

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Highlights

- The community amenities process gathered information from community consultations, recommendations from the Aquatic Ad Hoc Committee, the amenity requirements to host the 2019 Canada Winter Games, the statistically accurate community survey data from Bannister Research and the prioritized decision making criteria.
- All this information was further filtered to determine an amenity list that reflected the community priorities (community voice) and alignment with the financial (financial viability) and timing (development timing) realities for the 2015 Capital budget and beyond.
- Following this filter approach, administration prepared the 10 year Capital Plan as a reasonable interpretation of the public engagement process for Council's consideration.
- A Community Amenities Report will be released in conjunction with the Capital Budget.

Project Overview

As The City moved into preparation for the 2015 capital budget, Council received numerous facility requests and determined a comprehensive amenity review was needed. A multi-phased process was developed, that would capture input from Council, the community and administration. The intent was to assist Council's decision making regarding what amenities should be included in the 2015 Capital Budget and beyond.

Based on Council input and direction, months of research, review and community involvement, The City of Red Deer compiled a list of prioritized community amenities. This list will serve to guide Council as they consider the many factors in their deliberations and development of the 2015 Capital Budget.

Budget Requirements and Council Decision Points

Several items that came forward as a part of the Community Amenities project will appear in the 2015 Capital Budget and 2015-2024 Capital Plan for Council consideration.

The projects being considered in the 2015 Capital Budget are:

- North Red Deer Community Centre: Multi-year project, beginning in 2015
- Riverlands Year Round Market: RFP to be undertaken in 2015
- Red Deer Arena Replacement: Design in 2015 with construction to follow
- Sports fields for multiple uses: Strategy implementation to begin in 2015

Key items that appear in the 10 year capital plan are:

- Multi-Use Aquatic Centre: Current placeholder for 2020 and 2021
- Performing Arts Centre / Concert Hall: Needs assessment anticipated for 2023
- Michener Centre: Current placeholder for 2018 to separate the building utilities (heating, electric, gas, etc.) between the recreation centre and the remaining facility
- Riverwalk Phase 1: Current placeholder for 2016; Riverwalk Phase 2: Placeholder for 2017 & 2018
- North Red Deer Spray Park: Current placeholder for 2016

Funding Sources

The costs for these projects highlighted will be sourced from various funds, including grants and debt funding.