



Calgary's First Accessible Outdoor Community Rink Parkdale Frequently Asked Questions, January 2022

Who is the Parkdale Community Association?

Established on December 29, 1953, the Parkdale Community Association represents a proud, active and welcoming neighbourhood that offers programs, services and facilities that make us a vibrant inner-city community. Our mission is to create an environment for people to connect in a complete and healthy community. To learn more about Parkdale visit www.parkdaleyc.com

What is the Parkdale Accessible Outdoor Community Rink?

The Parkdale Accessible Outdoor Community Rink is Calgary's first fully accessible rink facility, meeting accessibility standards for sledge hockey. The redesigned Community Rink includes a Hub which makes 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 our Zamboni.

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 took this seriously and have built an outdoor rink that is welcoming, inclusive and will be resilient for the next 30 years.

Who can use the Accessible Community Rink and how will it be managed?

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

The Accessible 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 Accessible Community Rink?

The Accessible Community Rink 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 was fully funded in July 2021. Phase 2, construction began in the summer of 2021 and was completed in January 2022. Both phases (Accessible Community Rink and Hub) have a total budget of \$2 million.

Who are your community partners and funders?

Committed to building sustainable and inclusive communities, our funding partners include Parks Foundation Calgary, Flames Foundation, The City of Calgary, Government of Alberta, ENMAX, Calgary Foundation and Calgary Parking Authority. We have also received donations from our community residents.

We are thrilled to be working with community partners like Level Playing Field and the Calgary Sledge Hockey Association to ensure our designs met sledge hockey standards and Rick Hansen accessibility standards.

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

We look forward to the grand opening on January 29, 2022 and celebrating Calgary and Alberta's first accessible outdoor community rink.

Project Timeline

Key milestones completed over the last 5 years



How can I get involved?

- This is a volunteer-driven project. If you are interested in volunteering, email our Volunteer Engagement Director at volunteer@parkdalecommunity.com
- We are currently looking for sponsors to support the development of our accessible programming. Sponsorship packages are available at www.parkdaleyyc.com

Where can I get more information?

- We do our best to keep the PCA website up to date with the most recent information www.parkdaleyyc.com
- We are also live on social media – [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) (@ParkdaleYYC)

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