



Parkdale Community Rink and Hub
Frequently Asked Questions
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Who is 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, advocacy for appropriate change to the built environment, social programs and recreational facilities. The Parkdale community seeks to foster a welcoming, safe, and inclusive community.

Now in its 68th Anniversary Year, the PCA 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

What is the Parkdale Community Rink and Hub?

The Parkdale Community Association has built Calgary's and Alberta's first outdoor accessible community rink. This year, 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 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 is Parkdale leading this project?

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.

Who can use the rink and how will it be managed?

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

The Community Rink is managed by a group of committed volunteers who flood the rink, clear the snow and make sure it is safe for everyone to enjoy.

What is the budget for 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.

Who are your 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.

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.

When will the Community Rink and Hub be open to the community?

The community rink will be opening this winter pending COVID restrictions. We will follow all safety precautions and abide by health protocols.

How can I get involved?

- This is a volunteer-driven project. We welcome new volunteers especially in the roles of rink maintenance, grant writing, fundraising and communications.
- If you are interested in volunteering, email our President at president@parkdalecommunity.com
- We are currently looking for sponsors to support both the Community Rink and Hub. 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> [Select Parkdale Outdoor Rink & Community Space Revitalization]

Where can I get more information?

- We do our best to keep the PCA website up to date with the most recent information www.parkdalecommunity.com
- We are also live on social media – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@Parkdale Community Association)

Schematics of the Parkdale Community Rink and Hub

