

Neighbourhood, Parks and Community Recreation Summer Program Changes

Why is the City changing the summer Green Shack play program and youth summer programs?

- In order to sustain the summer Green Shack play program to no longer be reliant on employment grants that are not specifically designed for recreations.
- With a goal of sustainability, the City will consider summer Green Shack play program and youth drop-in programs a base-level municipal service.
- District parks, skateboard parks, Flying Eagle, and travelling playground programs continue to be considered a base-level municipal service and fully funded by the City.

What is the proposed 2014 Green Shack play program?

- Typically a neighbourhood that meets the established criteria will receive a fully funded half-day summer Green Shack play program.
- A community contribution of \$1000 from each community partner will help ensure the continued success of this valued program.
- A community application for provincial or federal employment grants will not qualify to support the summer Green Shack play program.
- Community Recreation Coordinators will continue to support community groups to apply for grants to meet other recreation needs.

How will the 2014 Green Shack play program decisions be made?

- The City will determine where summer Green Shack play programs are provided; based on clear criteria and quantifiable data:
 - High needs areas, using neighbourhood indicator rankings
 - Percentage of population that is 6 - 12 years old
 - Attendance average between 2009 and 2013
 - New playground development within the last two years
 - City-owned park space is developed to at least grade-level seed in new and emerging neighbourhoods
- Final decisions on summer Green Shack play program locations will be communicated in early 2014.

How will the 2014 Youth program decisions be made?

- District skateboard parks will be fully funded by the City, a community contribution or application for provincial or federal grants will not be required to fund the summer youth program.
- To maximize resources and positively impact the youth experience the City is moving to a hub model.
- Youth Hubs will be created in each district of the city to support youth programs these hubs will be located at Skateboard parks and additional Hubs in each of the four districts.