



# CITY POLICY

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**POLICY NUMBER: C187A**

**REFERENCE:**

C187 Agreements with Non-Profit Organizations for the Cooperative Operation of Recreation Facilities, 10 March 1981

**ADOPTED BY:**

City Council  
10 November 2009

**SUPERSEDES:**

**C187**

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**PREPARED BY:** Community Services

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**TITLE:                   Enhancing Community Facility Services through Partnerships**

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**Policy Statement:**

The City will actively encourage and support public recreation and leisure partnership opportunities that enhance Community Facility Services and may include capital development, operations and programming.

The City will seek out and encourage partnerships where:

- community expectations extend beyond City of Edmonton planned service levels based on City Council approved Plans,
- proposals are presented to provide improved service levels,
- proposals are presented to provide for innovative public recreation and leisure opportunities including specialty facilities.

Partnerships may involve third party organizations including community not-for-profit organizations, other public sector service providers and the private sector.

Collaborations between the City and Partners will:

- meet community needs;
- protect public interests in the short and long term;
- provide opportunities that are open and accessible to all citizens of Edmonton;
- align with City strategic plans, directions and priorities;
- demonstrate trustworthiness, mutual respect, high standards of ethical and professional conduct; and
- demonstrate a clear understanding of respective roles and responsibilities including cost, risk and benefits.

Partnership proposals will be assessed by a process that will be open, transparent, fair and consistent with established City business practices to determine overall benefit to the community and value to the citizens of Edmonton.

Approved Partnerships will have formal agreements in a form consistent with City Procurement Policy, Directives and procedures to ensure sustainable relationships.



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**The purpose of this policy is to:**

Establish a framework of principles and procedures to guide developing and ongoing partnership relationships that provide public recreation and leisure opportunities, benefit the community and enhance Community Facility Services to the citizens of Edmonton.

The partnership framework includes a continuum of opportunities that recognizes the complexity, uniqueness and dynamic nature of partnerships.

The framework will nurture long-term collaborative relationships by supporting flexibility, defining roles and responsibilities, providing transparent assessment criteria, and by establishing a performance monitoring process to ensure ongoing positive partnerships.