



## Governance Committee

---

Subject:	City of Airdrie Regional Park Master Plan
Date:	March 13, 2024
Presenter:	Dari Lang, Manager
Department:	Recreation, Parks & Community Support

### REPORT SUMMARY

---

The City of Airdrie reached out to Rocky View County (the County) in January to discuss potential involvement and interest in the development of their 185-acre regional park in northeast Airdrie. Airdrie may look for support from the County in the future, but at this stage, wanted to share their concept and request some initial feedback as to how this project might benefit County residents.

In the spirit of collaboration, the City of Airdrie is wanting to engage the County earlier in the process to invite feedback and keep the County informed on the progress. The 185-acre park was discussed at the March 5th IMC meeting and at the Governance meeting to invite feedback from our Council prior to the project being presented to the Airdrie City Council on March 18th. City staff are present to speak about the project and next steps.

### ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION

---

THAT the Governance Committee receives the City of Airdrie Regional Park Master Plan presentation as information.

### BACKGROUND

---

In 2022, the City of Airdrie asked the regional community, which include County residents, what they would like to see in Airdrie’s newest regional park through the Recreation Needs Assessment. Airdrie Council chose a theme of “Organized Sport and Civic/Events/Arts.” The theme accommodates the need for sport amenities and an outdoor gathering space for the community.

### DISCUSSION

---

The City of Airdrie has undertaken a master plan to guide the development of a new regional outdoor park, proposed to be located in the northeast portion of the city. The master plan will determine the park’s full development through a phased approach with dependencies on infrastructure and budget. Public engagement for the master plan included an open call to the community including Rocky View County residents to participate in an open house to share their thoughts on the preliminary concept plan. Phase 1 of the park’s development is scheduled to begin in Q3 2024, which may include pathways, washrooms, and picnic areas.

Ms. Justine Berger, Corporate Land Administrator and Mr. Stephen Utz, Director of the CAO Office, will present the master plan on their new regional park concept.

### ALTERNATE DIRECTION

---

Administration has no alternate direction for consideration.

City of Airdrie Regional Park Master Plan

---

**ATTACHMENTS**

---

Attachment A: City of Airdrie Presentation

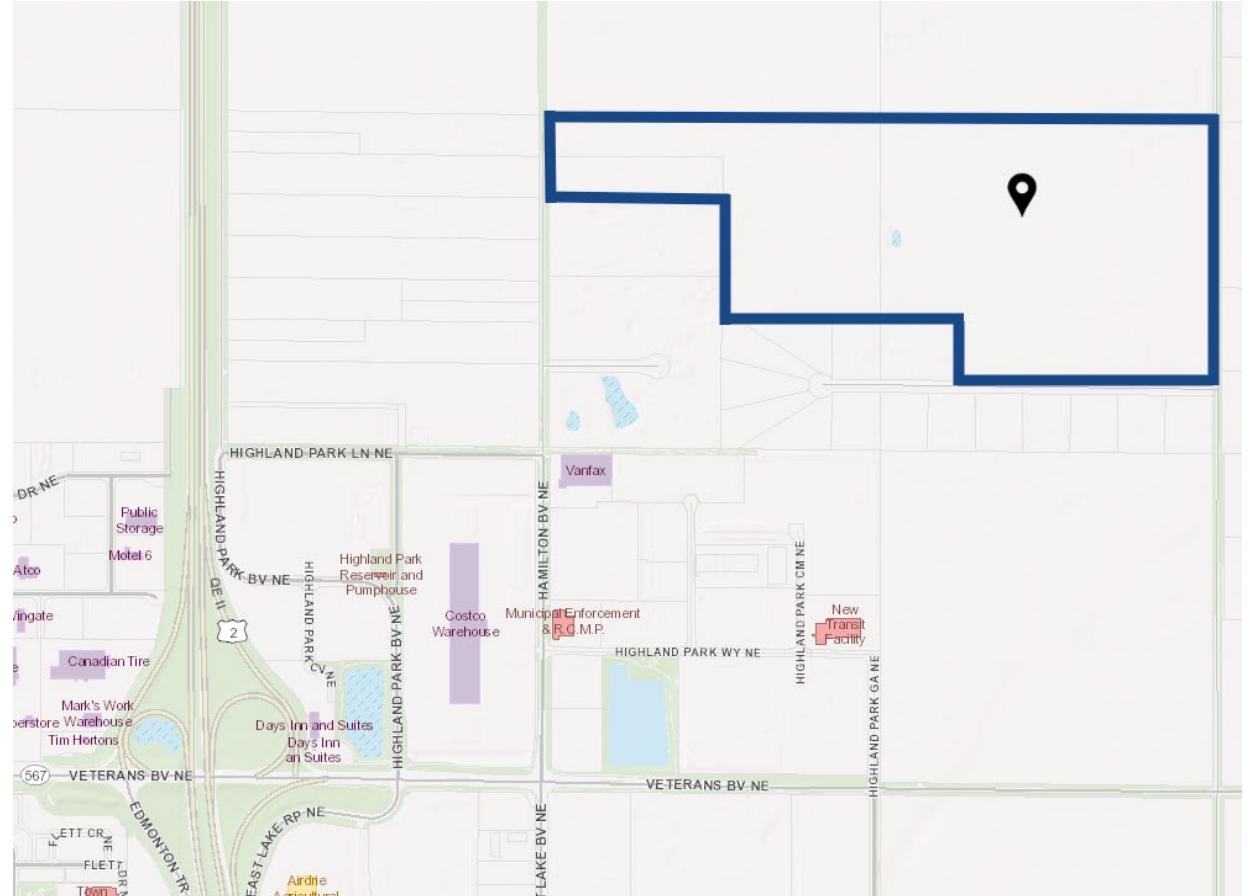


# NE Regional Park

City of Airdrie

# Location

- Located in NE Airdrie off Hamilton Blvd
- 185 acres consisting of natural treed areas, meadows and agricultural land.



# Background

2021

- The City purchased the land for the development of a future regional park.

2022

- Community Recreation Needs Assessment completed for indoor and outdoor amenities
- Service Gap Analysis completed for outdoor recreation amenities
- Council chose the theme of **“Organized Sport and Civic/Events/Arts”**

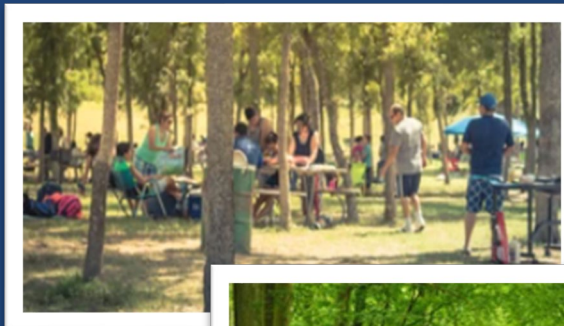
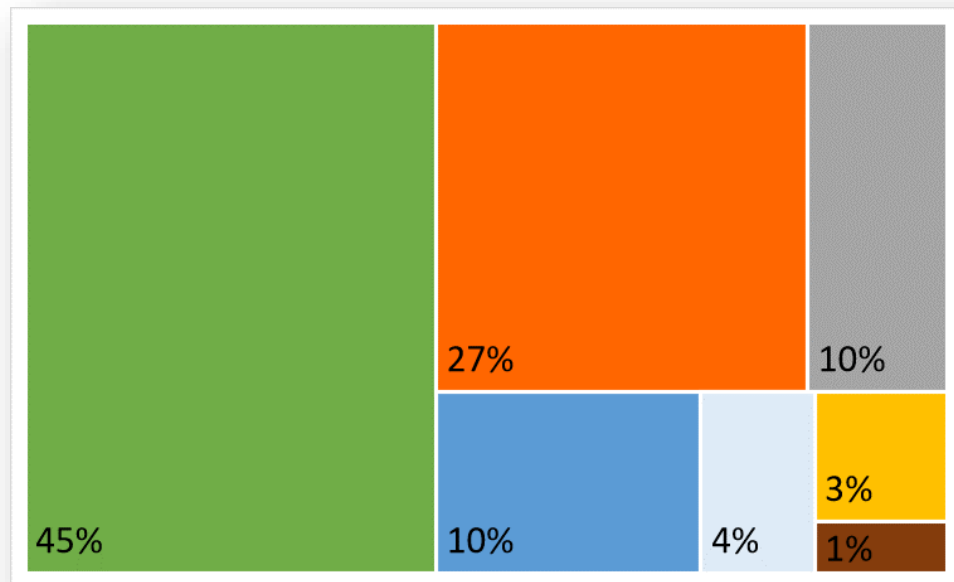
2023

- The City retained R.F. Binnie & Associates as the owner’s representative and for detailed design and tendering of construction for Phase 1 (2024).
- The City also retained Arcadis Professional Services to prepare the Master Plan.
- Work on the Master Plan commenced.

# Thematic Spatial Concept – Organized Sport and Civic/Events/Arts

## Thematic Components

- Organized Sport
- Civic/festival/art/culture
- Supporting tournament/tourism
- Natural
- Passive/social
- Operation/maintenance
- Active Recreation



# Master Plan Timeline



## Discover

(Sept 2023 – Nov 2023)

- Background Review
- Council Update
- Launch Project Website
- Adjacent Resident Engagement
- Sports & Culture Interest Groups Engagement
- Indigenous Engagement (Amenities & Priorities)



## Explore

Oct 2023 – Dec 2023

- Develop Concept Options
- Council Workshop
- Public Open House
- Indigenous Engagement (Concept Discussion)



## Reveal

Jan 2024 – Mar 2024

- “What We Heard” Report from Public Engagement
- Draft Master Plan & Implementation Strategy/Phasing
- Approve Master Plan
- Share Approved Master Plan on Project Website



## Phase 1 Construction

May 2024 – Oct 2024

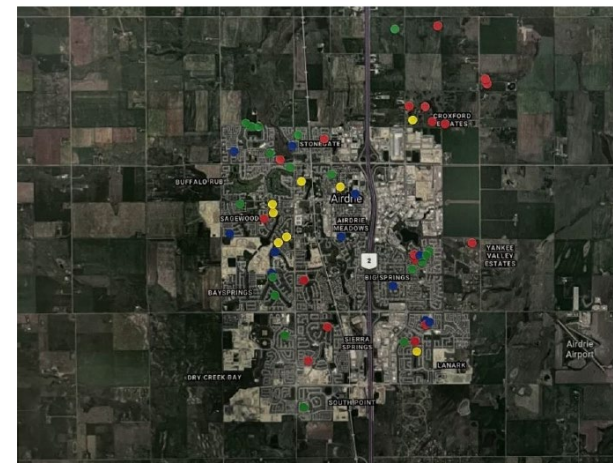
- Detailed Design
- Tender
- Construction

# Engagement with RVC

- Adjacent Residents Meeting
  - Included country residential property owners formerly part of Rocky View County.
- Public Open House
  - Open call to all residents including RVC to attend the open house.

## Where are You From?

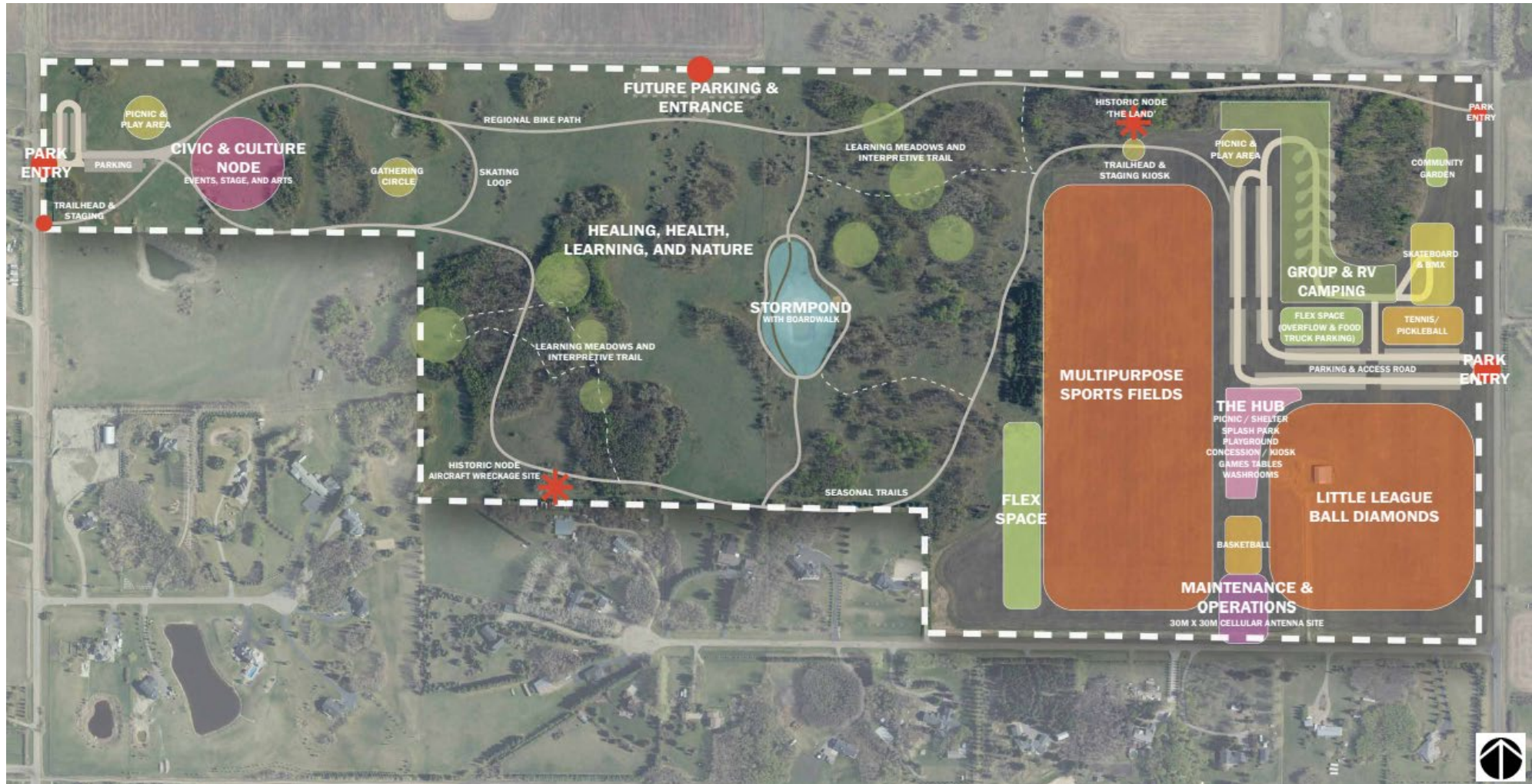
Please place a sticker on the map to show where you are from.



Map from the Open House – Nov 29/23



# Preliminary Concept Plan



# What We Heard

- Overall Schematic Design
- Environment, Nature & Wildlife
- Culture & Heritage Preservation
- Recreational Diversity/Multi-Purpose Uses
- Facilities & Amenities
- Safety and Operations/Maintenance
- Traffic and Parking
- Connectivity and Accessibility
- Finance and Collaborative Initiatives
- Campground



# Indigenous Feedback



NOVEMBER 10 • 2023

SAM HESTER - THE23RDSTORY.COM

# Next Steps



## Council – March 18<sup>th</sup>

- Present revised concept plan and draft master plan (including phasing and implementation strategy)



## Phase 1A

- Upon Council's approval of the Master Plan, Phase 1 detailed design and construction tendering will commence.
- Construction to begin in Q3 2024 with Phase 1 scheduled to be open to the public in October 2024.



## Phases 1B and beyond

- The remaining phases will be designed and constructed over the next 10+ years with dependencies on budget and infrastructure



## Questions/Comments