

What is Kinsmen Play Village?

Kinsmen Play Village featured a paddling pool and accessible playground that provided fun for children of all ages in various forms since 1930. It is located in Kinsmen Park, at the west end of the park off 26th Street East next to the YWCA building.

Why is Kinsmen Play Village closed?

Kinsmen Play Village officially closed at the end of the 2015 season, as part of the planned construction for the first phase of the Kinsmen Park and Area Master Plan (Master Plan) to transform the park into a memorable and enjoyable place for all ages and abilities year-round, while continuing to support local communities and the growing downtown population.

Included in the first phase of the Master Plan was the development of PotashCorp Playland, which opened to the public on August 5, 2015. In addition to the three main attractions - the Canpotex train, Ferris wheel and carousel - PotashCorp Playland has an enhanced children’s play area, which is free for all to enjoy. Included in the water, sand and natural play area are:

Sand Play:	Water Play:	Climbing Area:
Double cable ride Log climber Dome mountain Concrete stepping stones	Water engineering table Forest fountain spray feature Water scale Jets	Hill slide Dutch disc Pyramid tower with slide Spinner bowls Double saucer swing

What is happening to Kinsmen Play Village now that it is closed?

Kinsmen Play Village is scheduled to be decommissioned mid to late June (weather dependent). Removal of the buildings and concrete is expected to take approximately two weeks, with the remaining materials being removed by the end of August.

Following the decommissioning of the Play Village, revitalization of the park area will begin. This will include landscaping and planting grass to bring the area back to a natural park space. This work is scheduled to be completed by fall 2016.

What will happen to the play features such as the playground equipment and Pelican slide?

The play features at Kinsmen Play Village we have all grown to love will be relocated to other areas of the city for residents to enjoy. The existing playground structure will be relocated to Ashworth Holmes Park in the Caswell neighbourhood and be part of a new destination accessible playground. The popular pelican slide has been donated to the Children’s Discovery Museum and will be incorporated into the new Children’s Discovery Museum at the Mendel building.



How was the public engaged?

A key part of the Master Plan process involved gathering input through a series of workshops (total of ten) with stakeholders, children and the general public.

The Master Plan was developed based on the findings and the feedback received from the workshops. In 2011, the Master Plan was approved by City Council. The approved Master Plan provides a framework for the evolution of Kinsmen Park over the next 25 years, ensuring sustained revitalization of the area.

What public safety requirements will be in place during the demolition?

The area around the Play Village will remain fenced during the removal and landscaping process.

How do I learn more?

For more information about the Kinsmen Park Master Plan, please visit Saskatoon.ca/potashcorpplayland

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