

February 7 update from **Mark Lund** regarding the **Terwillegar Park** (Edmonton) Proposed Concept Plan and Future of Paddling and Nordic Skiing:

Hi All;

My sincere thanks to everyone who wrote to their city councillor, council and/or the mayor. I trust you've all noted in the news this week council voted 8-5 to support the concept plan including both the upgraded river access and the paddling instructional pond. We've won round two. Round three and four are yet to come.

I fully expect it will take a similar round of citizen support to council to get the basic funding for the pond and program building (round 3). In the final round we will have more control, but it will entail that we paddlers raise the money to provide the boats and paddling gear, and for some (yet to be negotiated) portion of the building costs. The Rundle Park Paddling Centre was a \$107,000 project with big support from the Catholic School Board (all the old boats and gear = \$12,000). Terwillegar will be bigger! We need to get started on this. I expect this will take 2-4 years before it is at council again, so we do have time to figure out how, and, to raise the money.

Any volunteers?? Suggestions for how??

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