

Newly named Kinistinnaw Park to transform The Quarters Downtown

The City of Edmonton Naming Committee has approved the name "Kinistinnaw Park" for the new park planned for The Quarters Downtown. The name in Plains Cree means "us three." Kinistinnaw Park will be built along the Amature (96 Street) and will help connect the street to Louise McKinney Park and the River Valley.



"When Edmonton was a lot younger, this neighbourhood was actually the heart of downtown, and the name Kinistinnaw reflects the historical name of 96 Street at that time, which was Kinistino Avenue," says Jeff Nachtigall, Chair of the City's Naming Committee. "It's great that we can honour both our city's history and our Aboriginal roots with the naming of this park, and correct a piece of our history by using the proper spelling of the word."

"We're transforming The Quarters Downtown into a hub of activity where businesses, artists, and residents can grow with each other," says Mary Ann Debrinski, Director of Urban Renewal for the City of Edmonton. "Kinistinnaw Park is an important piece of the plan in building this vibrant, urban community."

Designs for phase one of the park are expected to be done in 2016 and construction is slated for 2017. When completed, Kinistinnaw Park will stretch along 96 Street between 102A and 103A Avenue and be one and a half city blocks in size.

The construction of both Kinistinnaw Park and the Amature are major steps in realizing the City's vision for The Quarters Downtown. The Amature, which is the 96 Street roadway stretching from Jasper Avenue and 103A Avenue, will be a pedestrian-friendly street and the heart of the area. Once completed, The Quarters Downtown will be a vibrant, inclusive community and home to up to 20,000 people over the next 20 years.

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The vision for The Quarters is a vibrant, healthy community comprised of five distinct areas, each with its own character, activities and feel.

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