

# Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park – 2017 Public Open House

## Results Summary

### Background

On November 8 2017 and November 20 2017, the City of Edmonton hosted public open house events as part of the Rollie Miles Athletic Field Community Recreation Centre Functional Program public engagement process. 51 people attended the first event and 45 students attended the second event. The hands-on workshops allowed participants to explore facility placement options while considering important planning aspects including:

- the proportion of built space to green space;
- Vehicle and pedestrian access to and from centre;
- The impact on neighbouring streets;
- Park elements in terms of sunlight, prevailing winds, traffic noise; and
- Retaining existing trees.

The following is a summary of what we gathered during the Public Open House event.

### About the Workshop

Information panels were set up to inform the public about the project and provide them with relevant background information about the community, the facility and the park. Workshop participants had the opportunity to organize scaled 3-D playing pieces representing the various building program elements on the site, as well as 2-D park elements. Photographs were taken of the final schemes from each group.

Prior to leaving, participants were able to fill out a questionnaire identifying any priorities they felt should not be included and which of the additional considerations should be included in the Functional Program.

### Functional Modelling

Participants were given scaled blocks representing the facility elements. Blocks included integrated functions and grossing factors as follows:

#### *Identified Priorities*

- Entrance Lobby block, including reception, front staff support areas
- Swimming pool block, include the pool, hot amenities, change rooms and associated staff areas (block size will assume that mechanical spaces can be put on lower level and so will not be included)

- Leisure pool block
- Gymnasium block, including storage (and space for back of house functions)
- Multipurpose Room (which will include space for staff office/meeting)
- Fitness Area
- Ice support space block

#### *Additional considerations*

- Additional Multipurpose Room block
- Studio block
- Additional storage block
- Dedicated child play space block
- Office and meeting space for EFCL block
- Deep water experience block
- Single pad arena with support space block

#### *Park Elements*

- Basketball court card
- Tennis courts card
- Parking card
- Informal park area cards

Upon completion of each scheme, photographs were taken to be included in the results presentation. Participants were also given a questionnaire in which they were given the opportunity to identify which building elements they would want to see included in a final scheme, and any that they believe should not be included.

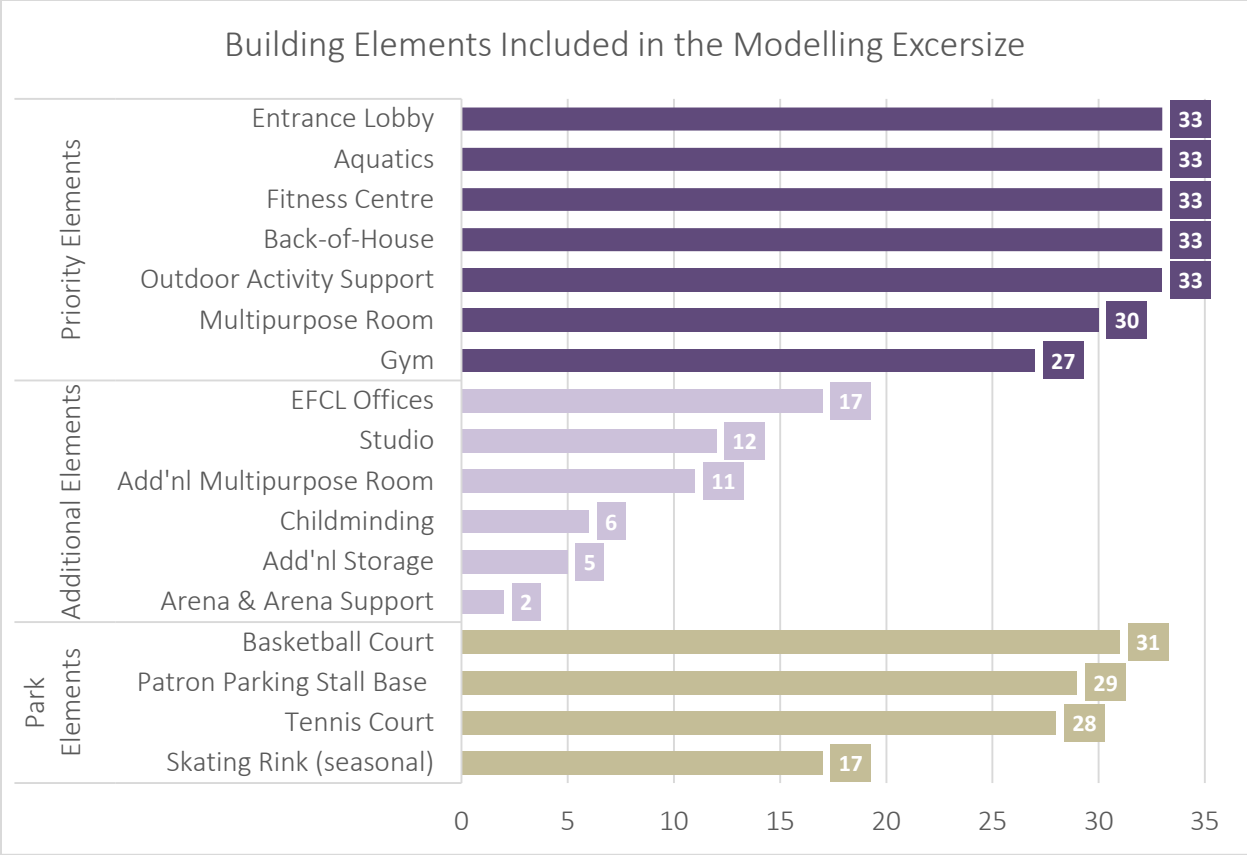


Participants gathered around the modelling table at the Drop-in Public Open House

## Workshop Outcomes

In total 33 building scenarios and 3 site scenarios were produced during the public open house events which were used to inform the Functional Program.





Each scheme included all Priority Elements, with some dropping Multipurpose Room and Gymnasium.

Additional Elements that were most often included: EFCL Offices, Studio and Additional Multipurpose Room.

Park Elements received general support, with interest in combining skating with a court surface.

Comments received are organized into themes.

The top three themes include:

- Desirability of pool
- The protection and maximization of park greenspace and mature trees
- Minimizing the negative effects of parking on greenspace

Participants had safety concerns around Calgary Trail traffic and the use of the current park at night. Concerns around limited parking options for students was mentioned during the Scona high school workshop.

### Advisory Committee Meeting

On December 12 2017, the Advisory Committee met to review the Community Recreation Centre options.

## Options Overview

Four options were presented to the Advisory Committee, all of which included:

- The identified Priority Elements
- Reviewed Principles developed by Advisory Committee
- Massing for a combination of one and two-level construction
- An overall building footprint of 4,000 BGSM
- While no decision has been made to include EFCL Offices, all options are able to accommodate EFCL as an additional floor

### Outcomes

- Participants used 3–dimensional models to provide feedback on each option
- The pros and cons of each option were recorded
- Options presented have been refined based on feedback collected at the Advisory Committee Meeting

There was representation from all identified Key Stakeholder groups

- Friends of Scona Recreation
- Strathcona High School
- Queen Alexandra Community League
- Allendale Community League
- Mckernan Community League
- Parkallan Community League
- Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
- Central Area Community Leagues
- City of Edmonton – Community Recreation Facilities
- City of Edmonton – Neighbourhoods Branch