

Fulton Ravine South Park Proposed Concept

SECLA is an area Council serving 10 communities in the South East area of Edmonton. This organization consists of representatives from the 10 Community Leagues. SECLA has an area wide focus providing support and services to communities in the area.

SECLA conducted a needs assessment and identified the need for recreational activities for Youth and seniors. Following a site selection process conducted with Community Services, SECLA determined that this was the ideal location for such project because the site is central within the SECLA membership.

The site is close to police, firefighters, transit hub, medi center, amenities and arterial road and Capilano Mall.

The proposed concept consists of:

- The parking lot and required access lane are proposed to be constructed of gravel and would feature wooden bollards around the perimeter to prevent vehicular access to the remainder of the park site. A quantity of ~25 is proposed.
- The skate element is currently proposed at +/-13,700 square feet in size. The current design has come about as a result of two design consultations with the local skateboard community including representatives from the Edmonton Skateboard Association. This design is unique to the City in that it offers pre-cast and cast-in-place concrete components of very high quality that will satisfy skaters who prefer to skate either 'street' or 'transition' elements. The park is proposed to be lit to allow for additional security and evening use in the shoulder seasons when less sunlight is available. This skate park will truly be one-of-a-kind in Edmonton.
- An amenity building is also proposed on site. The building is envisioned to be in the range of 700 square feet in size and will contain washrooms for each gender, a small storage/mechanical room for required supplies and equipment and a common space/office for the summer 'green shack' staff. The program for the amenity building is very preliminary and is subject to change.
- A passive amenity is proposed throughout the site. A granular trail around the Fulton Ravine natural area will provide a walking trail with opportunities for seating at intermittent benches. A viewing berm to the north of the skate park will allow parents and spectators to observe the activity in the skate park from a comfortable distance. The berm could also provide wintertime sledding opportunity for smaller children. The SECLA garden is the most intensively developed passive space on the site. A row of banners representing the member community leagues of SECLA will line the south side of the walk and will be visible from Terrace Road (See attached for proposed banner). A broken grid of canopy trees such as Elm or Ash will create a shaded lawn on the north side of the walk yet will still allow visibility into the site. Intermittent shrub planting and benches or picnic tables will break up the area and create smaller spaces for gathering. The opportunity exists to incorporate interpretive elements for each community league and SECLA into the garden.