

APPENDIX H CONSULTATION NEWSLETTERS & INVITATION

THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

PARKS & OPEN SPACE NEWSLETTER #1

APRIL 2006



**Parks & Open Space Master Plan**

What will Spruce Grove look like 100 years from now? Will the landscapes of the city resemble anything that is familiar to the residents today? Just as we need places to live, work, and shop, we also need open space and recreation lands. These areas preserve the quantity and quality of our water supply, provide wildlife habitat, protect our homes from flooding, and provide opportunities for healthy outdoor activities.

**What is a Parks & Open Space Master Plan?**

A Parks and Open Space Master Plan will be more than words on paper. It will frame a vision for what the City's parks and open spaces can offer residents and visitors tomorrow and in perpetuity.

This plan will provide policies, standards and guidelines that will guide City administration to develop new programs and plan for future open space, parks, and pathways. It will reflect the aspirations of both Spruce Grove residents, present and future, and define the opportunities for Spruce Grove parks, open spaces and trails.

**What would you like to see in the Plan?**

We would like to ask the citizens of Spruce Grove to provide their ideas and vision for the future of parks and open space. We commit to keeping you informed through the website and newsletters like this one. We encourage you, as citizens, to provide your comments through email, or participation in the various consultation events.

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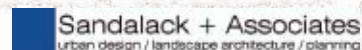
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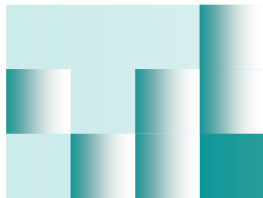
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# THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

PARKS & OPEN SPACE NEWSLETTER #2

MAY 2006



## ***Parks and Open Space Master Plan Well Underway***

The Parks and Open Space Master Plan project began in April 2006 with the collection of background information, a historical resource inventory of the city, and the implementation of the public consultation process.

On the 27th of April, a workshop was conducted with the City of Spruce Grove Recreation Committee. This provided the team with a great start to finding out where Spruce Grove is today. Now we want to find out from YOU, what you would like to see in Spruce Grove.

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**YOU ARE INVITED!**

The City of Spruce Grove and Dillon Consulting would like to formally invite you to participate in a Parks and Open Space Workshop. We will be working together to form the future of parks and open spaces in Spruce Grove. This fun and stimulating meeting of citizens and, City Staff, recreation groups, and environmental organizations, will be an opportunity to share your local knowledge and visions for the future of open space. Key directions and themes that emerge during the workshop sessions which will be used to create policy recommendations as the consultants begin their task of writing the plan.

**When:** May 31, 2006  
**Where:** City Hall Chabers  
 315 Jespersen Avenue

**What to Bring:** Your voice  
 Enthusiasm  
 And ideas.

**Time:** 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
**RSVP:** Shelly Touney  
[stouney@sprucegrove.org](mailto:stouney@sprucegrove.org)  
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PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 26TH AS SPACE IS LIMITED

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PARKS & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

Newsletter #3 OCTOBER 2006



## Regional Information Fair a Success & Draft Master Plan Complete!

The City of Spruce Grove, Town of Stony Plain, and Parkland County partnered with the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre to host a Regional Information and Registration evening. The event was held Thursday August 31, 2006 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm and the Parks & Open Space Master Plan process and draft plan was presented. A short questionnaire was administered with the following highlights (questionnaire respondents = 30):

1. The majority of respondents rated Natural & Semi-Natural Green Space or Water Courses and Green Corridors & Other Pathway Linkages as the open spaces they value most.
2. Most Respondents noted they are willing to walk, run, cycle or inline skate up to 10 minutes to get to a park or open space in Spruce Grove. An almost equal number will walk, run, cycle or inline skate 15 or more minutes to a park or open space.
3. Respondents indicated some concern with the limited amount of parking available at park/open spaces. Conversely, the majority of respondents are not concerned with the amount of park/open space or the number of sports facilities.
4. The Majority of respondents rated Heritage Grove Park as their favourite park and open space, followed by Central Park.
5. A majority of 4:1 indicated that parks and open spaces (e.g., squares, plazas, treed streets) in the downtown are important to them.

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## Parks & Open Space Master Plan Vision

By 2026, Spruce Grove's Open Space and Parks System will be a model of environmental stewardship and a highly valued community asset. Strong forward planning over the coming years will provide Spruce Grove with a comprehensive, contiguous and innovative parks, open space and trail system. Residents will recreate and commute to work through a network of trails, pathways and streetscapes while stopping to enjoy the many park space amenities available. Sustainable solutions to growth will provide the means for implementing this Plan. All of this will contribute to Spruce Grove being the Community of Choice.



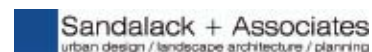
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315 JESPERSEN AVENUE

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