

Inventory of Community Spaces

The purpose of this document is to provide an estimate on the inventory of community-based cultural, and activity spaces in Saskatoon that aims to meet community demand. The inventory estimate focuses on those facilities owned, operated, or supported (either whole or in part) by the City of Saskatoon.

In the preparation and development of the City's Culture Plan and the Recreation and Parks Master Plan (i.e., the Game Plan), the Administration conducted an inventory analysis of the community-based activity, cultural, and meeting spaces. Since that time, a few facilities have either been newly constructed or renovated; which in some cases, has resulted in a net increase in available community spaces. For example, the inventory has been updated to include the Remai Modern, Gordie Howe Sports Complex, Merlis Belsher Place, Nutrien WonderHub, and Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

Table 1 provides a summary of the current inventory of some key City of Saskatoon owned, partnered, or supported facilities. The table also lists the total capacity for each facility.

Table 1: City of Saskatoon Inventory of Community Spaces

Facility	Total Capacity
PrairieLand Park (various Halls and indoor event spaces)	17,872
Sasktel Centre (seating capacity)	13,192
Saskatoon Field House (Main floor, meeting rooms, studio, multipurpose space)	4,875
Merlis Belsher Place	4,800
ACT Arena (dry arena floor space for events)	2,187
Remai Modern (full museum book-out)	1,200
Forestry Farm Park and Zoo (the Hall, Pavilion, and meeting rooms)	1,065
Gordie Howe Kinsmen Arena (dry arena floor space for events)	1,000
Cosmo Arena (dry arena floor space for events)	1,000
Archibald Arena (dry arena floor space for events)	1,000
Lions Arena (dry arena floor space for events)	1,000
Cosmo Civic Centre (Gymnasium, meeting rooms, multipurpose space)	825
Western Development Museum (all indoor bookable spaces)	655
Wanuskewin Heritage Park	600
Lakewood Civic Centre (Gymnasium, multipurpose room, meeting rooms)	543
Shaw Centre (Gymnasium, meeting rooms, multipurpose space)	460
GH Sports Centre (meeting rooms and banquet hall)	386
Nutrien Wonder Hub (meeting room)	150
Training Centre (Gordie Howe Sports Complex) (classrooms)	92
Lawson Civic Centre (multipurpose room)	60
Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre (Meeting Room)	22

According to this list, the total capacity for bookable spaces at these facilities is estimated to accommodate 52,984 people.

One caveat worth noting is that this work was conducted approximately five years ago and thus it may not accurately reflect the current state of inventory. This is particularly true for new, expanded, or private facilities that provide options for space to the community.

With that caveat in mind, the aggregate community space inventory also includes another 65 facilities with a total reported capacity to accommodate 17,000 people, and an additional 70 facilities that do not have a capacity identified. These additional 135 facilities include churches, schools, restaurants and clubs with private booking spaces, clubs, theatres, and galleries.

Considering all factors, at this time, the Administration has no fact-based or anecdotal evidence to support the need for construction of significant additional general-use community space in the Downtown. As such, the Administration believes that the new Central Library design should minimize general-use community space.