



Wood Buffalo
Alberta ²⁰¹⁷**55+**
 **GAMES**

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We look forward to working with you over the next two years.

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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO

WELCOME

We are proud of everything about Wood Buffalo. We have an unequalled land base, big industry, big potential and big dreams. None of that, however, can match the spirit of the people who call Wood Buffalo home. The region is proud of its vibrant mixture of residents from across Canada and around the world. As a community we continually strive to facilitate and encourage active lifestyles, promote athletic excellence and support athletes. It is our goal to provide a memorable experience for visitors, residents and, most importantly, the athletes participating in Games events. Our tradition of welcoming and supporting diverse talents, traditions and cultures makes Wood Buffalo an ideal host environment for the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games.

EXPERIENCE The Municipality has a proud history of hosting major events and multi-sport games, which has created a legacy of strong leaders and experienced volunteers to effectively organize and manage a host society and the first-rate facilities and equipment required to deliver

a seamless and memorable event. Indeed, there were seven well-known competitions this year, leading the Mayor to declare 2015 as “The Year of Sport.” Our region boasts a wide range of superior sport, recreation and cultural amenities as befits Alberta’s third-largest community: World-class urban and rural sports venues and an unparalleled trail system through the boreal forest. The Municipality already has a comprehensive Games Event Management System (GEMS) in place following the Western Canada Summer Games and is working to see how this system can be used to ensure rapid startup as well as capitalize on recent games legacies, transfer of knowledge and documentation. A unique GEMS training program was also developed when the Region hosted the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games and will benefit organizations and volunteers. It can also serve as a foundation for other games management systems to be used by future hosts. We are eager to bring the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games to our region and to maximize use of our world class facilities which will provide

an amazing experience for the athletes participating in the Games. Our many advantages combined with the enthusiasm of our sports-loving residents make us the perfect candidate.

ENERGY Wood Buffalo is Canada’s energy capital. From our vast oil sands reserves to our long-time slogan “we have the energy,” we have what it takes to host this event. Every day we take on the challenges of extracting oil, being a balanced community, respecting our Aboriginal heritage and cherishing our natural surroundings. We love a big challenge and have a proven track record of putting on big events with a small town spirit and working with many stakeholders and groups to achieve a common goal.

EXCITEMENT Our enthusiasm and optimism, arising from working at the heartbeat of Alberta’s economy and living in a thriving community that is part of Canada’s vast northern boreal ecosystem, makes the excitement of hosting events like this extraordinary. The result of athletes coming to one

of the most exciting places in Western Canada, far from a major centre yet with world-class facilities and organization, will be a very memorable experience for all who spend time in this unparalleled place we call home.

INTRODUCTION – WOOD BUFFALO

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo comprises 10 communities that span more than 68,454 square kilometres, the largest municipality in North America.

We are a northern cosmopolitan. Fort McMurray - established as a Hudson's Bay trading post in 1870 - and its surrounding rural communities have long been inhabited by Aboriginal peoples, and the region is home to a number of First Nation and Métis groups. Moreover, the Municipality's 125,032 residents are an intermingling of more than 40 nationalities and cultures.

As the residential and commercial focal point of Canada's oil sands industry, the Urban Service Area of Fort McMurray attracts attention from around the world. While we recognize that this is a significant influence in the region's economic development, we are so much more than just the home base of the Athabasca oil sands and we want to share that with you.

Visitors to the region are welcomed with open arms. We have 26 hotels that boast more than 2,400 rooms and 207 restaurants that range from sushi to

traditional Newfoundland fare to bison burgers to bannock. We have it all!

The public transit system provides efficient bus service on a fixed schedule seven days a week, so it's always easy to get around. There is also a variety of taxi, limousine, vehicle rental and charter bus services as well as a new state-of-the art airport. Visitors can also drive to Wood Buffalo on one of two major highways that are being upgraded by the Province of Alberta to increase safety and ease of travel.

Nestled in the natural beauty of the northern boreal forest at the confluence of five rivers, Fort McMurray is a vibrant community rich in history and culture. Exploring our region is simple but picking what to do first might be a challenge! The choices are almost endless. Enjoy a hike through the hundreds of kilometres of groomed trails, spend an afternoon picnicking at Snye Point Park, challenge your friends to a round of disc golf at Vista Ridge, or gaze in awe at the aurora borealis that regularly light up our night skies. Join a tour of the Athabasca oil sands; visit the Oilsands Discovery Centre, Giants of Mining or our wood

bison reclamation site, or simply enjoy our world-class recreation facilities.

Immerse yourself in culture by taking in live theatre at Keyano College or explore the art gallery at MacDonald Island Park. Take a tour through the past with a visit to Heritage Park or update your wardrobe with a trip to Peter Pond Mall. We invite you to come and experience the warmth and hospitality that our northern community has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming you; to sharing with you who we are and what we can do to make the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games the best ever!

Thank you for coming.

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is exceptional in so many ways! Once you visit, you will know what it means to feel the ENERGY and savour the EXCITEMENT. Here are a few reasons why Wood Buffalo is unlike any other community:

- Wood Buffalo is one of the largest municipalities in North America.
- In 2015, Wood Buffalo celebrated Canada's Year of Sport with a thrilling series of seven events. From the professional to amateur skill level, residents and visitors were treated to outstanding displays of athleticism in soccer, football, basketball, curling and ringette.
- Wood Buffalo is Canada's most giving community. According to the United Way, the Municipality has donated more per capita than other Canadian cities for eight consecutive years. More than \$8.18 million was raised for the United Way in 2014, topping the campaign goal by almost \$200,000. Moreover, it was the second consecutive year that the target was exceeded.
- As well as an extensive trail network, the Birchwood Trails boasts Canada's largest outdoor gym with more than 50 pieces of exercise equipment.
- Wood Buffalo took home a national award in the 2015 Communities in Blooms competition, placing first in the Class of Champions - large community category.
- Wood Buffalo features a Nominate your Neighbour program in which residents, businesses and organizations are recognized for their contributions to community beautification. The 2015 summer program recognized 140 properties for their blooming floral displays and lush gardens.
- Wood Buffalo has more than 340 hectares of park space and more than 130 kilometres of trails.
- Wood Buffalo successfully implemented a no-plastic-bag bylaw in September 2010, making it the largest community in North America to be plastic-bag free.
- Wood Buffalo National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage site - the biggest of its kind in North America and the second-largest in the world. Covering approximately 45,000 square kilometres in Alberta and the Northwest Territories it is a haven for a wide variety of wildlife including moose, black bear, wolf, lynx, brown bear, beaver, snowshoe hare, sandhill crane and ruffed grouse. It is also the home to the largest herd of free-roaming bison on the planet and contains the nesting grounds for the endangered whooping crane.

- Wood Buffalo is situated in the boreal forest that stretches 10,000 kilometres across the breadth of Canada and rivals the size of the Amazon.
- Wood Buffalo is in the heart of the Athabasca oil sands, the largest deposit of crude bitumen in the world, comparable in size to the world's total proven reserves of conventional oil - some 1.7 trillion barrels.
- For every job created in the oil sands, nine other direct, indirect or induced jobs are created. Currently some 240,000 Canadian jobs are directly linked to the oil sands.
- Jubilee Plaza is a new and exciting revitalization project completed in summer 2015. There you will find the Weather Catcher a striking six-storey steel structure that makes the most of our climate year-round with a water feature changing from crystallization of snow and ice in the winter to rain, fog and mist in the warmer months. It is also where you can find McMurray Experience, an indoor, interactive space that includes a digital guest book, photo booth, historical timeline and theatre space.

Wood Buffalo is unique – come share our experience, energy and excitement.

WHY CHOOSE WOOD BUFFALO?

1. We are Community. Come share our experience, energy and excitement.
2. Our region is a natural wonder. From the beautiful aurora borealis lighting up night skies to the lush boreal forest and glistening rivers, Wood Buffalo is waiting to share the natural phenomena that are unique to our region.
3. We are passionate about making a positive impact. The community came together to launch the “3 Things for Wood Buffalo” movement encouraging residents to “pay it forward” and make the region an even more amazing and welcoming place to live, work and visit.
4. We are the most giving community in Canada and we want to give once-in-a-lifetime sporting experiences to 55 plus Alberta residents.
5. We make BIG things happen every day with cutting-edge facilities, a great community, a legion of volunteers and many support resources. Come share in the potential.
6. We are steeped in history and diversity. With a rich cultural heritage and more than 40 nationalities represented in our region, our diverse populations feel a sense of connection and opportunity, whether they visit or stay.
7. We have amazing sport and recreation infrastructure. Many world-class facilities have been built in the last 6 years and more are planned. We have Alberta's best.
8. We will showcase Alberta's sport and cultural talent while encouraging Albertans to enjoy a high quality of life through increased health and wellness.
9. We will create a legacy that will be a foundation for adult sport and culture for generations to come. This legacy will improve participation by women and diverse cultural groups, build intergenerational relationships, and create recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.
10. This region is one of the most vibrant communities in the world – a welcoming place where dreams can be realized, friendships made and families nurtured. See it to believe it.

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Mission:

Honouring the heart and spirit of the Games, we will enrich lives by promoting personal excellence and creating a legacy for athletes, participants, volunteers and the Wood Buffalo region.

Vision:

In sharing the energy of our great northern community, we will create a memorable experience and a sense of accomplishment for local and visiting participants of all ages and abilities.

We Value:

- Diversity
- Opportunity
- Integrity
- Personal Excellence
- Fair play
- Respect

MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORT

The Mayor and Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo recognize the value of supporting sporting events in our community and the positive legacy of the Games. Hosting such events fulfills Council's mission to continually improve the quality of life in our region and provide a balanced future with opportunity for all.

Mayor Melissa Blake and Council, the Fort McMurray Public School District, and the Fort McMurray Catholic School Board No. 32 support the Bid Committee in hosting the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games.

**Regional Municipality of
Wood Buffalo**

On September 15, 2015, Council approved that Administration submit a bid to host the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games. Support for this initiative aligns with Goal 3 and 7 of Council's 2015-2017 strategic plan; building a vibrant economy together and building for a healthy and active lifestyle.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

These are just a few comments expressing support from our community.

**In the words of Frank Creasey,
CEO
FORT MCMURRAY TOURISM**

“Our community offers a strong environment to support high-calibre sporting events such as the 2017 ALBERTA 55 PLUS GAMES! This can only be delivered as a result of a very diverse community, which allows us to engage a wide variety of extremely capable local organizations to ultimately provide a unique sporting experience for all visitors to our amazing region!”

**In the words of Wade Kolmel,
Director of Sport
KEYANO COLLEGE**

“We see the value in welcoming these Games to Wood Buffalo. These activities provide an excellent opportunity to showcase our community to the rest of Alberta and, in some cases, the rest of Canada. We recognize that these events bring communities together, inspire a future generation of athletes, and celebrate the accomplishments of athletes at every age.”

**In the words of Patty Chafe,
Office Administrator
ANZAC RECREATION AND
SOCIAL SOCIETY**

“Community sport and cultural celebration builds community pride, offers new business contacts, networks and opportunities for increased tourism. Successful events start with a winning destination like Fort McMurray.”

**In the words of Mary-Ann Kostiuk,
Regional Director of Advertising
FORT MCMURRAY TODAY**

“Our daily newspaper serves the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and as this region’s newspaper of record we would be happy to provide coverage of the events both leading up to and during the Games. Additionally, as we are a part of the Postmedia chain of newspapers, we are also able to provide coverage for our sister papers throughout the province and beyond.”

**In the words of Heather Lothian,
Executive Director
ALBERTA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION**

“The Alberta Bicycle Association is proud to support the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in hosting the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games. The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo successfully hosted the Western Canada Summer Games, which included road cycling, which is also part of the Alberta 55 Plus Games.”

**In the words of Craig Organ,
Facility Manager
FRANK LACROIX ARENA**

“This community has enjoyed enormous success in hosting multi-sport Games in our region. Our strong commitment to supporting healthy lifestyles, our top-notch facilities, and strong volunteer commitment make us the ideal community for hosting large-scale sporting events.”

**In the words of Christine Burton,
Chair
ARTS COUNCIL WOOD BUFFALO**

“Arts Council Wood Buffalo strongly supports the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo’s bid for the 2017 Alberta 55+ Games. Our community has exceptional sporting facilities, a multitude of volunteers excited to welcome Alberta’s 55+ community, a proven track record of hosting large-scale sporting events, and a vibrant arts community which will create an exceptional experience for all participants and visitors. These Games would allow us to create a lasting legacy of intergenerational collaboration and understanding for our region.”

PREVIOUS EVENT EXPERIENCE

Our region has successfully hosted national, provincial and multi-sport events as well as many annual community and cultural festivals. These experiences have provided the opportunity to create and establish a base of well-trained volunteers.

Citizens of our region are always proud to showcase what our unique community has to offer, and are eager to host a games in which we can utilize our excellent facilities.

Major Event History	Participants	Approximate # of Volunteers
2015 Western Canada Summer Games	2,500	3,000
2014-5 Grand Slam of Curling Syncrude Elite 10	500/draw 8,000 (spectators)	90
2015 Tim Hortons Canadian Ringette Championships	1,100	125
2015 Northern Kickoff CFL Football games	18,500 (spectators)	565
2015 FC Edmonton Soccer Games	2,600 (spectators)	60
2015 Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Championship	200	50
2010 Northern Classic First outdoor junior A hockey game	5,600 (spectators)	200
2010 Olympic Torch Relay	3,500 (spectators)	200
2004 Arctic Winter Games	2,200	4,000
2003 Alberta Senior Games	1,200	800

PREVIOUS EVENT EXPERIENCE

Other Historical Events:

- 2015 Crescent Point Energy Western Canada Cup
- 2015 Syncrude Boreal Open CPGA Tour Event
- 2015 Alberta Winter and Arctic Winter Games Tryouts
- 2013 Canadian Junior Curling Championships
- 2013 Midget AA Hockey Provincials
- 2013 Canadian Collegiate Athletics Conference Men’s Basketball Championship
- 2013 Canadian Collegiate Athletics Conference Men’s Volleyball Championship
- 2012 Atom AA Hockey Provincials
- 2012 Atom Female Hockey Provincials
- 2012 Alberta Ringette Provincials
- 2011 Provincial Swim Championships
- 2011 Alberta Figure Skating Sectionals
- 2010 Female Midget Hockey Provincials
- 2010 Skate Canada Provincial Championships
- 2010 Alberta High School Golf Championships
- 2009 CCAA Men’s Volleyball National Championship
- 2009 National Volleyball Championships
- 2009 Olympic Torch Relay
- 2008 Alberta Colleges Athletic League Basketball Championship
- 2008 U.14 Provincial Soccer Championships
- 2005 Alberta’s Centennial Celebration
- 2000 National Royal Bank Cup Junior A Hockey Tournament
- 2000 Little Big League National Championships

- 2000 Highland Games
- 2000 Alberta Francophone Games
- 1999 Western Canadian Fastball Championships
- 1995 National Triathlon Championships
- 1992 Alberta Winter Games
- 1989 Western Canadian Figure Skating Championships
- 1985 Alberta Summer Games

Sport Clinics:

- 2015 Alberta and Arctic Winter Games Badminton Workshop
- 2015 McMurray Junior Badminton Volunteer Coaching and Practice
- 2015 Host of two FC Edmonton Kids Soccer Clinics
- 2015 Host of two Edmonton Eskimo’s Football Clinics
- 2014 FC Edmonton Coaching Clinic

Zones:

- 2015 Arctic Winter Games Regional Zone 7 Badminton Trials
- 2015 Alberta Winter Games Zone 7 Badminton Trials

Future Events:

- 2016 Canadian Collegiate Athletics Association Nationals Men’s Basketball Championship
- 2016 Canadian Collegiate Athletics Association Nationals Men’s Soccer Championship
- 2016 Alberta Snowmobile Association Jamboree
- 2016 Baseball Canada Cup
- 2016 Nitro Circus
- 2016 Artistic Gymnastics Provincial Championships

Additional Annual Athletic/Cultural Events:

- International Film Festivals
- WinterPLAY Festival
- Alberta Culture Days
- Metis Festival
- National Aboriginal Days
- Canada Day
- YMM ArtFest
- Sustainival
- McMurray Half Marathon
- igNight Festival
- Festival of Trees
- Santa Claus Parade

THE GAMES

FACILITIES

Wood Buffalo is home to a diverse mix of sport facilities that will provide exceptional venues for Games participants and spectators. All proposed sport venues will meet or exceed the Alberta 55 Plus Games requirements, thereby enabling participants to pursue and accomplish the highest levels of personal excellence.

Wood Buffalo features three world-class facilities that opened within the past six years. The remaining facilities identified require minimal or no upgrades for the Alberta 55 Plus Games. Any upgrades that may be necessary are included in our budget and are planned to be finished well in advance of the Games.

Wood Buffalo is considered a premier location for recreation facility amenities. We have two new multi-purpose recreation facilities that are ideal for hosting multi-sport games: Shell Place at MacDonald Island Park and the Anzac Recreation Centre. Each venue will be used during the Alberta 55 Plus Games.

The Bid Committee is working closely with local sport organizations and athletes to select venues that will

provide the best possible athletic experience. Three sport hubs will be created to maximize convenience and reduce transportation needs.

Athabasca North Sport Hub #1 will include a variety of food services and athletic venues. Wood Buffalo's largest recreation facilities, Suncor Community Leisure Centre and Shell Place on MacDonald Island, are within the Athabasca South Sport Hub #2 and are centrally located. These facilities will serve as the hub for the Opening Ceremonies, registration, a variety of sports venues, food services, accreditation and volunteer centre and media centre. Sport Hub #2 will also be used for various social and cultural events.

Rural Hub #3, which includes the Anzac Recreation Centre, will be used for hockey events and horseshoes. The sport technical package outlines all facility requirements (Appendix A).

The Municipality has a joint-use agreement with the Fort McMurray Public School District and Catholic School District that will allow use of these facilities during the Games.

FACILITY/VENUE OVERVIEW

SPORT HUB #1 (North Athabasca)

**1. Holy Trinity High School/
Timberlea Community Park**
Sport Venue: Badminton, Athletics
Medical Services (First Aid)

2. Syncrude Athletic Park
Sport Venue: Slo-Pitch
Recreation Venue: Bocce

3. Timberlea Tennis Courts
Sport Venue: Tennis

**4. Thickwood Boulevard and
Confederation Way**
Sport Venue: Cycling

5. Casman Centre
Sport Venue: Hockey

SPORT HUB #2 (South Athabasca)

**6. MacDonald Island Park/
Suncor Community
Leisure Centre/Shell Place/
Miskanaw Golf &
Country Club**
Sport Venue: Hockey, Ice Curling,
Pickleball, Swimming, Golf
Host Society Offices
Accreditation and Volunteer Centre
Media Centre
Opening Ceremonies
Medical Services (First Aid)
Food Services (Welcome BBQ,
Evening Social Banquet, Lunches)

**7. Keyano College/Syncrude
Sport & Wellness Centre**
Sport Venue: Soccer (Women's Indoor)
Medical Services (Polyclinic)
Results Centre

**8. Royal Canadian Legion
Branch No. 165**
Sport Venue: Darts

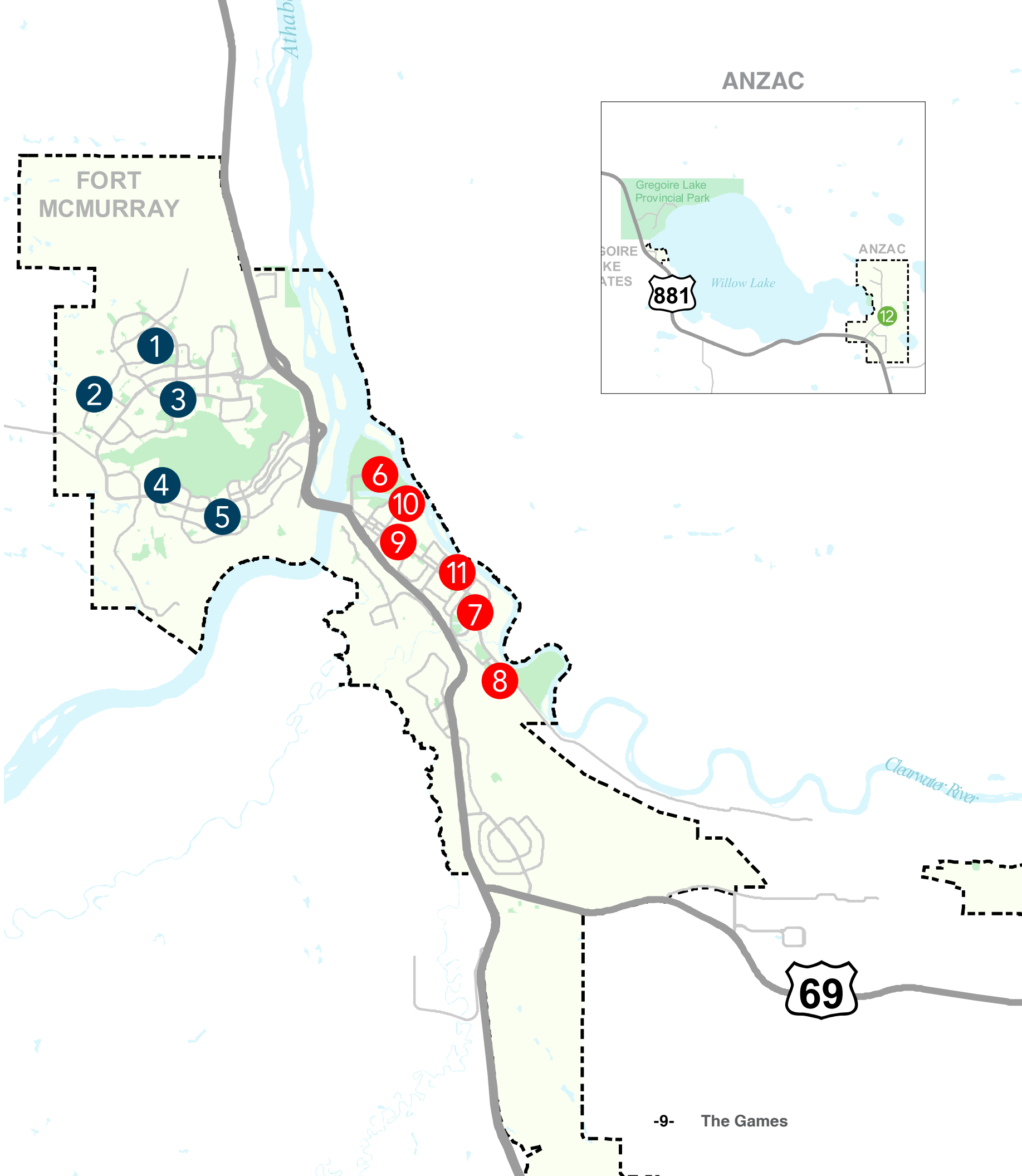
9. Jubilee Plaza
Games Festivals

10. Golden Years Society
Games Festivals

11. Transportation Centre

SPORT HUB #3 (Rural)

12. Anzac Recreation Centre
Sport Venue: Hockey, Horseshoes
Medical Services (First Aid)



VENUE SUMMARIES

SPORT HUB #1 – NORTH ATHABASCA
#1 Holy Trinity High School
Sport: Badminton

Holy Trinity High School is adjacent to the Timberlea Community Park, and is a hub for cultural and recreational events. It has two sprung-floor gymnasias - one varsity with capacity for six badminton courts and one junior that can accommodate three badminton courts.

#1 Timberlea Community Park
Sport: Athletics

Designed to provide local athletes with a place to train and to host local, national and international competitions, this impressive facility boasts an eight-lane, 400-metre synthetic track that accommodates hurdles and steeplechase.

#2 Syncrude Athletic Park
Sport: Slo-Pitch
Recreation: Bocce

This recreation masterpiece, located in Timberlea, has six ball diamonds, four soccer pitches, greenspace, a clubhouse with a kitchen, shower, locker room, dressing rooms and meeting space. The entire park is fully-accessible for wheelchairs.

#3 Timberlea Tennis Courts
Sport: Tennis

This tennis site, conveniently located in the Timberlea neighbourhood, has 4 of the 17 tennis courts in Wood Buffalo. The Timberlea courts were recently resurfaced in preparation for the Western Canada Summer Games.

#4 Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way
Sport: Cycling

Located in the beautiful Thickwood and Timberlea neighbourhoods and surrounded by the boreal forest, it has proved perfect for cycling events as it was used for the Western Canada Summer Games.

#5 Casman Centre
Sport: Hockey

Casman Centre is the home to the Fort McMurray Oil Barons of the Alberta Junior Hockey League. It features an arena, multi-purpose room, amphitheatre, concessions, dining area, childcare centre and pottery studio.

SPORT HUB #2 – SOUTH ATHABASCA

#6 MacDonald Island Park/Suncor Community Leisure Centre/ Miskanaw Golf and Country Club/ Shell Place
Sports: Ice Curling, Swimming, Hockey, Pickleball
MacDonald Island Park is the largest facility of its kind in Western Canada and is home to the Suncor Community Leisure Centre.

A premier recreation facility, the Suncor Community Leisure Centre features two NHL-sized arenas, a 240-metre indoor running track, curling facility, two field houses, a state-of-the-art fitness centre, the Syncrude Aquatic Centre, children’s playground, squash courts, open studio space and community art gallery. The facility also has more than 20 change rooms, each one with at least two showers.

Since opening in October 2009, this world-class, 41,806-square-metre, multi-use facility has welcomed more than 2 million visitors.

The Suncor Community Leisure Centre is also home to Shell Place. Opened in 2015, Shell Place features a multi-purpose stadium and performance venue as well as a field house, badminton centre, softball and baseball tournament facility.

Adjacent to the facility is Miskanaw Golf and Country Club. Bordered by the Athabasca, Clearwater and Snye River it has large open spaces and features an 18-hole, par 72 course. With emerald greens, sweeping views of the nearby rivers, and 240 acres of rolling greens this course boasts both great views and challenging holes.

#7 Keyano College/Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre
Sport: Soccer (Women’s Indoor)

Keyano College’s Syncrude Sports & Wellness Centre is a bustling recreation centre, the place to be for local sports action, fitness programs and other activities. Home to the Keyano Huskies sports teams, it can accommodate ball hockey, soccer, volleyball and basketball. It features a regulation-sized hardwood gymnasium and two field houses, including a turf playing field and fitness centre.

#8 Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 165
Sport: Darts

Located in Waterways, just minutes from downtown Fort McMurray, the Legion is popular with local dart leagues. The recently renovated Clubhouse has seven permanent dart boards with further space in the banquet hall for another five to meet official requirements. The facility is licensed and offers full kitchen and catering services.

#9 Jubilee Plaza
Games Festivals

Located beside City Hall, Jubilee Plaza is a dynamic space that changes with the seasons and events. It features a Weather Catcher and a moveable platform with stage area. It is also adjacent to the McMurray Experience - a unique, interactive multimedia centre.

#10 Golden Years Society
Games Festivals

The Golden Years Society has a beautiful craft room, library/lounge, games room, large main hall and meeting room.

SPORT HUB #3 – RURAL

#12 Anzac Recreation Centre
Sports: Hockey, Horseshoes

The Anzac Recreation Centre, presented by Nexen Energy, a CNOOC Ltd. company, opened to the community on March 3, 2014. Developed and built by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, the 112,000 square-foot facility includes a fitness centre, indoor running track, NHL-sized arena, field house, boardroom, meeting spaces, and children and youth activity spaces among other amenities.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Wood Buffalo proposes to host the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games from August 17 to 20, 2017.

SPORT	AUG 17 THURS DAY 1	AUG 18 FRI Day 2	AUG 19 SAT Day 3	AUG 20 SUN Day 4	LOCATION(S)	HUB
PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION/ ACCREDITATION & VOLUNTEER CENTRE	•				SHELL PLACE	SPORT HUB #2
WELCOME BBQ	•				SHELL PLACE	SPORT HUB #2
COACHES /MANAGERS MEETING	•				SUNCOR COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE – FIRESIDE ROOM	SPORT HUB #2
OPENING CEREMONY	•				SHELL PLACE	SPORT HUB #2
EVENING SOCIAL		•			SHELL PLACE	SPORT HUB #2
HOCKEY		•	•	•	CASMAN CENTRE, SUNCOR COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE – ARENA #2, ANZAC RECREATION CENTRE	SPORT HUB #1, 2 & 3
ATHLETICS (TRACK & FIELD)		•	•		TIMBERLEA COMMUNITY PARK	SPORT HUB #1
BADMINTON		•	•		HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL	SPORT HUB #1
CYCLING		•	•		THICKWOOD BOULEVARD AND CONFEDERATION WAY	SPORT HUB #1
SLO-PITCH		•	•	•	SYNCRUDE ATHLETIC PARK	SPORT HUB #1
TENNIS		•	•	•	TIMBERLEA TENNIS COURTS	SPORT HUB #1
DARTS		•	•	•	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION NO.165	SPORT HUB #2
GOLF		•	•	•	MISKANAW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB	SPORT HUB #2
ICE CURLING		•	•	•	SUNCOR COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE – CURLING RINK AND ARENA #1	SPORT HUB #2
PICKLEBALL		•	•	•	SUNCOR COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE – FIELD HOUSE #1 AND #2	SPORT HUB #2
SOCCER (WOMEN'S INDOOR)		•	•	•	SYNCRUDE SPORT & WELLNESS CENTRE – FIELD HOUSE #2	SPORT HUB #2
SWIMMING		•	•		SUNCOR COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE – SYNCRUDE AQUATIC CENTRE	SPORT HUB #2
HORSESHOES		•	•		ANZAC RECREATION CENTRE	SPORT HUB #3
RECREATION ACTIVITY	AUG 17 THURS DAY 1	AUG 18 FRI Day 2	AUG 19 SAT Day 3	AUG 20 SUN Day 4	LOCATION(S)	HUB
BOCCE		•	•		SYNCRUDE ATHLETIC PARK	SPORT HUB #1

ATHLETE ACCOMMODATIONS

Athlete accommodations are safe, secure, convenient - keeping comfort in mind. There are several excellent options that athletes and other guests can explore so they can tailor their experience to suit their interests.

More than 2,400 rooms are available in Wood Buffalo’s 26 hotels - many of them being centrally-located and close to Games venues. A Games rate for visitors will also be negotiated.

For guests wishing to experience a closer-to-nature experience, there are a variety of campgrounds. Gregoire Lake Provincial Park is just one of eight provincial and privately-owned campgrounds located within our region. Live, share, and experience Wood Buffalo as one of our own. As part of a homestay program, residents will open their doors to guests and visitors during the Games.

FOOD SERVICES

The central food centre, located at Shell Place in Hub #2, will serve the Welcome BBQ, hot lunches, and the Evening Social Banquet. Hub #1 and #3 participants will have the option of heading to Shell Place for their hot lunches or they can receive a bagged lunch if they wish to stay at the other hub sport venues. The per diem rate for participants and registered guests is \$25 per lunch, \$25 for the Welcome BBQ, and \$35 for the Evening Social Banquet.

	Location	Seating Capacity/Serving
HUB # 2	Shell Place – SMS Equipment Stadium	2,000+
HUB # 2	Shell Place – Field-house	800

The Wood Buffalo Bid Committee is committed to providing the highest level of food service. Wood Buffalo will follow the Canada Food Guide to develop meal plans that meet or exceed Games standards. Consideration will be made for individuals with special dietary needs. Onsite concessions at many of the sport venues are also available for visitors, spectators and special guests.

OPENING CEREMONIES AND GAMES FESTIVALS

Wood Buffalo will honour, excite and inspire all those who will be taking part in the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games. To open the Games, athletes, participants, spectators and volunteers will be immersed in the rich and vibrant culture of Wood Buffalo. Enjoy the talent of local performers as they come together to showcase the array of cultures that are the fabric of our community. Opening Ceremonies, held at Shell Place, will signify the end of the Torch Relay and ignite the spirit of the Games.

Guests will be greeted with a friendly Welcome BBQ at Shell Place, the main food services centre. In conjunction with celebrating athletic success, there will be Evening Social Banquet at Shell Place featuring musical and other performances. Participants can partake in recreational activities while socializing with guests from other communities. There will also be a VIP event for sponsors and volunteers.

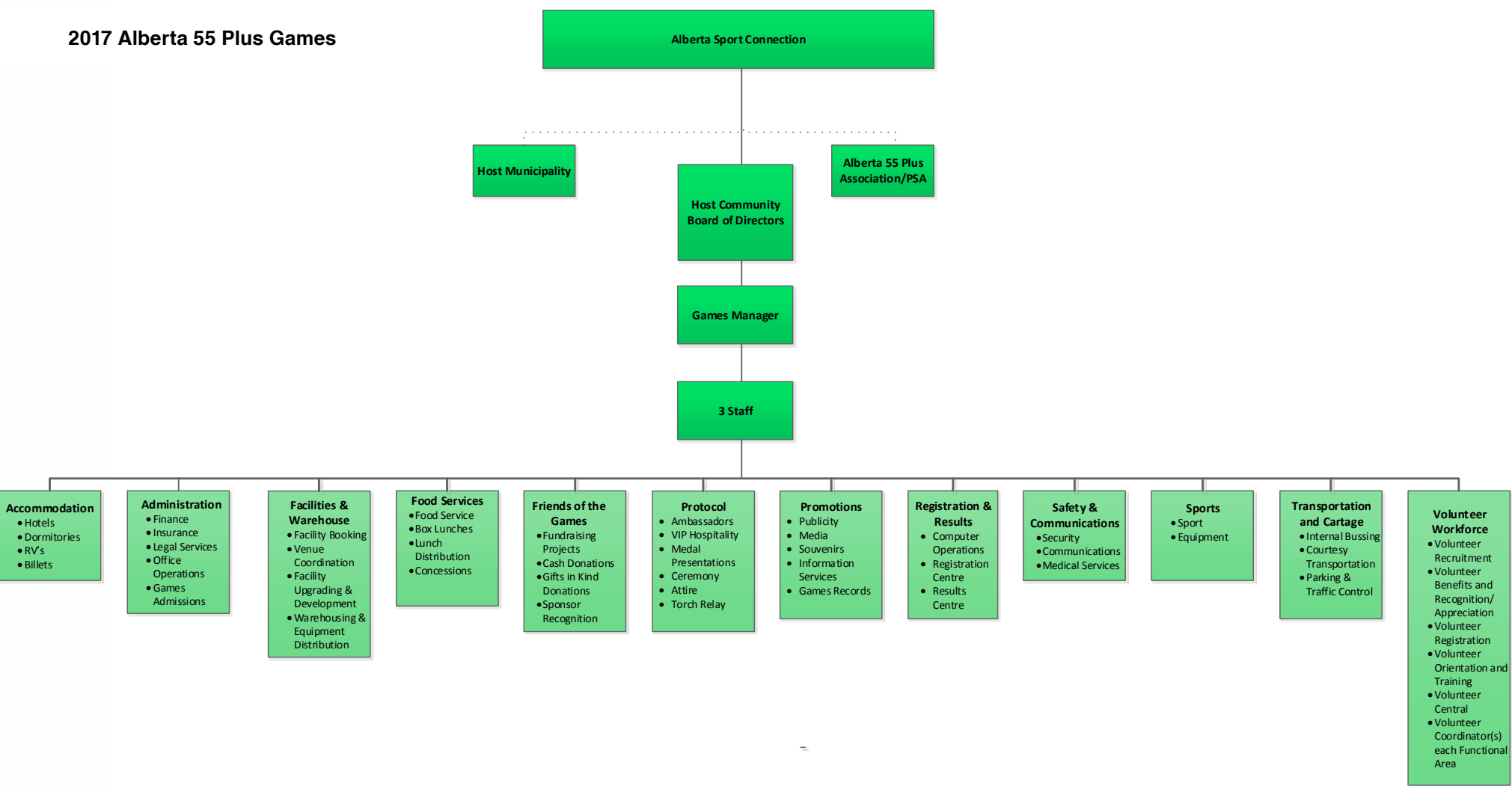
Jubilee Plaza and the Golden Years Society will serve as additional venues for various Games Festivals and social events. Cards, Arts and Crafts, and other related activities will be featured, as requested by local residents.

LOGISTICS

HOST ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

A well-planned and executed event that captures the spirit and heart of the Games requires community involvement at many levels - liaising with provincial associations and the Alberta 55 Plus Games Council, experienced staff and an engaged board.

Regional Council will appoint a host society chair whom will select the right mix of government, community, senior and business representatives to guide us. Our board will support all of the functional aspects required to successfully stage the games. We will hire a strong leadership team and have a dedicated staff to ensure the best possible experience for the athletes and visitors attending the Games.



BUDGET

The total budget for the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games is \$1,846,200. Funds are allocated to meet the Bid Committee’s stated vision and mission to provide a life-long memorable experience for all who take part in the Games. Our priority is to meet expectations in athlete, official and participant comfort, and to provide a great sport, cultural and social experience for participants and the community.

Wood Buffalo has a proven record for quality events that attract strong financial support from the community and corporations. For example, \$800,000 was raised in six weeks for the history-making Northern Classic hockey game in 2010 (the first Canadian junior hockey game held outdoors). Our region routinely hosts large-scale events with significant support from corporate sponsors. It is anticipated that community and corporate support will exceed budget expectations, creating a memorable Games and great long-term sustainable legacy opportunities for the region in cultural and sport development.

REVENUE

<i>Administration</i>		
Alberta Sport Connection		
Operating Grant	\$200,000	
Municipal Support	\$695,000	
Additional Grants – CIP, Cultural	\$100,000	
Employment Grants	-	
Interest Revenue	\$4,700	
GST Recovery	-	
Express Recovered	-	
Other Revenue		
<i>Friends of the Games</i>		
FOG (fundraising projects)	\$215,000	
Cash Sponsorship	\$426,500	
VIK (Value in Kind)	\$100,000	
<i>Promotions</i>		
Souvenir Sales	\$105,000	
Ticket Sales	-	
<i>Culture</i>		
Cultural Admission	-	
<i>Facilities & Warehouse</i>		
Facility Improvement Grants		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,846,200	

EXPENDITURE

Administration	\$543,300
Friends of the Games	\$55,500
Promotions	\$203,000
Volunteers	\$62,500
Sports	\$56,400
Culture	\$210,000
Protocol	\$50,500
Safety & Communication	\$21,500
Facilities & Warehouse	\$217,500
Food	\$264,000
Accommodation	-
Transportation	\$138,000
Registration & Results	\$24,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,846,200
NET TOTAL	-

SAFETY

SECURITY

The safety and security of athletes, officials and spectators is our highest priority. The design, development and delivery of a safe and secure Games is paramount to ensure that the participants and guests have a memorable experience in our beautiful region. Building on the comprehensive safety and security program that was developed for the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games (WCSG), will be the cornerstone of our program. Security will be three-tiered, based on physical presence and an accreditation system for access. Security professionals, uniformed members of the Wood Buffalo Police Services, and trained volunteers to assist at the venue level will provide the physical presence. A broad volunteer base was developed during the WCSG and many of the individuals who assisted with security during that event, now having invaluable experience, will be recruited.

We have the capability to develop operational centres at all levels - from the area in general to the venues and facilities to the sports competitions. This has been proven using a number of different communications or C4I technologies, including command, control, communications, computer and information systems.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emergency Management Department of the Municipality will create a comprehensive emergency response plan for the duration of the Games. With our heavy industrial base, there are many groups that have had extensive training in emergency management, which we will capitalize on during the Games. The role of emergency management is to provide a prompt and coordinated response to situations that require multi-agency action. The Regional Emergency Operations Centre will operate at a minimum Level 1 activation throughout the course of the Games.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Regional Emergency Services (RES) has four fire stations strategically located throughout the community and staffed 24/7. The service model is integrated, incorporating both fire and emergency medical services at an advance care level with paramedics. RES also has an agreement with Phoenix Heli-Flight, a private charter company, to provide a 24/7 night flight air ambulance program known in the community as HERO (Helicopter Emergency Response Organization). As well, the Municipality has a fire prevention branch that ensures compliance with the Alberta Fire Code.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo prides itself on providing the highest standard of care possible for all residents and visitors. The Northern Lights Regional Health Centre in Fort McMurray offers acute and continuing care. This includes a 24-hour emergency, laboratory, X-ray, general surgery, ambulatory care and community health services. This facility is readily accessible from all competition sites. Driving distance ranges from 1.75 km from the closest site to 47 km from the furthest. A medical care plan will ensure 24-hour onsite emergency care for athletes, volunteers and spectators. This includes physicians, emergency nursing, physiotherapy and chiropractic services, taping and massage therapy. A Polytechnical Clinic will be stationed at Keyano College, and sport massage therapists, seven full-service chiropractic clinics, sport massage therapists and six physiotherapy clinics are available for athletes.

Trained medical first aid responders will be part of the integrated medical care team, providing support at events and sports venues and onsite treatment for minor injuries. As well, the medical services team will use innovative tablet technology throughout the Games.

TRANSPORTATION

Fort McMurray is a five-hour drive from Edmonton, a six-hour drive from Red Deer and an eight-hour drive from Calgary. Visitors can use one of the two major highways, which are currently being upgraded by the Province of Alberta to increase safety and ease of travel. Improvements are currently 94-per-cent finished and on track for a fall 2015 completion. Fort McMurray also has Alberta's largest bridge – five lanes across the Athabasca River - and two new interchanges. It is a distance to travel but the infrastructure is there and it is worth the trip.

Greyhound and Red Arrow bus services are available twice daily, with service through Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary and beyond. The Fort McMurray International Airport opened a new terminal in June 2014; the \$258-million state-of-the art facility can accommodate 1.5 million passengers a year. There are frequent daily flights by Air Canada Jazz, WestJet and corporate airplanes with service to Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Toronto. Participants flying to Fort McMurray will be greeted at the airport. Transportation schedules, routes and information will be available online before and during the Games.

While in Fort McMurray, participants and guests have a variety of transportation options. There will be a courtesy drivers program for VIPs and officials and for those using personal or rental vehicles, there is ample parking available. One of the main hubs, located at MacDonald Island Park, currently has more than 1,200 stalls and another 400 are planned. Park and Ride will also be available at many locations.

Our commercial bus system is unparalleled, transporting more than 10,000 workers to sites around the region daily. All Wood Buffalo transit equipment is wheelchair-accessible.

As highlighted on the Facility/Venue overview map there will be one efficient transportation hub. Transportation distances will generally be short and buses will be dedicated to each sport location. Public transit or courtesy vehicles dispatched by a centralized dispatcher can be used for extracurricular activities. Spectators can use the public transit system. The daily regular rate to utilize transit services is \$1.25 each way and has typically been provided free during Games events.

Transportation to Hub #3 activities is via Highway 881 and the four-lane section of Highway 63.

MEDIA SUPPORT AND COVERAGE

With its growing community and dynamic industries, Wood Buffalo is the subject of global interest, regularly attracting media attention from across Canada and the world. Given this spotlight, there is a thorough understanding of the news cycle and how journalists work. Able to anticipate their needs, the communications team in Wood Buffalo is practiced at facilitating engaging, detailed news coverage.

Three of Canada’s largest media networks - Sun Media, Shaw Media and Postmedia—have a stake in Wood Buffalo. Residents have access to five local radio stations, three newspapers, two magazines and a television station. The media community promotes culture and events in the region, giving residents a stage to express and further their interests.

In the past, media in Wood Buffalo have been very supportive of multi-sport events in the region such as the 2004 Arctic Winter Games, 2005 Centennial Celebrations and 2010 Olympic Torch Relay. Most recently, the 2015 WCSG had exposure across Western Canada – 224 million social media mentions and 1,040 stories. Social media is the fastest-growing

communications channel in Wood Buffalo. By leveraging mainstream social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as well as new technology like Meerkat and Periscope live-streaming video, an Alberta 55 Plus Games in Wood Buffalo would appeal to all age groups.

MEDIA STRATEGY

A comprehensive media relations strategy involves a phased release of information, giving media the opportunity to speak with key stakeholders and planners in the lead-up to the Games. This will encourage the media to help generate buzz and excitement, setting the stage for a successful Games.

During competition, a concrete media relations strategy will allow the Wood Buffalo team to respond quickly and accurately to media requests in the moment, facilitating real-time news coverage. A media centre will be maintained so that journalists have access to special resources such as computer equipment, telecommunication connections, in-person support, comprehensive information packages, contact listings and real-time results.

MEDIA CENTRE

The media centre will be stationed at MacDonald Island Park. Media will be invited to private scrums, a pre-event facility tour and luncheons before and during the Games. Journalists will have full access passes to all venues, key viewpoints within each facility, reserved parking, refreshments and more.

LOCAL MEDIA

Radio

Mix 103.7 FM
Rock 97.9 FM
Country 93.3 FM
Cruz 100.5 FM
KAOS 91.1 FM

Magazine

Your McMurray Magazine
McMurray’s Child Magazine

Television

Shaw Cable 10

Newspaper

Fort McMurray Today
Snap’d Wood Buffalo
CONNECT

Online

The YMM Podcast
MyMcMurray.com
FortMcMurrayToday.com

VOLUNTEERS

“The experience was invaluable. Honed time management and organizational skills in scheduling volunteers...Met hundreds of fantastic people that will become friends for a lifetime.”
(Barb Reitz)

Our success is built on our most important resource, our community of volunteers. Wood Buffalo embraces unselfish compassion and is recognized as one of the most giving regions in Canada. For example, it was estimated that 3,000 volunteers were required for the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games, each working 15-hour shifts. This event generated so much excitement in the community that volunteer registration was cut off after Phase 1; more than 3,000 volunteers stepped forward, committing an average of 30 hours.

We plan to supplement volunteers’ knowledge and experience with a well-planned strategy to ensure that they have the resources they need to amaze the athletes, participants, visitors and media that are coming to the Games. This detailed plan includes capitalizing on and enhancing current resources and processes for volunteer recruitment, screening, training and recognition. Volunteers will be carefully

chosen and informed about the Games mission, vision, values and protocols as well as the needs of the athletes, participants and the community.

The Bid Committee is committed to creating opportunities for volunteers of all ages and abilities so they can gain valuable experience and build a stronger, sustainable future of volunteerism in Wood Buffalo.

OUR COMMUNITY

CULTURE

Wood Buffalo's rich history and multicultural identity contribute to the quality of life in the region. The community's unique character will proudly be on display with a kaleidoscope of cultural experiences for athletes and visitors to enjoy, including:

Heritage Park

Heritage Park is Fort McMurray's own little village locked in time where visitors can take a stroll through history.

Marine Park

Marine Park, the last remaining shipyard in Alberta, is located along the Clearwater River in Fort McMurray's lower townsite. Sitting on 1.6 hectares, it is the original location where, after the annual spring river breakup, passengers and freight destined for the north were transferred from rail to ship or barge.

Wood Buffalo Regional Library

Located at MacDonald Island Park, the Wood Buffalo Regional Library informs and entertains through a range of resources, always providing excellent service.

Keyano Theatre and Arts Centre

Considered to be the cornerstone for live entertainment and social gathering in Wood Buffalo, Keyano Theatre has delivered onstage performances and theatrical plays for more than 30 years. Local, national and international performers visit and mentor. The Theatre also houses an Art Gallery that showcases both student and professional works of art.

Community Art Gallery

Located at MacDonald Island Park, the Community Art Gallery is presented by MacDonald Island in partnership with the Kirschner Family Corp. The gallery showcases local artists - hobbyists and professionals - throughout the year and organizes school programs and community art projects. Art lessons are also offered for children, youth, adults and seniors.

Jubilee Plaza

Jubilee Plaza is a flexible outdoor event venue that has become the community's new town square and gathering place. It hosts a variety of events such as fitness classes, concerts, bonfires and more. It will be used for entertainment during Games festivities. It is also home to McMurray Experience, an exciting, interactive, indoor space that includes a digital guest book, photo booth, historical timeline and theatre space.

Golden Years Society

Fort McMurray's Golden Years Society promotes wellness and fellowship through activities for all seniors in the region.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch No.165

Featuring a clubhouse, main hall, stage, bar and coat check area, the Legion is open to the public and offers food and beverages. Visitors looking for cultural events and other recreational activities can find a variety of socializing opportunities here. This will be another vital site for Games festivities.

Clearwater Horse Club

Founded in 1969, the Clearwater Horse Club is Wood Buffalo's unique equestrian centre, home to approximately 90 horses. Frequently used by various non-profit organizations, it features an arena and event space.

There are many more cultural hotspots to check out, including the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame, Points North Gallery, Suncor Energy Centre for the Performing Arts, and Oil Sands Discovery Centre!

LEGACY

A goal of any multi-sport games is to generate legacies to further the future development of sport and culture in a host community, region or country. The Alberta 55 Plus Games is more than just competition: It is about partners, community, and creating a memorable experience for all.

One significant legacy will be a higher profile for the 55 plus population in our region. In a city known for its young demographics, we will use the Games and associated cultural experiences to showcase the importance and vibrancy of an older population. People of all ages will join forces to work, compete, cheer, and build and strengthen lasting, intergenerational friendships. Together, through sport and culture, they will experience firsthand what others are capable of and how each generation is a valued and integral part of any community. The 55 Plus Games will demonstrate to all that vitality and active, healthy lifestyles are possible even as calendar years increase - and that with healthy bodies come healthy minds, rich with history, wisdom and experience to benefit present and future generations.

Our legacy initiatives will include increasing accessibility for all to our local sports facilities. This will ensure that people of all ages and abilities have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sport and cultural activities for years following the event.

Another part of the legacy program will be to create a lasting cultural memory of the Games to inspire all generations to participate in grassroots sport and cultural initiatives. Furthermore, we will look to identify opportunities to work alongside and connect with the region's talented workforce and experienced volunteers, thus building lifelong skills and experiences.

BID COMMITTEE

Luana Bussieres, Executive Director, St. Aiden's Society Co-Chair

Luana oversees an agency that provides large-scale social work interventions involving the community and systems of care for seniors. Born and raised in Fort McMurray, she is a strong advocate for the region and its residents, particularly seniors. Luana is president of the Re/Max Slo-Pitch League, a 76-team coed adult league, and was actively involved with the 2003 Senior Games.

Gwen Leepart, Retiree, Co-Chair

A 43-year resident, Gwen retired after 28 years as the General Manager of Keyano College's Students Association. She has always been an avid volunteer for such organizations as the Canadian Mental Health Association, the 2003 Alberta Senior Games and the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games (assisted with merchandising).

Myrtle Dussault, Retiree, Honorary Chair

Myrtle has been a resident of Fort McMurray for 47 years and is actively involved with organizations such as the Golden Years Society. Myrtle worked on the 2003 Senior Games in years leading up to hosting, and acted as the Senior Liaison for the event. Myrtle has extensive experience with Alberta 55+ Games – not only has she been an

Area Director for Zone 7 since 1998, she also has been a medal recipient in several sporting events such as cycling and disc golf.

Linda Mywaart

Community at Large Representative

Linda Mywaart, a 33-year resident, is an enthusiastic community volunteer. She has served in various capacities for community organizations, most recently becoming the chair of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Advisory Committee on Aging, which was appointed by Council.

Jean-Marc Guillamot, Director, Fort McMurray Hotels

Accommodations

Jean-Marc, area General Manager for Atlicic Hotels and Resorts, moved to Fort McMurray in 2007 to help his company establish a beachhead in the community. Seven hotels later, he still finds time to volunteer for various organizations and to serve as chair of Fort McMurray Tourism, a member of the board of the Chamber of Commerce and on various local economic strategic panels. Recently, Jean-Marc volunteered for the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games, taking on the accommodation portfolio.

Chuck Loewen, Regional General Manager, Operations,

Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo

Facilities/Warehousing

Chuck joined the Regional Recreation Corporation in 2015, bringing with him more than 35 years of sales and operations experience at the local, regional, and national levels of major companies. He came to Fort McMurray after working for four years with the City of Penticton as interim Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager of recreation services and facilities. As chair of its bid committee, Chuck was instrumental in helping Penticton being named the host city for the 2016 BC Winter Games.

Ramona Morrison, Owner/Operator, Smitty's Restaurant

Food Services

Ramona has worked in the hospitality industry for more than 45 years. During the 36 years she has lived in Fort McMurray, she spent 15 of them as Hospitality Manager at MacDonald Island Park. She then became a business owner in 1997 when she opened Smitty's Family Restaurant. Over the years, Ramona has volunteered tirelessly for many organizations, such as the Fort McMurray Family Crisis Centre and the Northern Lights Health Foundation. In 2013, she received the One Difference Award, which honours an individual

who has made an outstanding contribution to recreational, social and/or cultural life in the region, and was named by Your McMurray Magazine as one of 20 great YYM influencers of 2013.

Dave Simcoe, Retiree Friends of the Games

Before he retired, Dave Simcoe, a 35-year resident of Fort McMurray, worked in heavy industry in various leadership roles. Currently, he is chair of the Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality and provides technical support for the Fort McMurray Potters Guild. Dave is past chair of the Community Services Committee; past presiding officer of the local Electrical Apprenticeship Committee; past employer representative of the Provincial Electrical Apprenticeship Committee, and past director of the Northern Alberta Athletic Association.

Constance Scarlett, Executive Director, Arts Council Wood Buffalo Protocol

Having worked in the cultural sector in Canada and abroad for more than 10 years, Constance brings valuable experience in government relations and community engagement. Most recently, she was the festivals co-chair for the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games.

Christina MacKay, Director, Marketing and Communications, Keyano College

Promotions

Christina is the Marketing Director at Keyano College, and has been a resident of Fort McMurray for almost six years. Prior to joining Keyano in December 2014, Christina worked as a Press Secretary at the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. She's a mother of two very active young boys, and strongly believes in the importance of sport. She spends most of her free time transporting her kids from gymnastics, skating, swimming, dance, soccer and other activities. She also serves as a parent volunteer for most of these organizations.

Ian Allan, Multi-Sport Project Manager Sports

Ian has worked with a number of multi-sport games organizing committees on many levels including two Olympic Games, London 2012, and Vancouver 2010. He has just recently held the position of Manager of Sport and Facilities for the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games in the Municipality of Wood Buffalo. Even though his occupation has taken him to a number of different countries he always calls Fort McMurray home.

**Larry Farough, Owner/Operator,
Great Plains Security
Safety/Communications**

Following a career in the Royal Canadian Navy, Larry operated several successful Tour/Adventure businesses prior to moving to Fort McMurray in 1999. In the intervening 16 years, he assumed increasingly complex private security roles prior to forming Great Plains Security in 2010. In addition to his many qualifications, skills and abilities, he is certified in Critical Infrastructure Protection and Event Security Planning. In addition to his other community volunteer work, Larry served as the Security Committee 2/IC for the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games and has contributed thousands of hours to Committee work and associated events in Ft. McMurray over the past several years. For the past 5 years Larry has also volunteered as the Sargent-At-Arms for the Royal Canadian Legion – Ft. McMurray Branch. As part of the Western Canada Summer Games hosting of the RCMP Musical Ride in 2014, Larry provided approximately 500 Volunteer hours setting up and tearing down the Riding Arena and Stables.

**Wayne Thomas, Retiree
Registration/Results**

Wayne, now retired, spent 30 years at Keyano College, starting as Recreation Director in 1981 and finishing his career as Director of the Sport and Wellness Centre. He continues to volunteer for a number

of organizations. Some of the events he has been involved with include: 2010 Northern Classic; 2003 Alberta Senior Games; Fort McMurray Youth Soccer Association 1994; 1992 Alberta Winter Games; 1985 Alberta Summer Games 1985. Wayne was chair of the Municipal Leisure Facilities Steering Committee 2001, and was inducted into the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2014 in the builder category.

**Richard Florian, Supervisor,
Conventional Operations,
Transit Services,
Regional Municipality of Wood
Buffalo Transportation
Transportation and Cartage**

Richard has always had a passion for transportation and public service; as a result, he became a Conventional Operator/Bus Driver for Edmonton Transit in 1991. 24 years later and after holding a few positions within the organization such as Dispatch, LRT Motorman, Inspector and Superintendent of the Special Services Section, Richard was presented with an opportunity with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. This was an opportunity to assist and extend transit while creating a legacy for the residents, community and Municipality in a challenging and very dynamic way. Born in Edmonton, Richard has a deep sense of community and acceptance for the region and residents of Wood Buffalo.

**Lorna Simpson, Community
Investment & Stakeholder
Engagement Coordinator,
ConocoPhillips Canada
Volunteers**

A strong community advocate and 15-year resident, Lorna has a unique combination of work experience in the oil and gas industry, post-secondary education and the non-profit sector. She has volunteered countless hours for an array of organizations, with a particular focus on developing volunteer capacity through recruitment, coordination and directing while building strong relationships.

**Lance Bussieres,
Council Representative**

Born and raised in Fort McMurray, Lance has lived in the community for 50 years. A realtor and Regional Councilor, he has served over the years on boards for several organizations, including Fort McMurray Minor Hockey, Fort McMurray Oilsands Curling Club, MacDonald Island and the Fort McMurray Real Estate Board. Currently, he is on the boards of the Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame Board and the Fort McMurray Oil Barons. Lance also loves to volunteer and is involved with fundraising efforts by the SPCA, Heritage Park, the Northern Lights Health Foundation and the Stollery Children Hospital Foundation. Not only has his father worked for the then Town of Fort McMurray and now the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for more

34 years, but his grandfather served for many terms on Council in the 1950s and 1960s.

**Bob Couture,
Executive Director,**

Community and Protective Services Division, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

Municipal Representative

Bob Couture is the Executive Director of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo responsible for the Community and Protective Services Division. Within this role Bob had the recent responsibility to provide corporate support and leadership to the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games (WCSG). In addition to the WCSG Bob also worked on the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics as a member of the Integrated Security Unit, the Calgary 1988 Winter Olympic Games (Calgary International Airport Emergency and Planning) and as a member of the security team for the Montreal 1976 Summer Olympic Games.

**Maryellen Fenech, Finance and
Operations Manager,
United Way**

Administration

Maryellen has been with the United Way of Fort McMurray since 2001 and has progressed through extensive changes and growth in the organization. As the Finance and Operations Manager she oversees the administration of both the finances and The Redpoll Centre. She has

extensive experience managing the diverse financial requirements of an organization with an annual campaign of over \$7 million. As a member of the Finance Committee, Maryellen assists in the high level oversight of our investments in the Tomorrow and Capital Funds. She also prepares all financial records for the annual audit by MNP. Maryellen served for two years as Treasurer of the Starting Place Preschool and is now Treasurer of the Parent Advisory Council for Good Shepherd School. She is happily married to Danny and loves spending time with their two children, Gabrielle and Olivia.


**Judith Friesen, School Counselor
Bill Woodward School**

Rural Relations

Judith has lived in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for 27 years. She is a School Counselor at Anzac Community School and Bill Woodward School. As an active community member, she is on the board for Roots of Empathy and supports the Alberta Government as a representative for career development specifically related to students with disabilities. She is also a yoga teacher and avid sports participant and love hockey, skiing and swimming.

APPENDIX A – SPORT TECHNICAL PACKAGE

ATHLETICS (TRACK & FIELD)	A1
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HOCKEY	A7
HORSESHOES	A8
ICE CURLING	A9
PICKLEBALL	A10
SLO-PITCH	A11
SOCCER (WOMEN'S INDOOR)	A12
SWIMMING	A13
TENNIS	A14

 – Indicates that we exceed minimum requirements

ATHLETICS (TRACK & FIELD)

Venue: Timberlea Community Park

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications (Built to IAAF standards)

- ✓ 400 metre, eight-lane synthetic track with photo timing system
- ✓ Track accommodates steeplechase
- ✓ Independent throw and jump facilities

Participants: 192

Spectator Capacity: 400 plus unlimited standing room

Parking Capacity: 1,200

Bus Access: Yes

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

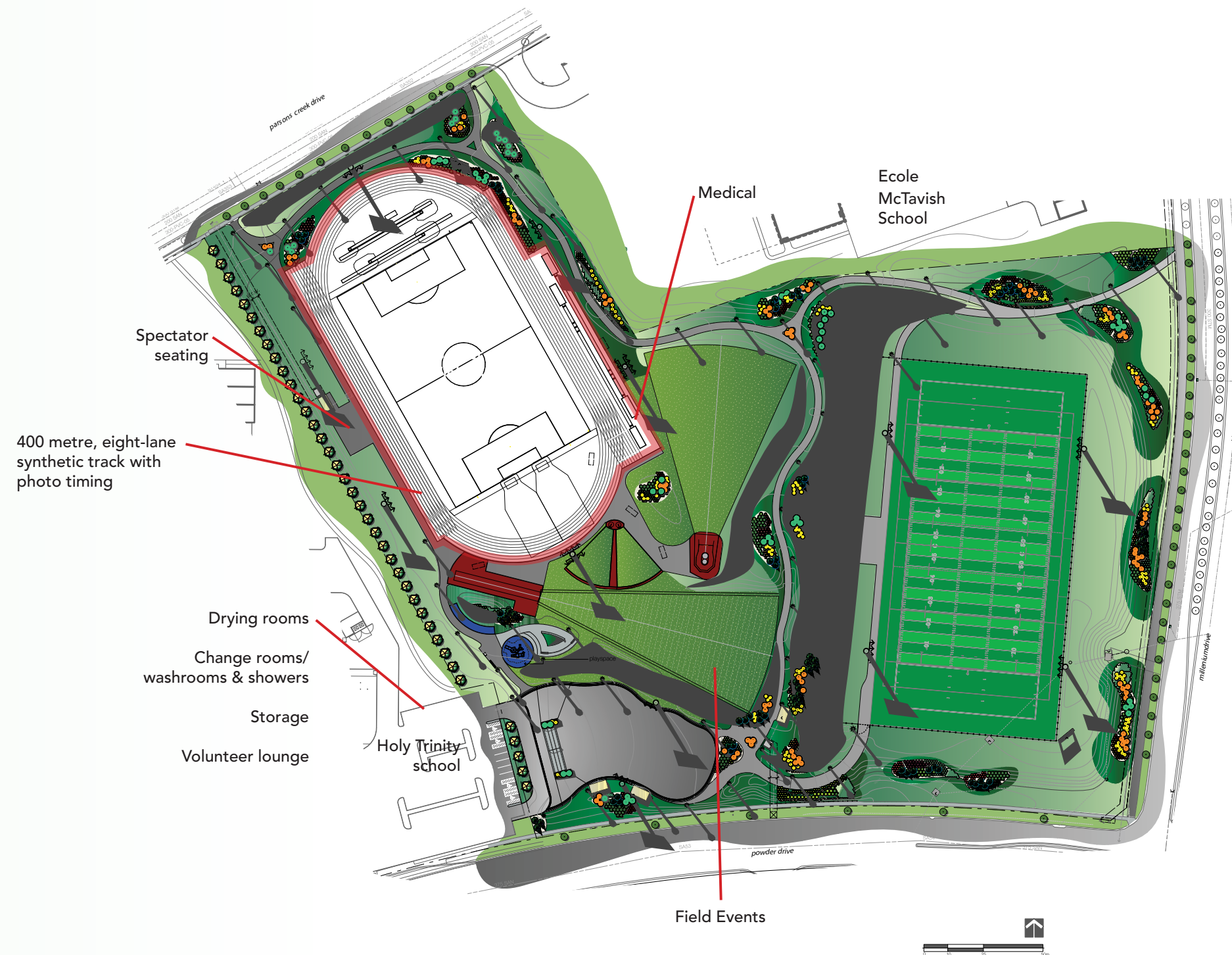
Equipment Requirements:
All equipment available

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Competition: Men's & Women's events; Timed sprints and longer races and time-predicted event; Limited field events; 5 age categories

Contingency Plan: Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School/
Fort McMurray Composite High School


Additional Information: This facility is equipped with a light system for evening competition



BADMINTON

Venue: Holy Trinity High School

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

 9 courts

Participants: 96

Spectator Capacity: 700

Parking Capacity: 1,000

Bus Access: Yes

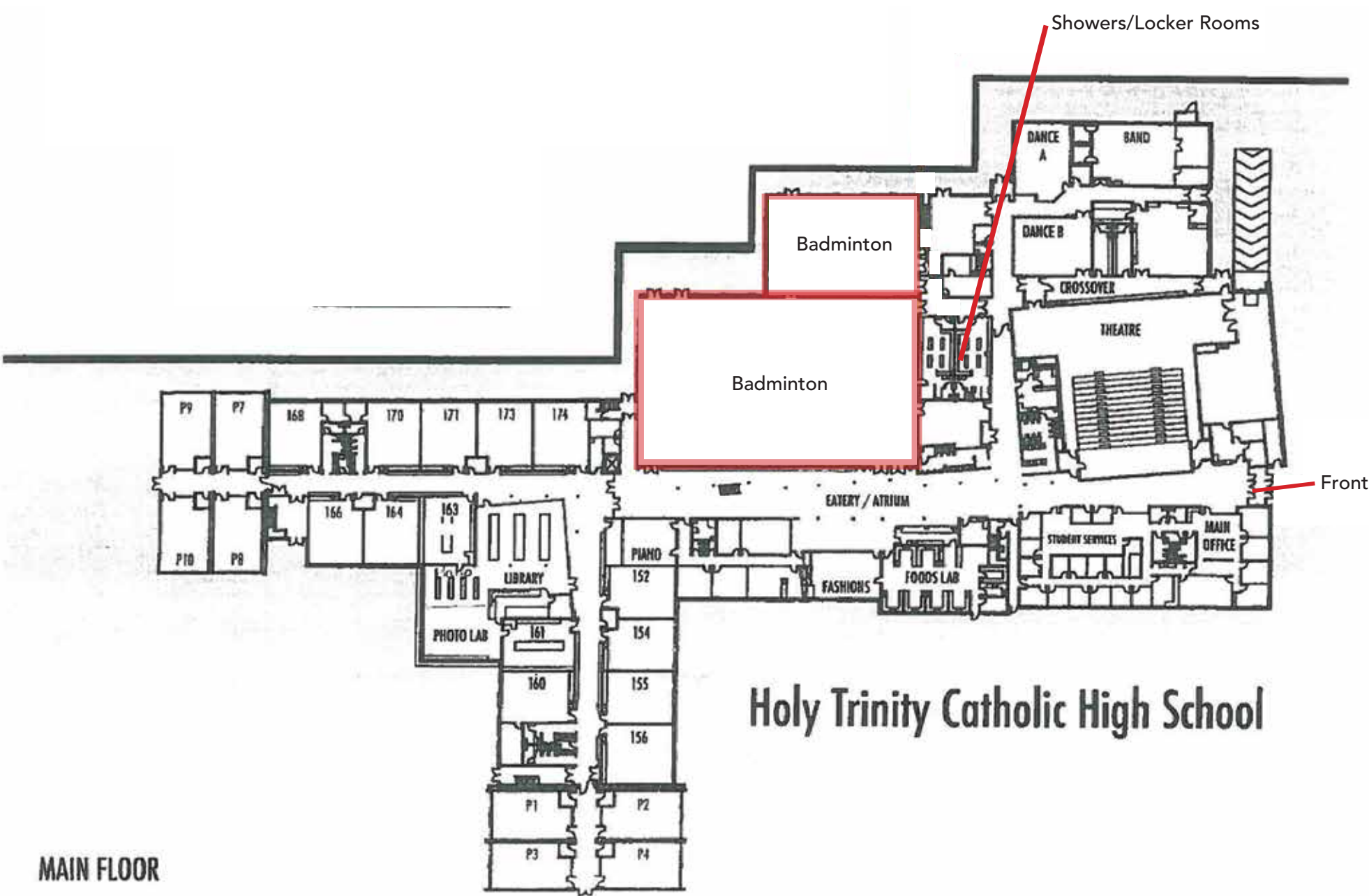
Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Equipment Requirements:
All equipment available

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Competition: Men's & Women's
Doubles; Mixed Doubles; Round Robin;
2 age categories

Contingency Plan: Father Patrick
Mercredi Community High School



BOCCE

Venue: Syncrude Athletic Park

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

- ✓ Lanes are 80ft long by 13ft wide
- ✓ Ground is level, firm, and grass cut short

Participants: Less than 50

Spectator Capacity: Bleachers and standing room available

Parking Capacity: 627

Bus Access: Yes

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

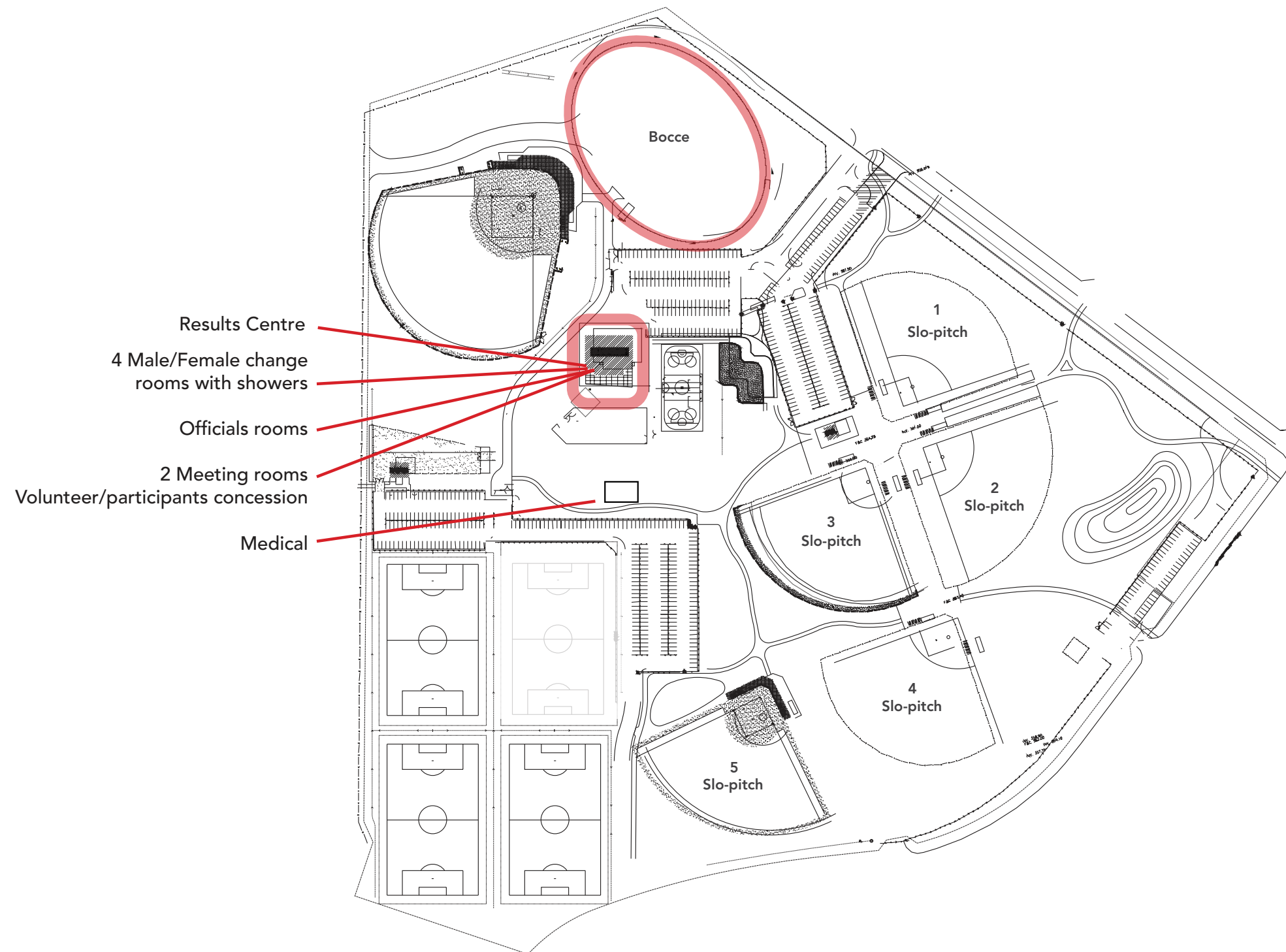
Equipment Requirements:
All equipment available

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Competition: Round Robin

Contingency Plan: MacDonald Island Park

Additional Information:
This recreational activity was selected based off of local resident feedback.



CYCLING

Venue: Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

- ✓ 10 km route & 20 km route
- ✓ Loop course proposed (potential to acquire a straight course)
- ✓ No tight turn-arounds

Participants: 56

Spectator Capacity: Unlimited standing room

Parking Capacity: Unlimited (various locations along route)

Bus Access: Yes

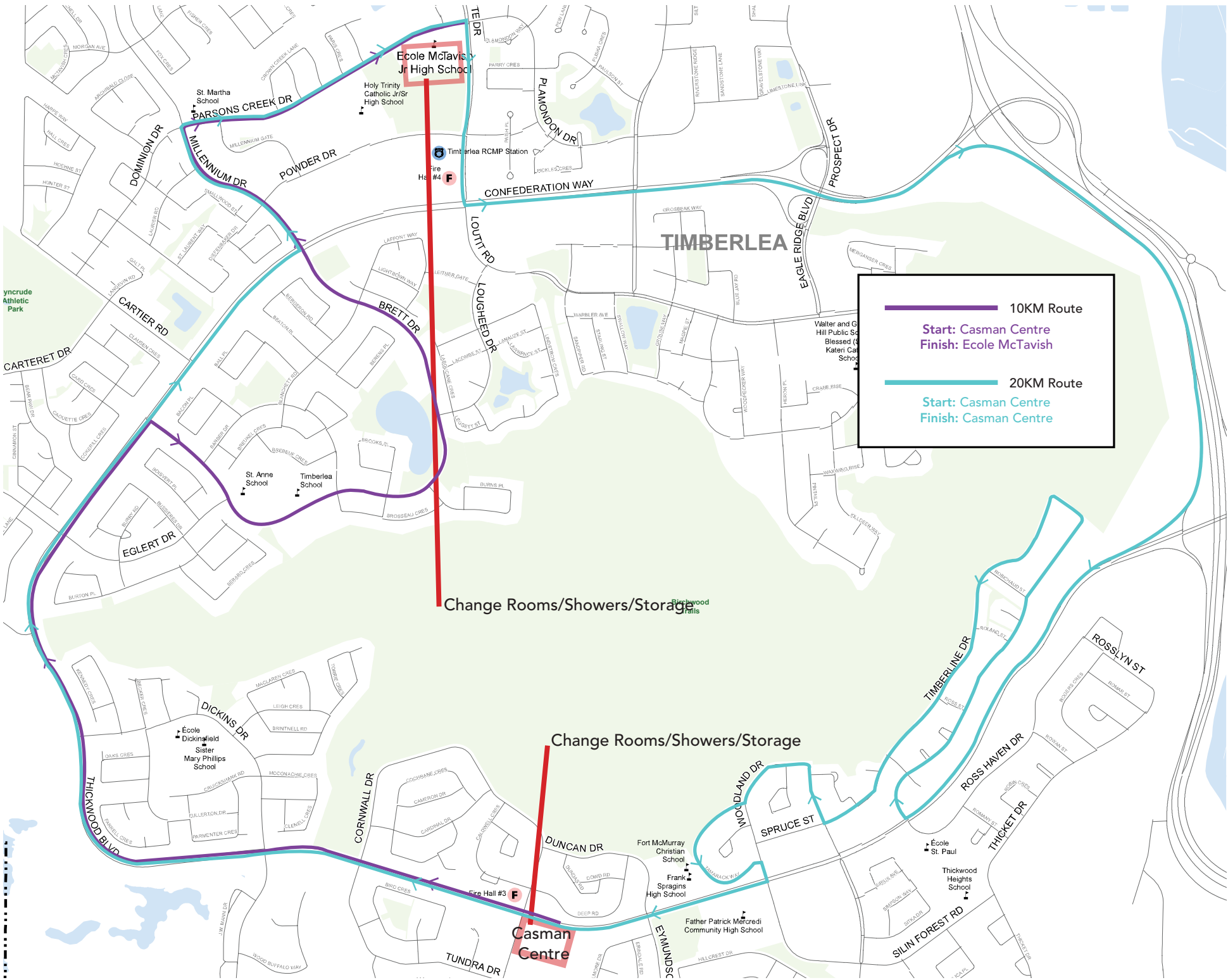
Equipment Requirements:
All equipment available

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Competition: Open Time-Predicted (5km/day); Male/Female sprints (10km) & (20km); 5 age categories in sprints

Contingency Plan: Gregoire Lake Provincial Park Area (Hwy 881 – Staging Area)



DARTS

Venue: Royal Canadian Legion No. 165

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

- ✓ Room for 12 boards
- ✓ Good lighting

Participants: 32

Spectator Capacity: 300

Parking Capacity: 175+

Bus Access: Yes

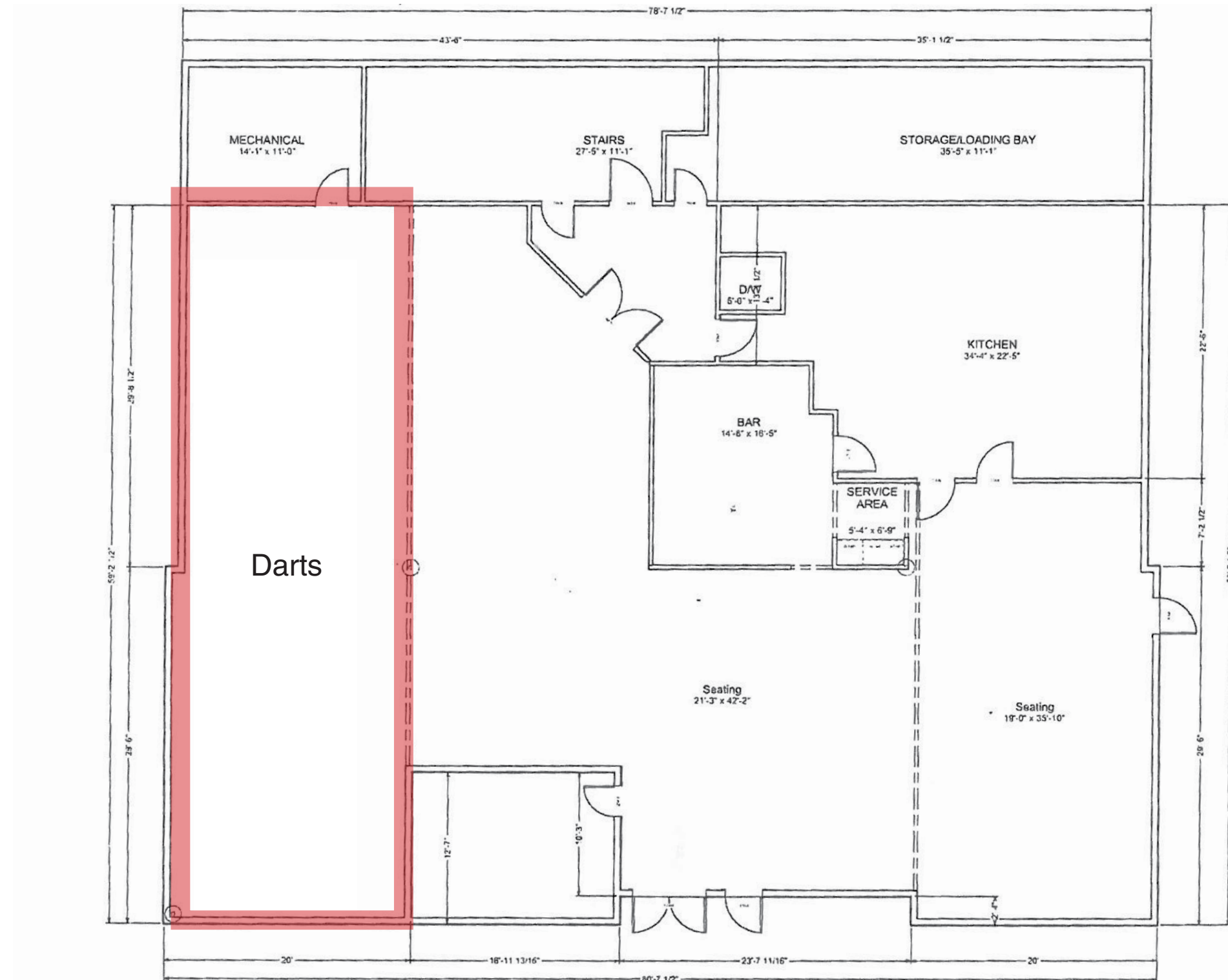
Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Equipment Requirements: 5 to 7 new boards will be purchased. There are currently 7 permanent boards installed in the Clubhouse, with the ability to install the additional 5 in the Banquet Hall.

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: No

Competition: Men & Women's Singles and Doubles events; Round Robin; 2 age categories

Contingency Plan: Ecole McTavish Junior High Public School



GOLF

Venue: Miskanaw Golf and Country Club

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

✓ One 18-hole course

Participants: 96

Spectator Capacity: Unlimited standing room

Parking Capacity: 1,200

Bus Access: Yes

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Equipment Requirements:
All equipment available

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Competition: Men and Women Low Gross and Callaway (Low Net) events; 18 holes per day; 3 age categories

Contingency Plan: Fort McMurray Golf Club

Par 71

Black Tees 7,031 yards

Gold Tees 6,597 yards

Blue Tees 6,164 yards

White Tees 5,714 yards

Red Tees 5,233 yards

Par 5 holes – 4

Par 4 holes – 9

Par 3 holes – 5



Medical

Locker Rooms
With Showers
and Washrooms

Clubhouse

HOCKEY

Venue: Casman Centre / Suncor Community Leisure Centre (Arena #2) / Anzac Recreation Centre

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

- ✓ 3 hockey rinks
- ✓ 2 - regulation-sized, 200 feet x 85 feet rinks
- ✗ 1 - 190 feet x 85 feet rink

Participants: 480

Spectator Capacity: Casman Centre (1,533), Suncor Community Leisure Centre (363), Anzac Recreation Centre (302)

Parking Capacity: Casman Centre (210), Suncor Community Leisure Centre (1,200), Anzac Recreation Centre (200)

Bus Access: Yes

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

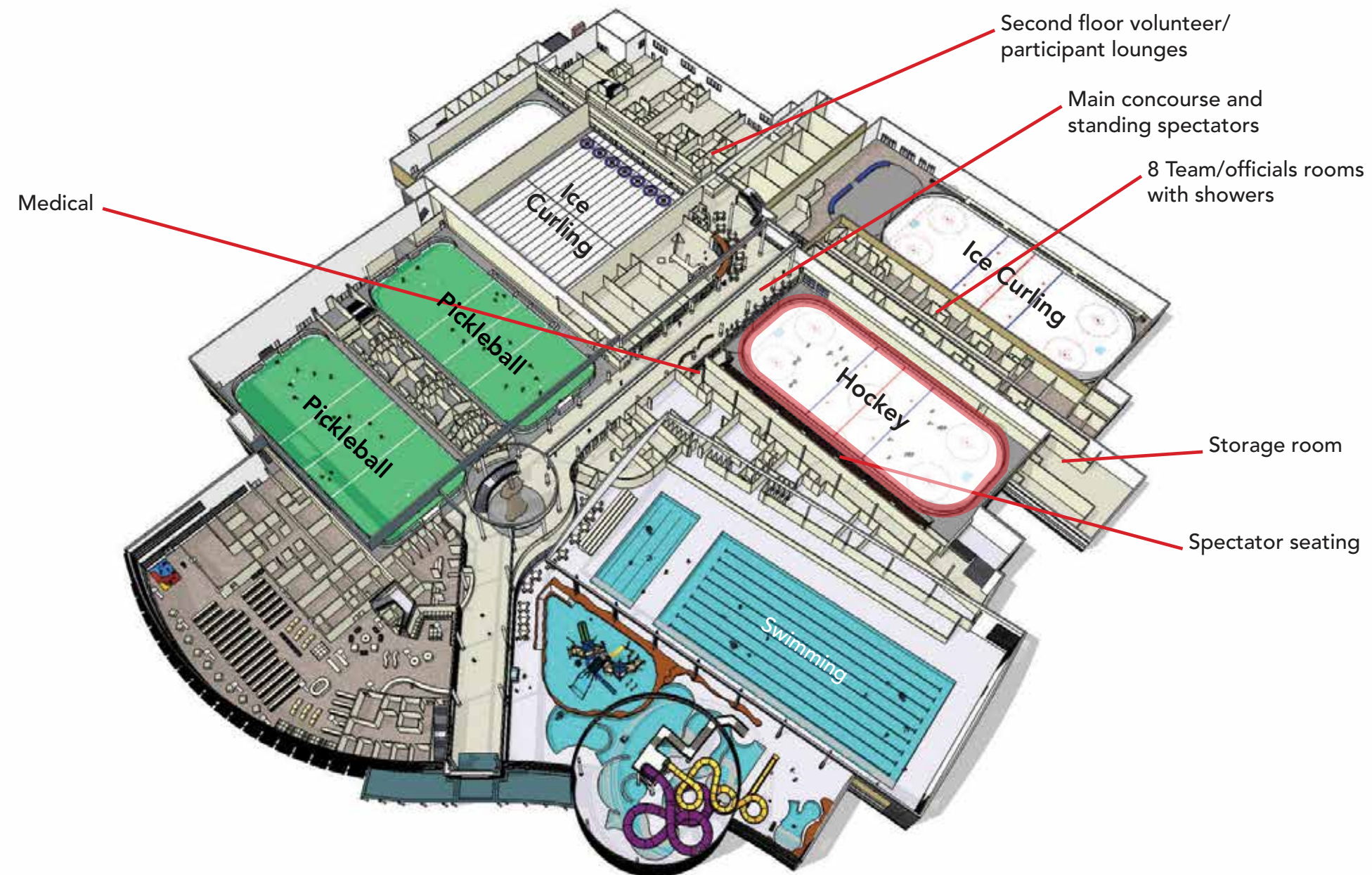
Equipment Requirements:
All equipment available

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Distance to Accommodations: 47 kilometres (Anzac Recreation Centre)

Competition: Each team guaranteed 3 games; 4 age groups

Contingency Plan: Fort McKay First Nation Arena and Frank Lacroix Arena



HORSESHOES

Venue: Anzac Recreation Centre

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

- ✓ 12 Pits (will be built to requirements)

Participants: 96

Spectator Capacity: Unlimited standing room

Parking Capacity: 200

Bus Access: Yes

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Equipment Requirements:
12 horseshoe pits will be built to requirements.

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Distance to Accommodations:
47. kilometres

Competition: Men's & Women's events based on Ringer Percentages; Round Robin; 2 age categories

Contingency Plan: Snye Point Park

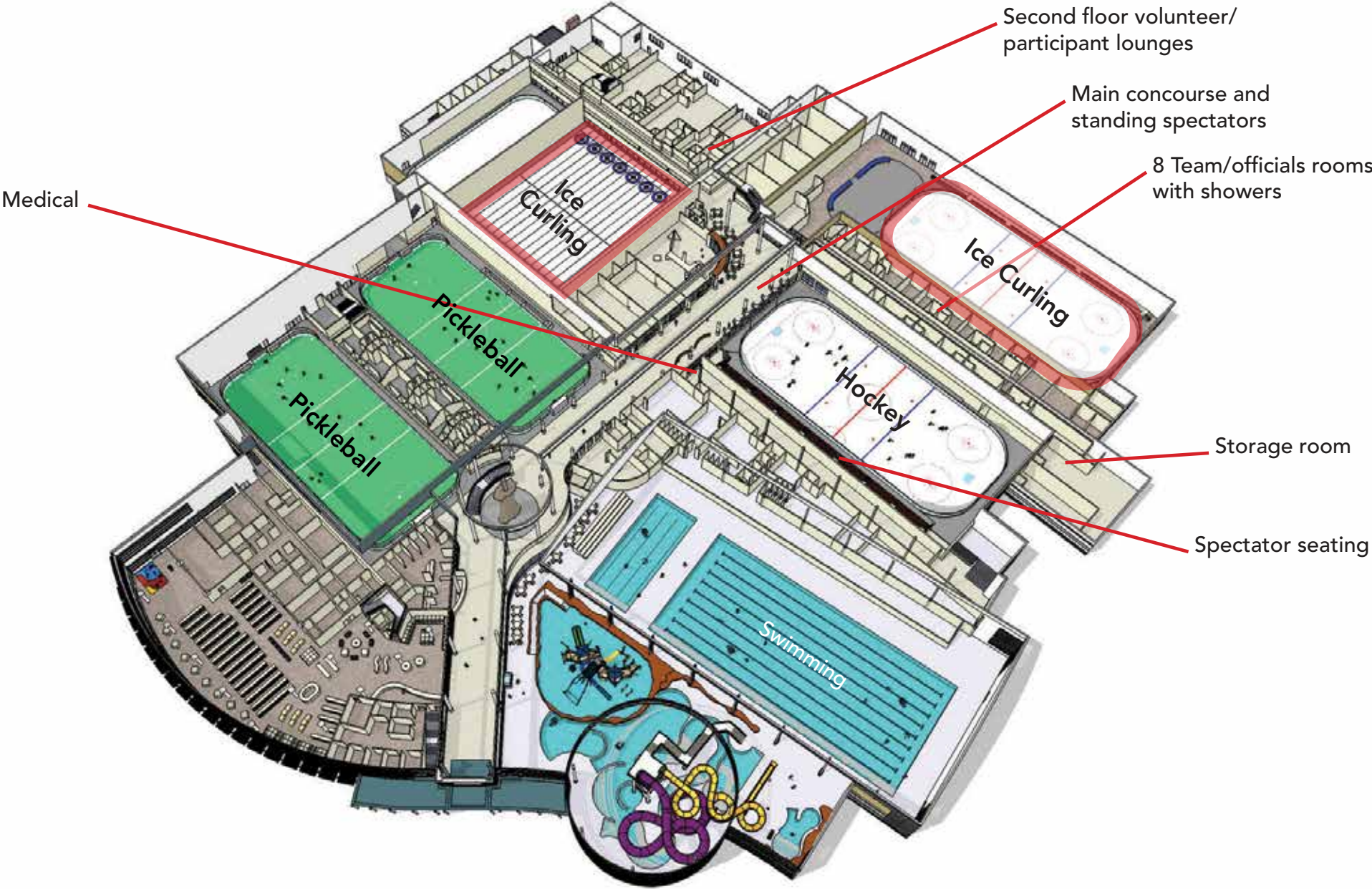


ICE CURLING

Venue: Suncor Community Leisure Centre (Curling Rink and Arena #1)

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

- ✓ 12 ice curling sheets
- Participants:** 192
- Spectator Capacity:** 319
- Parking Capacity:** 1,200
- Bus Access:** Yes
- Wheelchair Accessible:** Yes
- Equipment Requirements:**
All equipment available
- Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials:** Yes
- Competition:** Men's, Women's & Mixed; 2 age groups
- Contingency Plan:**
Frank Lacroix Arena and Fort McKay First Nation Arena



PICKLEBALL

Venue: Suncor Community Leisure Centre (Fieldhouse #1 and #2)

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

✓ 8 courts (20 feet x 44 feet)

Participants: 96

Spectator Capacity: 400

Parking Capacity: 1,200

Bus Access: Yes

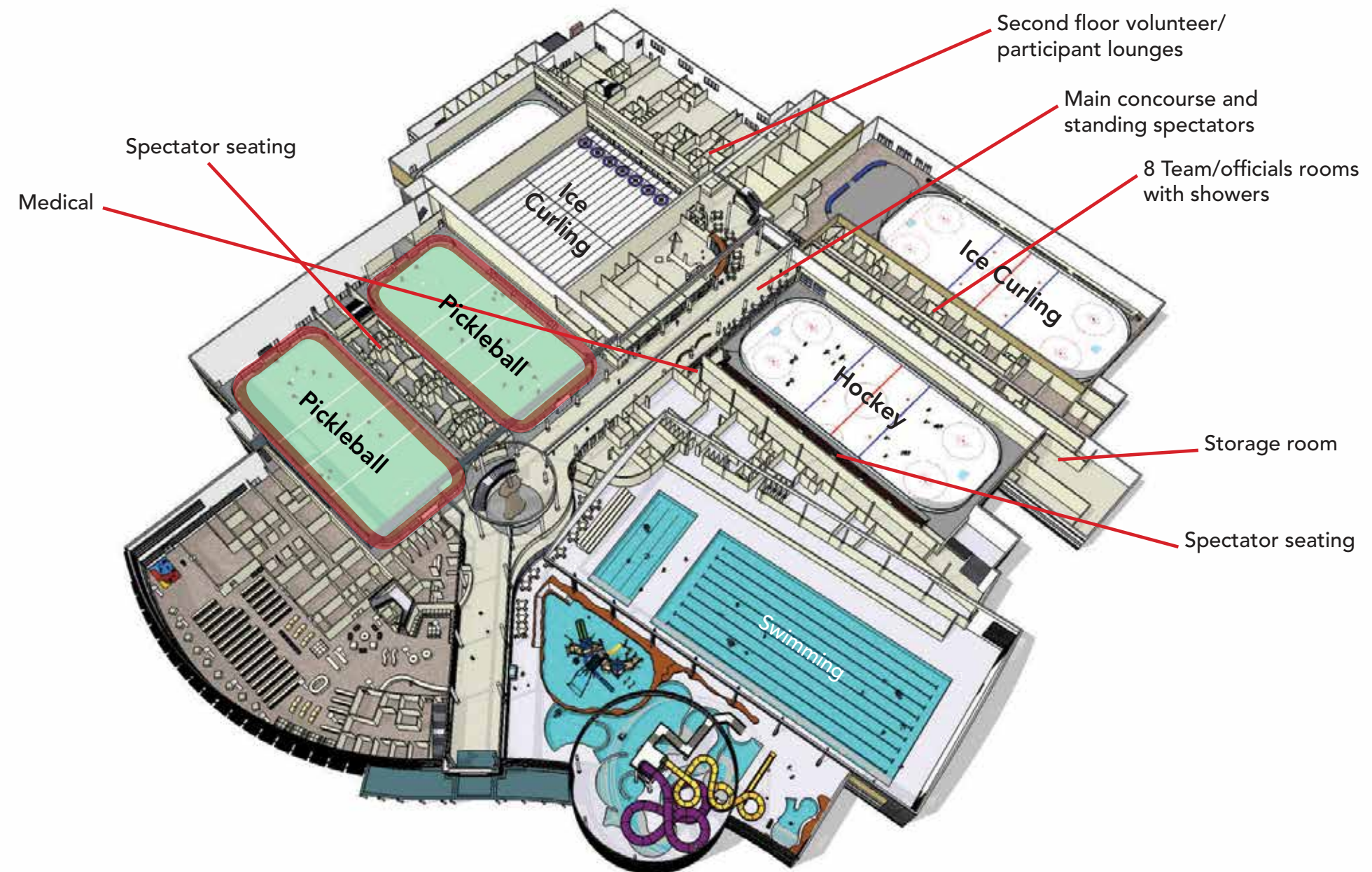
Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Equipment Requirements:
All equipment available

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Competition: 55+ & 65+ Men's, Women's, & Mixed


Contingency Plan: Westwood Community High School



SLO-PITCH

Venue: Syncrude Athletic Park

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

 5 diamonds (min. 250 ft fence)

Participants: 448

Spectator Capacity: 200 to 500 per diamond plus standing

Parking Capacity: 627

Bus Access: Yes

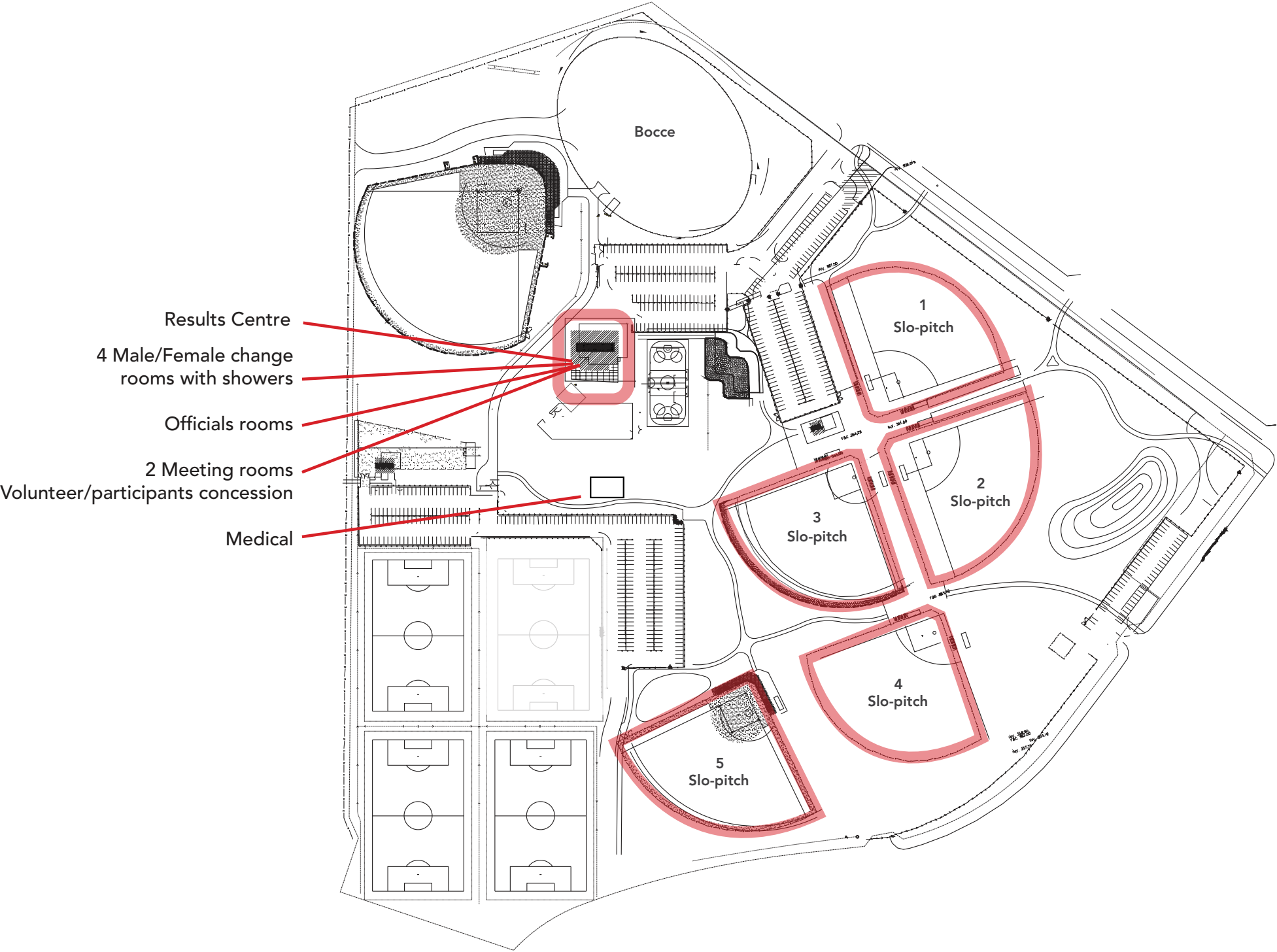
Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Equipment Requirements:
All equipment available

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Competition: 55+ Mixed; 60+, 65+ & 70+ Men's team events; Modified round robin; Medal round on final day of Games

Contingency Plan: MacDonald Island Park and J. Howard Pew Memorial Family Park



SOCCER (WOMEN'S INDOOR)

Venue: Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre (Field House #2)

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

✓ 1 Regulation size Indoor field

Participants: 160

Spectator Capacity: 220

Parking Capacity: 627

Bus Access: Yes

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

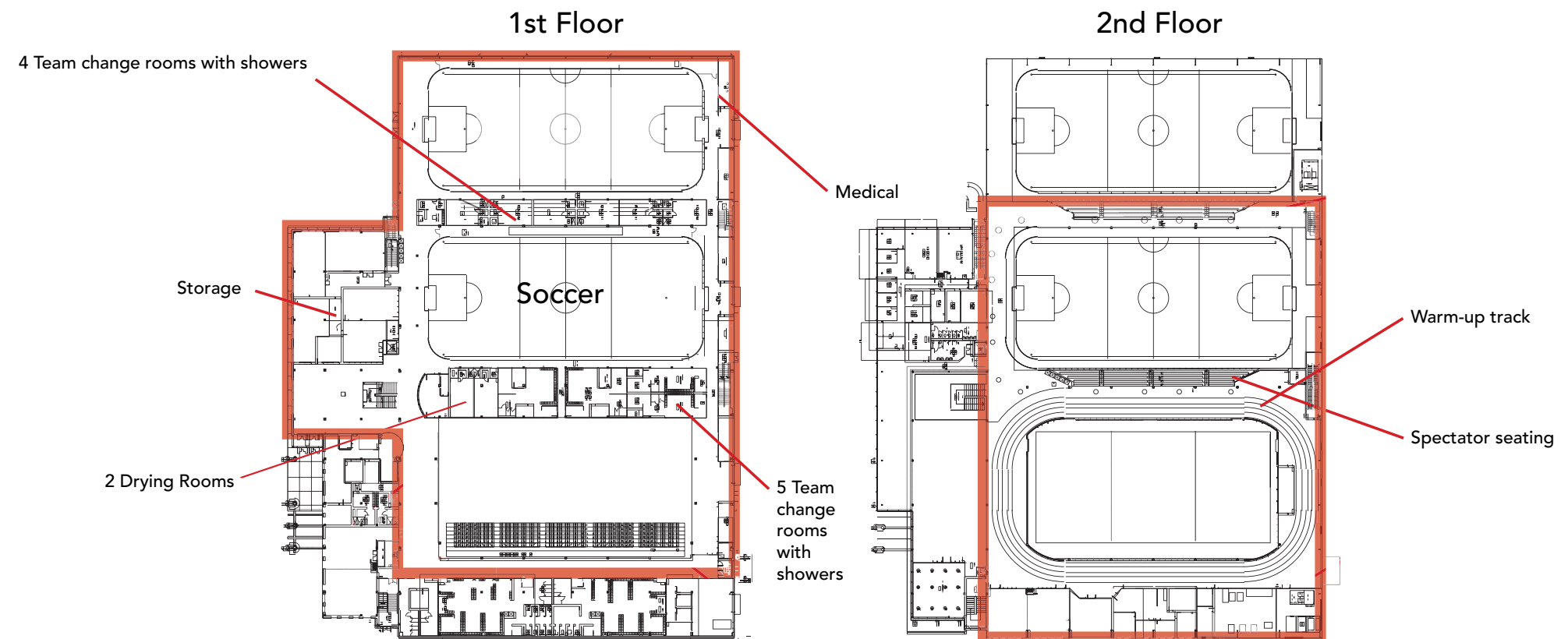
Equipment Requirements:

All equipment available

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Competition: 55+ Women's

Contingency Plan: Shell Place



SWIMMING

Venue: Suncor Community Leisure Centre (Syncrude Aquatic Centre)

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

- ✓ Short course – 25 metre with 10 lanes (exceeds minimum FINA standard pool)
- ✓ Long course – 54 metre Olympic size pool with 10 lanes
- ✓ Warm up facilities – 25 metre pool with four lanes

Participants: 160

Spectator Capacity: 325

Parking Capacity: 1,200

Bus Access: Yes

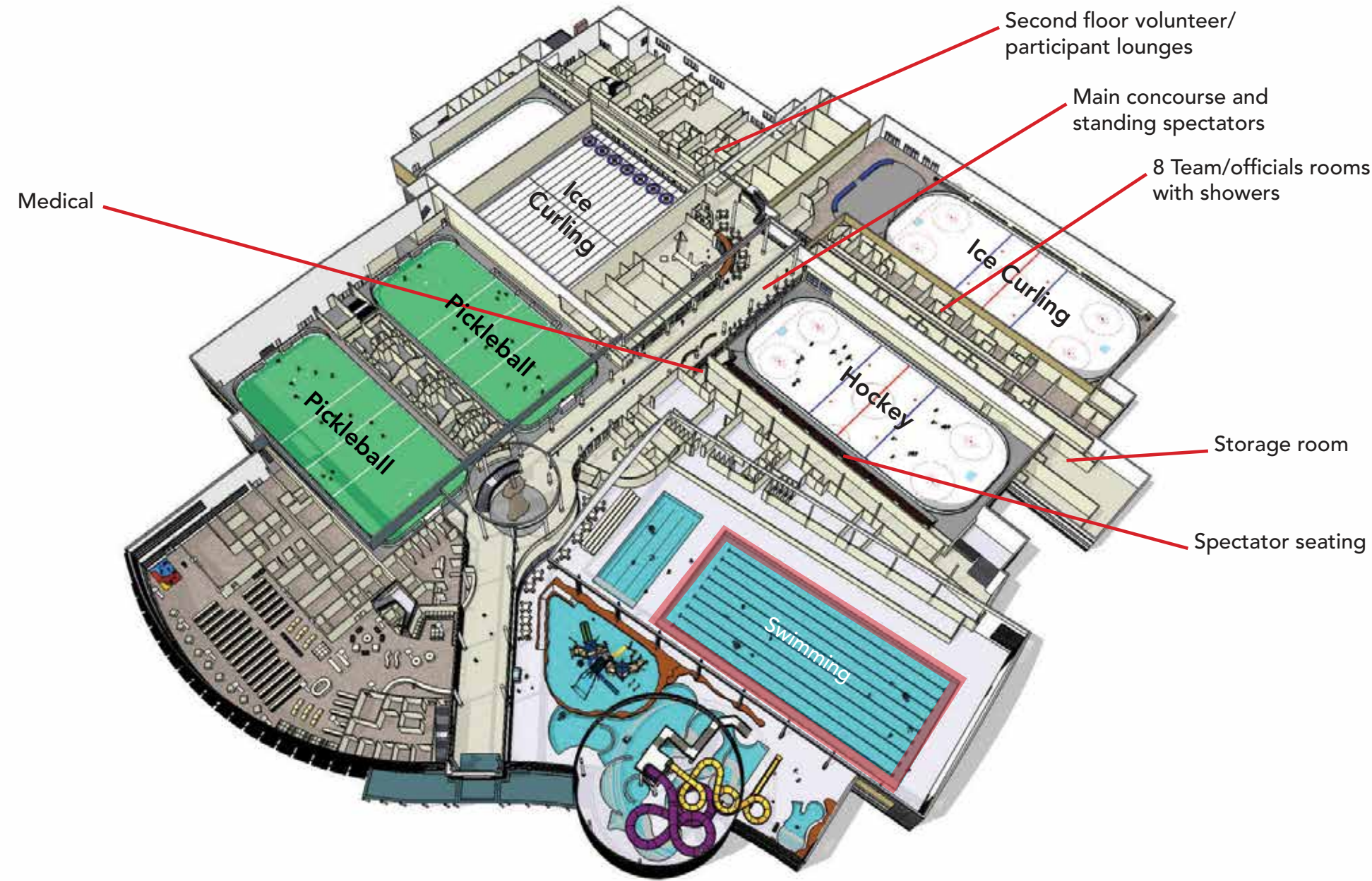
Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Equipment Requirements:
All equipment available

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: Yes

Competition: Men's & Women's events; timed sprints and time-predicted event; 5 age categories in sprints

Contingency Plan: YMCA



TENNIS

Venue: Timberlea Tennis Courts

Wood Buffalo Venue Specifications

✓ 4 courts

Participants: 80

Spectator Capacity:

Bleachers available

Parking Capacity: Available in close proximity

Bus Access: Yes

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

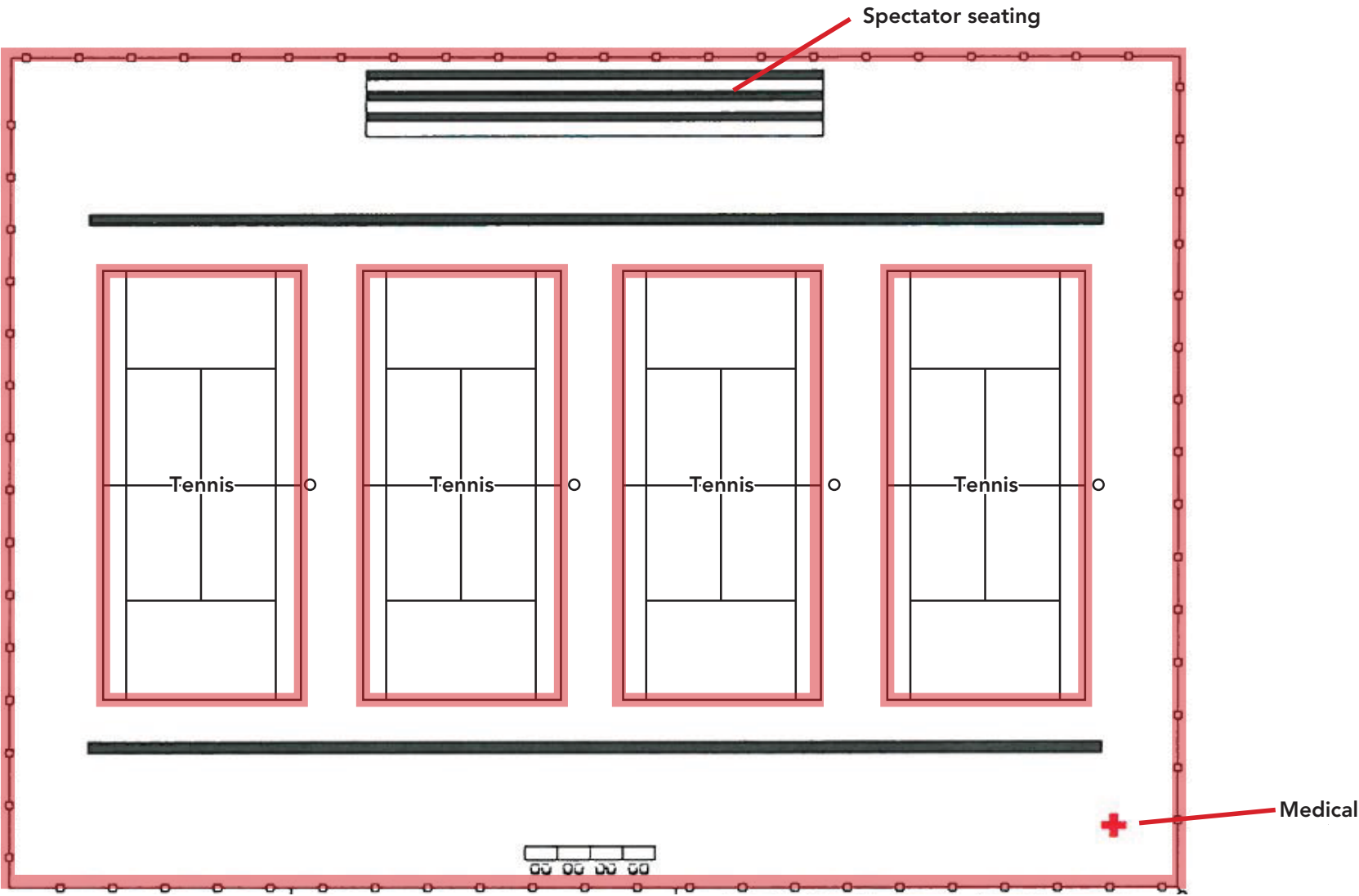
Equipment Requirements:

All equipment available

Change rooms with showers for athletes, coaches and officials: No

Competition: Men's, Women's & Mixed
Doubles events; Round Robin; 2 or 3 age categories

Contingency Plan: Thickwood, Abasand and Corless Tennis Courts



APPENDIX B – COMMUNITY SUPPORT

COMMUNITY

Tany Yao, MLA Fort McMurray – Athabasca
Brian Jean, MLA Fort McMurray – Conklin
St. John Ambulance
Golden Years Society
Fuse Social
YMCA of Northern Alberta Wood Buffalo Region
Wood Buffalo Seniors Support Program
Advisory Committee on Aging
United Way of Fort McMurray
Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre
Wood Buffalo Regional Library
Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation
Fort McMurray Public School District #2833
Royal Canadian Legion #165

MEDIA

Fort McMurray Today
Shaw TV
Connect
Balsom Communications Inc., publisher of Your McMurray
Magazine and Fort McMurray’s Child Magazine

RECREATION FACILITIES, SPORT CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

Athletics Alberta
Alberta Bicycle Association
Wood Buffalo Cycling Club
Keyano College
Regional Recreation Corporation
Miskanaw Golf Club
Fort McMurray Swim Club
Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association
Fort McMurray Oil Barons Hockey Club
Re/Max-BP Slo-Pitch League

RETAIL AND TOURISM

Diversified Transportation Ltd.
Fort McMurray Hotel Group
Centennial R.V. Park
Fort McMurray Tourism
Foto Source
Sawridge Inn
Habitual Sports

INDUSTRY

Fort McKay Group of Companies
Casman Group of Companies

RURAL

Anzac Recreation Society
North Eastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association

APPENDIX C – BUDGET DETAIL

2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games Budget Worksheet - August 17-20, 2017

<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
I. REVENUE		
100	ADMINISTRATION	
100-01	ASC Operating Grant	200,000
100-02	Municipal Support	695,000
100-03	Additional Grants - CIP, Cultural	100,000
100-04	Employment Grants	-
100-05	Interest Revenue	4,700
100-06	GST Recovery	-
100-07	Express Recovered	-
100-08	Other Revenue -	-
200	FRIENDS OF THE GAMES	
200-01	FOG (fundraising projects)	215,000
200-02	Cash Sponsorship	426,500
200-03	VIK	100,000
200-04		-
300	PROMOTIONS	
300-01	Souvenir Sales	105,000
	Ticket Sales	-
400	CULTURE	
600-01	Cultural Admission	-
500	PROTOCOL	-
600	FACILITIES & WAREHOUSE	
601-01	Facility Improvement Grants	-
	TOTAL REVENUE	1,846,200

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<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
II. EXPENDITURES		
100-199	Administration	543,300
200-299	Friends of the Games	55,500
300-399	Promotions	203,000
400-499	Volunteers	62,500
500-599	Sports	56,400
600-699	Culture	210,000
700-799	Protocol	50,500
800-899	Safety & Communication	21,500
900-999	Facilities & Warehouse	217,500
1000-1099	Food	264,000
1100-1199	Accommodation	-
1200-1299	Transportation	138,000
1300-1399	Registration & Results	24,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,846,200
	NET TOTAL	0

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<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
III. Detailed Expenditures Budget:		
100	ADMINISTRATION	
	Finance(includes: accounting services, bank charges, audit costs, Board	
101-00	expenses)	40,000
102-00	Legal Services (includes: Incorporation of Society)	25,000
103-00	Insurance	15,000
104-00	Games Admissions	-
105-00	Games Office Operations:	
	Office Rent -	31,500
	Improvements	-
	Furniture and equipment	500
	Office supplies	2,000
	Printing and stationary	10,000
	Equipment servicing and freight	5,000
	Utilities	-
	Food and refreshments	10,000
	Cleaning and janitorial	-
	Staff salaries	378,300
	Staff benefits	20,000
	Staff travel and expenses	5,000
	Staff identification	1,000
	TOTAL	543,300
200	FRIENDS OF THE GAMES	
201-00	Committee expenses	500
202-00	Fundraising Projects - Expenses	10,000
203-00	Sponsorship Expenses	15,000
204-00	Donor Recognition	30,000
	TOTAL	55,500

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300	PROMOTIONS	
301-00	Committee expenses	500
302-00	Publicity (includes logo, mascot)	30,000
303-00	Media - Centre and Hospitality	7,500
304-00	Souvenirs	85,000
305-00	Information Services & Games Records	80,000
	TOTAL	203,000
400	VOLUNTEERS	
	Recruitment and Registration	15,000
	Identification and Accreditation	40,000
	Communication and General Orientation	2,500
	Appreciation	5,000
	TOTAL	62,500
500	SPORTS /Recreational Activity (Refer to list of 55 Plus Games sports included in Appendix III, Projected Numbers of Participants)	
501-00	Committee Expenses	500
502-00	Clinics/Workshops	400
503-00	Sports:	
	Athletics	
503-01	equipment and equipment rental operating expense Bocce	5,000
503-02	equipment and equipment rental operating expense Badminton	2,000
503-03	equipment and equipment rental operating expense Cycling	1,000
503-04	equipment and equipment rental operating expense Darts	15,000
503-05	equipment and equipment rental operating expense Golf	5,000
503-06	equipment and equipment rental operating expense Hockey	2,500
503-07	equipment and equipment rental operating expense Horseshoes	2,500
503-08	equipment and equipment rental operating expense	10,000

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	Ice Curling	
503-09	equipment and equipment rental operating expense	2,500
	Pickleball	
503-10	equipment and equipment rental operating expense	2,000
	Soccer (women's Indoor)	
503-11	equipment and equipment rental operating expense	2,000
	Slo-Pitch	
503-12	equipment and equipment rental operating expense	2,000
	Swimming	
503-13	equipment and equipment rental operating expense	2,000
	Tennis	
503-14	equipment and equipment rental operating expense	2,000
	TOTAL	56,400
600	CULTURE (Each cultural event should be budgeted separately)	
601-00	Visual Arts	10,000
602-00	Performing Arts	10,000
603-00	Literary Arts	10,000
604-00	Historical Arts	10,000
605-00	Participants Entertainment	10,000
606-00	Ceremony Entertainment	150,000
607-00	Cultural Promotion	10,000
	TOTAL	210,000

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700	PROTOCOL	
701-01	Games Attire	5,000
702-01	Ambassadors	1,000
703-01	Hospitality	15,000
704-01	Medal Presentations	1,000
705-01	Opening Ceremony	5,000
706-01	Future Host Venue Tour	3,500
707-01	Torch Relay	20,000
	TOTAL	50,500
800	SAFETY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS	
801-00	Medical Services	10,000
802-00	Security	1,500
803-00	Telecommunications	10,000
	TOTAL	21,500
900	FACILITIES AND WAREHOUSE (Outline separate budget for each facility)	
901-00	Total - Facility Rental (if any)	100,000
902-00	Total - Facility Upgrading	-
903-00	Total - Facility Development and Construction	-
904-00	Portable Facilities (bleachers, stages, etc.)	35,000
905-00	Facility Clean-Up	500
906-00	Warehousing	2,000
907-00	Equipment Distribution	5,000
908-00	Signage/Look of the Games	75,000
	TOTAL	217,500

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<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1000	FOOD	
1001-00	Food Services (Meals) - BBQ, Banquet	138,000
1002-00	Box Lunches	115,000
1003-00	Concession	1,000
1004-00	Other Portfolios - Food Requirements	10,000
	TOTAL	264,000
1200	ACCOMMODATIONS (no cost to the host community)	
1300	TRANSPORTATION	
1301-00	Internal Transportation	100,000
1302-00	Courtesy Transportation	35,000
1303-00	Parking and Traffic Control	2,000
1304-00	Dispatch Centres	1,000
	TOTAL	138,000
1400	REGISTRATION and RESULTS	
1401-01	Identification Tags and Supplies	5,000
1401-02	Registration Kits (bags/folders)	5,000
1402-00	Registration Centre/Results Centre	4,000
1403-00	Computer Operations	10,000
	TOTAL	24,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET	1,846,200



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