



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - December 2023

### **Will there be entrance fees to access the park?**

A national urban park would be open to the public and free to access. One of the primary goals of the program is to remove barriers and increase opportunities for people to access nature in urban centres. There may be occasions where admission or participation fees are charged on a cost-recovery basis for programs, installations or the use of facilities, consistent with existing City of Edmonton River Valley facilities and attractions.

### **Who will own and manage the national urban park?**

National urban parks do not need to be owned and operated by the federal government. They can be managed under a range of governance models and partnerships, which will be determined by the local context and in collaboration with partners during the planning phase. While the governance structure for a potential national urban park has yet to be determined, it is not anticipated that the City would pursue a transfer of City parkland or governance authority to the federal government. Instead, partners would explore flexible governance models that allow for local control and jurisdiction, including opportunities for Indigenous co-management or co-stewardship.

### **What activities will be permitted in the park?**

These details will be determined in later project phases once a site has been selected. This work will begin in the planning phase, and will continue into the designation and implementation phases. Engagement with the public, stakeholders and Indigenous Nations and communities will inform these decisions as the park is being planned.

### **How can I share my feedback on the national urban park?**

The City of Edmonton is committed to providing opportunities for the public, stakeholders and Indigenous Nations and communities to provide input on the National Urban Park Initiative. Engagement planning is underway and opportunities will be advertised on the project website. If you are interested in receiving updates directly to your inbox, including future engagement opportunities, [sign up for project updates](#).

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For more information on the National Urban Park Initiative visit [edmonton.ca/nationalurbanpark](https://edmonton.ca/nationalurbanpark)

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