WELCOME TO THE NORTHEAST ATHLETIC COMPLEX OPEN HOUSE

Northeast Athletic Complex Master Plan
Public Open House
November 2024

ABOUT THE PROJECT

To address the increasing demand for recreational amenities in one of the fastest-growing areas of Calgary, The City is investing in a new athletic complex in the northeast community of Saddle Ridge to increase capacity for high demand field sports and recreation needs.

The complex will include:

PROJECT PHASE 1

- **A dedicated cricket field** to host local, regional and national games and events – the first of its kind in Calgary;
- **Four multi-use rectangular artificial turf fields** to accommodate a wide range of field sports;
- **Supporting amenities** (parking, green spaces, plaza, pathways etc.).

PROJECT PHASE 2

- **An indoor fieldhouse**

Input from Calgarians, along with technical expertise, is being gathered to inform the development of a Master Plan for the site.

WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?

A Master Plan is a long-term vision and concept plan document that will inform the future design and engineering of the site. This includes the layout of amenities, green spaces, parking, community gathering places and utility requirements.







WE WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU!

Based on public input from Phase 1 of Engagement, a preferred site concept has been developed. We welcome your feedback during this Public Open House and online **until December 10.**

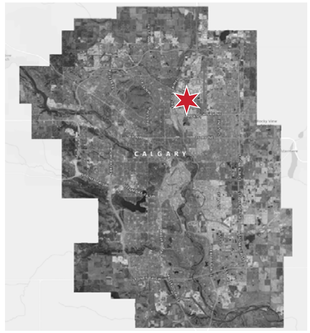
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WHERE WE ARE

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PROJECT LOCATION

The Northeast Athletic Complex is located on a 34.56-acre site at the northwest corner of 80th Ave. and Metis Trail N.E., in Northeast Calgary.





PROJECT TIMELINE



Identify and prioritize recreational needs

Funding is allocated for the investment based on the evolving needs of Calgarians under the Recreation Capital Investment Strategy.

Secure a location

Land for the complex is secured based on the identified space requirements.

Develop a Master Plan

A long-term vision and concept plan is developed in collaboration with community members.

This includes the layout of amenities, green spaces, parking, and community gathering places.

Design and engineering

The approved concept plan enters design development.

This includes developing detailed plans to build each recreation amenity, including the materials and methods used.

Construct

A Contractor is engaged and construction begins.

The project is managed for cost, schedule and quality.

Operate

The new recreation facility is available for the public and visitors to enjoy.

The NE Athletic Complex project consists of two phases:

Phase 1: Outdoor Fields (start construction 2027)
Phase 2: Indoor Fieldhouse (subject to funding)

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WHAT WE HEARD

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ENGAGEMENT TO DATE

Engagement Phase 1, public engagement, took place in summer 2024. Input gathered was used to develop the current Master Plan concept, which is now open for feedback.
Engagement Phase 1 Included:



4-WEEK ONLINE SURVEY
(511 RESPONDENTS)



7 FOCUS GROUPS
(MAJOR BOOKING GROUPS)

"outdoor lighting to extend the complex's usability, ample seating with flexible and shaded options, tournament-standard fields and facilities, and gathering spaces."

"Flexible warm-up and practice areas, accessible change rooms, secure storage, and ease of access and accessible pathways."

"There needs to be the ability for those who are bringing kids/families with them to comfortably wait for games to be over, and have everything they need."

"Sheltered player seating (benches) necessary to protect players from our varied weather; spectator seating encourages parents and supporters to watch games."

"Optimize facilities for the players and maximize the usage of the fields."

ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

Engagement Phase 1: Public Engagement
-Collect input from the public to inform the recommended concept.
Summer 2024

Engagement Phase 2: Engagement Report
-Report back on what we heard during public engagement.
Fall 2024

Engagment Phase 3: What We Did
-Seek public input on the recommended Master Plan direction
Open House: Nov 27, 2024
Online Feedback: Nov 27 to Dec 10, 2024

Engagement Phase 4: Deliver Master Plan
-Deliver a long-term vision and concept plan for the facility.
Winter 2024

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KEY ENGAGEMENT THEMES

We are seeking your input on how successfully the three themes below have been incorporated into the preferred site concept we are sharing with you today. Please let us know if there are additional things to be considered.



Leveraging the power of sport to bring people together.

- In addition to cricket and soccer, survey respondents listed field hockey, flag football, rugby and lacrosse as field sports they wish to see accommodated.
- Outdoor lighting to extend use of the fields throughout the evening and shoulder seasons.



Planning a facility that makes the user experience great.

- Flexible space for stretching, warm-ups and practice.
- Indoor change rooms and viewing areas; washrooms, team and meeting spaces. Secure storage options.
- Lots of flexible seating, with good sight lines and weather protection/shade from elements.



Create equitable experiences and spaces for all.

- Social and gathering spaces.
- Ease of access. Ample parking, clear wayfinding and accessible pathways.
- Family-friendly spaces.

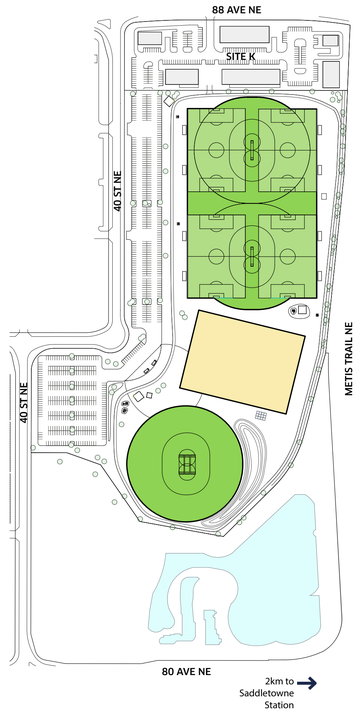
RECOMMENDED CONCEPT PLAN

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 design team carefully reviewed feedback from community engagement and took into account factors such as site access, pedestrian and vehicular circulation, solar orientation, and functional program requirements.

The resulting concept places the rectangular fields at the northern part of the site, with the cricket field situated along the southern boundary. The fieldhouse is centrally located to provide convenient access to washrooms and change room facilities for all users. With vehicular access from the west, the parking area is located along the western edge of the site, allowing visitors to park near the specific part of the complex they will be using.

*'An inclusive, vibrant and welcoming environment that leverages the **power of sport** to bring communities together'*

- Statement from Engagement Summary report



Overall site plan showing Commercial Uses to the north, existing wetland and stormwater facility to the south. Not to scale.



Recommended Concept Plan
Not to scale

CLOSER LOOK: RECTANGULAR FIELDS

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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.

Adjacent amenities include shade structures, picnic and play areas, and a multi-use path.

Field Dimensions:
- Rectangular Fields: 70m x 100m
- Cricket Ovals: 130m x 140m

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