

## **Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator Updates**

Prince Rupert Community League meeting - Feb 2, 2022

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### **Follow up items**

- PRCL Events
  - Applied for a grant for a Christmas event last year, certain forms were missing on the website that caused confusion. Budget form has now been submitted
    - Group seemed to be overcharged by facilities for booking
    - met with COE Bookings director to review and discuss Feb Director is looking into it further as they see PRCL as a partner in the community.
  - League planning large event in Feb - Event application has been received - Is this more of a picnic type event or are you handing out food/drinks?
- Playground Project
  - To be opened spring 2022 group
  - Is the league wanting to pursue naming the old school park still?.
- Garden project
  - Reached out to the constable to create an official CPTED report.
  - Pls keep Public engagement doc updated with ny new info and dates
  - League received \$2,500 for the garden event. NRC reached out to grants to find out when they will receive funds
  - Circulation of concept is complete and concept meeting will be held shortly.
- Changes to boundaries / future projects - Next Steps
  - Board first needs to send in PP for development of space ( ie. gazebo, fire pit benches etc) [Project Proposal form](#)
  - The land with infrastructure can be brought into league licensed land
  - Then league can have a community changeable copy sign on land with infrastructure
  - Recommended a meeting to plan out next steps and overview of community led project
  - Group has hired outside group to draw concept design of space . I am unsure if they worked with the city through planning with this or not.

### **Keep Neighbouring Review**

The purpose of Keep Neighbouring was a monthly e-newsletter initiated when COVID began to highlight the most current neighbourhood news and relevant City updates to our citizens, communities, and partners.

At this time Neighbourhood Services is pausing Keep Neighbouring to take time to evaluate the purpose and effectiveness of this method of communication.

We would appreciate your thoughts and feedback by filling out the survey [HERE](#). The deadline to complete the survey is Friday February 7, 2022.

We will reach out to subscribers once the survey results have been analyzed and recommendations have been created.

Neighbourhood Services assigns Neighbourhood Resource Coordinators (NRC) to every neighbourhood in Edmonton and Revitalization Coordinators to select targeted communities. In the interim, please reach out to your NRC or Revitalization Coordinator regarding your neighbourhood. To confirm who your NRC or Revitalization Coordinator is, please call 311.

Information on City programs and services are also available on the City's webpage and Facebook page.

## **City opens outdoor skating rinks**

Winter skating season has arrived.

The City of Edmonton opened outdoor rinks in Victoria Park, Hawrelak Park and The Meadows Community Recreation Centre with more to open in the coming weeks so friends and families can spend time together outdoors this winter.

With rinks now open for the season, we remind everyone that some public health measures will be in place when you visit.

The Government of Alberta's [public health measures](#) will be in place inside pavilions and washrooms. Their capacities are limited to 30 per cent of fire code. [Masking](#) and two metres physical distancing will be required at all times while inside these buildings.

Outdoor skate change areas will be available again this year. Visitors to outdoor skating surfaces are asked to come ready to skate, leave personal belongings at home and bring a mask to wear indoors.

While there are no capacity restrictions on ice surfaces, the provincial [public health measures](#) still require everyone to maintain two-metre physical distancing.

The following rinks are open or are scheduled to open in the coming weeks depending on weather conditions

- Victoria Park Skating oval: Open
- Victoria Park Iceway: Open
- William Hawrelak Park lake: Open
- The rink near Shelter 2 in William Hawrelak Park: Open
- Outdoor skating area at The Meadows Community Recreation Centre: Open
- Rundle Park outdoor rinks/Iceway: Open

- Jackie Parker Park rink: Open
- Castle Downs Park rink: Open
- City Hall Plaza skating rink: Open

More information on when outdoor rinks and skating surfaces will reopen is available at [edmonton.ca](https://edmonton.ca). You can also sign up to receive [notifications](#) as rinks open for the winter. More information on COVID-19 public health measures is available at [edmonton.ca/COVID19](https://edmonton.ca/COVID19).

## **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES**

For smaller community events and initiatives, the following [funding opportunities](#) will continue to be available for 2022 through Neighbourhood Services:



[Neighbourhoods Micro Grant \(Up to \\$350\)](#)



[Revitalization Micro Grant \(Up to \\$350\)](#)



[Neighbourhood Connections Grant \(Up to \\$2,500\)](#)



[Revitalization Project Macro Grant \(Up to \\$20,000\)](#)

## **CLOG Grant info**

Community League Operating Grant - Reporting to EFCL

Join the EFCL for an information session on how the new Tripartite Agreement will affect your Community League. What's changing?

The EFCL will now gather the information that Leagues previously provided to the City of Edmonton

The information that Community Leagues gather will be the same as before – except for additional information about the League's plan for the year ahead.

The way this information is shared will shift to an EFCL form that walks you through, step by step.

Questions? EFCL's executive director is hosting "Ask Me Anything" sessions to help clarify changes:

February 1, 7-8 p.m.

February 17, 12-1 p.m.

February 22, 7-8 p.m.

Register [here](#) to attend a session or send an email to [leaguesupport@efcl.org](mailto:leaguesupport@efcl.org).

<https://www.edmontonarts.ca/community%20programming/>

## **Preparing for Grants**

Groups working on projects from parks, new rinks, sheds, etc. are always looking for different grants that would be applicable to apply for, and that will help in their fundraising efforts. While grants are few and far between, we would like to remind you of a few things. Most grants have a deadline, so it is important to be aware of the deadlines and to plan ahead. For example, the [Provincial Community Facility Enhancement Program](#) (CFEP), small fund (up to \$125,000) next deadline was January 15, 2022. The CFEP grant small fund has three deadlines annually. These include January 15, May 15 and September 15 (subject to change without notice). If you are working on a large project such as a major hall renovation project or new hall, CFEP also has a large program with funding up to \$1M. This deadline is June 15, 2022.

One thing to remember when looking to apply for most grants is that you must have concept phase approval from the City of Edmonton. Continue to work with your Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator and project manager to ensure you are ready to apply for funding. One more thing to remember is that groups have been successful in leveraging either NPDP (Neighbourhood Park and Development Project) funding or CLIP (Community League Infrastructure Program) funding with CFEP applications.

Thinking about having a community garden in spring/summer of 2022? You should be well underway in your planning work. Don't forget the first step in your planning is to work with your NRC to submit the project proposal. The first intake for the [Sustainable Food Edmonton Community](#) Garden Grant is February 28, 2022.

## **Winter Play Rangers Program.**

Play Rangers is a new pilot program coming your way! Program leaders are excited to share an adventure with you that will include fun activities, all taking place during the winter season. Bundle up, as your family does not want to miss out! Play Rangers focuses on children and family participation, with planned special outdoor recreational activities that can be enjoyed by all. Children 6-12 years old are welcome to attend on their own. Starting location will always be the shack at the park and some activities may venture into the community.

Winter Play Rangers will run from noon-6pm Saturdays, from **January 15 - March 26** at a variety of River Valley locations. View the Play Rangers Winter Schedule [online here](#)