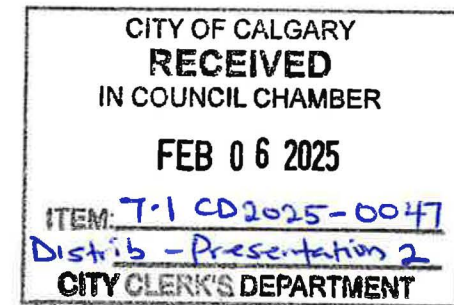




THE GAMEPLAN



- We support GamePLAN's goal to improve sport and recreational facilities. The city faces a growing gap between available services and rising demand, especially in aquatic spots and recreation. Yet, there are concerns with this PLAN:
 - Supporting documents,
 - Research based on .004% of population of Calgary,
 - Lowered standard of service data,
 - Future for smaller facilities.



Aquatic recreation, including both sport and recreational swimming, is a low-impact form of exercise that is crucial for many Calgarians who cannot participate in high-impact sports like running, cycling, skating, etc. **For seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those recovering from injuries, swimming is essential for maintaining health and well-being. Or just simply a choice of exercise,** and it is not just a recreational activity but a necessary part of daily life.



Background and Previous Council Direction



- Concerns re: Attachment 2 to CD2025-0047:
- C2024 – 0415 – the Administration did not inform the Council, as evident from the video of the said Meeting. The Closure was wrapped up in a Briefing and was not announced.
- The Land Transfer – I respectfully ask that the land transfer to Matco Development Corp. remarks to be removed from the said document. The land transfer is not the first obligation under the Restrictive Covenant and should not be described as such.
- There are other conditions that must be fulfilled prior to the land transfer,
- The concern is that accurate and comprehensive information must be provided to the next Council to facilitate informed decision-making.

RESTRICTIVE COVENANT

WHEREAS THE CITY OF CALGARY is, or is entitled to become, the registered owner of an estate in fee simple of

and in:

Lot Three (3) in Block E of
Plan 2079 J.K.

Excepting thereout all mines and minerals, and

WHEREAS CALGARY BREWING & MALTING CO. LIMITED has transferred the above described lands to The City of Calgary for the development of a swimming pool only,

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS DEED WITNESSETH that The City of Calgary covenants as follows:

1. The City of Calgary shall not erect, or permit any person to erect, in and upon Lot Three (3) in Block E of Plan 2079 J.K. any building or any construction of any kind save only a public swimming pool for the use and enjoyment of the citizens of Calgary and of dressing-rooms, ticket offices and other such ancillary installations for the operation and embellishment of such swimming pool.
2. If at anytime The City of Calgary or any voluntary association operating the said pool ceases to operate the development on the said Lot Three (3) as a swimming pool, then The City of Calgary shall upon written request of Calgary Brewing & Malting Co. Limited deliver up a registerable

DESCRIPTION APPROVED
DATE AUG 20 1964
SURVEYOR TO THE L.T.O.
PER [Signature]

Restrictive Covenant with Calgary Brewing & Malting Co. Limited



Background and Previous Council Direction

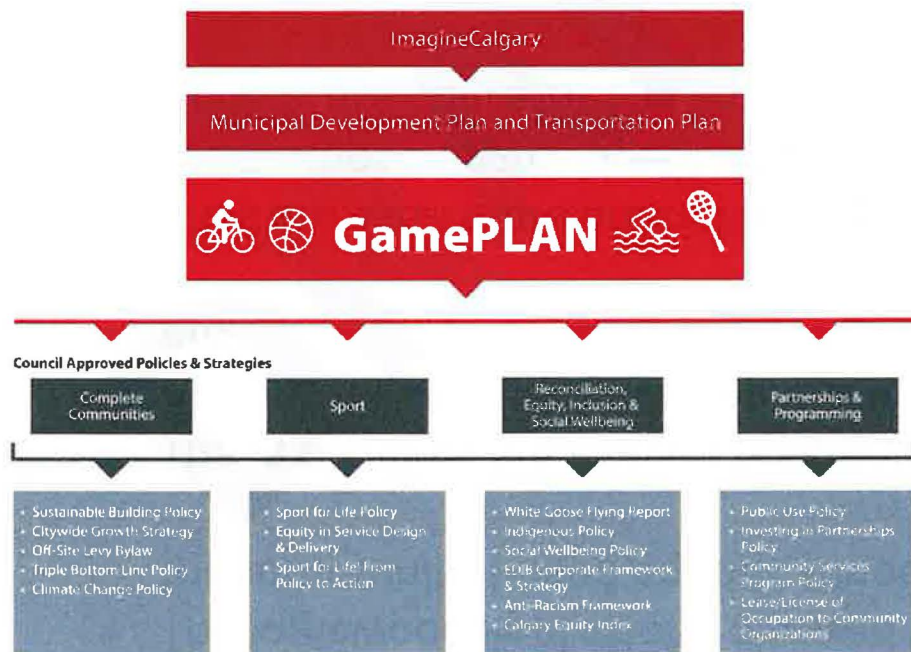


- The Inglewood Pool efforts showed the importance and critical need for community-based aquatic fitness centres.
- These facilities are vital for residents, offering accessible, local options for sport, fitness, recreation, health, community connections etc.
- They are even more crucial in neighborhoods that are being redeveloped aggressively, where affordable housing and increased density are changing the structure of the community.
- These facilities help to ensure that new and existing residents have essential services close to home. Especially, where the residents will be enjoying the benefits of walking distances to the facilities, or take advantage of transportation like LRT and BRT.
- Keep and invest in smaller facilities, they serve the people that Mega Center cannot.





MDP and GamePLAN



- The City's Municipal Development Plan acknowledges that Recreation, which includes Sport, plays an important role in:
 - i. building complete, strong and great communities;
 - ii. adding to the cultural vitality of the city;
 - iii. contributing to economic development and prosperity;
 - iv. fostering active and vibrant neighbourhoods; and
 - v. sustaining healthy communities by promoting active living
- Currently The Calgary Plan is proposed to replace MDP and to guide how Calgary will grow and change over the next 30 years and set the direction for future land use and mobility decisions and inform servicing and investment decisions.
- The Calgary Plan is on pause, where does this leave the GamePLAN?

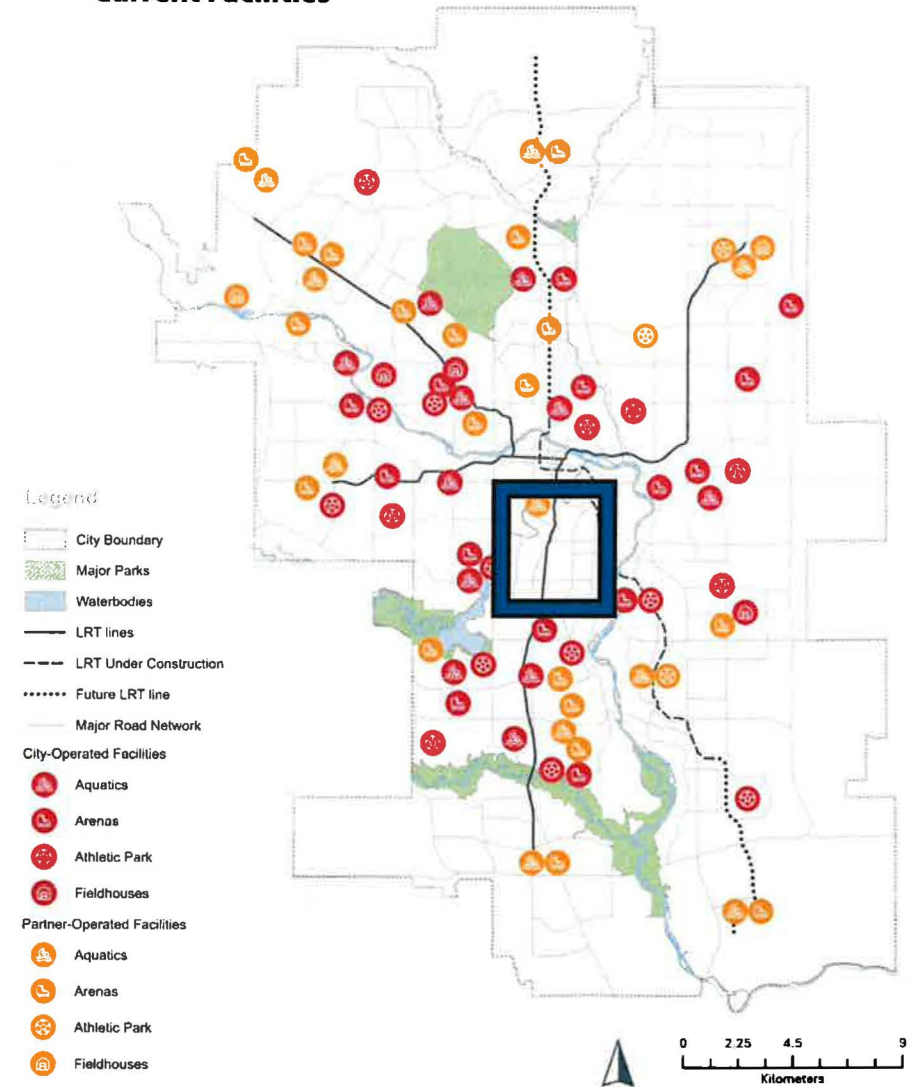


Density & Recreation



- It is almost everyday there is a number of developments being approved in the urban communities.
- These developments are designed to increase density and promote affordable housing, ideally situated near transit, with a focus on walkability, biking, and reducing the community's carbon footprint.
- Where are these new residents going to go for sport/recreational activities?
- The response from survey indicates that residents would want to see improved access to facilities using a variety of options and proximity to the facility, driving and sit in traffic is not a desired outcome.
- The GamePLAN argues that outdated facilities will prevent the City from achieving its net-zero emissions target by 2050. However, what will be the impact of increased traffic to larger, more distant facilities— will it truly support these sustainability goals, or will it contribute to higher emissions due to longer commutes?

Current Facilities





Service Standards 2018 vs. 2025



2018 Population of 1,267,344 *Sports of Life Policy*

Schedule 1 - Infrastructure Targets

The following infrastructure targets align with The City's facility development and enhancement studies. These targets support transparent, data driven conversations between Administration and the Sport Sector.

Infrastructure type	Population target
25 meter pool	72,000
12 meter x 20 meter deep water tank	72,000
court gymnasium	72,000 / pair
mac - multi activity court / field	72,000
twin ice rink	64,000
multi - purpose room	72,000 / pair
group exercise studio	72,000 / pair
50 meter pool	450,000
artificial turf field	353,000 / pair
class a / b field	22,100
class c field	14,600
class d field	1,600

These infrastructure targets must be considered within a sustainable strategy for recreation infrastructure which (i) promotes operational efficiency and site optimization; (ii) aligns with the Triple Bottom Line Policy and Access Design Standards; (iii) contributes to equitable distribution of infrastructure across the City; (iv) optimizes infrastructure by extending available play time; and (v) balances use by Organized Sport with public access.

2025 population of 1,523,000 *Game PLAN policy*

Service standards provide a baseline to measure current service levels in Calgary.

In addition to the primary indicators above, service standards consider multiple other factors, including:

- community planning considerations,
- previous studies on amenity access, participation trends and market demands (e.g., *Arenas Facilities Study, 2021*) and
- existing policies (e.g., *Sport for Life Policy, CP2018-03*).

For the purpose of GamePLAN, service standards use the most universally applicable and understandable indicator to propose service level scenarios to which Calgary should aspire: per capita service provision.

Facility type	Per capita service standard*
Aquatics	1:75,000
Ice Sheets	1:32,000
Fieldhouses	1:150,000
Athletic Park Fields	1:22,000**

*Ratios are based on the number of recreation facilities per service population.

**Class A/B & artificial turf fields.



Service Standards 2018 vs 2025



- If the service standard for aquatic facilities changes from 1 x 72,000 residents to 1 x 75,000 residents, it effectively reduces service levels by increasing the number of people served per facility.
- Key Differences:
 - 1 x 72,000 → More facilities relative to population, better access, lower crowding.
 - 1 x 75,000 → Fewer facilities relative to population, increased crowding, reduced availability of programs and swim times.
- While a difference of 3,000 people per facility may seem small, it has a cumulative impact as Calgary's population grows. For every 300,000 new residents, this change means four fewer facilities compared to the previous standard.
- At a time of rapid urban densification and increasing demand for accessible recreation, service levels should be improving, not declining.
- The 2025 service standards reflect the current situation and should not be used as a baseline for determining future service capacity, especially given that aquatic facilities are already in a critically underserved state.



Current State of Aquatics Fitness



CD2025-0047
Attachment 4

Calgary



Service level scenario comparison

In 2024, there were more than 24 thousand waitlisted swim lesson registrations at City-operated facilities (Note: a participant can be on more than one waitlist). This means The City would have to increase swim lessons by 50 per cent to meet current demand. As a result of their limited functionality and capacity constraints, these facilities can be underutilized as people move to newer facilities that can better meet their needs. This puts pressure on newer recreation facilities that are quickly finding themselves at capacity.

GamePLAN 5.1.3

	Going Under	Staying Afloat	Making Waves
Facility distribution	Gaps in service	Improved	Equitable across the city
Swim lessons (per capita)	30% fewer	10% more	40% more
Ice sheets	40% fewer bookable hours	Same bookable hours	25% more bookable hours
Fieldhouses/athletic parks	Same bookable hours	2X bookable hours	2.5X bookable hours
Overall service	↓	↔	↑
Annual capital investment*	\$0-30M	\$100-150M	\$200-250M

- While service standards for other sports and recreational activities have been enhanced, the standards for aquatic facilities have been reduced, failing to accommodate the increasing and future demand.



Larger Facilities are just as welcome as Community based facilities



- The reason why established communities place high priority on smaller, community-based facilities is because they have proven to fulfill the needs of the local and surrounding communities.
- Yes, some facilities need upgrades, retrofitting, basic upkeep work and it is expected from the City administration to implement those as it is implied in a “social contract” between the residents and administration.
- Simply shutting pools because of maintenance or required upkeep is irresponsible. Planning to spend millions on demolishing as opposed to lower cost to keep the pools just as irresponsible.
- Larger facilities are to be built, but not at the expense of changing people’s lives, habits and commitments.