
Let's talk Glengarry District Park Renewal

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Glengarry District Park Renewal

The Glengarry District Park Master Plan and Concept Plan started in 2016. The City of Edmonton Project Team worked with stakeholders and the public to create the Concept Plan, which was finalized in 2019. The Glengarry District Park is now moving forward with implementation of the concept plan with the first phase of design.



Project overview

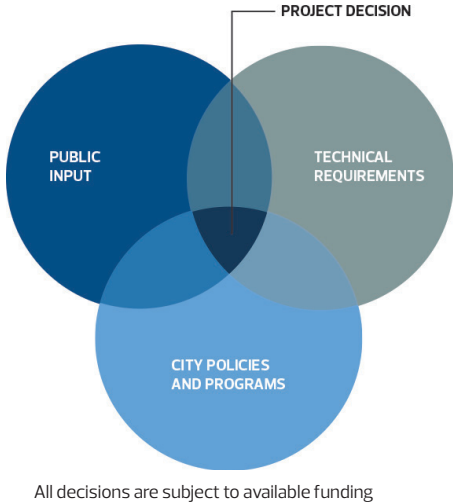
This 22-hectare park is located between 132 Avenue and 135 Avenue and 90 Street and 85 Street in the Glengarry neighbourhood in North East Edmonton. The District Park is home to the Glengarry Community League, Glengarry Arena, Glengarry Child Care Society, City of Edmonton Community Services, O'Leary Fitness and Leisure Centre and St. Cecilia Junior High School and Archbishop O'Leary High School.

The District Park currently includes multiple soccer fields, baseball diamonds, a running track, tennis courts, playground, spray park, trails, benches and picnic areas, including one picnic shelter. The north half of the site is well landscaped with shrub beds and tree plantings.

As part of the 2019–2022 Capital Budget, funds have been allocated to renew portions of Glengarry District Park. Some park renewal elements proposed will be constructed in 2021 with funding currently available. Other park renewal and growth elements will be constructed in the future when funding is available.

Decision-making process

It is important to note there are many critical aspects in the decision-making process. Along with public input captured through the public engagement process, the project team needs to consider technical requirements, City policies and programs and funds available to determine what elements are included in the final design and when different elements are constructed.



Public Engagement spectrum

The Public Engagement spectrum is a tool that explains the four roles the public can play when they participate in City of Edmonton Public Engagement activities. Each position on the spectrum has a different level of public influence and commitment from the City and the public.

For this phase of Glengarry District Park Renewal, we are at ADVISE for this phase of the project.



Engagement activities

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted nearly every aspect of daily life, including how we were able to connect with you about the Glengarry District Park Renewal Project. Thank you to everyone who engaged with us virtually during this stage of the project as we adjusted our engagement practices as a result of COVID-19.

How we engaged

NARRATED PRESENTATION

The Draft Design presentation highlighted the different aspects of Park Renewal. Details were provided for each proposed design option. The Draft Design presentation had 263 unique viewers with a total of 364 views.

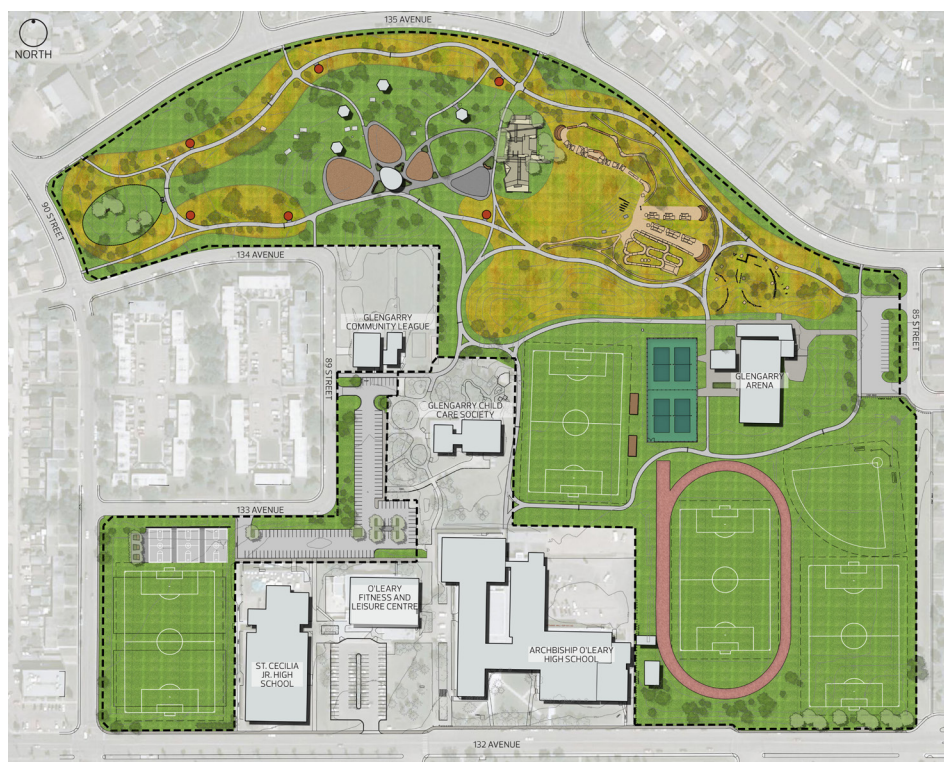
ONLINE QUESTION AND ANSWER TOOL

The project team responded to seven questions and comments from community members and posted answers online on the Engaged Edmonton Q&A tool.

ONLINE AND PAPER SURVEY

There were a total of 48 completed online and paper surveys.

Glengarry District Park preliminary design plan



What we heard

TRAILS

What we proposed	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Renew the current trails in the park + Adding a trail from the parking lot near the arena + New or upgraded lighting along the trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Lighting – adding more lighting/better lighting to the park trails to address safety concerns + Accessibility – wider trails, more frequent snow clearing + Additional requests – skating and cross-country ski trails for the winter months

NATURALIZATION

What we proposed	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Naturalization for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + areas along the trails and the perimeter of the park on the north side + low lying areas around the berm + In and around the proposed mountain bike area + Using native plants and seeds for naturalization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Participants support naturalization in the park + Concerns about weeds and mosquitos + Concerns about maintenance and garbage in the naturalized areas

SHADE STRUCTURES

What we proposed	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Three different styles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The existing style that is in the park today + A wooden structure with a peaked roof + A wooden structure with a flat roof 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Participants preferred having shelters with a peaked roof, either existing or wooden + Participants suggested a mix of single-family and large shelters + Garbage bins added near the shelters + Shelters closer to the sports fields would be well used

PLAYGROUND

What we proposed	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Nature play elements throughout the park + Elements that encourage climbing, balance, swinging, imaginative play, jumping, sliding, collaborative play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Participants supported the nature play theme of the park + Participants preferred climbing, balance, swinging, imaginative play, jumping and sliding + Participant preferred having a rubber surface for the park area + Additional requests – washrooms within the district park and a water fountain to refill water bottles

SPRAY PARK

What we proposed	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Different types of spray features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Tall water features and dumping buckets + Ground spray features + Run-through spray elements + Water cannons that spray large amounts of water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Participants preferred tall elements, run through elements, ground sprays + Dump buckets and water cannons were not as supported, due to concerns that younger children will get hurt or scared + Participants would like to see the spray park follow the nature theme

FITNESS LOOP

What we proposed	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Adding a fitness loop to the trails in the north end of the park + Six fitness pods, each focusing on different exercises or muscle groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Participants support adding the fitness loop to the trails in the park + Participants would like to have instructions along with the equipment

SPORTS FIELDS

What we proposed	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Adding bleachers to the soccer field in the middle of the park to make it a premier field + Shifting the soccer field near St. Cecilia Junior High School south + Shifting the soccer field on the east side of the park south + Renewing the track around the combo field next to Archbishop O'Leary High School + Adding new basketball courts west of St. Cecilia Junior High School + Removing two back stops next to the premier soccer field + Realign the baseball diamond next to the arena and add a shale infield 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The basketball courts seem too far from the rest of the park + Add lighting near the sports fields + Losing baseball diamonds will add to the shortage of booking these spaces + Participants requested the running track have a rubber surface to accommodate bikes and other wheels

TENNIS COURTS

What we proposed	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Some options for the tennis courts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Convert two courts into permanent pickleball courts + Convert two courts into combination courts, with tennis and pickleball lines and convertible nets + Leave the tennis courts as is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Tennis is popular in the community and the courts are well used + Pickleball is becoming more popular and convertible courts are a good idea

SKATE PARK

What we proposed	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Option 1: Urban Plaza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Street terrain style + Tiered platforms, manual pads, drops, stairs, hubba ledges, rails + Flat open space for technical flatland skating + Option 2: Flow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + High flow obstacle features + Hips, ledges in banks, tight transitions, barriers, a snake ramp and a mini ramp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Participants prefer Option 2 as it fits with the "natural" theme of the overall park and looks better for beginners and people learning + Safety concerns, helmets, personal protective equipment for riders should be required

MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS PARK

What we proposed	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Option 1: Plaza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Dual progression jump sets for beginner and intermediate levels + Pump track with a beginner loop and larger loops to build momentum + BMX style gap jumps with optional spur facilities + Option 2: Flow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Combination progression jumps to take riders to the next level – beginner – intermediate – advanced + Pump track has central beginner loop with larger loop circuits on either side + Expert jumps with wood ramps to allow for big air opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Participants preferred Option 2 as it looks better for people learning + Participants are excited to see this added to the park + Safety concerns, helmets, personal protective equipment for riders should be required

Next steps

Feedback we received will be shared with the Project Team to help finalize the design. The next engagement event will inform the design of the skate park and mountain bike skills park. At the completion of preliminary design phase there will be an opportunity to provide your feedback on the final design and prioritizing the growth elements of the park.

Construction for the renewal elements in the park will begin in 2021.



*"I believe that this renewal will
be a vast improvement and
and excellent addition to our
community"*

- Online survey participant