



What We Heard Report

Northeast Athletic Complex

Engagement Phase Two

Winter 2024

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Project Background:

To address the increasing demand for recreational amenities in one of the fastest growing areas of the city, we are investing in a new athletic complex in the northeast community of Saddle Ridge. The Northeast Athletic Complex will include an outdoor athletic park (with a dedicated cricket field and four multi-use rectangular artificial turf fields) and an indoor fieldhouse.

Engagement Overview:

Phase One (Summer 2024) included seven (7) focus groups with field sport leagues and an online public survey (511 respondents).

Outcome: Input gathered during Phase One was used to develop the current master plan concept. The Phase One What We Heard Report can be found [here](#). Three core themes to drive the master plan were uncovered as a result of Phase One public feedback:



Leveraging the power of sport to
bring people together.



Planning a facility that makes the
user experience great.



Create equitable experiences and
spaces for all.

Phase Two (Fall 2024) engagement delivered the master plan concept to the public for review and additional comment. Engagement included:

- One in-person public open house
- Online engagement feedback form (63 respondents)

This Report is the Outcome of Phase Two Engagement: Input gathered at the open house and online will be considered and incorporated into the final master plan. What we heard is outlined below in two sections:

- What We Heard: Open House Summary
- What We Heard: Online Engagement Summary (including verbatim comments)

What We Heard: In-Person Open House

November 27, 2024 | Genesis Centre

The following are direct comments from attendees gathered at the open house, organized into the three Engagement Themes that were identified during the first phase of engagement.

1) Sport-Centric

Active Transportation and Connectivity

- Bike access on 80th Ave NE
- Secure lock-up for bikes
- Covered, enclosed bike parking
- Active transportation connection to nearby Saddletown LRT station (bike, walk, e-bike connectivity)
- Safe and easy connectivity to residential areas (pedestrian overpass!) - crossing the big roads is unsafe and uncomfortable

Field Use and Community Access

- Opportunity for the general public and community access of fields beyond booked timeslots for practice games and tournaments (for informal use such as children running around, homeschool groups, and community events)
- Flexible use of fields for community access
- Urgent need for indoor fieldhouse, should be a priority in Phase 1
- Turf marking - consider flexible turf lines for field hockey, too
- Prefer natural turf as I think artificial turf has more chance of injury
- Consider turf and grass/turf length for other sports such as field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, and football

Recreation and Amenities

- Wish there was a swimming pool, ice rink
- Tennis/pickleball court onsite
- Basketball hoops
- Tennis courts
- Winter trail for the active loop around the site (cross-country skiing, fat tire biking)

Lighting and Weather Considerations

- Floodlights around the cricket field (already addressed in the concept plan)
- Retractable dome for year-round cricket
- Stadium lights for nights/off-season

2) Great Player and Spectator Experience

Field Use and Community Access

- Soil matters! Ensure the right soil beneath the fields

Recreation and Amenities

- Spaces for playing around
- Swings
- Grass/burm seating is great for children to run and play during events

Infrastructure and Safety

- Emergency phones placed strategically onsite, especially around walking/active path around the perimeter of the site

3) A Community Hub for All

Community and Social Spaces

- Community events such as movie nights on the fields
- Free access to small, medium-sized rooms for community and team use
- A library onsite
- I like all of the pocket areas for community/family spaces

Recreation and Amenities

- Pop-up games in the plaza and other “play/social” spaces
- Basketball nets in the plaza and in easy access areas
- I wish there was a waterpark, splash pad
- Free soccer and basketballs to borrow for pick-up games

Connectivity

- Free Wi-Fi onsite

Infrastructure and Safety

- Consider safety and privacy considerations regarding universal bathrooms
- Solar array covering the parking lot
- Provide sufficient service and maintenance

What We Heard: Online Engagement

November 27 - Dec 10, 2024 | 63 total respondents

1. Incorporation of Themes into the Concept Plan



The recommended concept plan was developed after evaluating several configurations for the key site components, which include the rectangular fields, the fieldhouse and the feature cricket field.

*The overall concept plan was shown (left image). Respondents were asked: “**How successfully are the three themes incorporated into the Concept Plan? Are there additional things to be considered?**”*

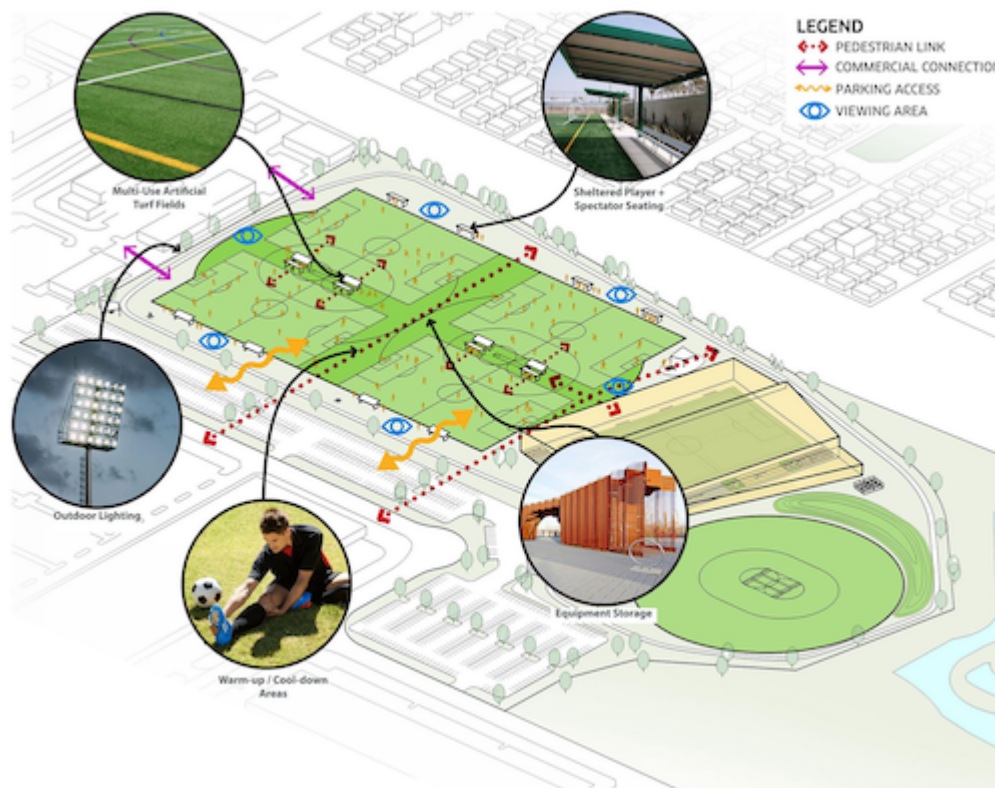
27 comments. Common themes included:

- Safety was a prominent concern, with multiple respondents requesting **high fencing between pitches** to prevent balls or players from crossing into other fields.
- Some respondents emphasized the need to accommodate **field hockey**.
- Suggestions for **landscaping and greenery** to make the facility visually appealing and environmentally friendly.
- Requests for ensuring **adequate lighting** for evening play, as well as ensuring parking spaces are sufficient for large events.

2. Incorporation of Themes into Rectangular Fields

This area consists of four soccer fields and two cricket fields overlaid, with warm up area in between. These are Class A fields made of artificial turf, complete with lighting to allow for extended hours into the evenings and longer play seasons.

A closer look at the rectangular fields was shown including warm-up areas (image below). Respondents were asked: “How successfully are the three themes incorporated into the Rectangular Fields? Are there additional things to be considered?”



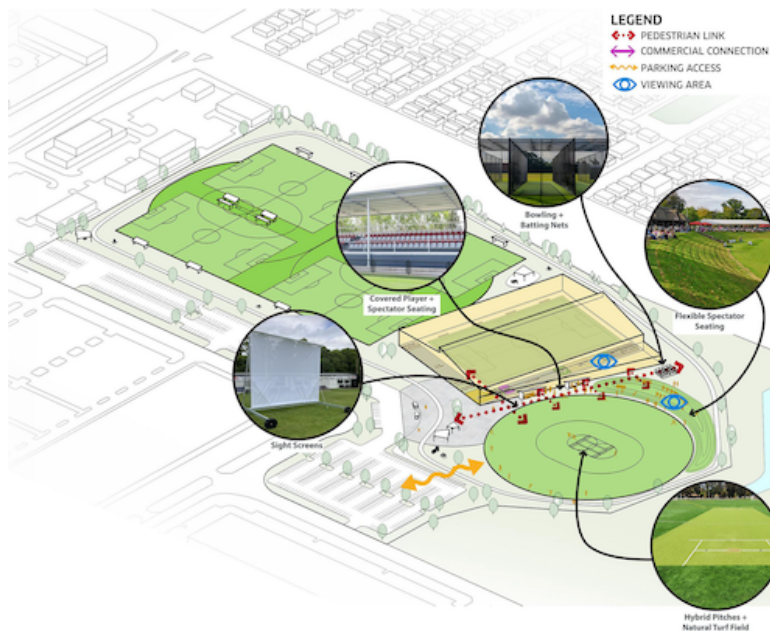
40 comments. Common themes included:

- Desire for **field hockey lines on all pitches** to allow for a broader range of sports.
- Suggestions to ensure the **turf is of high quality** (concept is considering Class A artificial turf) and suitable for different sports, including football, soccer, and field hockey.
- Comments stressed the importance of **spectator stands or shaded areas**, especially for families attending games or events.
- Desire for **rainwater drainage systems** to ensure fields remain usable in wet conditions.

3. Incorporation of Themes into the Feature Cricket Field

The cricket field will be able to host regional and national tournaments, making it a feature of the Northeast Athletic Complex. The field will be made of natural grass turf. It will have three strips (pitches) to allow the natural turf time to recover and repair. Supporting amenities include scoreboards, sight screens, lighting, practice nets, a media room facing the field as well as ample viewing opportunities for spectators both outside and inside the fieldhouse. There is space available for temporary bleachers during tournaments and events.

A closer look at the feature cricket field (image below). Respondents were asked: **How successfully are the three themes incorporated into the Feature Cricket Field? Are there additional things to be considered?**

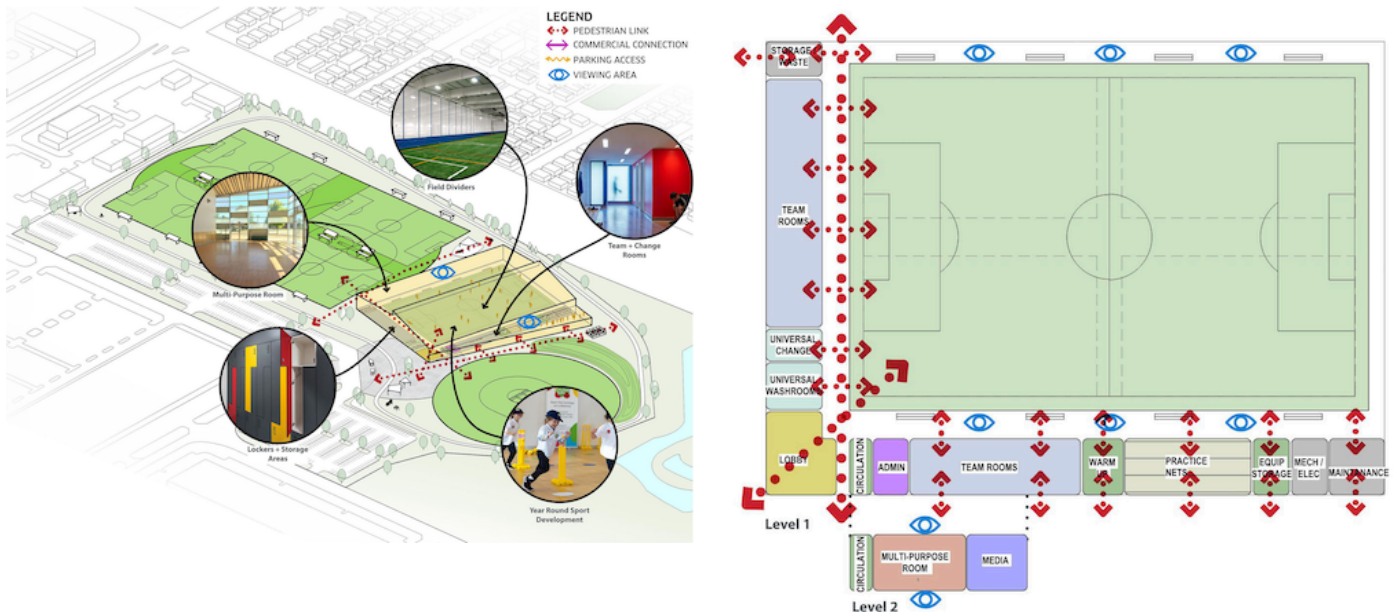


16 comments. Common themes included:

- Many respondents underscored the importance of **ample seating for spectators**.
- Suggestions included a **covered viewing area** to protect spectators from the elements, enhancing the experience for both local and national tournaments.
- A few respondents asked for provisions for **practice nets** and **additional warm-up areas** for teams to use during matches.
- Highlighted the need for clear **markings and signage** to ensure the space is welcoming and easy to navigate.

4. Incorporation of Themes into the Fieldhouse

The fieldhouse contains an indoor FIFA soccer field, complete with dividers allowing multiple teams to use the field at the same time. A multi-purpose room and viewing is proposed for the second level, providing viewing opportunities and a community gathering space. Other program features include team room / change rooms, universal washrooms, cricket practice nets, a media room and support space.



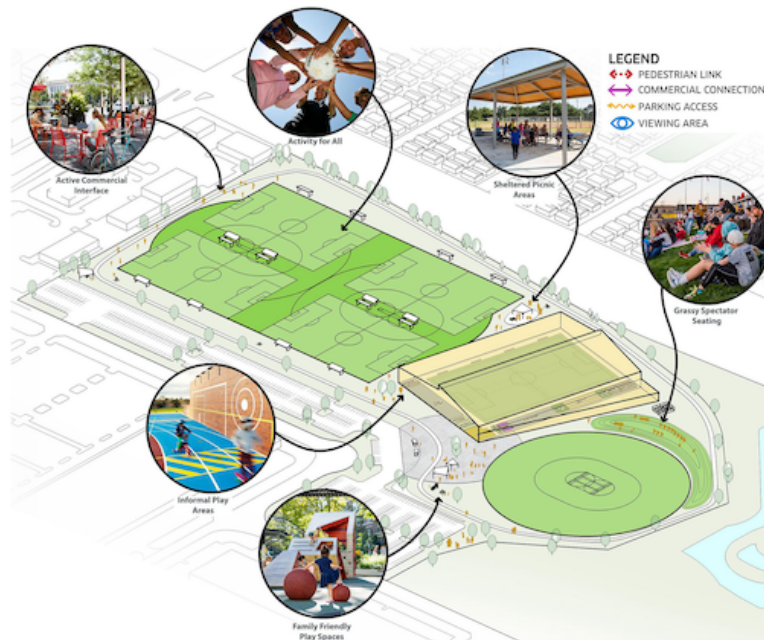
A closer look at the field house concept was shown (image above). Respondents were asked: **How successfully are the three themes incorporated into the Field House? Are there additional things to be considered?**

28 comments. Common themes included:

- Requests for **indoor seating areas** for spectators, ideally with visibility of games and nearby amenities like concessions or lounges.
- Desire for **field hockey lines** and nets within the fieldhouse to make it a truly multi-sport facility.
- Respondents highlighted the importance of **sufficient ventilation, lighting, and temperature control**, ensuring the facility is usable year-round.
- Suggestions for **space flexibility**, such as retractable walls or modular layouts to allow the fieldhouse to support various sports and activities.

5. Building Community: Making a Day of It

The complex is designed to be a vibrant community hub where **people of all ages can gather and enjoy a full day of sports and recreation.**



Families can come together to watch games, picnic, and engage in active play. Family-friendly spaces are integrated to enhance the spectator experience. A standout feature of the cricket field is the grassy berm, which offers sloped seating with unobstructed views of the action.

Covered seating areas allow visitors to take a break, enjoy a picnic, or simply relax.

A playground is centrally located in the main plaza, with additional informal play areas scattered throughout the site.

A closer look at the community-focused concepts was shown (image above). Respondents were asked: **“How successfully are the three themes incorporated into Building Community: Making a Day of it? Are there additional things to be considered?”**

22 comments. Common themes included:

- Suggestions to include **covered/enclosed team benches** for players to rest and regroup.
- Many respondents highlighted the need for **accessible and gender-inclusive washrooms**, especially for families and diverse user groups.
- Requests for **water refill stations** and shaded rest areas for players and spectators to stay hydrated and comfortable during long events.
- Proposals for additional **community-focused spaces**, such as picnic areas, food truck zones, or gathering spaces for socializing.

6. Building Community: Active Loop

A multi-use path is envisioned to loop around the entire site, connecting key elements and providing a space for walking, jogging, cycling, or scootering. This “active loop” not only encourages physical activity but also serves as a convenient route for accessing fields, parking, the fieldhouse, and the commercial food and beverage plaza to the north.

A closer look at the active loop was shown (image below). Respondents were asked: “**How successfully are the three themes incorporated into Building Community: Making a Day of it re: active lifestyle? Are there additional things to be considered?**”



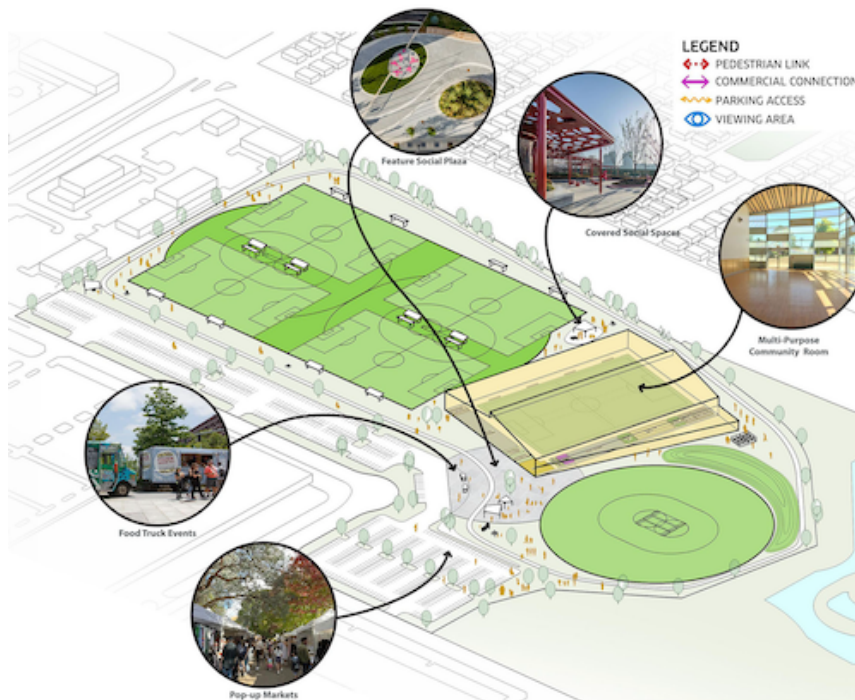
14 comments. Common themes included:

- Respondents emphasized the importance of **paved pathways** that are fully accessible for individuals with mobility challenges, strollers, or bicycles.
- Requests for clearly marked **accessible parking spaces** close to key amenities.
- Suggestions to include **wayfinding signage** in multiple languages to cater to Calgary’s diverse population.
- A few respondents mentioned the need for **quiet spaces or sensory-friendly areas** to make the facility more inclusive.

7. Building Community: Social Hub

Phase 1 engagement focus group participants and survey respondents alike highlighted the importance of creating a space that promotes social connections and a sense of community.

A closer look at the social connection and community-focused elements of the plan was shown (image below). Respondents were asked: “How successfully are the three themes incorporated into Building Community: Social Hub? Are there additional things to be considered?”



22 comments. Common themes included:

- Community-driven features like **playgrounds for younger children, BBQ or picnic areas,** and even **art installations** to give the space a unique identity.
- Good **sightlines from multiple areas towards play structures** (keeping playing children within eyesight)
- Feedback suggested ensuring the social spaces foster **interaction among different community groups**, creating a vibrant, inclusive environment.
- Requests for amenities like **Wi-Fi** and charging stations to support families and visitors who may spend long periods at the complex.
- **Car-dependency and transportation options:** Some respondents voiced frustration about the site's car-centric design, with calls for **innovative ways to connect the facility to walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly routes.**

Verbatim Comments (Online Engagement):

Question 1: *“How successfully are the three themes incorporated into the Concept Plan? Are there additional things to be considered?”*

- High fencing between the pitches - Fenced Warm up area with field hockey nets - Field Hockey friendly turf surface - Covered and side enclosed team benches... same for spectators
A running track . It can be easily incorporated around the feature cricket of indoor fieldhouse.
Adding field hockey lines to the fields and ensuring turf appropriate for field hockey so it can be a multi sport facility.
Can you include field hockey
Field hockey accommodations- rapidly growing sport
Field hockey is the fastest growing master's sport in the world and a very important sport to high school girls in Calgary. We are sadly missing a number of boys from the sport even though Alberta does field a boys provincial team.
FIELD HOCKEY LINES on all of the pitches, HIGH fencing between pitches, FENCED warm up area for field hockey, field hockey friendly turf, outdoor washrooms or changerooms, covered & SIDE enclosed benches at each pitch AND FOR spectator viewing areas
For these outdoor field house, we would like to use 2 grounds for field hockey. These 2 grounds should have smaller artificial turf where we can play field hockey. We have many field hockey clubs here in NE. Please consider 1 or 2 grounds as hockey.
Great parking, great walk paths, Huge project = jobs. Basketball/Volleyball/Badminton should be incorporated into this plan aswell.
High fencing between the pitches
How is the theme of community hub incorporated especially during the winter months?
How many people are you going to impact with this project? Such a waste of money.
I think it looks well put together.
High fencing/netting between fields would be important
External water source to fill up water bottles
Its a great project and excited to see this gets completed. Tennis will be a good choice if there are any other sports considered.

Majority of Calgarians do not play cricket, but Pickleball has been the fastest growing sport. Please incorporate pickleball courts in your design. There are very limited areas to play at. Most locations are either fully booked or very expensive.

Need field hockey ground and markings

Need indoor badminton courts as well

please consider field hockey. I am a coach and player and would love to see access in this area.

Please consider for field hockey turf as well.

Thanks

Site plan looks good.

Just need to be sure full field and cross field Field Hockey lines are included.

The fact that the indoor field house is not funded as part of this project is hugely disappointing. This is the largest area in which the city has underdeveloped and the last to be considered in this project. Programming will suffer immensely.

There should be a space like a small park or walking track and benches for residents to walk around and enjoy the outdoors.

To host national/International competitions, would need spectator seating. While hosting events, would need to consider space/flow for athletes, spectators, food vendors and washrooms/change rooms for all athletes inside/outside the main fieldhouse.

What is the proximity of washrooms to each field? Ensure these facilities are easy to access as players sometimes have to run off the field to get to a washroom quickly.

When planning the four rectangular fields consider the need in the N.E. for Field Hockey. To accomplish the multi use fields only needs field markings and artificial turf height. I recommend two fields use 45 mm turf and two fields to use 55mm turf.

Yes I think you should consider adding a football field and a field goal bar so that football players don't have to go all the way to the northwest to play so it's more local.

Yes. Please include indoor badminton facilities

Question 2: “How successfully are the three themes incorporated into the Rectangular Fields? Are there additional things to be considered?”

A need for maintenance equipment storage prior to phase 2 Fieldhouse construction. Artificial turf maintenance equipment, snow removal and general maintenance shop. 40ft. by 40ft. located in S.W. parking area. Storage for nets, flags and benches.

Anything that could facilitate field hockey in Calgary would be great! Things such as field hockey lines, field hockey friendly turf, change rooms and outdoor bathrooms

Can you include field hockey

designating a field ground where we can utilize a smaller artificial turf for Field hockey. Consider consultation with the Field Hockey Clubs to discuss specifics of having proper suitable artificial turf appropriate markings and goal posts included

field hockey - add lines, fencing to help keep balls of all sports in that area

Field hockey lines on all of the pitches

High fencing between the pitches

Fenced Warm up area with field hockey nets

Field Hockey friendly turf surface

Field hockey lines on all of the pitches

High fencing between the pitches

Fenced Warm up area with field hockey nets

Out door washrooms / changerooms

Field Hockey friendly turf surface

Field hockey lines on all of the pitches

High fencing between the pitches

Fenced Warm up area with field hockey nets

Out door washrooms / changerooms

Field Hockey friendly turf surface

Covered and side enclosed team benches... same for spectators

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Field Hockey friendly turf surface

Covered and side enclosed team benches... same for spectators

Field hockey lines on all of the pitches, high fencing between the pitches, fenced Warm up area with field hockey nets, outdoor washrooms / changerooms, field Hockey friendly turf surface, covered and side enclosed team benches

Field hockey lines should be added to the rectangular fields. Fencing between warmup area and rectangular fields.

Great idea and thanks for brining this to North East as we are struggling get to the other part of the city for any games. It would be great if the soccer filed can be split to smaller fields to play 7 vs 7 games as well.

Has there been consideration for field hockey lines on these turf fields? Is the turf surface field hockey friendly? Ie low profile in length?

How could families gather and spend time together around the fields? We don't see open, covered structures for families to gather before and after games.

I feel like there should be indoor Ice Rink and Ice hockey for kids. We have multiple playgrounds in area those are used by cricket and soccer player during summer and not usable in winter. For winter this cricket and soccer fields will be closed too

I like. Need to be sure high enough fences are at the back of each field to keep high Field Hockey balls from transferring between fields. Field Hockey turf is best for all sports. See what was used at the Being Olympics Field Hockey and Soccer.

lighting is a waste. These will be summer use only so lighting won't be required.

Lines for other field games - ie field hockey, lacrosse should also be included, not just soccer

Need field hockey ground and markings

Nets in warm up area, different colored turf for playing areas versus sidelines, skills dribbling circuit (lines on turf)

One of the existing challenges faced by field sports is the lack of winter-ready facilities. Will the rectangular fields support "bubbles" for the colder months, increasing the # of indoor fields available? LOVE shades for player benches.

Our city need more indoor facilities for soccer players instead of building a huge cricket field there should be more indoor space for soccer players.

Please consider adding field hockey lines to the outdoor fields?

Please consider field hockey as a sport! Field hockey lines and nets would add users and more variety of sports. An outdoor washroom or even a change room without plumbing would be helpful too.

Please include field hockey lines on the turf. And field hockey friendly turf surfaces.

Please include field hockey to these rectangular fields. We need more options of field turf with shorter turf.

Please incorporate Pickleball courts

Please, whatever you do, don't use the little black rubber bits on the turf, they slow everything down by 1000000% and they get in your shoes

Pls make it free to access

Roofed Seated. Lights. Storage access. Nothing that stands out needs to be considered!

Suggestions: include nets in the warm-space; put fences in between the fields to ensure balls don't fly into other fields, gates so that people can easily move between fields, bathrooms/changerooms near outdoor fields

The plan is very good. It can be much better if there is a place for public outdoor skating in winter.

This part is better designed.

We kindly request you to consider designating a field ground where we can utilize a smaller artificial turf suitable for playing Field hockey.

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We kindly request you to consider designating a field ground where we can utilize a smaller artificial turf suitable for playing Field hockey. Consider consultation with the Field Hockey Clubs to discuss the specifics of having proper suitable turf

We kindly request you to consider designating a field ground where we can utilize a smaller artificial turf suitable for playing Field hockey. Consider consultation with the Field Hockey Clubs to install artificial turf and goal posts.

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Will field hockey lines be included and will the surface be suitable for field hockey as well as soccer i.e turf not as long as for football? Will there be high fencing between the fields to keep stray balls from landing on the other fields?

Question 3: *How successfully are the three themes incorporated into the Feature Cricket Field? Are there additional things to be considered?*

A good plan. Please ensure an appropriate hybrid pitch of a good quality is used.

Can the indoor include for field hockey

cover spectator seating to make it more weather-accessible

Covered and side enclosed team benches... same for spectators

Covered Seating, Hybrid Pitches, Cricket!

Field hockey lines in all turfs

Good viewing and seating area important for fans and hosting events.

Having a sheltered spectator seating would also encourage protection from the elements as well as higher attendance.

I love cricket but does not feel that we have to spend so much money for this cricket fields. Each community has play ground and people around that area using that ground for their cricket. After this field build, may be one or two playground people go in this fields but all others are going to play cricket in regular playground, baseball field and even in basketball etc grounds. If you build indoor ice rink then we don't need to goto Village Square from cornerstone which is too far.

Is there enough support for 2 cricket specific fields over and above an indoor fieldhouse. The months in which they can be used would be limited due to our climate. An indoor facility can be used year round.

looks great make sure the grading is very important from center wicket to each side of the ground. And more over direction of the cricket pitch need to be accurate according to the sun rise and sun set. Pitch prepration will play important role as of cold weather in off session. Need a good pitch Curator(very important). I am sure city is spending so much funds on all this, so it need to be perfect and fully use full for coming years.

Many cricket players also play field hockey, and yet there doesn't seem to be inclusion of this sport here?
NA
Need field hockey ground and markings
no comment
No opinion as I've never played or watched cricket.
Sorry no experience here.
Storage for mowing equipment. Irrigation system designed with simplicity for automation and manual operation. Reasonable operations costs. (not like expensive, high maintenance system at the Genesis Centre.
There are more than 30,000 registered soccer players in Calgary and very limited indoor space city should build another indoor soccer field here
Will existing cricket fields be repurposed? Seems like an excessive use of space unless there's an offset.

Question 4: *How successfully are the three themes incorporated into the Feild House? Are there additional things to be considered?*

Adding field hockey lines so it is a multisport field
Are there enough washrooms for the number of teams/events that potentially could be at the fields on a day where ALL facilities are being used?
as comments above
Based on the needs of user groups, the City should be considering this piece of the project as priority.
can you include for field hockey
Can you include gender-neutral changing rooms? Especially with the new anti-trans laws, our youth may not feel comfortable using either gender's changing room. Otherwise, multiple gender neutral washrooms (so they don't have to wait for forever) with lockers to put their stuff in nearby.
Ensure there is enough public space as well as warm up areas for teams. There is little turnaround time from one game to the next and most indoor facilities are limited with areas to warmup once they have changed and/or held a team meeting in the change rooms. Should be the better of the indoor facilities as it has the space to warmup, while Shane West fields are the worst with no space.
field hockey friendly fields (lines,
Field hockey lines on all of the pitches
Fenced Warm up area with field hockey nets
Field Hockey friendly turf surface

Field hockey lines on all of the pitches
High dividers between
Fenced Warm up area with field hockey nets
Field Hockey friendly turf surface
Viewing area/media room
Field hockey lines on the indoor turf
Field Hockey friendly turf surface
Field hockey lines please!
Have lines for sports other than soccer on the indoor fields;
Hi there, we are looking to add Field Hockey Lines into the turf field house. They include a centre line, goalie creases on each side, and quarter lines on each side, here are the dimensions.
side-lines: 91.40 metres long perimeter lines
b back-lines: 55.00 metres long perimeter lines
c goal-lines: the parts of the back-lines between the goal-posts
d centre-line: across the middle of the field
e 22.90 metres lines across the field 22.90 metres from each back-line as measured between the furthest edges of each line
The areas enclosed by and including the 22.90 metres lines, the relevant part of the side-lines, and the back-line are known as the 23 metres areas.
f lines 300 mm long marked outside the field on each side-line with the further edge of the lines 14.63 metres from and parallel to the outer edge of the back-lines
How much corruption is involved in the project. Any of council members getting directly or indirectly benefited from project.
Indoor field hockey lines as well as field hockey nets would be a fantastic addition!
it's ok.... just ok
Lockers, Indoors, and change room, Something to consider could be Seating
Minimum number of lockers required in team rooms. not utilized in existing facilities by teams. Storage areas for nets, team equipment, maintenance and custodial equipment. Flooring to exclude carpet in any public areas.
More indoor space for soccer players one place will not be enough as i mentioned above there are lot of registered soccer players in the city and only few indoor grounds
Need field hockey ground and markings

Please consider space for physio/massage as well as a space for anti-doping to perform their duties during events. If we could have field hockey lines added to the indoor fieldhouse, it would allow our athletes to train year round. It would be the only facility in Alberta where this would be possible. We have national team athletes who need to travel to other provinces just to train.
Please do field hockey marking for indoor field house. We can play during winters indoor field hockey
The community hub theme appears to be missing. Where are spaces for families to gather and interact in an open area? If we wanted mobile vendors to setup during the cold weather, where would this be accommodated?
The Field House is well done. Just need to include Field Hockey lines and short pile turf, to accommodate Field Hockey. An Elevated 3-4 lane track would be a super addition for walking & running.
This seems great for winter. Hope people will not use this for cricket too.
We kindly request you to consider designating a field ground where we can utilize a smaller artificial turf suitable for playing Field hockey. Consider consultation with the Field Hockey Clubs to discuss the specifics of having proper suitable artificial turf, with appropriate markings and goal posts included
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Question 5: “How successfully are the three themes incorporated into Building Community: Making a Day of it? Are there additional things to be considered?”

Accessible washrooms and water station when fields are being used.
As I mentioned previously, you may need to think about having ice rink around this field which can be used for running track in summer and for skating in winter time. So, some of this area can be utilized in winter too.
Covered and side enclosed team benches... same for spectators
don't expect this will be an inclusive environment
Elevated walking and running track around the walls up high. Could be used for viewing too.
field hockey

Grassy knolls are cheap way to accommodate seating but are difficult to maintain when over utilized or wet from rain and snow. Recommend bleachers for 250 and hillside behind.
Hi there, we are looking to add Field Hockey Lines into the turf field house. They include a centre line, goalie creases on each side, and quarter lines on each side, here are the dimensions.
i really like the spectator areas and shaded areas for players and spectators
I'm not entirely sure the commercial spaces and play spaces are necessary, we're here for sport, so if there's a bored kid just give them a ball to kick with their dad or something
Including field hockey- lines, nets etc
Love the additional amenities provided around the '3 bigger' pieces.
Making a day truly depends on the food services/trucks that become available. Also, play structures are VERY important for the siblings coming to watch. Ensure strong sightlines to these areas, maybe not having them right next to parking lots.
Need field hockey ground and markings
not sure
Out door washrooms / changerooms
Covered and side enclosed team benches... same for spectators
Outdoor washrooms would be a good addition. A concession would be popular too!
Proximity of washrooms to the playing surfaces is very important for players and spectators
Runners pitch, sheltered seating, grass. Some things considerable are playgrounds for children.
There appears to be a need for more spaces for families to gather and socialize. Need more shelters.
Washrooms, players locker room
Wind / rain / lightning shelters for athletes, coaches and spectators?

Question 6: “How successfully are the three themes incorporated into Building Community: Making a Day of it re: active lifestyle? Are there additional things to be considered?”

Again, the extra amenities are a great edition. I do see that accessibility to the site needs to be considered.
Direct paths to washrooms/change rooms
Excellent design. Maintain snow removal year round. Possible outdoor water fountains available.
field hockey
I am not sure families can make a day of this space. They would need to leave to get food and then come back. If they leave, then this takes away from making it a day of it.
Indoor Ice Rink, ice hockey or atleast ice rink around planned fields. For me, this plan is great for summer but we need to make this useful for whole year, not just for few months in summer, otherwise it will be wastage of money, time and resources.
Is the multi-use path paved for people with mobility issues? Is it wide enough for people to pass each other easily? If a lot of users are expected, consider a separate path for wheels!
Is there a place for outdoor skating?
Looks good
Loops are great to support training and having folks with a goal to achieve while walking. Always great to incorporate hills for training and offering slight challenges. Ensure windrows are planted to lessen the powers of the northerly and westerly winds. Having the fields run north and south is good from a sun-setting perspective, but the sun may become challenging for the keepers whether in soccer, cricket, etc.
Need field hockey ground and markings
Outdoor washrooms
Cover seating
To make a day of it, would need places for drinking water and consider food vendors (food trucks?)

Question 7: “How successfully are the three themes incorporated into Building Community: Social Hub? Are there additional things to be considered?”

Add field hockey lines to the pitches
As long as there is field hockey, looks good!
Community access means community transit lines. Make sure the everyday person can make use of the site.
Covered seating
Everything looks great can't wait to see it done and cone check it out
Excellent design. Will there be a pathway around the natural area south of the sight to access the intersection of Metis Trail and 80th. Ave.?
Field hockey line, field hockey nets, warm up area with field hockey nets,
Goos stuff
Greatest
How about social settings during the cold months?
Impressed with the planning and design to date!
Need field hockey ground and markings
No not really I think it's a good idea it's close to the airport I think there should be some sort of fast food or restaurant close by because it is close to the airport and if people are coming there kids can enjoy while they drink or eat
not sure
Permanent healthy food choices (smoothies/sandwiches) for training not just events
Please consider sports for girls (boys play as well). field hockey is one that is played in all high schools and many community teams
So much space is wasted by parking that could be used for more park space. Reduce parking lot size.

This is such a classic Calgary project. Let's build this cool thing, but fundamentally undermine it by making the whole concept contingent on cars. No one will ever walk here; it's surrounded on all sides by huge roads that must be crossed at grade. Who wants to wait at the beg button to cross Metis trail in the winter, on foot, with a 5 year old? When you get there you have to walk through a parking lot to access the site on every side (I'm assuming the northern development will be shitty strip mall, because of course it will). That is the epitome of bad design. If I don't have a car, how do I get there in any reasonable amount of time? When I grew up playing at the Soccer Centre down south, I was lucky my parents could drive me. We had kids on the team that would not have been able to play without others providing rides, because the facility was purposely placed in the most inaccessible location possible. Taking the bus would have literally taken 2 hours, and there was no bus running after the games. Why not build these places on the worthless surface parking lots throughout the inner city? Beside Max Bell LRT station, or Westbrook Mall, or Anderson Station, or the massive parking lot that is the Stampede Grounds. As with all the facilities we have like this in Calgary, I predict it will be horrific to try and park, and too difficult to get to any other way. I love the concept, it's cool, it's needed, and it is in an underserved part of the city for this sort of infrastructure. This is what the Genesis Centre site could have been, and steps away from an LRT station. Instead we got a suburban style rec centre that devotes more surface area to parking than anything else, and has a terrible ground level interface. Which you're just doing again. I am so completely fed up with how car-centric City of Calgary projects are. Just stop. Please provide VIABLE alternatives to driving. You are the reason traffic congestion is getting so bad; people have no choice.

This seems like it will have niche applicability and won't be used by a broad range of communities.

This sounds good idea. There might be more options too but I don't have much yet because there are other social hubs near to this area.

What about incorporating social hubs at main entry points? Or is it intended that all players and visitors walk to the social hub and disperse from there? What happens if you're playing soccer on the NE pitch and park on the north end of the lot. Can players/visitors access the field from the ends of the parking lot or can they only access through the social hub?

You NEED pickleball courts. At least 4. Need to accommodate this fast growing sport