

What We Heard Report

Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park

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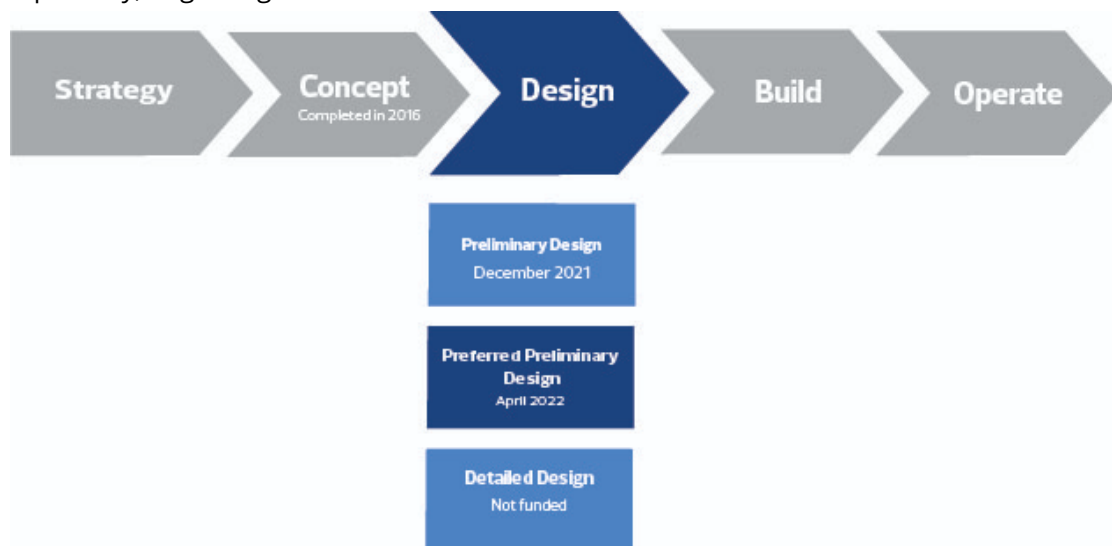
Public Engagement Summary and Results

Project Overview & Timeline

The Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park Renewal aims to enhance the park's outdoor spaces. Building on work done in the Concept Plan and Master Plan, the design phase is the third step towards implementing the Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park Master Plan.

We are currently in the Design phase of the outdoor spaces portion of the project. The next phases for the outdoor spaces are not currently funded.

NOTE: The Rollie Miles Recreation Facility is a separate project to the Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park Renewal Project. The Design phase for the Recreation Facility will be undertaken separately, beginning in 2022.



How the Preferred Preliminary Design was Created

The project team created the preferred preliminary design based on the feedback from the first phase of engagement and from the direction outlined in the Master Plan, created in 2018.

The draft designs were developed to:

- + Align with City of Edmonton policies and programs
- + Consider the vision and design principles created during the Concept Plan and Master Plan
- + Integrate community and stakeholder feedback input gathered through online stakeholder and public engagement
- + Reflect the technical requirements for the outdoor spaces
- + Incorporate current design and construction standards and practices

What We Heard

105A Street Park

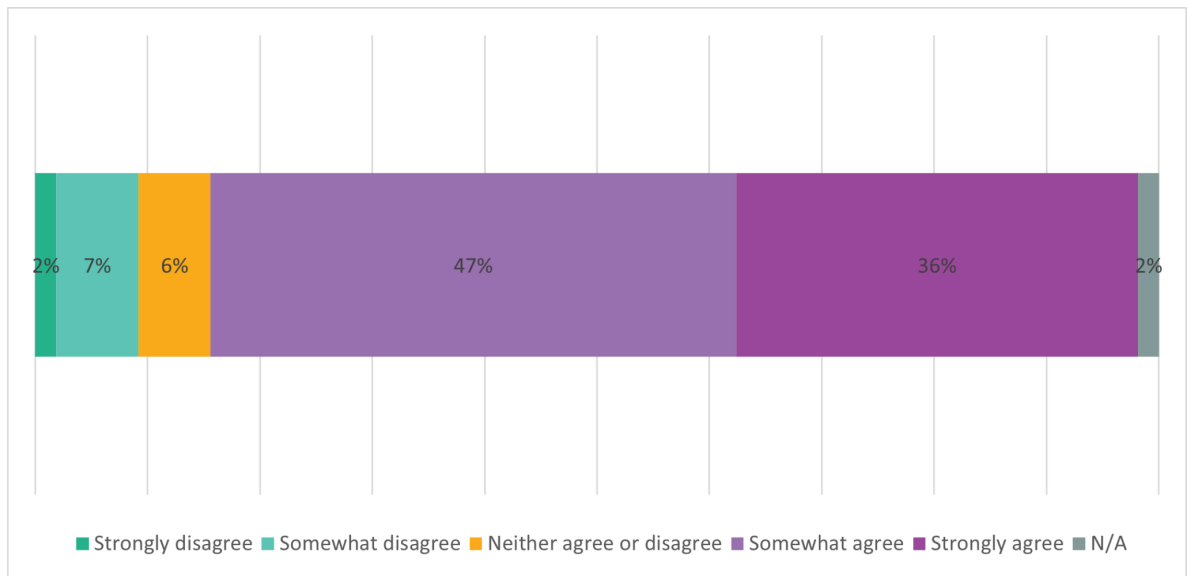
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Participants were asked if the preferred design for the 105A Street Open Spaces meets the needs of users and area residents.

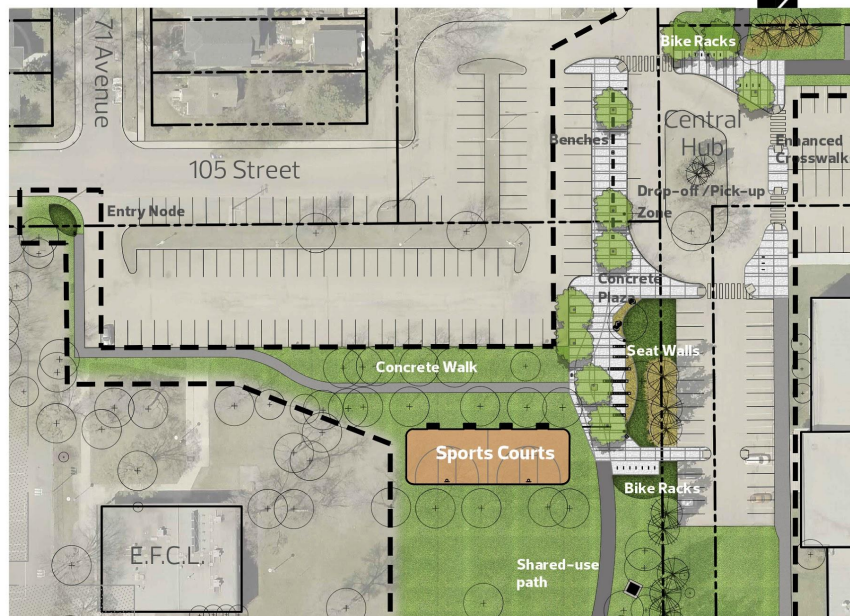


Is there anything else the project team should consider for the 105A Street Open Spaces?

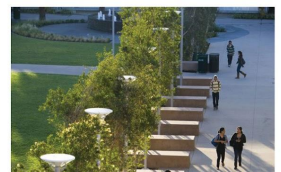
Proposed improvements	Themes we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Small fenced off-leash dog park west of the arena + Single premier diamond in the northeast corner with a fence along baselines + Remove fence around the remainder of the park + Berm in the outfield for winter sledding + Small plaza with curved seat walls + Shared-use path along 74 Avenue + Low-impact design (LID) features for stormwater management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Desire for more mature trees, a viewing area in park, play options for kids and washroom facilities + Desire for proposed shared-use paths to connect to existing bike lanes and sidewalks outside park + Support for having an off-leash area within the park, but some concerns about the small size of the proposed site + Preference for a baseball diamond for community use and not premier diamond + Concern for the safety of children playing with the removal of the fence around the park

Central Hub

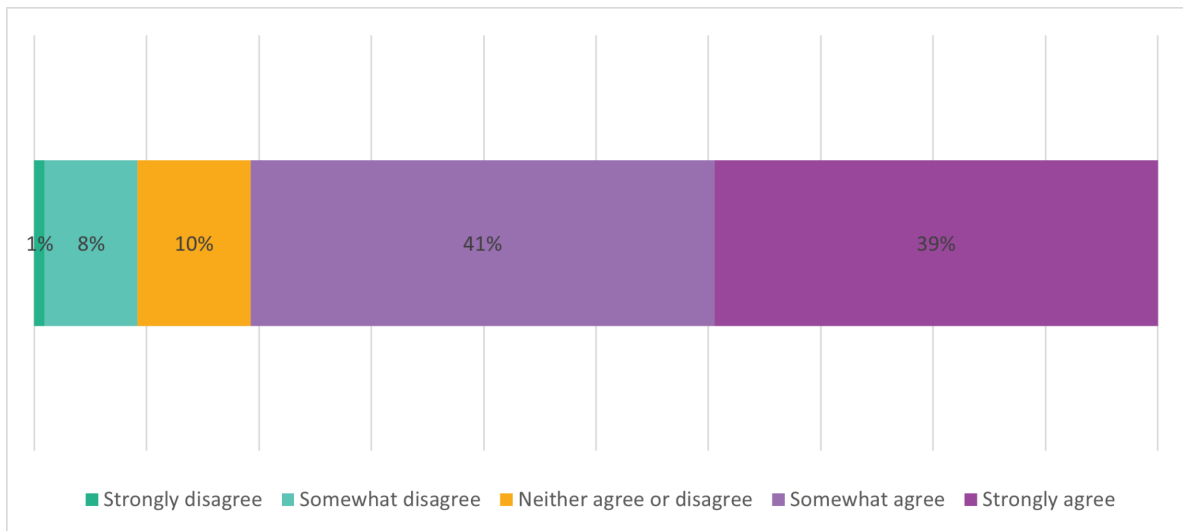
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Examples:



Participants were asked if the preferred design for the Central Hub meets the needs of users and area residents.

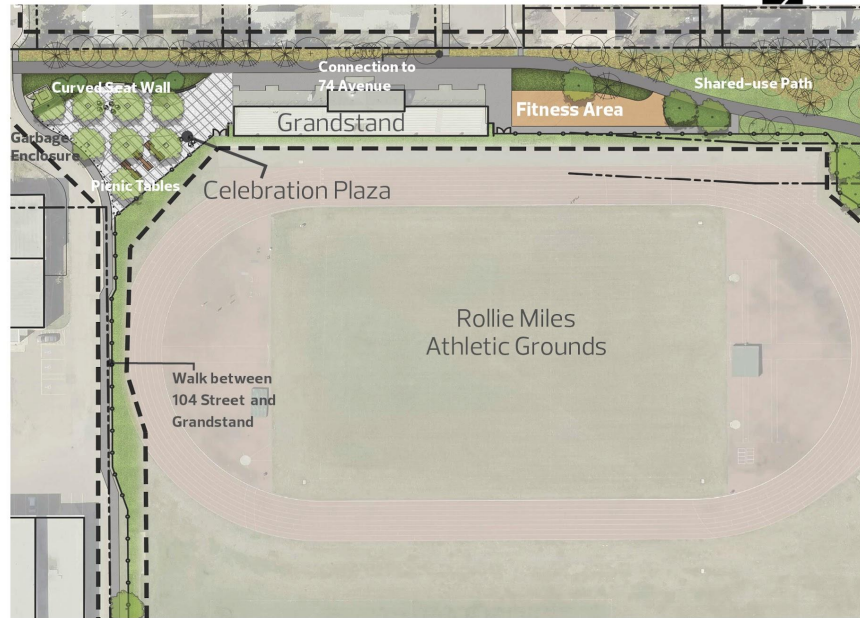


Is there anything else the project team should consider for the Central Hub?

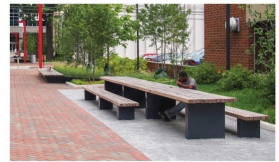
Proposed improvements	Themes we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Shared-use path through the plaza + Public art opportunities + Drop-off/pick-up zone with benches and shade trees + Multiple defined crosswalks to the school + Central Hub plaza with benches + Designated bike rack locations + Two half-courts in the trees + Shared-use paths that connect to the ball diamond, grandstand area and future recreation centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Desire for proposed shared-use paths to connect to existing bike lanes and sidewalks outside park and are accessible for mobility users + Concerns around the cost and requirement of the public art feature + Desire for secure bike racks + Concerns with increased traffic in pick-up / drop-off zones and parking + Some participants did not support the outdoor basketball courts + Preference for full size court instead of the half courts + Adding other outdoor activities such as pickleball courts, disc golf, and maintaining the tennis courts suggested

Grandstand Area

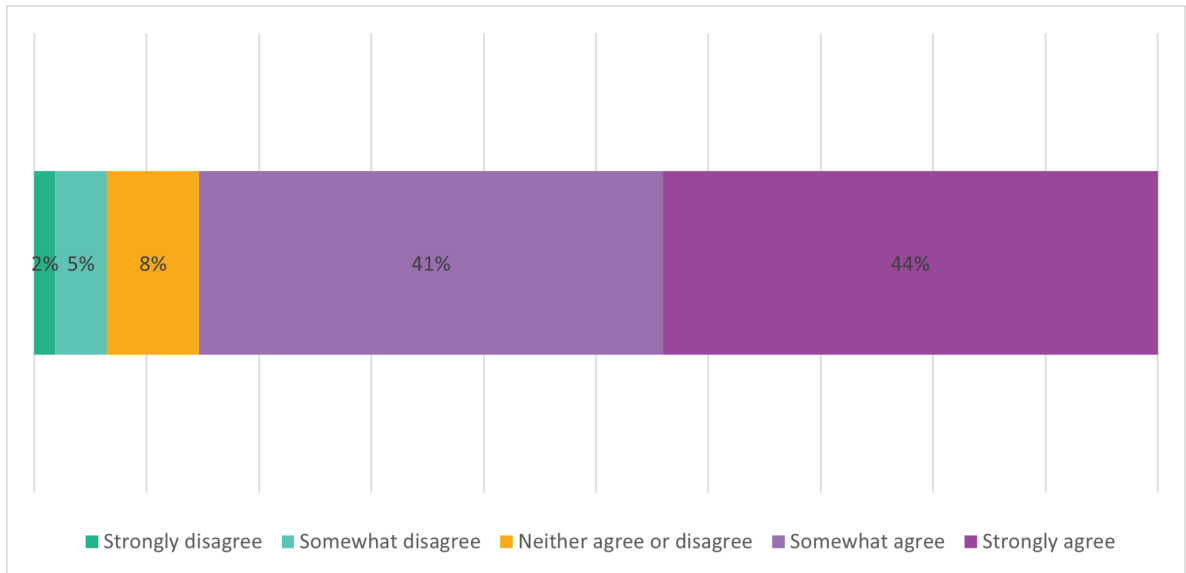
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Examples:



Participants were asked if the preferred design for the Grandstand Area meets the needs of users and area residents.

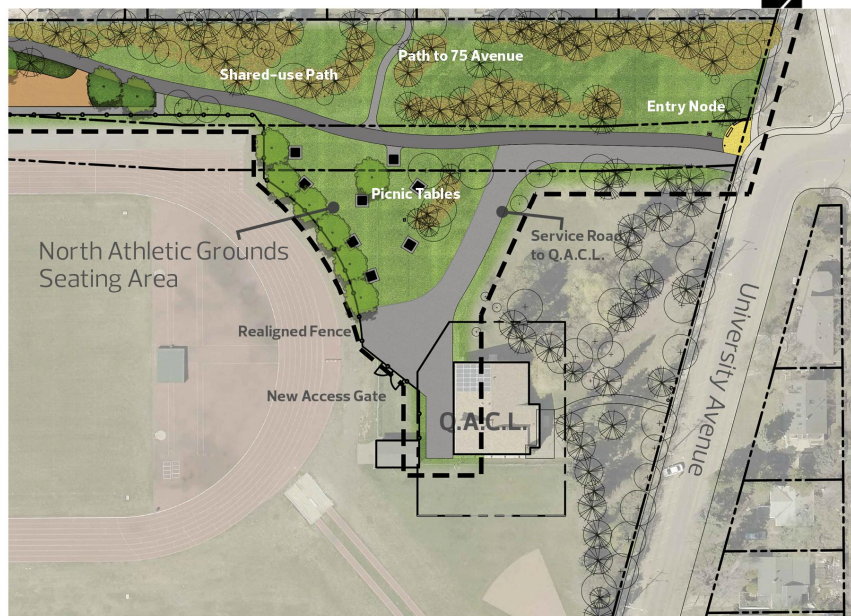


Is there anything else the project team should consider for the Grandstand Area?

Proposed improvements	Themes we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Remove select trees along the fenceline and replace with taller trees + Move shared-use path to be closer to the fence + Add lighting along shared-use path and behind the grandstand + Clean-up fence, open up walk and access to 74 Avenue behind the grandstand + Celebration plaza with curved seat wall with benches and picnic tables + Patterned or sandblasted concrete + Sidewalk between the field and the school that connects to 104 Street + Fitness area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Concern about tree removal + Support for and opposition to moving the shared-use path closer to the fence + Support of lighting and design + Concerns about security behind grandstand + Support for adding the access from 104 street + Support for the access from 74 Avenue and 75 Avenue to the park + General support for the fitness area + Concern about security behind grandstand

Athletic Field North

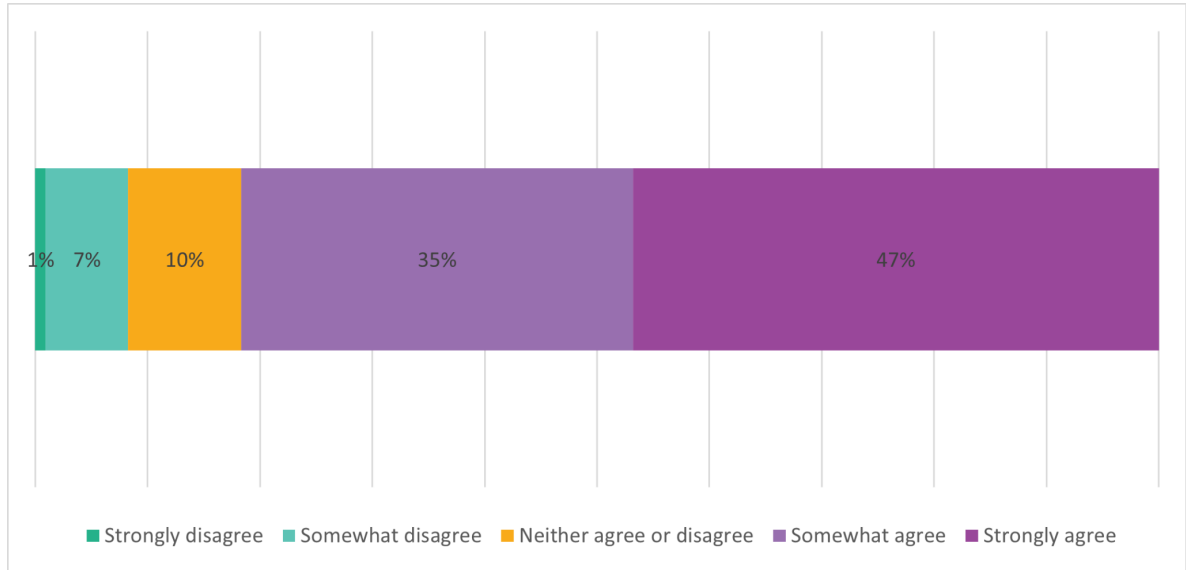
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Examples:



Participants were asked if the preferred design for the Athletic Field North and Queen Alexandra Community League meets the needs of users and area residents.



Is there anything else the project team should consider for the Athletic Field North?

Proposed improvements	What we heard
<p>Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New gate and realigned fence around the north end of the track + Remove fence and add walkway to better connect to 75 Avenue + Remove portion of service road and combine with shared-use path + Use the open space north of track for permanent picnic and gathering spaces + Welcome node with sign and small plaza at University Avenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Support for adding lighting, planting new trees, and adding the picnic site + Desire for benches to be located away from houses + Concerns about vandalism and security + Desire for all paths to connect to the athletic field + Preference for fencing with multiple access points

104 Street

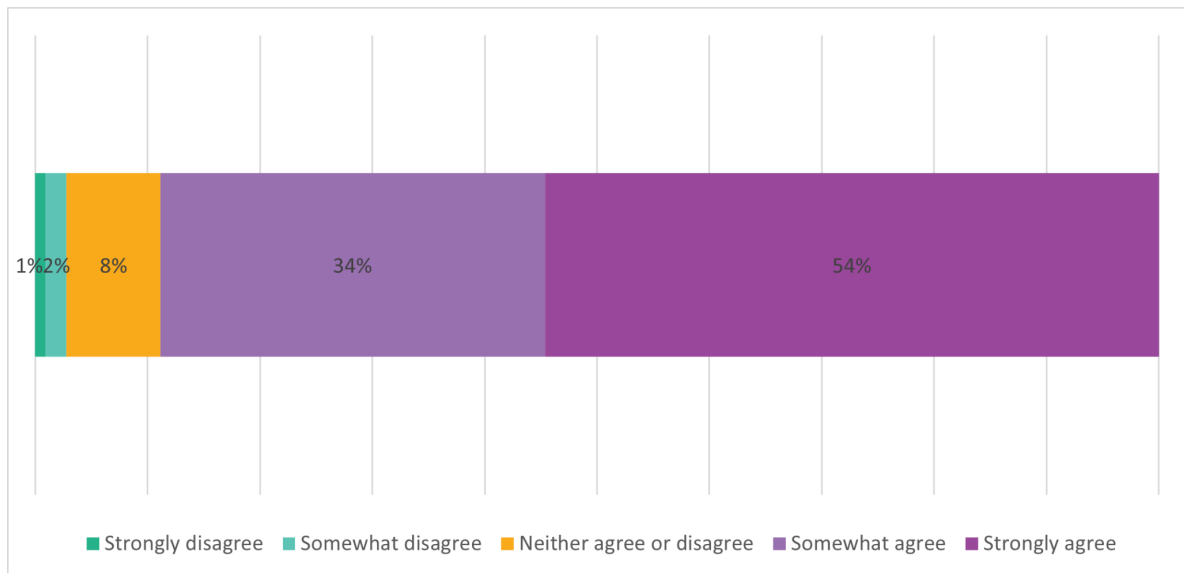
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Examples:



Participants were asked if the preferred design for the 104 Street Shared-use Path meets the needs of users and area residents.



Is there anything else the project team should consider for 104 Street?

Proposed improvements	Themes we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Bus loading area + South athletic field fence shifted north + Sidewalk from 104 Street to grandstand + Fence realigned to create a landscaped shared-use path corridor separate from vehicles on 104 Street + Tree and shrub planting for screening of field from 104 Street + Welcome nodes with signs + Low-impact design (LID) features for stormwater management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Desire for traffic calming measures added north of the bus stop and the loading area to be separated from the driving lane to not impact traffic flow + Support for the separation of the pathway from traffic 104 street + Desire for outdoor winter skating and suggestions to add cross country skiing track

Additional comments

- + Ensure there is access for the community to use facilities during school hours
- + Consider creating a distinct character in the park to attract community members from other areas of the city
- + Ensure wheelchair accessibility in park
- + Ensure amenities are available for all age groups
- + Concerns about parking throughout the area during school hours and events at the athletic field
- + Consider moving the outdoor basketball courts to the current Scona Pool location when the pool is removed

Public Engagement Approach

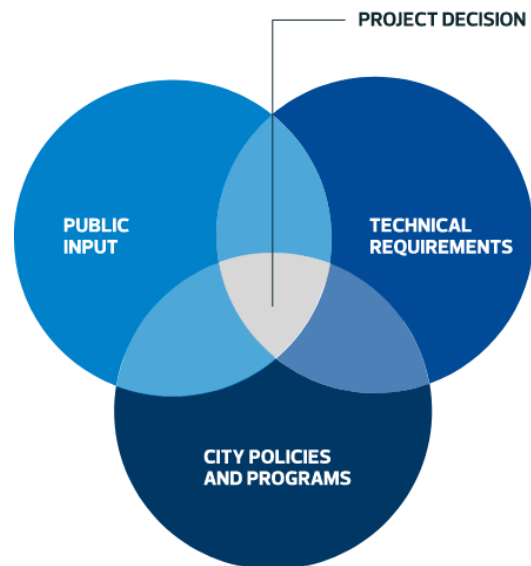
Decision Making Process

As part of the decision-making process, decisions are made based on three components:

Technical Requirements - what infrastructure best meets the area needs, where it can fit, and what impacts it will have to the immediate and surrounding areas

City Policies and Programs - how City initiatives and activities are implemented

Public Input - local knowledge and feedback from community stakeholders



Public Engagement Spectrum



The public engagement spectrum is a tool that explains the level of influence the public has when they participate in City of Edmonton public engagement activities. The level of influence for this phase of the project was **ADVISE**.

How We Engaged

Communication

To promote the project and the engagement opportunities, the following communication methods were used:

Postcards

- + 3847 postcards were sent to addresses in nearby communities

Road Signs

- + One temporary sign was placed near the Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park for two weeks

Yard Signs

- + 20 temporary signs were placed throughout the area

Online Advertisements

- + Social media posts on the City of Edmonton's Facebook and Twitter accounts

Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator Update April Update

- + Shared April 4-12, 2022 to the following communities: **Queen Alexandra, Garneau, McKernan, Belgravia, Windsor Park, Strathcona, Allendale, Parkallen, Ritchie, & the SW Area Council**

Public and Stakeholder Engagement Activities

Feedback gathered in this phase of engagement focused on the draft designs for the Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park Renewal. Thank you to those who engaged with the project team virtually during this time.

Online Survey

An online survey was open from April 25 to May 9, 2022. A total of 109 participants completed the online survey.

Online Learning Session

An online learning session was hosted on April 26, 2022, to share project information and answer questions. A recording of the session was added to the [project website](#) for community members to watch if they were not able to join.

Stakeholder and Resident Meetings

An online stakeholder meeting was hosted on April 20, 2022, to gather feedback from Queen Alexandra Community League, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, and representatives from the Central Area Community Leagues.

An online meeting with select residents from 74 Avenue and 75 Avenue was hosted on April 13, 2022, to gather feedback about the changes to the shared-use path and access to 74 Avenue and 75 Avenue behind the grandstand area.

Who Was Engaged

- + Residents who live close to the Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park
- + Visitors/users of Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park
- + Friends/family of residents who live near or use Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park
- + Other: Edmontonians, Strathcona High School parents, users or advocates for the Scona Pool

What We Asked

Online Survey

Participants were presented with draft design options. Participants were asked how each option meets the needs of users of Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park. Participants were also asked if the design options align with the Vision and Design Principles.

Online Learning Session

The project team shared the draft designs in a presentation and answered participants' questions.

Stakeholder Meeting

Stakeholders were asked to comment on the draft designs. Additionally, there was an opportunity for participants to ask questions and identify concerns they may have about the draft designs and the project.

What Happens Next?

Feedback gathered at this phase of engagement will be used to finalize the preliminary design. Further phases of the Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park Renewal are not currently funded.

The Rollie Miles Recreation Facility project is currently in planning and design. More details about upcoming public input opportunities will be available on the project website.

To learn more about the project and stay up to date, please visit edmonton.ca/RollieMilesAthleticPark.