Disc Golf in Our Community

Potential Temporary Disc Golf Sites

Priorities Committee Meeting June 22, 2021



Temporary Disc Golf Locations

 Council requested administration prepare a report for possible temporary disc golf locations throughout the urban area as soon as practicable, but no later than the end of Q2 2021.





Recreation and Culture Strategy

- The Recreation and Culture Strategy defines priorities for the next 12 years.
- Expand services related to disc golf at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre.
- Consider amenities such as disc golf as new parks are built.



Recreation and Culture Strategy

Community needs

- Identify the community need
- Prioritize the community need
 - Outdoor Implementation Plan
- Investigate the feasibility of the identified need in order to serve the needs of the community





Municipal Comparison

City	Population	9 hole disc golf locations	18 hole disc golf locations
Strathcona County	98,044	1	1 (Science Park)
Edmonton	981,280	6	4
Red Deer	103,588	2	0
St. Albert	65,589	2	
Spruce Grove	34,066	1	0
City of Leduc	29,993	1	0
Fort Saskatchewan	26,942	0	0
Bruderheim	17,189	1 (summer 2021)	0



Disc Golf Locations Within Close Proximity

Locations within 15 minutes of Sherwood Park (urban area):

- 1. Strathcona Wilderness Centre
- 2. Strathcona Science Park
- 3. Hermitage Park
- 4. Rundle Park
- 5. Jackie Parker Park
- 6. Goldstick Park



Considerations for Park Spaces

- Programming opportunities in our parks and open space
- Site criteria includes:
 - 1. Proximity to existing recreation and park facilities
 - 2. Geographical location and size of the park
 - 3. Parking availability
 - 4. Access to the site
 - 5. Environmental impacts
 - 6. Visibility from the road
 - 7. Noise for adjacent residents
 - 8. Conflicts with existing users



Requirements for Disc Golf

- Different types of disc golf areas
 - 1. Object courses
 - 2. Tonals courses
 - 3. Mixed course that includes object courses and tonals
 - 4. Pro-level with baskets
- Space required per disc golf hole:
 - Minimum 50-60 metres for the shortest hole
 - Maximum 100-130 metres for the longest hole

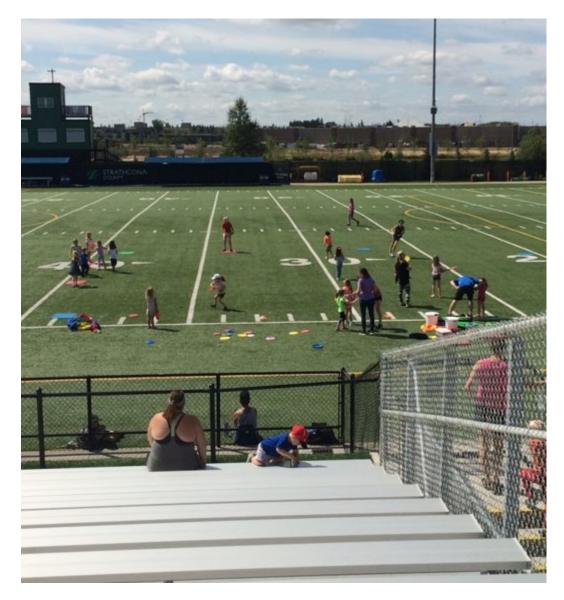




New Temporary Location

Additional amenities available at the Emerald Hills Sports Pavilion

- Two temporary disc golf baskets for Summer Rec Days
- Three temporary disc golf baskets in the Emerald Hills Regional Park





Features of Disc Golf Course at SWC

- 9-hole, trail-based course that was established in 2010
- 2021 extended summer hours (9 a.m. 9 p.m.)
- Pro level basket targets natural turf tees, with tee markers
- Tree-lined fairway perimeters that is challenging but a fun course
- Strategic placement of 10th hole for practise area
- Disc golf discs are available to rent
- Offers Learn to Play Disc Golf lessons



Potential Locations

- Parks that will have 2-3 holes and support future expansion
 - 1. Herb Belcourt Park
 - 2. Heritage Hills Park
 - 3. Greengrove Park





Next Steps

- Implementation of sites 2021
- Enhance programming at Emerald Hills Sports Pavilion and Strathcona Wilderness Centre
- Evaluate following fall 2021
- Administration continue to evaluate a second municipal disc golf course over the summer months and will return to Council September 2021.



Questions?



