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Clareview library and recreation centre open to the public EPL and the City of Edmonton bring together recreation, sport, social and cultural activities in the northeast

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EDMONTON, AB, Jan. 17, 2015 – A vibrant community hub has opened in the city’s northeast, providing a one stop shop for residents to enrich their minds, bodies and spirits.

The Clareview Community Recreation Centre and Clareview Library offers a welcoming place filled with dynamic energy and activity. A second collaboration between the Edmonton Public Library (EPL) and the City of Edmonton, this project is an example of integrating accessible services to meet the needs of the community.

“Demand for library services continues to climb across the city, and the northeast is no exception,” said Ellen Calabrese-Amrhein, Chair of the EPL Board of Trustees. “Bringing another public library and recreation centre together under one roof makes sense. It is exciting to see the many ways in which Clareview residents will be able to learn, be active and connect with others in what is an open, iconic and functional space.”

The new Clareview Library is 18,000 square feet in size, and provides a view over the entire pool area as well as a vista over the sports fields to the west of the facility. Along with EPL’s vast array of resources, services and programming, the branch features a community program room, quiet study rooms, children, teen and adult reading areas, public computer stations and photocopiers, free Wi-Fi, express checkout stations, a fireplace and a 24-hour return chute. It also features a “Lettercloud” art installation and will soon house a freshwater aquarium.

“We are thrilled to once again partner with the City of Edmonton,” said Linda Cook, CEO of EPL. “This project is another great example of how we can work together to create a community gathering place, and the addition of the Clareview Library, EPL’s 18th location, will provide a large collection of materials and expanded services to a growing and diverse population.”

Aside from the library, the centre includes aquatic and fitness facilities, multi-purpose rooms, arenas, and a district park and outdoor sports fields. It also holds a multicultural centre and Cardinal Collins High School Academic Centre, an Edmonton Catholic Schools high school completion site. The Clareview LRT station is nearby and there is ample parking on site.

“The changing ways families spend their leisure time is well reflected in the new Clareview

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Recreation Centre, which is a first-of-its-kind in the City of Edmonton,” said Mayor Don Iveson. “Bringing together a public library, high school completion centre, multicultural centre and variety of recreational opportunities has been long desired in Clareview and will be well used.”

Architecture | Tkalcic Bengert and Teeple Architects designed the new \$115 million facility, located at 3808 139 Avenue NW. The Government of Alberta contributed \$3.6 million towards the library portion through its Municipal Sustainability Initiative, while another \$5.4 million was provided through the Major Communities Facility Grant program. The project is environmentally friendly and targeting LEED Silver certification.

The new Clareview branch is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. EPL has several approved building projects at various stages of planning, design and construction, including a new Mill Woods library set to open in early 2015. Schematic design for a new Calder branch has been completed and there are plans for a new Capilano facility, as well. EPL’s most recent beautiful new spaces prior to Clareview are the Meadows Library, also in a City of Edmonton rec centre, and the iconic and bold Highlands branch. Before that, the last new libraries built in Edmonton were Jasper Place in 2013 and Lois Hole in 2008. For more information, visit epl.ca/building-projects.

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