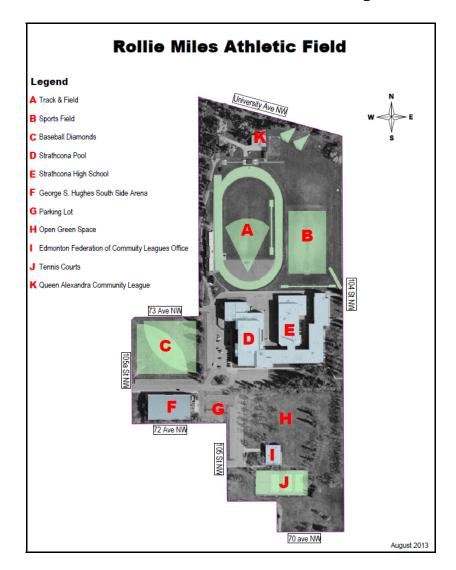
Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park Renewal Public Consultation Feedback Report



Background

- Located in a mature neighbourhood on the northeast corner of 104 Street and University Avenue, the Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park faces the challenge of addressing community needs with infrastructure beyond its expected life cycle. The park is 13.09 hectares in the Queen Alexandra neighbourhood that supports many amenities including: Strathcona Composite High School, Queen Alexandra Community League, Edmonton Federation of Community League office, Strathcona pool, George S. Hughes arena, as well as tennis courts, a 400 metre synthetic running track and several sports fields.
- ➤ Rollie Miles Athletic Field is in the concept phase of district park renewal. The District Activity Park Renewal Program provides a long term strategic approach to renew district activity parks and identifies Rollie Miles Athletic Field as a priority for the 10-Year Capital Investment Agenda and 4-Year Capital Budget

2015-2018. The development of a park master plan will provide more details required to address community needs and aging infrastructure.

Objectives

➤ The City of Edmonton gathered input on how residents use District Parks to determine park priorities and improve future use. The input will be taken into consideration in the development of a park renewal master plan.

Methodology

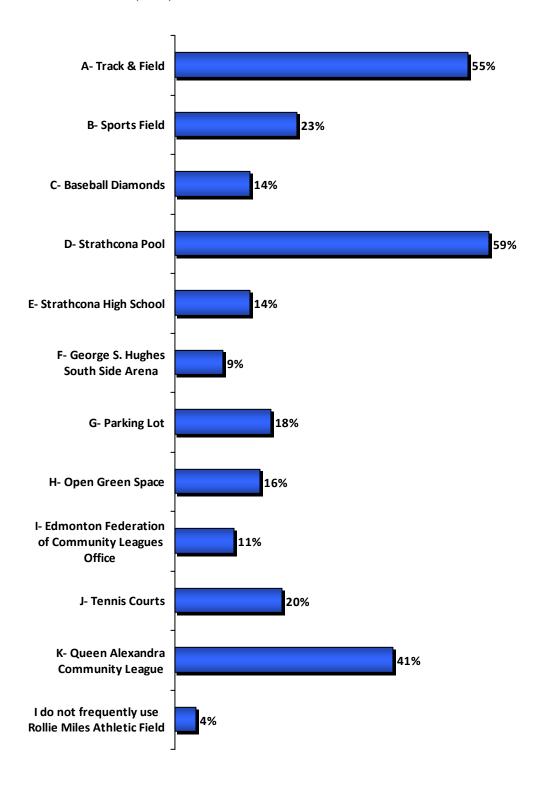
- ➤ To engage residents and park users, a Public Consultation Session was held at Strathcona Pool on Saturday, September 21, 2013. Surveys were available at the Public Consultation Session.
- A link to the online survey was also available on the City of Edmonton Projects & Redevelopment website.
- ➤ On October 2, the Edmonton Sport Council sent out their ESC E-newsletter stating that the City of Edmonton was seeking input from Edmontonians on three important district parks. There were links to the three park websites with the online surveys.
- ➤ There were 64 completed responses received.

* * * Note: The respondents to this survey are likely more aware of the park and more engaged as they either attended the public consultation session or went online to complete a survey. Results are not directly comparable to the random telephone survey that was conducted by Leger in September 2013.

Results

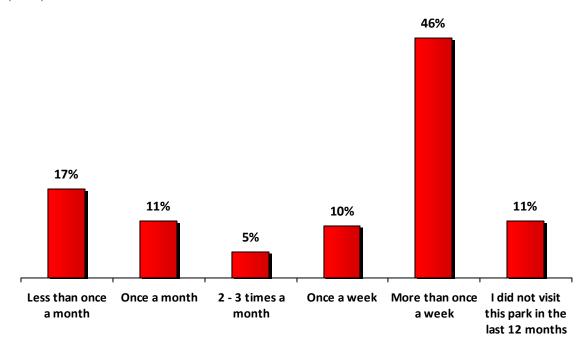
Areas Used of Rollie Miles Athletic Field

More than half of the respondents most frequently used Strathcona Pool (59%) and the track & field areas (55%).



Frequency of Use

Nearly half of the respondents visit Rollie Miles Athletic Field more than once a week (46%).



Reasons for Non-Use of Rollie Miles Athletic Field

Q. If you did not visit Rollie Miles Athletic Field in the last 12 months, please tell us why not?

Response

My children s soccer was scheduled on other fields. I am sure my children will access it more regularly when they are in High school at Scona.

usually once a month, but not lately because of construction

Under construction

The track is under construction.

Currently using foote field instead

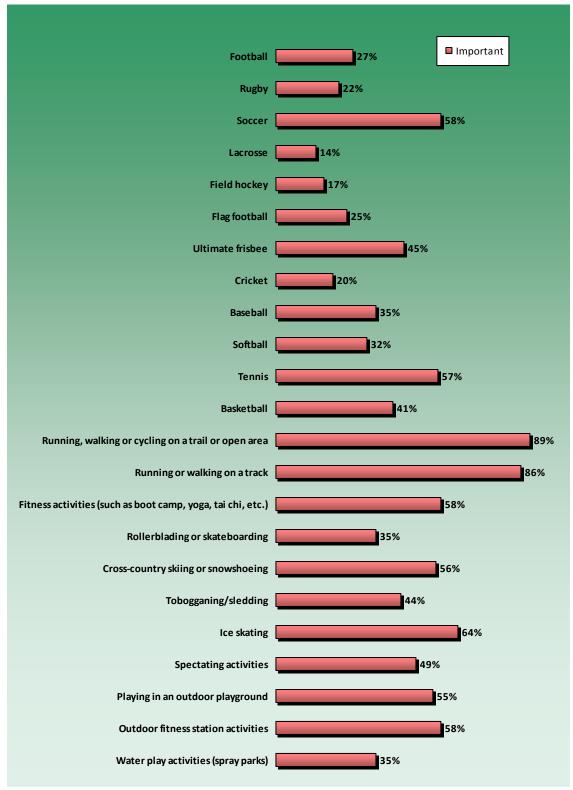
Because the track and field part of the field has not been available for the past two summers. I am a track and field official and am aware of how important this facility is to the athletes in this city. For the past two years athletes have been unable to train there and no meets have been held. This had made things extremely difficult for a sport that has a large number of participants of all ages. Other sports with fewer participants appear to receive much better treatment.

No need.

Valid Responses	7
Total Responses	8

Importance of Opportunities to Participate in Outdoor Activities

Considering that this park will potentially be renewed, the outdoor activities that received the largest number of responses for being important were: running, walking or cycling on a trail or open area (89%), running or walking on a track (86%) and ice skating (64%).



Other (please specify):

Response

We use the pool for Kayaking with the United Alberta Paddling Society - http://paddleuaps.ca/. This facility offers more affordable kayaking and lessons than the club that operated out of the kinsman.

From Football to Basketball this may be important to kids. Kids go to OLMC school.

playground & water play available at QA Park

Important - a full gym/fitness centre with classes

Cross country skiing or snowshoeing would be nice

A beautiful open, safe, green space is all we need.

Outdoor as well as indoor ice skating. There is an outdoor rink next to the QA hall.

I want activities that can't be done on a smaller outdoor plot. For example, we already have two splash parks, which don't require a lot of space. We want activities that will bring a lot of people out, so it feels safe and entices more people to come out. Focus on things that can't be done elsewhere in the neighbourhood. Example: snowshoeing, cross-country skiing

There are 2 other spray parks already inside Queen Alex and a third in nearby Park Allen, so I don't see this as important for this area.

Officiating at track and field meets and helping local and visiting athletes achieve the best performances that they are capable of

Frisbee golf

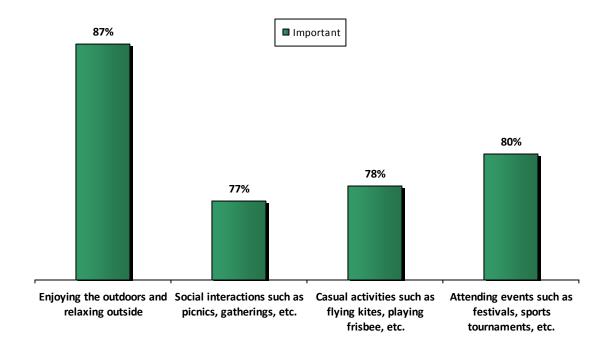
Love scona pool and wish 2 sheets of ice at George hughes

Indoor fitness activities are also very important. Consideration should be given to creating new indoor space in the future for fitness classes and workout equipment

Valid Responses	13
Total Responses	64

Importance of Opportunities to Participate in Open Space Activities

Considering that this park will potentially be renewed, the majority of respondents (87%) said that the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and relax outside was important.



Other (please specify):

winter activities - x country ski, sledding

Important - area to ride bikes

I use the space near the track in the northwest area of the park

BBQ's/firepits

We also like to enjoy our own back yard and do outdoor work around our house without the incessant twittering of PA announcers at track and field events.

Yes! Lots of space to run around or engage in activities that don't fit anywhere else is important. It would also be great if the renewal was in such a way that the QACL hall could take advantage of the design so either league events or people who rent the hall can also take advantage of Rollie Miles offerings. We also don't want to encourage a lot of vehicle traffic into the neighbourhood to get there, so access off of the Calgary Trail is important if any kinds of special events or festivals are to be held there.

Officiating at track and field meets

Also need to have measures to mitigate traffic noise - particularly, strong creation and enforcement of vehicle noise bylaws to target vehicles with modified mufflers that create unnecessary and jarring noise.

Valid Responses	8
Total Responses	64

Activities Participated In At Rollie Miles Athletic Field

Q. What activities do you currently participate in at Rollie Miles Athletic Field? For example: I walk through the park on my way to work.

Response

We use the pool for swimming and kayaking. The roads to access the park for parking area are weirdly configured and snake awkwardly through the neighborhood when coming from the west. We drive around the park to get form our house to home depot.

Primarily use the athletic track for track-specific training.

Walk through the park, swimming at the pool.

Use of the Queen Alexandra Community building and walking through the park daily

I have played soccer at Rollie Miles as part of the Edmonton District Soccer Association. The park is also close to my house.

I frequently walk through the park. I swim at Scona Pool 4 or 5 times a week.

I park in the lot and attend Scona pool

Swimming at Scona, sometimes skating at south side arena.

Walk on way to work. Walk dogs

Walk through on errands, walk through to school, pool, community league hall, take kids to ride bikes, skating at league rink.

I walk on my way to the Grocery Store - I also use the track for running.

Walk & ride bikes through it, running, playing

Walking thru the park for exercise, I work in the EFCL Bldg. eating lunch on a picnic table, I swim at scona pool

I use the scona pool, use the track for running, ride my bike on the path, use the baseball diamond area for a variety of sports, go to events at the Queen Alexandra Community League

I walk through the park to go do running errands (groceries, library, shopping, etc); pool We would use it more if there were more activities of interest to us

I walk through the park on my way to whyte ave, run occasionally, football, softball

Run, play in green space, x-country ski in winter, walk across to store, fly kites, skip on d-rings, play in sand pits

I walk my dog through the park. I also bring my family to the park for picnics.

We use scona pool regularly

walk trough, tacklining

Running on track & using field for recreation

I ride my bike regularly and use the sidewalk behind the stands. My son attends Scona High School and is a runner on the track team and his track club uses this space regularly.

organized sports through Scona High School or sports clubs or community sports (ultimate, soccer, basketball, shinny, ice hockey,...)

Play tennis

Occasionally pick up my kids from the school or the swimming pool

I train regularly on the track and work many of the track meets that occur there.

Walking or riding bicycle, tennis, running or walking on track, swimming Scona pool, community league activities, used to enjoy track and field events before foote field opened.

We walk through the park nearly every day to get to the bus and other errands in the neighbourhood.

Spontaneous bursts of energy i.e. run, walk, play.

Walk through the park, on the track and the field.

Walk through on an almost daily basis on my way to errands/shopping. Scona Pool is also very important to our family, as will Strathcona High School when our children are older. We also go to the QACL hall at least weekly for playgroup and other events. Our children also learned to ride their bicyles at Rollie Miles Athletic Field.

Walk through the park use the track attend the small rink at the Community Hall, attend the Hall and Scona pool on a regular basis.

I live beside RMA and use it for a variety of activities on a weekly basis including running, playing with my children, athletic training of various kinds on the grass and track and in the stands, flying kites, playing cricket, frisbee., etc. My children skateboard nearby as well.

I occasionally walk by the park

I train on the track for races.

I Run on the Track

Track and Field, jumping, throwing, sprinting

I have track and field practices with my track club Capital City Track and Field

Train and compete in track and field at Rollie Miles park in distance running events. I have competed, volunteered, and spectated at almost of the Edmonton Public School meets that have gone though here, and have also volunteered as a part of the Special Olympics competitions held there. I have trained on the track up to three times a week there. I would like to see the track surface made to the highest standards, and also request an over hang in the stands (because it can often be rainy at meets).

For the past two years I have not been at Rollie Miles Athletic Field

I use the track very often to train. I use the soccer field to practice and the open fields to relax. I use the tennis courts to play tennis with my family. I use Scona pool to swim once every week.

I train at the park with Team Alberta Track and field

-Swimming Training / Lessons at Scona Pool -Social/Fundraising & Community Events at Queen Alexandra Hall

Track and Field, running.

Track and field for child and while they are doing that I use the trails/walk.

walk

Wife plays soccer. We do occasional track workout. Would like to play tennis (just realized there are facilities)

Use track for run training Watch meets Watch hockey games Play tennis Swim in pool

Use of track, scona pool, indoor rink

Biking, snowshoe, walk, swim Would attend festivals and/or sports functions but not aware of any being hosted there.

My husband officiates at track meets and I play tennis

I walk through the park to go to grocery stores or to go to Whyte Avenue. I attend several events at the Queen Alex hall. I swim at the Scona Pool. I attend a few meetings at the EFCL building each year. I play baseball and frisbee in the park. I watch some hockey games. I skate at the QACL rink in the winter. I have snowshoed in the park.

If they didn't rip up the track, I would be using the track and adjacent field to run on, the stairs of the spectator stand to train on. I sometimes use the tennis courts, and ocasionally use the swimming pool.

Picnics

I attend activities associated with the EFCL office.

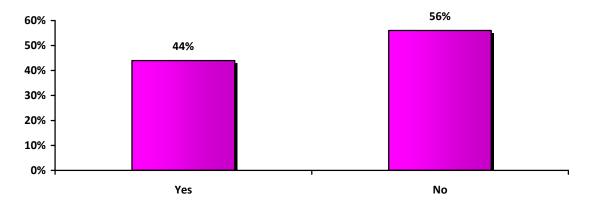
Valid Responses	55
Total Responses	64

A "word cloud" was created with Wordle with the activities participated in at Rollie Miles Athletic Field (word clouds emphasize words appearing more frequently in the text):



Festivals or Sports Events

Less than half (44%) of respondents attend events such as festivals or sports tournaments at Rollie Miles Athletic Field.



Q. What festivals or sports tournaments do you attend at this park?

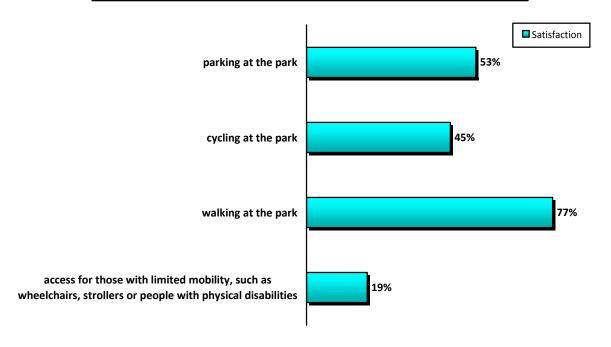
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Response
Occasionally to watch a track meet
School and Community League sponsored eventd
Friends of Scona pool activities and community league day
All QACL events. We will sometimes watch hockey at the South Side Arena
High school Track & Club Track
Junior high track meets, high school track meets, provincial track meets.
track and field events and practices, soccer and hockey games and practices
Track & Field meets
Haven't heard of any festivals in the 30 years I've lived here, but I have gone to sports events there.
Queen Alexandra Commuity celebrations High School events and practices Skate for recreation
There are very few here, but we usually watch soccer games and track and field events.
Track meets
District and city track meets
Track Meets
Edmonton International Track Classic
High school Track meets
None

Answered in the previous question. All kinds of track meets.		
Provincial and local Track and field meets		
I really enjoy watching Junior high and High school track and field competitions like zone finals and cities. I also like to watch soccer tournaments.		
Track and Field And Scona Sports		
Swim Meets in Scona Pool		
Zone High School Championships.		
football games		
School track meets		
track and field		
Track events football		
Track and field meets		
soccer, track		
	Valid Responses	29
	Total Responses	32

Satisfaction With Accessibility or Ability to Move Around the Park

Over three quarters of the respondents (77%) were satisfied with walking at the park. Over half (53%) were satisfied with parking at the park. A lesser number of respondents were satisfied with cycling at the park (45%) or with access for those with limited mobility. *Note: There are a number of respondents who answered "Don't Know" to these questions (see table below).

Q. How satisfied are you with the accessibility or ability to move around within Rollie Miles Athletic Field in terms of...



		Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Don't Know	Total
parking at the park	Count	31	17	11	59
	% by Row	53%	29%	19%	100%
cycling at the park	Count	27	15	18	60
	% by Row	45%	25%	30%	100%
walking at the park	Count	46	7	7	60
	% by Row	77%	12%	12%	100%
access for those with limited mobility, such as wheelchairs, strollers or people with physical disabilities	Count	11	11	37	59
	% by Row	19%	19%	63%	100%

Comments:

Response

If the park is going to effectively serve the surrounding area while keeping neighbourhood streets not too busy, better access from Calgary Trail and Gateway Blvd. is key

No good thru paths in the park too much parking would like UG parking in a new pool/office complex other comments: NO questions on indoor activities eg, arena, pool

We live close by but other people are often parking in front of our house to use the arena or baseball diamond area.

It needs more seating!

Need to keep in mind how the bottle collectors/street people use this area. Lots of people sleep here in spring/summer/fall

is it cycling and walking at the park or to the park? Cycling to is easier than cycling at the park...

We don't use the parking facilities at all so can't comment. We do know that our street, which abuts RMAF, fills up regularly when there are major events and this does impede the ability for residents to carry out normal activities.

It's a little tricky to get to with a stroller if the fences are closed and the access from 74th avenue walking is a bit tight for a double chariot. Parking/vehicle access needs to be focused outside of the neighbourhood streets. This is for safety and for the consideration of those who live near to the Field.

Is this a generic question? There is no place other than the road on which to cycle, per se, so this question doesn't make sense for this area. Mobility seems fine, but I have no limitations, so can't say. Parking is a very serious issue in this area as most people who come to use the track will access it via 74th and 75th Ave and by the Queen Alex Community Hall. Few people seem to use the parking available at the high school. The parking issue was supposed to have been resolved when the area was redeveloped in 1998/9.

Parking is poor for major events, it's a long ways away from the track

It is a gem within a community setting. Easy access by public transit. No need to drive.

During track meets all the designated parking always fills very qickly and we have to use the streets, which we are uncomfrotable doing.

Parking and motorized traffic access should be reconfigured so that access is concentrated from Calgary Trail. Also, this could help provide access for ETS to the area as well (there currently is no public transit available directly to Rollie Miles). Cycling trails are nearby on 106th Street, but it can be somewhat awkward trying to get from 106th Street east to Rollie Miles. There is a nice walking/biking trail behind the track grandstand, but the north end of the trail is a bumpy muddy gravel trail that awkwardly connects to university and 76th avenues, and the south end of the trail is often blocked by a locked gate. the trail doesn't connect much either, it just spits a person out into a parking lot. Lighting on the trail and around the QACL hall is not adequate and can make the area not feel safe at night because of low visibility. Access for people with limited mobility is very poor. Exterior streets and sidewalks are deteriorated and are difficult to move up and down curbs. The Scona pool and the Southside arena are very inaccessible considering the number of stairs that must be climbed.

Did you mean cycling to the park, or actually cycling around the track?

Valid Responses	14
Total Responses	64

A "word cloud" was created in Wordle with the open ended comments for the satisfaction with the accessibility or ability to move around Rollie Miles Athletic Field (word clouds emphasize words appearing more frequently in the text):



What Do You Like Most About Rollie Miles Athletic Field?

Q. What do you like most about Rollie Miles Athletic Field? Please be as descriptive as possible.

Response

Wow a park space in our neighbourhood that is huge. We love the green space there. It would be wonderful if it supported a larger community garden...the other community garden spaces in the neighborhood are tiny and have tiny plots. We used to use the greisbaugh community garden but it is much too far for us. Community gardens are great gathering spaces and increase local presence to help keep crime and vandalism down.

The athletic track and field facilities are among the best I have ever trained with. To have this, regularly available to Edmontonians is an important benefit to all residents and a legacy of the 2001 World Championships that we need to maintain.

Running on track, swimming at the pool

Large green space with old trees. Along with the tennis courts.

It is central and close to a number of neighbourhoods. It is accessible by transit as well as car.

The fact that it is easily accessible to me.

Proximity to variety of activities

I think it serves as an excellent resource for people who like to run & practice all forms of athletics. It also serves as a good viewing area for spectators.

Open space, close to home, trees

It is a beautiful greenspace in our neighbourhoods that do not have a lot of green space. The Mural was pretty before the vandalism. I like the fact it is close to the house.

the beautiful trees scona pool

I like to stay active by using the pool and the track. I frequently use the baseball area to play ball, ultimate Frisbee, and other sports with friends. I also use the bike path near the track to go grocery shopping, etc. It is so convenient so it allows me to keep active locally rather than driving out of my neighbourhood to be active.

Openess, access to pool Not aware of festivals held here or sport events

The track!

track

The large track and the green field is fun for a multitude of activities.

Lots of open areas & green space. Great location to home & not far from grocery stores, whyte ave.

It is a fabulous Community Space with a specialty in Athletics

The 400M track, it's one of the nicest tracks in Edmonton. The stands are spacious.

central location, intimate feel, accommodates those smaller festival/events that would be lost in a bigger park/stadium (e,g, Foote field)

Accessible tennis courts

Many functions that serve the surrounding communities and the high school students

I like that the stands at the track are concrete rather than metal and that it is a good quality surface (originally).

The open green areas, the track, the swimming pool, the walking or biking sidewalk behind the track

It provides a buffer between us and Calgary Trail and the big trees and open space south of the school are nice. The path on the west side is also handy as a pleasant walking short cut.

I run or walk or bring toys to play with my family. Enjoy the clean, green, safe area to hang out in and get some exercise. Nothing organized. Just whatever we feel like doing.

It's a green space that provides a buffer from the noise of 104 Street. The track and field events add life to the neighbourhood. The large trees near the track and those in the open space to the south of the high school are great.

It is such a LARGE space right off of Calgary Trail. There is a lot of potential to create a smaller multi-plex there that would serve the CACCL area well. It could include an aquatic centre (replace Scona Pool) plus a small gym and a single sheet of arena. Nothing so big it would take up all the green space or a lot of trees. Access can also be off Calgary Trail, which also makes it easy for those not within waling distance to get there by vehicle or bus.

Mature Trees and small homes around it. No apartment complex's Mulituse area seeing a lot of different groups using it at the same time Not locked up like fort knox accessible a lot of hours.

I like the fact that the access to the athletic field is not restricted so that anyone can come and use it. I like the easy access and the ability to have many different kinds of activities take place here.

The school is located near a good sports facility that is used by kids, user groups that has a lasting legacy.

Accessible

I love the track. It is easily accessible for all, not just including track clubs. I run for and coach for a track club in the city and this is the best track! I can't wait for it to be back open!

The track is nice, gymnastics centre and weight room are good.

It has one of the only good track surfaces other than Foote field track in Edmonton

Having a second track in Edmonton is essential. It means that during the time when school meets are running, there is a place for people to train within the city. So, to answer your question, the main thing that I like about Rollie is that the track exists and is sufficient to do high volumes of training and racing on.

The track and field portion of the field is needed urgently. The only other city facility with an all-weather track is Foote Field. It has all sorts of restrictions for non-university athletes.

I really like the track because I use it use it a lot and the stands provided there provide a nice place to go and relax and watch events. I also really like Scona pool because I live really close to it and I went to Strathcona High school for 3 years so I am very familiar with the pool.

Close to my School Scona and I can train there and go home after

The well designed and well constructed Spectator Structure / Grandstand beside the Track & Field area.

Central location. Areas have been developed for specific sports, and not compromising by trying to be a multi-sport facility.

Its the olnly other outdoor track next to Foote Field for track and field events.

nothing

Variety of activities. Use of hall for music events (though it is too small)

Great to have a track in the nighbourhood

the swimming pool

Scona pool, central ice rink not out in suburbs

Community access. The proximity to other attractions. The openness to have different events at the site but in different and distinct spaces.

It is fairly close to our home, and it is good to see green space in a fairly busy commercial area.

I like the variety of activities that can occur in the area. I like that it is centrally located in the city. I like the outdoor spaces, especially for summer activities and skating and snowshoeing and XC skiing in the winter. And I like the indoor spaces for activities in the winter like swimming, skating, and using the QACL hall. I like that the park is used often by neighbours young and old. I like that the park provides a buffer between the busy Calgary Trail corridor and the neighbourhood.

I like that there is a track and field to run around in the summer, and there is a field to practice cross country skiing in the winter. The location is walking distance to my house, and is out of the flow of traffic for the most part.

Openess		
	Valid Responses	52
	Total Responses	64

A "word cloud" was created in Wordle with the open ended responses for what is liked most about Rollie Miles Athletic Field (word clouds emphasize words appearing more frequently in the text):



Suggestions For Improvements

Q. In terms of the renewal of Rollie Miles Athletic Field, what are your suggestions for improvements?

Response

trees, garden, parkspace, family space

Better access to washrooms and shelter for casual users of the athletic track and field facilities. That's not easy, but it would be valued.

New pool for recreational and local schools.

Better use of the area, with walking trails and a children playground/splash pad. Make it more visually inviting. Add a basketball court and improve the baseball diamonds.

More availability of public skating at the Hughes arena.

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the area by the track (west of the track) requires lighting. Lights along the park behind the bleachers/stands. Its frightening to walk the path in dark

Picnic areas maybe spray park/water park for kids or outdoor rink in area 'h' on map. would love community garden area large playground with soft floor dog area with dog bags If I knew when festivals or sports tournaments were, I would go

Rollie Miles is a large space with lots of potential. It should focus on activities that DO NOT compete with smaller playgrounds and parks but still is inviting and capable of drawing people to spend time so that everyone feels safe. Lots of activity/attendance = feeling of safety.

Upgrade the Pool, maybe a multi-use centre.

Outdoor ice rink, outdoor playground

good working trails thru the park a new pool/fitness facility & EFCL Office

I would LOVE to see a FULL fitness facility with weights, fitness machines, stability + BOSU balls, ropes and fitness CLASSES to join. I would also like more access to public skating

More access to public skating. More community events (not just school). Reduce noise from track and field events - this was a big issue in 2000 when track was rebuilt, we were assured it would be addressed. this has NOT happened. Better management of dog defecation!

needs better signage More gathering space, seating, more activities: Music, food trucks It should be an urban park like Brooklyn bridge park

more walkability to and within park. Top left corner (north west) I want a trail there.

Sledding & toboggan area outdoor playground I find the area tends to attract the homeless because of that I would like to ensure there is good lighting & ensure personal security is not at risk

Area E (strathcona high school) is beautiful but often wet and right on Calgary trail. A visual barrier to Calgary Trail would be helpful (and a sound barrier). Love the big old trees. Entry to park on University Avenue gets wet, muddy & buggy. The trees are nice but the ground is low-lying

I like the new plans!

Plant trees and other options for shelter at the track level for competing athletes & kids. This is important if school kids attend a track meet for the entire day, because the heat can affect your phiscal conditions. SHelter from the rain & wind is important. I've been to track meets here in the pouring rain with no shelter for anyone. Water fountains to fill up bottles. Concession boots. A rooftop for the stands so the spectators don't overheat or get wet during inclement conditions.

keep it community oriented, it is really important to the local communities (Strathcona Centre, Garneau, Allendale) that are lacking other bigger sports parks e.g. like the ones around the Millwoods Rec Centre

Keep the tennis courts. They are very popular.

Restrict vehicle access from within Queen Alex community and provide main access to the park and the school from 104 Street. Yes, it's a big job but it's about fifty years overdue.

More area for shade for athletes either in the stands or where the track is visible. Get the pigeons out of the roof. Have greater access to the washrooms and a longer season to be able to use the track facility.

I am sure there are many suggestions that I am not aware of for improvements which would be fun to hear. I strongly would like to continue to see the uses the park has at the present with the green spaces.

We are very interested in the city's longer term plans for how this space will be used. A few years ago before Foote Field was in place, we had to deal with track meets every weekend, the noise from announcers who did not know how to use the PA system, garbage, and a great deal of traffic. We really hope the plan is not to return to those conditions. It would be nice to see the pool upgraded and also to have convenient public skating at the arena. Probably not much can be done about the groups that tend to hang out late at night, especially in the summer.

Keep it like it was. Don't add anything.

Ensure the loudspeaker noise and security lights do not bleed east or south into the neighbourhood. The sound of cheering kids is fine, the sound of incessant blithering over a loudspeaker is not. The lighting is probably brighter than need be. It doesn't affect me directly, but does my neighbours.

Scona Pool! Scona Pool! Scona Pool! Track rehab (currently underway). Keep EFCL close by. Make the area easier for QACL hall users to utilize. Parking and all vehicle access off of Calgary Trail.

New track - it's happening just not fast enough update the parking lot put sidewalks in around the baseball field and through the sports field.

Over the last 10 yrs I have lived beside the track, I saw the City take very little interest in maintaining the facility. The biggest suggestion for improvement would be regular maintenance to ensure this investment does not fall into disrepair and neglect as it did.

Pave the roads going to the parking lots (pothole city)kids complained when riding bikes to the pool that the roads were to bumpy.

get the track and field done. It needs to be used by the community asap.

It's so windy!! More shelter at the track and better surface.

The long jump pits need a bit of work. The track had some bubbles in it at the start of each year. It would be great if they were fixed for good!

Make sure there is a field to throw javelin, hammer, discus. An indoor training facility for track and field that has better access times than the Butterdome would be a huge benefit. Possibly a long straightaway for sprinting and some areas to do long jump, pole vault, throws cage.

Better bathrooms, more stands

Make sure that the track is made to last many years of use.

Better track surface, and an overhang to shelter the stands from rain.

The track and field area must be finished and made available as soon as possible. Our athletes are suffering because this major training facility has been out of commission for such a long period of time.

The edition of an outdoor basketball court.

make the renewal faster

Replacement of the existing pool with a larger facility that includes a larger and updated pool. Specifically an 8 or 10 lane 25 meter pool with deck space and spectator space sufficient to host High School Swim Meets (and other smaller swim meets and aquatic events - water-polo, synchro, etc.) as opposed to the existing 4 lane 25 yard pool (out of date!). This facility could, and for the purposes of design and operational efficiency should, also include a new Arena to replace the existing (and aging) South Side Arena. And ideally, a fitness centre (weight room with cardio equipment). These three key elements combined into one cohesive building design could serve both the community and the Strathcona High school student body and staff. Open Space ("H" on map) would provide ample space for this project, possibly with some re-location of the existing tennis courts and/or the EFCL Office.

Covered grandstands, revamped inner field for track, better field event areas.

Continue to have a track

safer

Better community indoor facility for small concerts. Frisbee golf.

upgrade the tennis courts, add a basketball court

Keep pool open. Fix track and add another indoor rink

Take down Scona Pool and locate a community recreation centre that has a pool and indoor ice rinks. This would allow for an indoor walking track and fitness facility with a community setting.

More picnic tables and garbage bins

Knowing that the Tipton arena, the Southside arena, the Scona pool, and the EFCL buildings are reaching the end of their useful life as buildings, I would like to see a new facility somewhere in the area where the EFCL building is. In the new facility there could be a twin ice rink, a swimming pool, indoor fitness centre (complete with public classes), the EFCL could have offices in the space as well (who knows, maybe QACL would want to move as well?). Motor vehicle access to the facility should be focused to connect Calgary Trail to the facility. (The green space south of Scona High is a low area that is often flooded with water and it is not currently very well used, so this would not be a huge loss other than the trees... a plan that could work around some of these trees would be a very good idea.) The old hockey arena could be demolished, and new green space could be established at this location. 72nd Avenue between 105A Street and Scona High School could be converted into green space with a walking/cycling path to connect transit users and students from the 106 and 109 bus stops to the school and the area.

If possible, once the track is completed. It would be nice if the lights could be left on until 9pm in the fall, so that the residents could use it in the evening, after the high school students have finished their training. The first thing that has to happen is determine if the rink and the pool are going to be kept in their present location or if they are going to be replaced. Until this is decided, planning for the park is a waste of time and money. If you had a house and you were debating whether to renovate it or rebuild it with a totally different footprint, you wouldn't hire a landscape architect to design the yard before you made the decision about what you were going to do with the house.

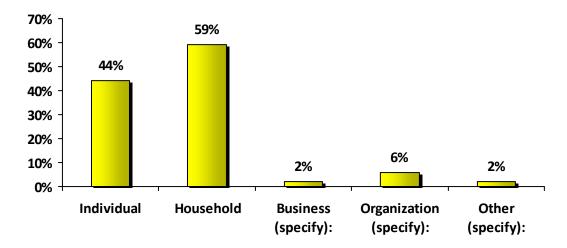
Valid Responses	54
Total Responses	64

A "word cloud" was created in Wordle with the responses for suggestions for improvement for Rollie Miles Athletic Field (word clouds emphasize words appearing more frequently in the text):



Demographics

Over half of the respondents (59%) completed the survey as a household.



Business (specify):

Response		
Track & Field timing		
	Valid Responses	1
	Total Responses	64

Organization (specify):

Response			
CACCL, EFCL, Friends of Scona Pool			
Edmonton Track & Field Clubs (Edmonton Track Council)			
Friends of Scona Pool			
QACL			
	Valid Responses	4	
	Total Responses	64	

Other (specify):

Response			
Parent of child using Rollie Miles			
	Valid Responses	1	
	Total Responses	64	

Neighbourhood of Residence
Over a third of the respondents (38%) were from Queen Alexandra.

Q. What neighbourhood do you live in?
(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

(Respondents could only choose a	single response)
Response	Chart

Response	Chart	Frequency	Count
Allendale	_	3%	2
Argyll		0%	0
Avonmore		0%	0
Belgravia	_	3%	2
Bonnie Doon		2%	1
Capilano		2%	1
Cloverdale		0%	0
Forest Heights		0%	0
Fulton Place		0%	0
Garneau	_	5%	3
Gold Bar		0%	0
Hazeldean		2%	1
Holyrood		0%	0
Idylwylde		0%	0
Kenilworth		2%	1
King Edward Park		0%	0
McKernan		10%	6
Ottewell		2%	1
Park Allen	_	3%	2
Queen Alexandra		38%	24
Ritchie		0%	0
Strathcona		6%	4
Strathearn		0%	0
Terrace Heights		0%	0
University of Alberta		2%	1

Windsor Park			2%	1
Other (please specify):			21%	13
Not Answered				1
Valid R		Responses	63	
Total Responses		Responses	64	

Other (please specify):

Response		
adjacent to track		
Mount Pleasant		
Greenview		
Downtown		
Blue Quill		
Glenora		
Kengsington		
Riverbend		
Aspen Gardens		
Pleasantview		
Oliver		
Twin Brooks		
Grandview Heights		
	Valid Responses	13
	Total Responses	64

<u>Age of Individual</u>
Over a quarter of the respondents were from age categories 30 to 39 (27%) or 40 to 49 (27%).

