaces, parenting programs, tool library, urban agriculture, financial literacy workshops, and small business courses that will improve health, wellness and economic outcomes for all citizens through vibrant community spaces.
 - Integrated Planning- Community hubs will be jointly planned, with citizens, community organizations, and public and private partnerships in order to leverage resources and broaden service delivery benefits.
 - Re-imagining assets in new and mature neighbourhoods - Community hubs will have space that is designed to be flexible to

- allow for different uses as community needs change over time in mature and new neighbourhoods.
- Deliberate designing of Community hubs will ensure public infrastructure is built, transformed, or enhanced into vibrant, sustainable hubs that meet the needs of the community.

- Outcome #3: Identify Pilot Projects
 - Identify pilot projects to help us understand or learn where our policy and program gaps exists relative to responding to community need for connection and creating hubs.

- Outcome #4: Fill the policy and program gaps
 - Identify policy and program changes to respond community need related to connection and the creation of community hubs.

Existing Related Corporate Programs

- Community Recreation Facility Master Plan
- Building Great Neighbourhoods
- Neighbourhood Revitalization
- Neighbourhood Renewal
- City Charter - Urban Schools roundtable
- Senior Centres of the Future

Timelines

- The work plan will be presented to City Council on June 12, 2018.
- This Council Initiative will report to the Community and Public Services Committee twice a year, with the exception of the final year in which the second report will be made to City Council.

Key Stakeholders

- School Boards
- Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

Further details of stakeholder and public engagement will be included in the work plan that will be presented to Council on June 12, 2018.

Financial Implications

- Opportunities to leverage future neighbourhood capital investment within currently funded programs will be examined.

Any estimated financial and human resources for future work will be identified in the work plan that will be presented to City Council on June 12, 2018. In addition, a stand-alone capital profile is being developed for consideration as part of the 2019-2028 Capital Investment Outlook and 2019-2022 capital budget deliberations.