

Relax in the heart of Victoria Park: new pavilion opens

The City of Edmonton has opened the doors on a new pavilion in Victoria Park that will allow Edmontonians to enjoy our river valley throughout the year.

The Victoria Park Pavilion was officially opened on December 12, 2015. It will serve as a centre for outdoor activities and skating, provide indoor public amenities and be a gathering place for Edmontonians.

"Victoria Park Pavilion will bring warmth to our river valley," says Mayor Don Iveson. "This new building will provide a great resting spot and facilities for everyone to enjoy the outdoors all year round."



Construction of the \$4.2-million facility was funded through \$1 million from the City of Edmonton and \$2.9 million from the Government of Alberta's Municipal Sustainability Initiative. "Our government is pleased to partner with the City of Edmonton on this terrific addition to the river valley. By providing funding through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, we are supporting the infrastructure needs of the city with a recreational facility that will bring Edmonton families together and further showcase one of the city's greatest gems," says Edmonton-Centre MLA David Shepherd, on behalf of Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

The Edmonton Speed Skating Association, which is an important partner in the project, provided \$349,000 towards the pavilion.

"We are very excited about this new pavilion," says Jules Chabot, President of the Edmonton Speed Skating Association. "It's in an ideal location and will provide both skiers and skaters with a place to gear up and warm up."

The pavilion includes several features designed to reduce energy consumption, including a rain garden to capture and absorb groundwater, and geothermal heating and cooling. This geothermal system will take advantage of the consistent temperature below ground to help heat and cool the pavilion, and will reduce estimated electricity consumption by more than 60 per cent.

Victoria Park Pavilion is the last of five new and unique park pavilions opened in parks across Edmonton. The City also built new pavilions in Borden and Castle Downs district parks, and Mill Woods and John Fry Sports Parks. These pavilions were developed through the 2011 Park Pavilion Design Competition, which encouraged the best creative minds from design companies across North America to create functional yet esthetically pleasing architecture in Edmonton.

The new pavilion includes a new art installation, created by local artist and printmaker Marc Siegner. This vivid and engaging piece uses ice skates racing around the pond to represent important moments in the development of ice skating. The piece, *Exotic Species*, was funded through the City of Edmonton's Percent for Art policy, which allocates one per cent of capital project costs to public art. The Edmonton Arts Council administers the Percent for Art program.

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