



**Parkdale Community Rink and Hub
Accessible Rink and Hub Backgrounder
February 2021**

About the Parkdale Community Association

Established on December 29, 1953, The Parkdale Community Association (PCA) is the hub of the community, providing local programming that supports sports teams, family events, social programs and recreational facilities. The Parkdale community seeks to foster a welcoming, safe, and inclusive community.

Now in its 68th Anniversary Year, the Parkdale Community Association remains committed to delivering services for the benefit of the community of Parkdale, its citizens and Calgary as a whole. To learn more about Parkdale and to purchase a community membership visit www.parkdalecommunity.com

The Parkdale Community Rink and Hub

The Parkdale Community Association has built Calgary's and Alberta's first outdoor accessible community rink. This month, Parkdale will be home to an outdoor community rink that is inclusive and accessible to everyone.

The existing outdoor community rink was redesigned and replaced to meet accessibility standards for sledge hockey. A new standard of design has been set for all future community rinks to be inclusive and accessible.

The Parkdale Hub which will be built summer of 2021 will make the entire community rink accessible, including access from both parking lots to an accessible social area, an accessible building with a dressing room and washrooms, as well as a garage for an ice re-surfacer.

Why this Project is so Important

The outdoor community rink was at the end of its useful life. As part of the Parkdale Community Association's lifecycle plan, a decision was made by the Board of Directors to replace the community rink for safety reasons.

The Parkdale Community Association engaged with partners and organizations like Calgary Sledge Hockey Association, Level Playing Field, community groups, residents and users of the rink to inform, design and build a new community rink that promotes inclusion and accessibility for everyone.

Community Associations play a critical role in bringing people together by creating gathering places, infrastructure that promotes vibrancy and a sense of belonging. The Parkdale Community Association is

taking this seriously and we are building an outdoor rink and hub that is welcoming, inclusive and will be resilient for the next 30 years.

The Community Rink is Open to Everyone

The Community Rink is open to the community and community groups for public skating, grassroots hockey, tournaments, rentals and events. The Community Rink is a social place for gathering and enjoying recreational activities.

The Budget of the Community Rink and Hub

The Community Rink and Hub was broken into two phases purely for financial reasons. The Parkdale Community Association wanted to ensure the project is fully funded and not putting the organization in financial risk. Phase 1, the Community Rink was completely funded in 2020. Construction began in the fall of 2020 and completed in February 2021. Phase 2, the Hub is 75% funded in 2020 and we will be fundraising for the remaining 25% in 2021. Phase 2, construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2021. Both phases (Community Rink and Hub) total a \$1.5 million budget.

Our Community Partners and Funders

Committed to building sustainable and inclusive communities, our funding partners include Parks Foundation Calgary, Flames Foundation, Government of Alberta, Enmax, Federation of Calgary Communities and the Calgary Foundation. We have also received donations from our community residents via our GoFundMe campaign.

The Flames Foundation strives to support initiatives that embrace health and wellness, amateur and grassroots sports activities. Their funding was instrumental in completing an accessible outdoor community rink for everyone to enjoy.

We are thrilled to be working with community partners Level Playing Field, Sledge Hockey Association of Alberta and The City of Calgary to ensure our designs meet Rick Hansen accessibility building standards.

How Can I get Involved?

- We are currently looking for sponsors to support the project. Sponsorship packages are available at www.parkdalecommunity.com
- Financial Donations (eligible tax receipts) can be made via Parks Foundation Calgary <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/ParksFoundationCalgary/sportsother.html>
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Schematics of the Parkdale Community Rink and Hub

