

LEWIS FARMS FACILITY & PARK



SHARING IDEAS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WHAT WE HEARD

YOUR IDEAS,
YOUR VISION,
YOUR DIRECTION...
IN ACTION!

WHAT IS THE LEWIS FARM FACILITY & PARK?



RECREATION CENTRE



PUBLIC LIBRARY



HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC CENTRE



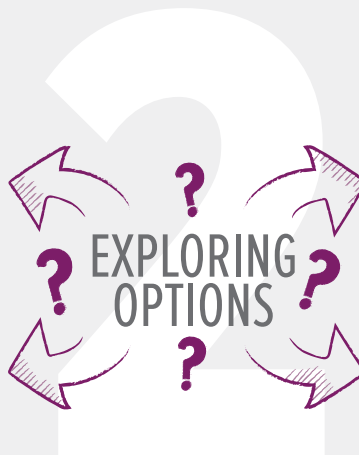
DISTRICT PARK

DESIGN

Our design process will take place in three phases in 2015-16:



(APRIL - JULY 2015)



(EARLY 2016)



(MID 2016)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

IN LATE 2014, City Council approved funding for the schematic design of the Lewis Farms Facility and Park. This consultation builds upon the two Council approved plans for the Facility and Park: 2007 Council approved Medium Term Recreation Facility and Sports Field Plan and the 2011 Functional Program (high level plan).

The decision to move forward with schematic design meant we needed to check in with the public and stakeholders to find out whether we were on track with the major activities identified for the Facility and Park and whether the program needed to be revised. Since this project will feature a library and high school academic centre, the City of Edmonton will be working in partnership with Edmonton Public Library and Edmonton Catholic Schools to complete the schematic design of this project.

In 2015 we embarked on the Sharing Ideas consultation to update the program for the Lewis Farms Facility and Park. To recap, there was a positive response to our Sharing Ideas consultation. Some of the participation statistics are highlighted below.

FACE-TO-FACE PARTICIPATION



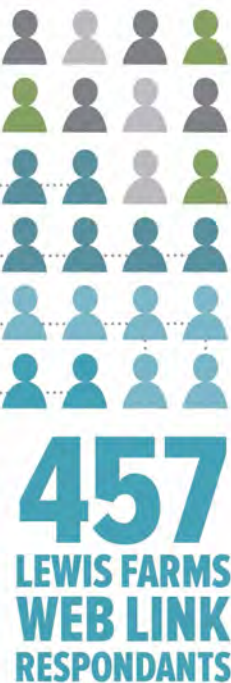
300
OPEN HOUSE PARTICIPANTS



ONLINE PARTICIPATION



189
INSIGHT PANEL RESPONDANTS



Due to the large volume of feedback and information, the results of the Sharing Ideas consultation phase are being shared with the public and stakeholders in two stages:

PART 1: WHAT WE DID

What We Did was produced in August 2015 and focuses on the Sharing Ideas engagement process, including how we communicated with the public and stakeholders, who participated and how they participated. In this process, we summarized our approach to engagement and got a better understanding of our audience and future users of the Lewis Farms Facility and Park.

PART 2: WHAT WE HEARD

What We Heard is an analysis of the results from the Sharing Ideas open house activities, feedback from the online surveys and stakeholder meetings. We used the results of the consultation to update the program (major project activities/components) to feed into the next phases of schematic design. The factors that influenced decisions to change or update the program through this consultation are **highlighted throughout this report with a lightbulb icon and summarized on page 29**. A separate document of [What You Said](#) can be found on our website which details all the feedback received from the public for the Sharing Ideas consultation.



The changes to the program were made by doing a needs assessment, analysis and decision-making process (see diagram above). Our first step was to research, gather feedback and complete a needs assessment through the Sharing Ideas consultation. We then did a review and analysis of the data to come to a consensus on what we heard. Some key themes emerged from our discussions about what should change and what could stay the same. Based on the analysis and feedback, we aligned our decisions with priorities in previous Council approved documents and new information from our consultation. Some decisions were made by Administration and others that required more strategic decisions were discussed at the Branch/Director level to provide direction on moving forward. These discussions fed into the final recommended program and decisions. The update to the program and the rationale for these changes are detailed on page 29-34.

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM



AQUATIC ACTIVITIES

- aquatic facility providing a second competitive training venue in Edmonton
- 25x30m deep tank with springboards and dive platforms that will support synchronized swimming, water polo, and diving
- spectator seating for local and regional competitions
- leisure pool with water play features
- tot pool
- 25m ten lane pool
- whirlpool and steam room



MULTI-PURPOSE

- indoor child development space
- child minding space
- bouldering wall
- three dividable multi-purpose rooms



FACILITY SUPPORT

- lobby area
- washrooms and locker rooms
- food retail units
- commercial retail unit
- administration space
- storage space



INDOOR GYMNASIUM

- three gymnasiums
- large playing surfaces
- assembly areas that can be divided into smaller functional areas



INDOOR ARENA

- twin NHL indoor rinks
- outdoor leisure ice
- skate rental kiosk



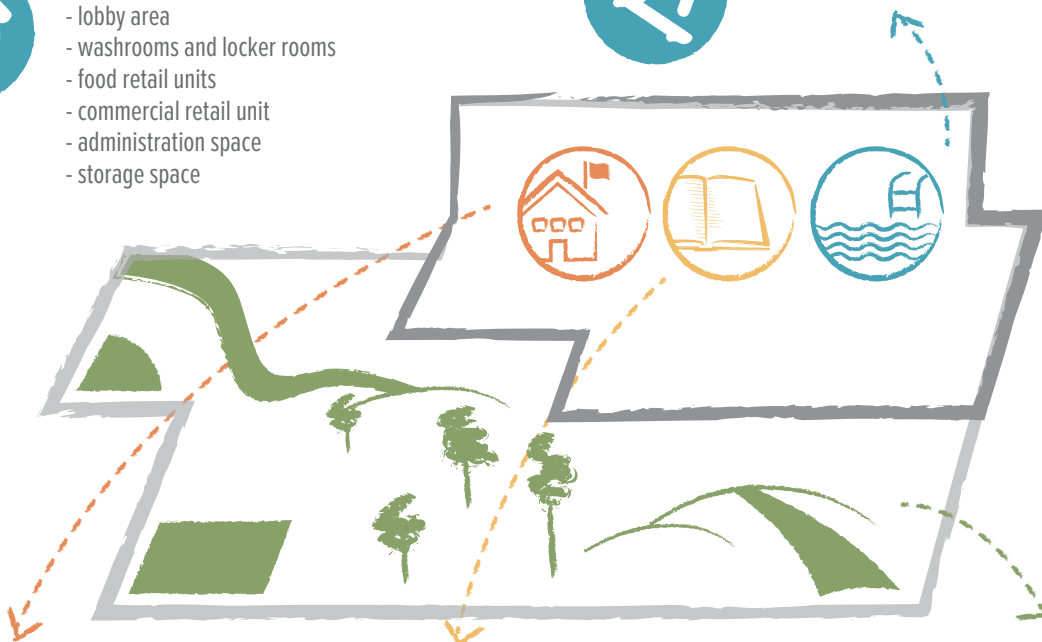
FITNESS & WEIGHT TRAINING

- large cardio and weight training area
- two fitness studios
- non-competitive running / walking track



INDOOR SKATEBOARD/BMX PARK

- partnership currently being explored



ACADEMIC CENTRE

- standard and outreach classrooms
- kitchen
- science lab and makerspace
- child care space
- administration spaces



LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

- medium sized Community Branch
- library material borrowing
- public computers
- community room
- quiet study and reading spaces
- children and teen areas
- makerspace for developing digital literacy skills
- administration spaces



DISTRICT PARK

- urban plaza / outdoor social gathering area
- diamond and rectangular sports fields
- open green space
- tennis and basketball courts
- interactive water play park
- public washrooms
- parks operations Satellite Service Yard

YOUR FEEDBACK

The Lewis Farms Facility and Park consultation for the Medium Term Plan (2007) and Functional Program (2011) were based on activities people wanted to do in the facility and park. In order to build on the Functional Program and to ensure consistency in our results, we decided to frame our questions in the same way. This would allow us to confirm if the program for the Facility and Park should be revised and updated to meet current community needs.

One of the first questions that was asked in the online survey and open house was: What activities you would like to do in the facility and park? We also asked you to tell us what you felt were the most important activities.

For each activity, we have provided the top 5 choices for the open house and online surveys (combined response). This is followed by a summary of themes for each activity. Many respondents commented on activities in multiple places in the online surveys and open house responses. These responses were consolidated and summarized in this section of the document to report back on common themes.

LET'S REVIEW WHAT YOU SAID.

A1. ACTIVITIES



INDOOR POOL



INDOOR GYMNASIUM



INDOOR ARENA



FITNESS & WEIGHT TRAINING



FACILITY SUPPORT



MULTI-PURPOSE



INDOOR SKATE /BMX PARK



OUTDOOR PASSIVE RECREATION



OUTDOOR ACTIVE RECREATION



ACADEMIC CENTRE



LIBRARY



INDOOR POOL ACTIVITIES

ONLINE SURVEYS
 OPEN HOUSE

MOST IMPORTANT

- 1 SWIMMING LESSONS
- 2 SWIMMING LESSONS
- 3 LANE SWIMMING FOR PERSONAL FITNESS
- 4 FITNESS PROGRAMS I.E. AQUASIZE
- 5 USING WATER PLAY AREA I.E. LAZY RIVER
- 6 USING WATER PLAY AREA I.E. LAZY RIVER
- 7 FITNESS PROGRAMS I.E. AQUASIZE
- 8 LANE SWIMMING FOR PERSONAL FITNESS
- 9 USING A HOT TUB
- 10 USING A HOT TUB

LIKELIHOOD OF PARTICIPATION

LEWIS FARMS LINK

INSIGHT PANEL

OPEN HOUSE

Activity	Lewis Farms Link	Insight Panel	Open House
USING A HOT TUB	66.1%	69.8%	11.4%
SWIMMING LESSONS	58.9%	57.1%	9.5%
WATER PLAY : SLIDING	58.2%	54.5%	8.0%
WATERPLAY: PLAYING IN WAVES	56.5%	51.9%	7.1%
WATERPLAY: USING A LAZY RIVER	55.8%	58.2%	8.6%
LANE SWIMMING FOR PERSONAL FITNESS	55.4%	65.1%	8.1%
FITNESS PROGRAMS (I.E.AQUASIZE)	52.1%	54.5%	8.0%
USING A STEAM ROOM	47.7%	56.6%	7.5%
WATER PLAY: USING A SWING ROPE	46.4%	45.5%	4.4%
USING A CHILD WATER PLAY AREA	45.7%	41.8%	7.3%
WATER PLAY: SURFING ON A WAVE RIDER	43.8%	33.3%	4.7%
WATER PLAY: CLIMBING	43.5%	38.1%	6.2%
WATER PLAY: DIVING	41.8%	33.9%	2.3%
SWIM MEETS	25.2%	14.3%	1.8%
COMPETITIVE TRAINING: SWIMMING	24.1%	14.8%	1.5%
WATER POLO COMPETITIONS	14.7%	5.3%	0.3%
COMPETITIVE TRAINING: WATER POLO	11.6%	5.3%	0.3%
*OTHER: (TOTAL)	10.3%	6.9%	0.6%
COMPETITIVE TRAINING: DIVING	8.8%	3.7%	0.7%
KAYAK POLO	8.5%	7.9%	0.6%
DIVING COMPETITIONS	8.3%	5.3%	0.4%
SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING COMPETITIONS	8.1%	4.8%	0.3%
COMPETITIVE TRAINING: SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING	7.2%	3.2%	0.3%
NONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES INTEREST ME	2.4%	6.9%	0.3%

*see What You Said for details



INDOOR POOL ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

THEMES



- Open House and online survey support for leisure swim activities.



- Half of the open-ended comments were in support of a pool for competition and/or training.
- Size matters. Many open-ended respondents mentioned the need for a FINA sized pool.
 - 18% of Lewis Farms web link survey respondents mentioned FINA.
- A number of comments on support facilities such as lockers, deck space, shower and change areas with respect to privacy, sizing for families and proximity to other services.
- There were a few comments in support of scuba training and skill development and community water polo.
- There were a few few comments in support of community use and rental space, lane swimming, lessons, facilities for families and young children.

(~ 101 comments)



DUE TO THE STRONG SUPPORT FOR COMPETITIVE TRAINING AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES, A BALANCE BETWEEN THESE TWO ACTIVITIES WILL BE MAINTAINED.



INDOOR GYM ACTIVITIES

ONLINE SURVEYS
 OPEN HOUSE

MOST IMPORTANT

- 1 SOCCER/FUTSAL
- 2 SOCCER/FUTSAL
- 3 CLIMBING ON AN INDOOR CLIMBING WALL
- 4 GYMNASTICS
- 5 BASKETBALL
- CLIMBING ON AN INDOOR CLIMBING WALL
- BADMINTON
- INDOOR TRACK
- GYMNASTICS
- BADMINTON AND BASKETBALL

LIKELIHOOD OF PARTICIPATION

LEWIS FARMS LINK

INSIGHT PANEL

OPEN HOUSE

Activity	Online Surveys	Open House
CLIMBING ON AN INDOOR CLIMBING WALL	40.9%	12.7%
SOCCER/FUTSAL	39.6%	10.9%
BASKETBALL	36.1%	6.6%
BADMINTON	36.1%	8.5%
VOLLEYBALL	31.5%	7.3%
GYMNASTICS	29.3%	9.5%
INDOOR SKATEBOARDING	22.5%	2.4%
MARTIAL ARTS (I.E. TAEKWONDO, TAI CHI)	20.6%	7.5%
TABLE TENNIS	17.5%	4.6%
*OTHER : (TOTAL)	15.1%	12.9%
NONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES INTEREST ME	11.2%	0.4%
BASEBALL	10.9%	5.2%
COMBATIVES (I.E. BOXING, WRESTLING)	9.0%	1.2%
HANDBALL	6.8%	1.8%
LACROSSE	6.3%	2.2%
PICKLEBALL	4.4%	1.6%
RUGBY	3.5%	1.6%
WHEELCHAIR SPORTS	3.1%	2.2%
CRICKET	3.1%	1.0%

*see What You Said for details

THEMES

- Those respondents who provided additional comments mentioned a wide variety of activities in the gym, including specialized spaces for soccer and ultimate as well as indoor golf and bowling.
- Some of the more popular activities mentioned were: indoor court sports (29%), Ultimate frisbee field space (19%) and fitness programs (12%).

(~ 110 comments)



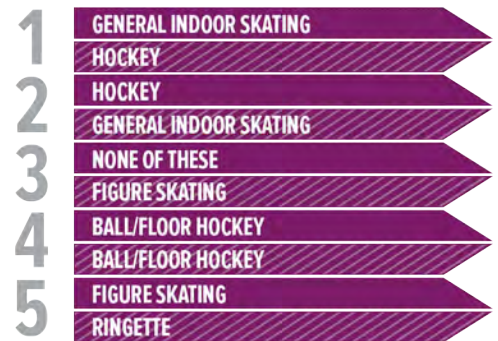
CLIMBING WAS ADDED INTO THE PROGRAM DUE TO ITS POPULARITY.



INDOOR ARENA ACTIVITIES

ONLINE SURVEYS
 OPEN HOUSE

MOST IMPORTANT



LIKELIHOOD OF PARTICIPATION



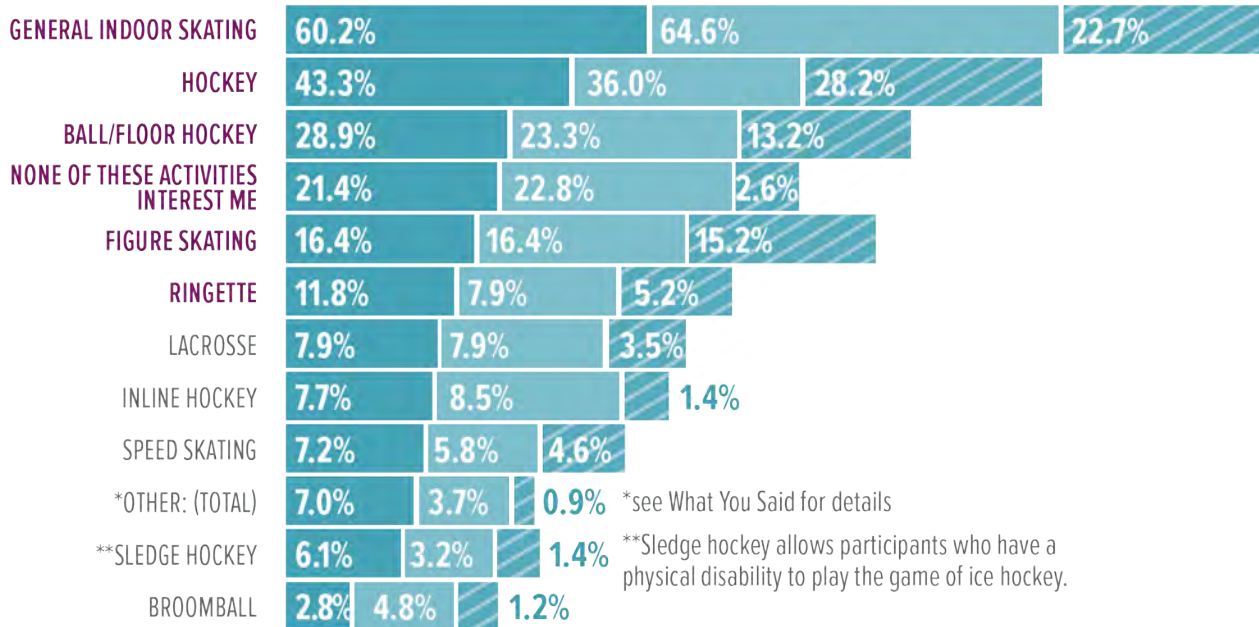
LEWIS FARMS LINK



INSIGHT PANEL



OPEN HOUSE



*see What You Said for details

**Sledge hockey allows participants who have a physical disability to play the game of ice hockey.

THEMES

- The majority of comments from respondents support current City of Edmonton arena designs with minor tweaks to improve user experiences such as improved sight lines and warm/comfortable viewing areas.
- There were some comments identifying a desire for curling.
- There were a few comments indicating a desire for concrete use for activities like lacrosse and roller derby.

(~ 29 comments)



FITNESS & WEIGHT TRAINING ACTIVITIES

ONLINE SURVEYS
 OPEN HOUSE

MOST IMPORTANT

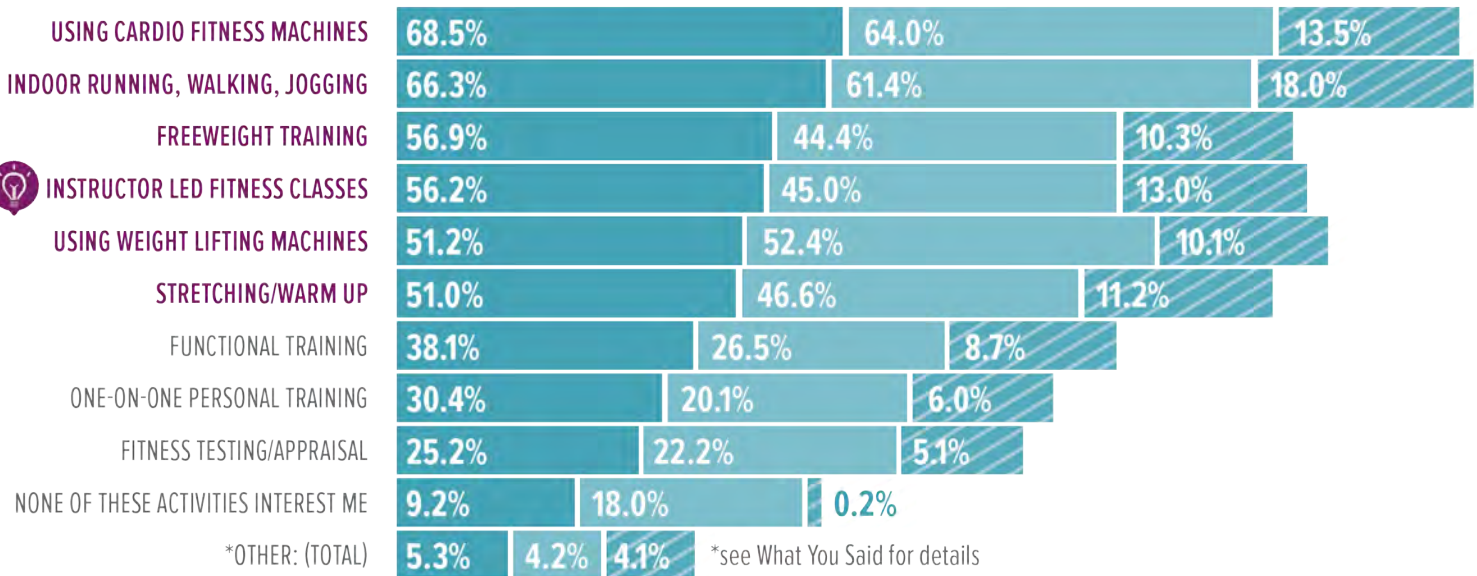
- 1 USING CARDIO FITNESS MACHINES
- 2 INDOOR WALKING, RUNNING, JOGGING
- 3 INSTRUCTOR LED FITNESS CLASSES
- 4 USING CARDIO FITNESS MACHINES
- 5 FREE WEIGHT TRAINING

LIKELIHOOD OF PARTICIPATION

LEWIS FARMS LINK

INSIGHT PANEL

OPEN HOUSE



THEMES

- The most frequent comments about the fitness and weight training activity was support for fitness programs such as zumba, yoga and pilates. Respondents wanted fitness programs geared towards families/couples, seniors and teens.
 - Other ideas included a running track, area for dryland training, and weightlifting.
 - There were some comments on the design and support areas for fitness and weight training such as: dry change rooms (separate from pool), ventilation, fitness area layout and adequate change room/shower space.
- (~ 38 comments)



A FLEXIBLE GYMNASIUM SPACE WAS ADDED TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE THESE FITNESS ACTIVITIES.



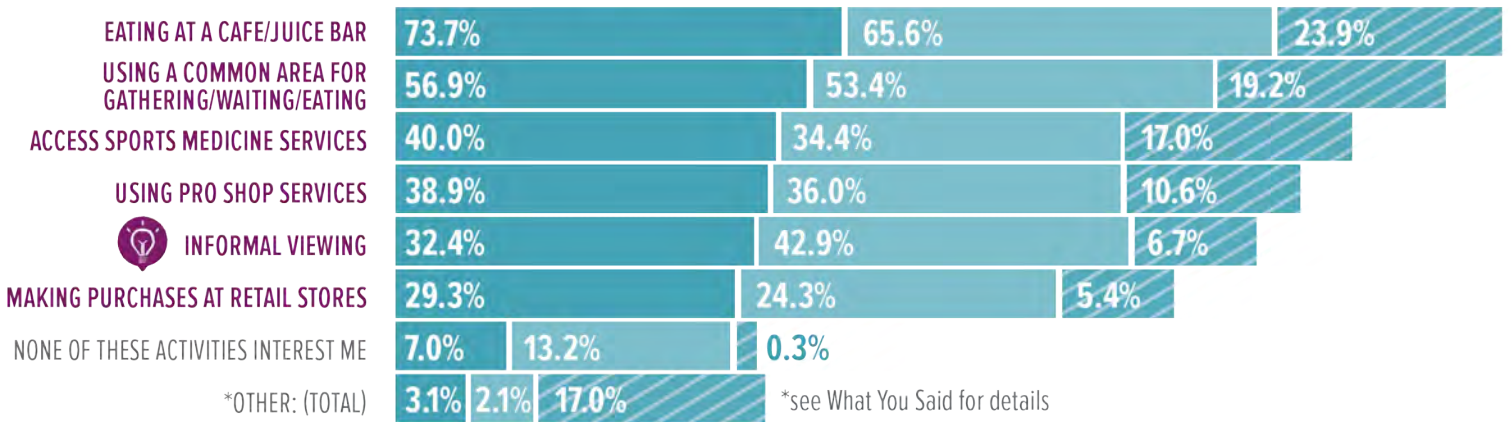
FACILITY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

- ONLINE SURVEYS
- OPEN HOUSE

MOST IMPORTANT

- EATING AT A CAFE/JUICE BAR
- EATING AT A CAFE/JUICE BAR
- USING COMMON AREA FOR GATHERING
- USING COMMON AREA FOR GATHERING
- ACCESSING SPORTS MEDICINE SERVICES
- ACCESSING SPORTS MEDICINE SERVICES
- USING PRO SHOP SERVICES
- COMMUNITY LEAGUE SPACE
- INFORMAL VIEWING
- USING PRO SHOP SERVICES

LIKELIHOOD OF PARTICIPATION



THEMES

- Almost all of the comments indicate support for shopping. Many of these comments were in support of healthy food options such as markets, food trucks, organic or gluten free store/food, and/or a coffee shop.

(~ 6 comments)



DEDICATED SPECTATOR SEATING WAS REMOVED FROM THE GYMNASIUM AND POOL AREAS IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE MORE PROGRAM SPACE.



LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

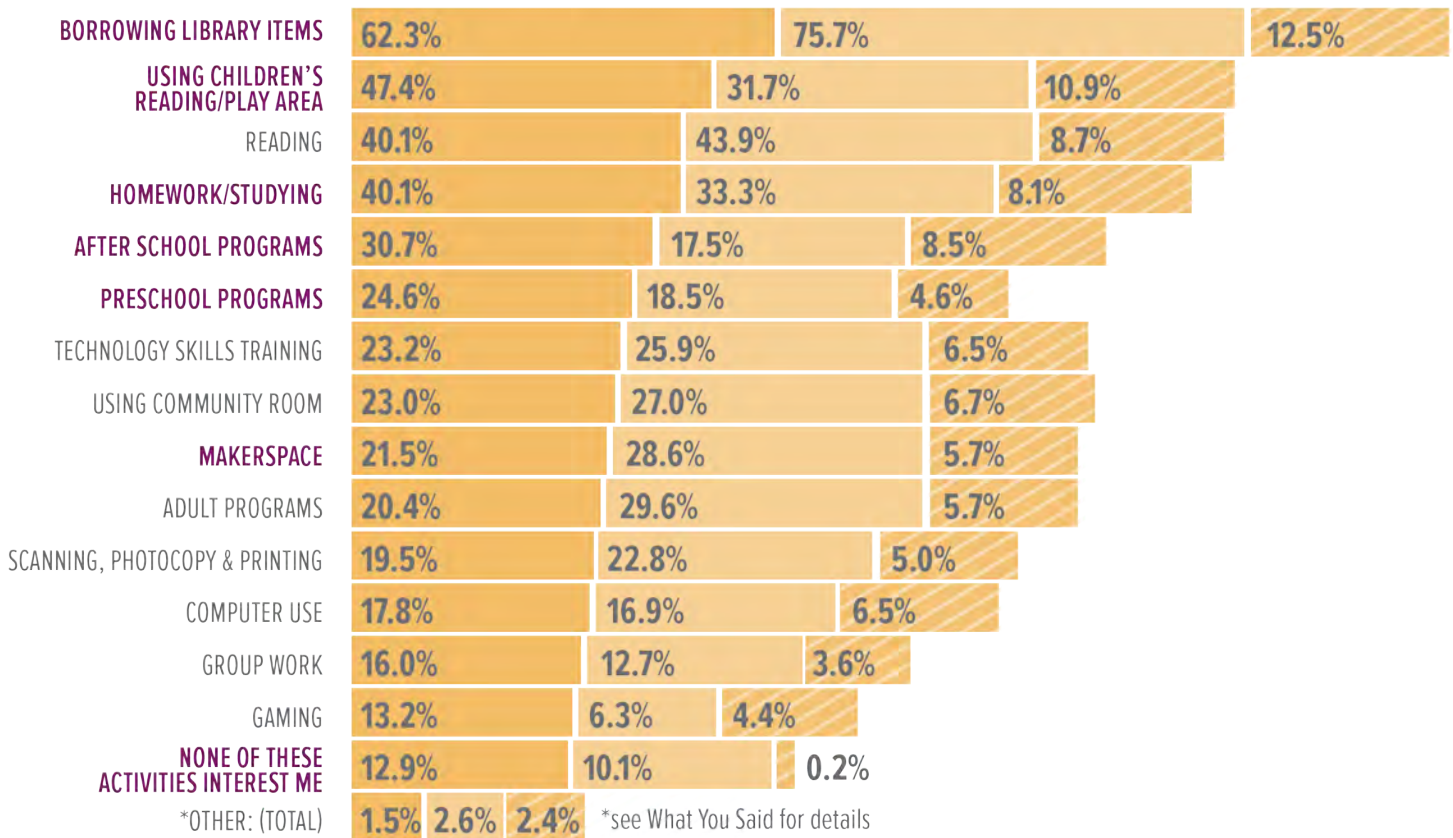
- ONLINE SURVEYS
- OPEN HOUSE

MOST IMPORTANT

- BORROWING LIBRARY ITEMS
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- USING A CHILDREN'S READING / PLAY AREA
- USING A CHILDREN'S READING / PLAY AREA
- HOMEWORK/STUDYING
- MAKERSPACE I.E. VIDEO/PHOTO EDITING
- NONE OF THESE
- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS I.E. HOMEWORK
- PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
- PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

LIKELIHOOD OF PARTICIPATION

- LEWIS FARMS LINK
- INSIGHT PANEL
- OPEN HOUSE



THEMES

- There were a few comments about the need for libraries due to existing libraries in other locations (Lois Hole, Webber Greens).
- There was support for library programs including book printing, tool and craft space, hang out space, home school programs, and children's programs. (~ 22 comments)



MULTI-PURPOSE ACTIVITIES

- ONLINE SURVEYS
- OPEN HOUSE

MOST IMPORTANT

- USING A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
- DROP-IN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
- DROP-IN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH
- PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS
- VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMS
- CULINARY ARTS PROGRAMS
- NONE OF THESE
- VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMS

LIKELIHOOD OF PARTICIPATION

- LEWIS FARMS LINK
- INSIGHT PANEL
- OPEN HOUSE

Activity	Lewis Farms Link	Insight Panel	Open House
DROP-IN FOR CHILDREN	49.5%	39.2%	8.2%
USING CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA	46.0%	40.7%	10.4%
DROP-IN FOR YOUTH	44.2%	31.2%	8.4%
VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMS	39.4%	46.0%	9.2%
CULINARY ARTS PROGRAMS	39.2%	49.2%	10.1%
PARTIES	38.3%	29.6%	8.4%
SPECIAL EVENTS, MULTICULTURAL EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS	37.0%	45.0%	7.2%
PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS	33.5%	34.4%	7.9%
ON-SITE CHILD CARE	27.4%	19.6%	4.3%
GROUP GATHERINGS	26.9%	24.3%	6.1%
PERFORMANCES OR GUEST LECTURES	23.2%	45.5%	4.7%
MEETINGS	22.8%	31.2%	5.6%
DROP-IN FOR SENIORS	16.4%	22.2%	6.3%
NONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES INTEREST ME	10.7%	11.6%	0.2%
*OTHER: (TOTAL)	5.9%	2.6%	3.2%

*see What You Said for details

THEMES

- The majority of comments support the need for a variety of programs ranging from drop-in activities to more structured programs such as fitness, culinary, and personal health.
- Programs for multiple age groups are valued with a priority on activities for young children, families, and seniors.
- There is general support for use of multi-purpose spaces for community-based activities.
- Respondents indicate the need to access multi-purpose spaces for group events, gatherings, meetings, and celebrations.
- There were some mentions of affordable rates for programs and room rentals.

(~ 33 comments)



OUTDOOR PASSIVE REC ACTIVITES

- ONLINE SURVEYS
- OPEN HOUSE

MOST IMPORTANT

- 1 USING OPEN GREEN SPACE
- 2 SHOPPING AT OUTDOOR MARKETS
- 3 PICNICKING
- 4 USING OUTDOOR SPACES FOR EVENTS
- 5 USING OPEN GREEN SPACE

LIKELIHOOD OF PARTICIPATION

LEWIS FARMS LINK

INSIGHT PANEL

OPEN HOUSE

ACTIVITY	ONLINE SURVEYS	OPEN HOUSE
PICNICKING	58.4%	63.0%
USING OPEN GREEN SPACE	51.2%	14.2%
USING OUTDOOR SPACES FOR EVENTS	50.5%	13.3%
RESTING/RELAXING	42.7%	12.6%
SHOPPING AT OUTDOOR MARKETS	36.8%	9.1%
NATURE APPRECIATION	31.9%	6.4%
READING	26.3%	5.8%
PHOTOGRAPHY	25.4%	5.5%
SUNTANNING	13.6%	4.0%
PAINTING/DRAWING	12.9%	3.8%
BIRDWATCHING	12.7%	3.1%
GARDENING	11.8%	2.9%
NONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES INTEREST ME	10.5%	1.3%
USING OUTDOOR TEACHING SPACE	10.1%	0.2%
*OTHER: (TOTAL)	2.0%	1.1%

*see What You Said for details

THEMES

- Walking trails and public washrooms were mentioned most frequently.
- Community event, gathering and celebration spaces were valued by respondents.
- Flexibility in open green space and built form is desired to support a wide range of informal recreational interests and activities i.e. gardening, sculpture, relaxing, nature appreciation, photography etc.

(~ 36 comments)



OPEN GREEN SPACE WAS ADDED TO THE PROGRAM TO ACCOMMODATE FLEXIBILITY OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.



OUTDOOR ACTIVE REC ACTIVITES

ONLINE SURVEYS
 OPEN HOUSE

MOST IMPORTANT

- 1 PLAYING IN A WATER SPRAY PARK
- 2 TENNIS
- 3 FITNESS ACTIVITIES ON OUTDOOR TRAILS
- 4 PLAYING IN A WATER SPRAY PARK
- 5 SWIMMING IN AN OUTDOOR POOL

LIKELIHOOD OF PARTICIPATION

LEWIS FARMS LINK

INSIGHT PANEL

OPEN HOUSE

Activity	Lewis Farms Link	Insight Panel	Open House
FITNESS ACTIVITIES ON OUTDOOR TRAILS	55.6%	59.8%	7.9%
PLAYING IN WATER SPRAY PARK	53.8%	52.9%	8.3%
SWIMMING IN OUTDOOR POOL	50.5%	42.9%	8.0%
PLAYING ON OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND	48.8%	49.7%	6.6%
SOCCER	45.3%	42.9%	7.8%
TOBOGGANING/SLEDDING	41.6%	47.1%	6.8%
OUTDOOR ICE SKATING	40.7%	46.6%	5.9%
TENNIS	28.0%	23.8%	8.6%
BASKETBALL	27.4%	23.8%	3.1%
TAKING DOG TO OFF-LEASH AREA	26.0%	40.2%	3.5%
BASEBALL	24.3%	22.8%	3.2%
SKATEBOARDING IN OUTDOOR PARK	24.3%	18.0%	2.7%
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING	23.2%	33.3%	5.1%
USING BIKE SKILLS PARK	19.3%	16.9%	4.7%
BEACH VOLLEYBALL	18.8%	13.8%	2.8%
ULTIMATE FRISBEE	18.2%	16.9%	1.5%
SNOWSHOEING	16.4%	21.2%	2.8%
FOOTBALL	12.5%	10.6%	0.9%
LAWN BOWLING	9.6%	15.9%	2.1%
*OTHER: (TOTAL)	6.8%	4.2%	5.4%
RUGBY	4.6%	3.2%	0.8%
CRICKET	3.3%	4.2%	1.1%
PICKLEBALL	3.3%	3.7%	0.3%
NONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES INTEREST ME	3.1%	5.3%	0.1%

*see What You Said for details



OUTDOOR ACTIVE RECREATION ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

THEMES

- Those respondents who provided additional comments mentioned a wide variety of outdoor active recreation activities (ultimate frisbee, archery, baseball, cross country skiing, hockey, skating, soccer, personal fitness, etc.).
- There was a desire to participate in year-round activities.
- Many supporters for an outdoor skateboard / bmx park.
- Desired outdoor active recreation spaces included: structured settings such as sports fields, tennis courts, and play spaces; as well as informal open green space and flexible use of multi-use pathways.
- Activity types ranged from individual pursuits to formal team sports and tournament play.

(~ 94 comments)



A playground will not be included in the program. Even though it's popularity appeared within the top five responses, there are a number of playgrounds already surrounding this site.

Water play was added to the program to reflect the needs from the community due to a lack of current water play features in the surrounding area.

As we went through the Sharing Ideas consultation process, the following partnerships were identified in our conversations with key stakeholders. The following themes were expressed at the open house and in the online surveys.



ACADEMIC CENTRE

THEMES

- Most of the comments indicate a lack of understanding about what type of program the Academic Centre entails and questions about how the Academic Centre would fit with the recreation facility and park.
 - There were a few comments about the location of the Academic Centre.
- (~ 8 comments)



INDOOR BMX/SKATE PARK

THEMES

- Indoor Skateboarding ranks in the top 10 most important gymnasium activities.
 - There was an overwhelming number of comments in the survey that mention support for an indoor skate facility.
 - Many of these comments emphasized the current lack of indoor space and the need for an indoor facility in the City in the promotion of Edmonton as a world class city.
 - Other comments included: skating for all ages and all levels, affordable, skateboarding / bmx activities that accommodate different users (separate and together) and specific features - vert half pipe, extreme park features, pool design, etc.
 - A few comments mentioned the need for good quality street art and/or full murals throughout the complex.
 - Activity types ranged from individual pursuits to formal team sports and tournament play.
- (~ 102 comments)



AN INDOOR SKATEBOARD PARK IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE FACILITY.

A2. MAJOR ACTIVITY TRENDS



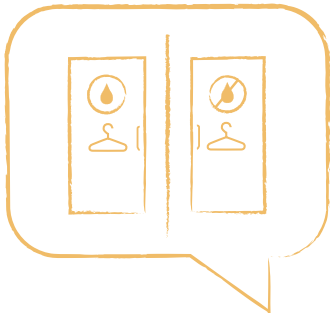
A2. MAJOR ACTIVITY TRENDS

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Overall, there were some popular themes mentioned throughout the open house and online surveys. They are summarized below:



- Requests for dryland training space for various competitive team sports.
- Participants requested a range of programs and flexible spaces to support diverse activities that cater to multiple ages (seniors, families, couples, individuals). The most common were for competition training purposes, leisure recreation purposes and community spaces.
- Participants expressed the need for continuous improvements to make future recreation facilities even better. One example of this was the request for a separate wet change rooms (pool) and dry change rooms (fitness) to increase comfort and cleanliness throughout the facility. (For more information on how our process for continuous improvement, see the internal feedback section)
- Indoor activities and outdoor activities are equally important.
- Participants mentioned the need for healthy, fresh, organic food options as part of the outdoor space (i.e. outdoor community market) and inside the facility as part of the commercial retail unit space (i.e. cafe or shop).
- There was overwhelming support for some additional uses previously identified in the functional program (gym, arena, pool, etc.). There were recommendations for an indoor skate/bmx/scooter park, indoor ultimate and climbing walls.
- There were minor variations in the results from the online surveys (Insight Panel and Lewis Farms Web Link) and open house for activities they would participate in and importance ranking related to the top five activities, even though these surveys were distributed to various stakeholders including: sport organizations, community groups, residents in proximity to the future site and Edmonton-wide.
- Not all participants expressed similar needs across the open house and online surveys. Two major examples are:
 - Those who participated in the Lewis Farms Web Link expressed more of an interest in child-friendly activities. This could be due to the fact that demographics show that 65% of families have children 18 and under in the household.
 - The online survey and open house participants expressed a strong interest in aquatic leisure activities, however there was a strong response for aquatic competition activities and training in the Lewis Farms Web Link. This could be due to the fact that representatives of aquatic organizations, were well-represented in Lewis Farm Web Link participants.



B. ACTIVITY RANKING

B. RANKING OF ACTIVITY AREAS

Two different methodologies were used to ask respondents to prioritize the main activity groups.

- Online respondents were asked to rate the importance of the main activity groups in the surveys by using a 5-point scale.
- Open house participants were asked to rank the main activity groups in order of importance (1-9).

For the online surveys, the top two choices (very important and somewhat important) were used to measure the overall importance of each activity group. For the open house, the activity groups ranked 1 and 2 were used to identify those most important to participants.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE RESULTS:

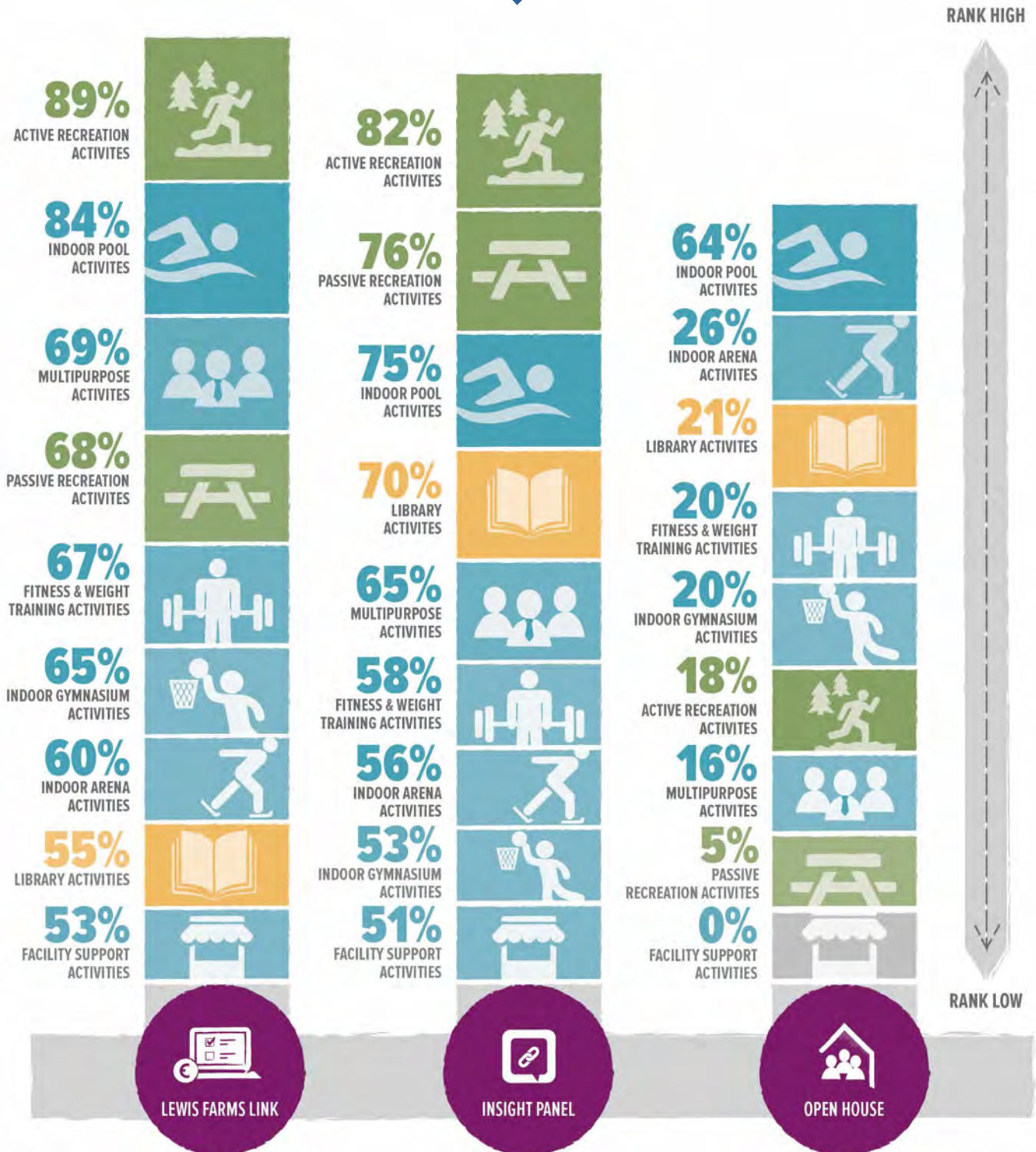


- The top seven activity groups are considered important by more than 50% of the online survey respondents.
- Both active and passive activities are considered important by the majority of the respondents in the online surveys.
- Active Recreation Activities are considered more important than Passive Recreation Activities, by respondents from the online surveys and open house.
- Active Recreation Activities and Indoor Pool Activities were consistently ranked high by online participants. Open House results vary in that Active Recreation Activities are ranked much lower.
- Indoor Arena Activities are ranked low by online participants while open house participants ranked them high.
- The following activity groups are consistently ranked of moderate importance: Multipurpose Activities, Library Activities, Indoor Gymnasium Activities, Fitness and Weight Training Activities.
- Passive Recreation Activities (5%) and Facility Support Activities (0%) were rated the lowest - few to none of these activities were chosen as the top activities. This may be due to the fact that many sport organizations were represented at the open house, the majority of which would participate in active recreation sports.
- Facility Support Activities were also likely not chosen as the top activities as the primary purpose of a recreation centre and park is to recreate, therefore respondents prioritized these activities over the support areas. However, it was emphasized in the open ended comments that comfortable, secure and clean facility support areas are important in a recreation facility (see Other Ideas comments on page 24).



NO MAJOR ACTIVITY AREAS (I.E. POOL AREA, ARENA AREA, ETC.) WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM.

MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY AREAS



C. YOUR VISION

At the open house and in the online surveys we asked what your vision was for the Lewis Farms District Park. We heard that you envision a park that is welcoming, environmentally sustainable with natural features such as trees and landscaped areas. You would like a clean, safe space that supports the community through play and active recreation. The park should be accessible and well connected to the surrounding community through multi-modal transportation.



If you attended our open house and you're wondering how our vision mural turned out, check out the [Lewis Farms Facility and Park web page](#) to see the diverse and colourful result, courtesy of Sam Hester, graphic recorder at the 23rd Story.



D. OTHER IDEAS FOR THE FACILITY AND PARK



In addition to your feedback on the activities and the vision for the facility and park, we also had a number of comments from you about the facilities' amenity areas and our overall design approach to the site and the facility. Here is a snapshot of your comments organized into major themes:

THE FACILITY SHOULD BE BUILT SOON:

- A facility is needed in the west end
- Other surrounding facilities are at capacity
- This is an exciting project and vital for the community, families and youth

THE FACILITY AND PARK SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE:

- Conveniently located for access
- Accessible by multi-modal transportation, specifically alternative transportation (i.e. bike, walking, transit)
- Outfitted with appropriate transportation infrastructure ie. bike locks and parking
- Accessible for people with disabilities, specifically from the parking lot to the facility
- Easy to navigate with the inclusion of directional signage for good wayfinding
- Provide adequate parking facilities that are well thought out, consider traffic flow and incorporate low-impact design

THE FACILITY AND PARK SHOULD BE AFFORDABLE:

- Memberships, programs and events should be affordable or low-cost

THE FACILITY AND PARK SHOULD BE SAFE, CLEAN AND COMFORTABLE:

- Security cameras and security for storage/locker areas
- Variety of lockers provided - wallet/purse lockers, large lockers, lockers with shoe shelves
- Change rooms that are clean, semi-private and comfortable, particularly for families
- Adequate numbers of washrooms that can be used by all sectors of the population, particularly children and family use

THE FACILITY AND PARK SHOULD BE WELL PLANNED

- Supports people with a range of abilities through equipment and programs
- Design should incorporate elements of the City's diverse culture and local community, particularly First Nations culture and art
- Fiscally responsible (capital and operating)
- Design should be light, bright, innovative and reflect the area
- A place for all seasons and aligns with the City's WinterCity strategy
- Aligns with city plans, including Transit-Oriented Development Principles
- The building should be well-integrated into the park

E1. USER COMMITTEE INFORMATION

In April and May we met with several user committees and advisory committees to discuss their experiences with recently completed recreation centres and to provide recommendations for the Lewis Farms Facility & Park project. Our conversations focused on the things they felt we should continue to do and the things that we could improve from a design, program, or service perspective.

User Committees included the Aquatic, Gymnasium, Arena, and Sports Field Committees. Advisory Committees and other stakeholder groups include the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Age Friendly, WinterCity, Aboriginal and Multi-Cultural Relations.

* Note: We've initiated contact with Enoch Cree Nation and Child Friendly Edmonton and input from these groups is pending.



USERS COMMITTEES THEMES



- Recommendations to improve functionality of **arena and gymnasium spaces**
- Desire to identify the intent of the use of facility prior to design so meaningful feedback can be provided.
- Balance is desired between competitive and recreational use of indoor and outdoor spaces.

ADVISORY / STAKEHOLDER THEMES

- Consideration and application of guidelines from Accessibility, WinterCity, and Age Friendly to improve usage of the facility and park for all ages and abilities
- Continued engagement of these groups throughout the remaining stages of design and construction of the facility and park.



The arena space would remain as a two-pad arena in order to accommodate all activity areas.

A flexible gymnasium space was added to better accommodate a range of activities.

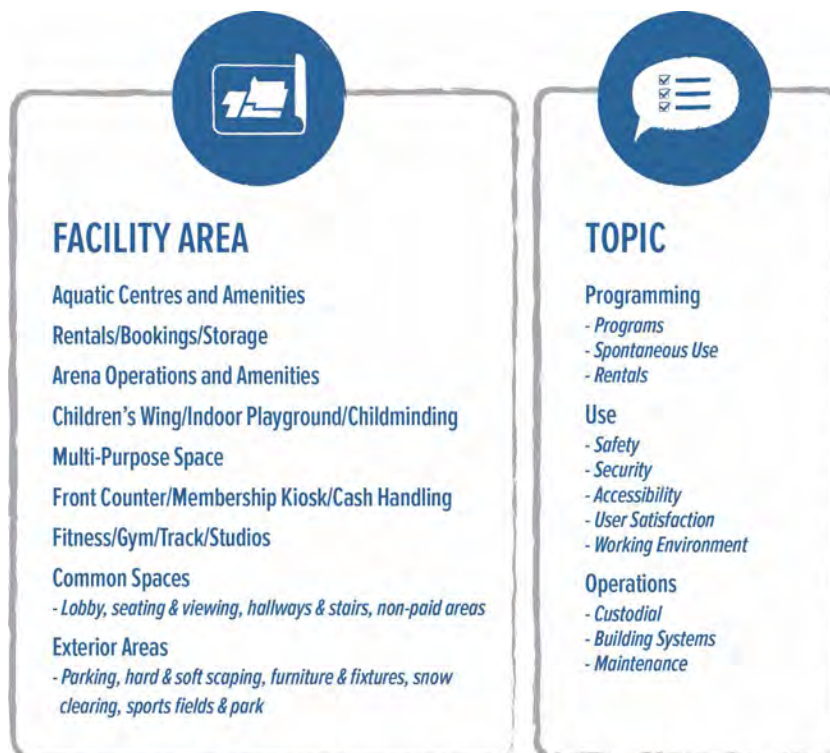
WHAT WE HEARD

Many of the respondents to our survey and participants at the open house mentioned support of our current multi-purpose recreation centres and district parks. Some of those comments also emphasized the need to learn from the past and continually build and improve our facilities to make them even better for Lewis Farms Facility and Park.

Community Services have undertaken a number of steps to evaluate the newly built multi-purpose recreation centres and district parks (Clareview, Commonwealth, The Meadows and Terwilligar). These learnings will be applied to the development of the Lewis Farms Facility and Park project. In our consultation sessions with internal staff, many of the suggested improvements related to the detailed design, construction and operation of these facilities. While we don't have funding for the detailed design and build phase, these lessons will help to ensure the upfront development is aligned with the facility and park's eventual implementation and management based on Council's direction.

First, we did a detailed evaluation and consultation with staff involved in the planning, building and current operation of our recreation centres and district parks. We also carried out eight consultation sessions with recreation centre and district park staff and operators to discuss what is currently working and what improvements need to be made at our current facilities in preparation with Lewis Farms.

We looked at the following key themes:



E2. INTERNAL FEEDBACK

From these evaluation and consultation sessions, we learned that:

- Majority of feedback is centered around design recommendations to improve the functionality and user experiences in all areas of the facility and park.
- A large focus is placed on design tweaks to continue improving the safety and security of City recreation centres.
- Finding ways to reduce operating costs is critical.
- Early involvement in the review of the program/plans and feedback by staff and the public is key.
- Identification of intended programming prior to design decisions will ensure facilities are used for what they are planned for.

F. FEEDBACK

ON THE OPEN HOUSE AND SHARING IDEAS LEARNINGS



SHARING IDEAS

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

THINGS PEOPLE LIKED AT THE OPEN HOUSE

- Our staff - Participants felt our staff was knowledgeable and well informed to answer their questions
- Appreciate the opportunity for City to encourage feedback and input
- The Food - great snacks, and popcorn
- Interactive elements - voting with stickers and our graphic recorder
- The format allowed people to easily participate, to share ideas and opinions with City staff and their neighbours
- Learning about the project and the possibilities of what it might be

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WHAT WE HEARD &
WHAT WE DID DOCUMENTS



EXPLORING OPTIONS

THINGS WE COULD DO BETTER FOR EXPLORING OPTIONS

- Provide a better map of the location of the facility and community elements
- Ensure more information is provided on a few elements such as the Academic Centre and the timing and costs of implementation
- Wanted opportunities to take home information (brochure) and provide feedback later from the open house
- More stable easels at the open house
- More visuals - past facilities, large schematics, design concept examples
- Mechanisms to keep informed about ongoing activities
- More advertising and advance notice
- More staff - At times when staff weren't available, people's questions went unanswered at the open house
- Representation from the Edmonton Catholic School District at the open house
- The age categories of 18 - 65 were well represented in our online surveys and open house. However, we want to do better to engage seniors (65+) and youth and children under 18 in our consultation.



HOW WE DECIDED

You may be wondering how we came to the decisions on the Lewis Farms Facility and Park program, based on the feedback you provided.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

We started with comprehensive needs assessment that included research from past plans, community input and stakeholder feedback. In the open house and online surveys, we wanted to know what activities you supported and what your vision was for the Facility and Park. We compared this to previous consultation results for the Medium Term Plan and Functional Program.

ANALYSIS

We then interpreted all the feedback from Sharing Ideas. The analysis included meetings to review and discuss the data to come to a consensus on what we heard were the priorities and key themes.

Other inputs included evaluations of previously completed multi-purpose recreation facilities and consideration of surrounding park developments and plans. This helped better define the proposed amenities for the facility and park in order to determine what updates we would make to the program.

DECISION

Based on the analysis of the feedback from Sharing Ideas, proposed updates were made to the Lewis Farms Facility and Park program to reflect the identified priorities from the consultation. The decision to move forward with these changes were either decided by Administration or presented to our Steering Committee for a collective decision-making approach. These discussions fed into the final recommended program that will be provided to the consultant to prepare concept design options to share with the public in the Exploring Options Phase.





WHAT WE DECIDED

Through your feedback and internal discussions, we will be able to support a variety of activities in the Facility and Park, including the activities you said were the most important in the consultation. This list provides a summary of what we decided to add to the Facility and Park, what we did not and why. Those activities and themes that do not appear within this text were accommodated in the original Functional Program and some are too detailed to be incorporated at this phase of schematic design, but will not be forgotten as we move forward with the upcoming design phases of the project.

Here is a description of the major modifications to the functional program:



AQUATIC ACTIVITIES

Support for both aquatic leisure and competitive training activities was identified as a priority in the consultation. To achieve this, a change was made to the aquatic program. The proposed 53m pool has been separated into two basins: one 25x25m lane pool to support fitness lane swimming, programs and drop-in swimming; and one 25x30m deep pool to support training activities for diving, water polo, and synchronized swimming. Because the focus is competitive training and not competitions, the 7.5m and 10m dive platforms were removed from the program.

To support operational requirements, an improved program experience, and to avoid major disruptions in service, the proposed leisure pool was separated into a reduced leisure pool and a stand alone tot pool. The separation allows independent basin temperature control, management of pool chemistry balance.



GYMNASIUM, MULTI-PURPOSE AND FITNESS ACTIVITIES

What we heard from you is the need to provide maximum flexibility and a range of functions in our gymnasium, multi-purpose and fitness areas. There was strong support from the Gymnasium User Committee and internal staff to include an additional (third) gym space. This space could accommodate both rental and program uses and activities for multiple age groups. This additional gymnasium space would be accommodated by a reduced multi-purpose and fitness studio space. This reconfiguration of space is intended to better support the range of activities that you told us you would participate in (i.e. instructor led fitness, yoga, zumba, etc.) while still accommodating our the intended core gym activities such as soccer, badminton and basketball, etc.



RUNNING TRACK

We heard a desire for an eight lane, 400m indoor running track. Due to space restrictions, this element will not fit within the recreation facility program. However, the planned three lane walking/running track will include an additional one lane straight for functional training. This means a portion of the track would have an additional lane for training for activities which require linear motion (i.e. sprints, kettlebell lunges, agility ladder work).



WHAT WE DECIDED CONTINUED



CLIMBING

The Medium Term Plan included a traditional climbing wall (climbing with ropes and harnesses) requiring dedicated staff and equipment to operate it. In the development of the Functional Program, it was determined that the high operating costs and the dedicated space required did not support a traditional climbing feature. In the Sharing Ideas consultation, there was a lot of support for climbing as an activity. As a result, climbing has been included as a bouldering wall feature (no harnesses required) to support both spontaneous and program use with less space and infrastructure requirements.



PARTY ROOMS

In order to use spaces more efficiently, dedicated Party Rooms were removed from the program. The planned multi-purpose rooms are able to serve as Party Rooms when needed.



ARENA ACTIVITIES

The need for a four pad arena was requested by the Arena User Committee. Due to size restrictions, other elements of the facility would have to be removed to accommodate a four pad arena. We heard from the Sharing Ideas consultation that there was support to keep all program elements.



ACADEMIC CENTRE

The Council approved Lewis Farms Areas Structure Plan identifies a Separate School Board high school to be located on the Lewis Farms District Park. In 2014 the Edmonton Catholic School District approached the City to include an Academic Centre in the recreation facility rather than a stand-alone high school building. This is similar to the Cardinal Collins Academic Centre at the Clareview Community Recreation Centre. The programming elements of the Academic Centre are decided by the Province of Alberta.



WHAT WE DECIDED CONTINUED



LIBRARY

The functional program identified a medium sized Library branch. The Sharing Ideas consultation collected feedback to further develop the program for the library. The Exploring Options consultation will help further narrow down this program for the Library in the next phase.



SKATEBOARD PARK

There was strong support for an indoor skate/bmx park within the facility. Early concept plans included skateboarding as an activity to be included in the District Park. We are currently examining opportunities on how to best accommodate skateboarding as part of the Facility and Park either as an indoor or outdoor activity. The Edmonton Skateboard Association is proposing a partnership to develop an indoor skateboard / bmx park within the recreation centre. The inclusion of this amenity will be based on an evaluation of a business case submission by the group.



DISTRICT PARK

We heard strong support to include a playground and water spray park on the district park site. A playground is not included in the proposed program as currently there are 14 existing and planned playgrounds within a 2.5k radius around of the future Lewis Farms District Park. However, there is a gap in water play features in proximity to the district park. As a result, an interactive water spray park has been added as a component of the urban plaza.

We heard support for the flexibility of open space in the park for uses such as fixtureless fields, picnicking, community events, and informal outdoor active recreational interests. Based on this, flexible open green space has been added to the park program. More detail will be added as we move through the stages of schematic design to determine the sizes and arrangement of these spaces within the park.



PARK OPERATIONS SATELLITE SERVICE YARD

Through the City of Edmonton's Park Operations Maintenance Strategy, it was identified that there was a need for a Parks Operation satellite service yard that will be located on this site to serve the maintenance of this park, as well as other parks in the northwest district in Edmonton.



RECOMMENDED PROGRAM FOR THE FACILITY AND PARK

Based on the Council approved plans and the consultation completed to date, we will be able to support a variety of activities in the Facility and Park, including the activities you said were the most important in the consultation. To reflect what you said, updates were made to the Lewis Farms Facility and Park program, detailed on the next page.

We are intending to move forward with this program for the next phases of schematic design (Exploring Options and Setting the Direction). We will be presenting the program to Council in November, 2015. At this time, Council will have an opportunity to review the program and provide feedback.



RECREATION
CENTRE



PUBLIC
LIBRARY



HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC CENTRE



DISTRICT
PARK

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM



LEWIS FARMS COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE

- Aquatic facility providing a second competitive training venue in Edmonton that will support synchronized swimming, water polo and diving in a 25x30m deep tank with two, 1m and 3m springboards, and 3m and 5m dive platforms, and spectator seating for local and regional competitions. A leisure pool with water play features, a tot pool, a 25m ten lane pool, whirlpool and steam room.
- Fitness centre that includes large cardio and weight training area, two fitness studios and a non-competitive running / walking track.
- Three gymnasiums that include large playing surfaces and assembly areas that can be divided into smaller functional areas.
- Multi-purpose spaces that include an indoor child development space, child minding space, bouldering wall, and three multi-purpose rooms that can be expanded into larger rooms by removing dividers.
- Twin NHL indoor ice rinks, outdoor leisure ice and a skate rental kiosk.
- Support and other services that includes a lobby area, washrooms, dressing rooms, food retail units, commercial retail unit, administration and storage space.



LEWIS FARMS LIBRARY

- We are partnering with the Edmonton Public Library to include a medium-sized (1,672 m²) Edmonton Public Library branch similar to the Clareview Branch intended to serve the Lewis Farms Area Structure Plan.
- The Lewis Farms Branch will be a welcoming space that encourages community gathering, learning and discovery and will include the following:
 - Service desk, express check-out stations, holds pick-up, and exterior 24-hour book return.
 - Collections including materials and resources to meet the needs of the community. The collection size for the Lewis Farms branch will be approximately 53,000 items.
 - Public computers to accommodate opportunities for individual and co-learning and training.
 - Community room for programming, hosting meetings, gatherings, and community events.
 - Spaces for quiet study and reading.
 - Children's area to facilitate play, reading and interacting.
 - Informal, appealing areas for interaction in pairs and groups.
 - Makerspace and gaming services and activities to build community and create opportunities for customers of all ages to share and learn technology skills in today's society.



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC CENTRE

- Edmonton Catholic School District is interested in building an Academic Centre and daycare in Lewis Farms, similar to Cardinal Collins High School Academic Centre at the Clareview Community Recreation Centre and Clareview Library.
- The Academic Centre would include the following spaces:
- Standard and outreach classrooms, science lab, and makerspace to support programs including:
 - English Language Learners Program for 4th and 5th year high school students.
 - Fresh Start High School providing a flexible and self-directed learning environment.
 - Summer School for students requiring further instruction or those wishing to improve their grades.
 - Diploma Preparation Classes designed to prepare students for Alberta Education Diploma Examinations.
 - Our Lady of Grace Program for pregnant and parenting teens.
- Child Care Space providing childcare from birth to six years of age.
- Chapel for small groups and quiet contemplation.
- Administration and kitchen spaces.



LEWIS FARMS DISTRICT PARK

- An urban plaza or an outdoor social gathering area adjacent to the building.
- Walkways / multi-purpose trails with lighting and seating.
- Diamond and rectangular sports field development.
- Open green space for passive park uses and unstructured active recreation.
- Tennis and basketball courts.
- Interactive water play park as a component of the urban plaza.
- Public washroom facilities.
- A Parks Operations satellite service yard.

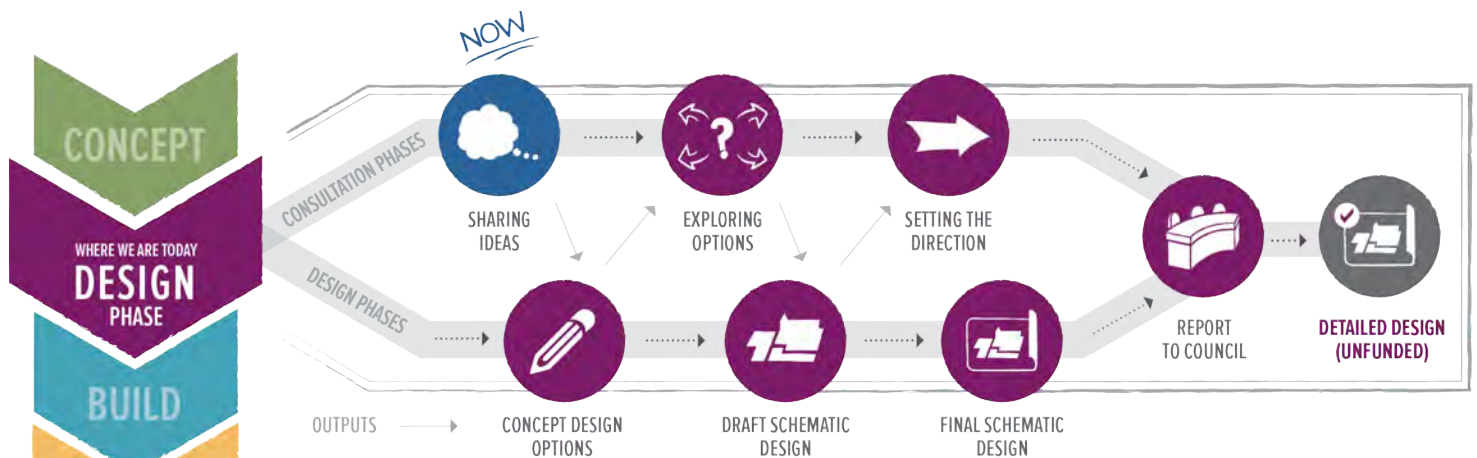
PARTNERSHIPS

- The Edmonton Skateboard Association is proposing a partnership to develop an indoor skateboard / bmx park within the recreation centre. The inclusion of this amenity will be based on an evaluation of a business case submission by the group.
- The City will continue to explore partnerships based on alignment with the recommended facility and park program.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Our next step is to provide all this information to a consultant to develop concept design options.

Your next opportunity to get involved is at the Exploring Options phase in early 2016, focusing on a review of the concept design options. The information collected in this phase will be used to create a draft schematic design.



CONCEPT DESIGN OPTIONS provide the next layer of detail to the high level diagram. This includes things like: the size, shape and location of the facility, parking, sports fields, and pathways.

SCHEMATIC DESIGN adds more detail such as: the sizes and shapes of rooms, the locations of the doors and lighting, parking stalls, number of sports fields, and pathway size.

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