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TIME FOR A WORLD-CLASS FACILITY THAT BENEFITS ALL CALGARIANS

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What is a Multisport Fieldhouse?

- A Multisport Fieldhouse is a multi-purpose facility that will accommodate play, practice, training and competition in multiple sports and activities for people of all ages and abilities, from grassroots kids to high performance, adults and seniors
- Calgary does not have such a facility
- The proposed Multisport Fieldhouse location is at Foothills Athletic Park (near McMahon Stadium), which is an excellent central location with great accessibility by transit for all Calgarians
- Facility will be within a 20-minute drive of every ward in the city
- Operating model should be the option that works best for the City of Calgary, ensuring affordability and accessibility

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What is currently proposed for Calgary?

- The following amenities are proposed for the Fieldhouse:
  - One 400-meter, 8-lane indoor track
  - Jumping and throwing areas
  - One rectangular field as will fit inside the track that can accommodate multiple activities, including field sports, batting cages, baseball training, tennis or golf hitting cages
  - Eight basketball courts convertible into 12 volleyball courts or 16 badminton courts
  - Spectator seating 1,500 permanent and space for 8,500 temporary spectator seats in the gymnasia courts
  - Storage rooms, washrooms, change rooms and requisite support spaces
  - Outdoor track storage to support existing outdoor track
  - Fitness and weight training facilities
  - Multi-purpose rooms
  - Administration and operational support spaces
  - Café, and tenant improvement spaces
  - Outdoor playground
  - Parking
- Aligns with the expressed needs of identified sport groups and community uses
- In addition to providing multisport amenities, multi-purpose rooms and meeting rooms support use by a variety of sport and community programs to ensure the facility is available to a wide range of concurrent users

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Who does a Multisport Fieldhouse serve?

- A Multisport Fieldhouse will benefit all Calgarians
- This facility will provide affordable and accessible sport participation for our growing and increasingly diverse population
- Numerous sport groups and individuals of all ages use an indoor track for training & competition including track & field (club, school & varsity), road running, triathlon, bobsleigh, luge, soccer, hockey, speed skating, individual runners, varsity athletes and Canadian Sport Institute athletes
- There are thousands of athletes from soccer, football, hockey, basketball and many winter sports who use a track for speed and power training
- Many seniors, rehabilitation patients and the general public would utilize the track for walking, recovery and fitness during the 6-8 months of inclement weather in Calgary every year
- Similarly, the field and court spaces will serve the training and recreation needs of thousands of teams and individuals

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Who does a Multisport Fieldhouse serve?

- A turf infield provides training & competition space for soccer, rugby, football, field hockey, lacrosse, ultimate and other turf sports
- The gymnasia/court space would accommodate courts sports including basketball, volleyball and badminton
- Registration is currently capped for some sports in Calgary due to lack of indoor facilities
- There are approximately 1400 track club members and varsity track athletes in Calgary; in addition there are thousands of individual runners and road running group members
- There are approximately 4000 junior and senior high school track athletes who would use an indoor facility in the spring to avoid cancellation of events due to snow
- Also high-performance athletes, whose training and competitions drive and inspire participation in the broader population

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Which other cities have one?

- Edmonton, with its Kinsmen Sport Centre Fieldhouse, constructed in 1968, and Universiade Pavilion (Butterdome) constructed in 1983; plans are in place for a third multisport fieldhouse
- Saskatoon Fieldhouse
- City of Regina Fieldhouse
- Tournament Capital Centre Kamloops
- James Daly Fieldhouse in Winnipeg
- Two fieldhouses in Toronto
- Fieldhouse in Ottawa
- Saint John, New Brunswick is currently constructing a fieldhouse
- Windsor, Montreal, Guelph and Quebec City also have fieldhouses
- **Calgary is the only major city in Canada without a Multisport Fieldhouse**

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Sport participation statistics in Calgary

- Approximately 395,000 sport registrants across Calgary in 2018, not including unorganized sport
- Of top 21 identified sport activities, at least 14 would be served with a multisport fieldhouse
- Only 4% of seniors (ages 65+) identified as a sport participant
- 23% of sport organizations said that a lack of facilities prevent them from serving more Calgarians
    - Response was more common among sport organizations that use fields, gymnasia, and drypads (arenas), all of which are served by a multisport fieldhouse
- Survey also revealed that 27% of people identified an aspect of facility accessibility and affordability as their top suggestion to increase sport participation
- Residents in NW Calgary were least likely to agree that sport facilities are located close to their homes
- Multipurpose centres and indoor fields were two of the top three facilities identified as “most needed” in Calgary by participants
- Survey’s number one reason why more facilities should be developed: “Members of my household cannot participate in sports due to lack of facilities”

Source: Sport Facility Supply and Demand Study, Sport Calgary

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Why does Calgary need a Multisport Fieldhouse?

- Many amateur sports in Calgary have inadequate space for training and competition
- Residents from across Calgary would benefit from a major facility to be active – a truly community-wide gathering space
- Calgary is missing out on hosting opportunities and significant sport tourism revenues for many events due to lack of a fieldhouse facility
- Sport Calgary and Tourism Calgary support the construction of a Multisport Fieldhouse with track, field and gymnasia
- The University of Calgary has confirmed its support and intention to be a major user of the facility
- Feasibility studies indicate that the facility would be financially sustainable due to significant usage from many groups
- **Calgary needs a multisport fieldhouse** - let's build a legacy for our community today!

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