

Important Dates

- [Community Recreation Enhancement Grant](#)
Deadline: October 2, 2023
- [NEW* Recreation & Sport Development Fund](#)
Deadline: Ongoing
- [NCCP – Fundamental Movement Skills Coaches Association of Canada – Alberta Sport](#)
May 10, 2023
- [Community Initiatives Program \(CIP\) Grant Program](#)
- [Community Enhancement Facility Program \(CFEP\) - Facility and Infrastructure Grant Program](#)
Deadline: September 15, 2023
- [Built Together Alberta Blue Cross](#)
Opens: May 15, 2023
- [ASAA Pay it Forward Scholarship](#)
Deadline: June 1, 2023
- [Alberta Milk - Milk Every Moment Scholarship](#)
Deadline: June 30, 2023

News from The City of Red Deer

Spring is here! It has been great to see our community buzzing with sport after a long winter, and now its time to get excited about sunshine and outdoor activities.

This edition of Sidelines brings with it an update on capital projects in our Recreation section, which features the Grand Re-Opening of the G.H. Dawe Community Centre and the opening of the two new high performance baseball diamonds at West Park. Additionally, more resources for you to use for off-season training and the competitive summer season.

As we approach a new season together, we'd like to remind you that our goal is to support your efforts in providing our community with sport, recreation, and active living opportunities. Please connect with us if you have questions about how we can help.

Yours in sport,
The City of Red Deer

Facility News and Updates

G.H. Dawe Community Centre Expansion

It was a DAWesome celebration March 19, for the opening of the G.H. Dawe Community Centre. Hundreds of Red Deerians turned out to see and discover the newly expanded recreation and community centre. This \$43.3 million project funded jointly by the Government of Canada, Alberta Government and City of Red Deer, features twin NHL-sized arenas with adaptive sledge hockey features and inclusive designs and infrastructure throughout, new walking track and fitness centre with state of the art training equipment. Don't forget about the great swimming pool and the Red Deer Public Library. As well coming this summer, a new splash water park. For more information about the G.H.Dawe Community Centre [click here](#).



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West Park Baseball Diamond Development

The City of Red Deer continues to work with RDMBA to complete the construction of two new competitive baseball diamonds north of the West Park Middle school.

Phase 1 of the project is now complete as most of the site grading work, fencing and underground utility work is finished. Phase 2 of the project will commence spring 2022 where grass sod will be installed in the fields as well as score boards, dugouts and base line material. RDMBA, West Park Middle School and The City of Red Deer are excited to gain these two new baseball field assets. An amazing project team with Red Deer Minor Baseball, Contractors, and City Staff, from start to finish! Play Ball!

2023-24 Alberta Budget

The Government of Alberta released the 2023 – 2024 budget on February 28th, which includes the public ministry business plan on sport, recreation, and physical activity.

The budget announced increases to both CFEP and CIP funding programs, as well, affordable access to sport, physical activity and recreation for Alberta kids and families. For more details about the budget and a summary, please [click here](#).



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

It's important that sport and recreation organizations reflect the diversity of the communities in which they operate, and have practices in place to help them achieve their inclusion goals.

The Coaching Association of Canada has said that "inclusion must be a foundational pillar of our sport system" and that leaders must continue to implement "constructive ways to build inclusive and respectful sport experiences." Many existing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) policies reinforce and justify (often unintentionally) exclusion and inequity. Check out this [EDI Tip Sheet](#) and more [resources here](#).

Keeping Girls in the Game

Keeping Girls in Sport is an online resource that helps coaches and youth activity leaders to create safe and respectful environments for female athletes, ensuring girls stay enrolled and engaged in sports and physical activity. For more information about this great program from Canadian Tire, [click here](#).

WIC Study Group

This is an opportunity for community members interested in alternative governance options for their groups and for WIC members who want to learn more about how Sociocracy functions.

May 26 and June 2 from 2:30-4:30



Free Summer Programming

Meet Me at the Park

Looking for fun this summer? Want to get outside and enjoy the beautiful neighbourhood parks then come join us for Meet Me at the Park.

Meet Me at the Park is a free drop-in program for all ages designed to bring the community together by offering informal, unstructured, recreational opportunities that support physical activity, creativity, and social connection. The program is coordinated by the City of Red Deer in partnership with various local partners, agencies, and community associations.

Activities take place between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays, at eight different neighbourhood park sites starting July 4. Each park location has amenities to compliment the program and when possible, gathering space such as an Activity Centre for washroom access. Parents are responsible for their children at all times and must be available in case of an emergency or issue. Younger kids are welcome but everyone under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

If your organization is interested in partnering this year with Meet Me at the Park, please contact Georgia Major at georgia.major@reddeer.ca or 403-309-8409 to discuss potential opportunities.

For more information visit www.reddeer.ca/parkmeetup

Xplore Sport Day & Rising Sport Star Awards

Many of our local sport organizations participated in Xplore Sport Day on Saturday, May 13.

Xplore Sport Day offers Red Deerians of all ages opportunities to try out a variety of sport and recreation activities available in our city. This open house style event featured information sessions, demonstrations and interactive activities presented by local sport organizations.

Hundreds of central Albertans came down to Capstone's Canada 150 Square to visit with local sport organizations and to participate in the Red Deer PCN Fun Run.

Thank you to those who joined us on Saturday to help our community Xplore Sport with us!

In addition to this event The City presented the Rising Sport Star awards to youth who are beginning their sport journey. To Find out more about this year's recipients, please visit the [Rising Sport Star page here](#).



Rising Sport Stars

Recognizing young athletes in our community