Grass sports fields

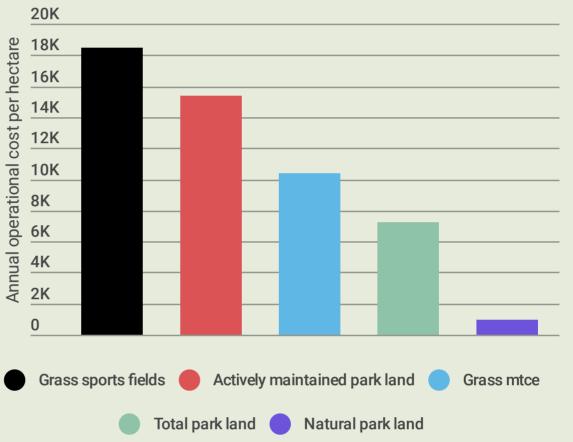
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1. Sports field provision

City of St Albert (AB) ^{3.53ha}	City of Oshawa (ON) ^{1.28ha}	City of Edmonton (AB) 0.52ha	City o Prince Georg (BC) 0.5ha	e (City of Port Coquitlam (BC) 0.47ha	
			City of Thunder	rict of າ (BC) ເ 36ha	loops (BC) . 33ha	
	City of Lethbridge (AB) ^{0.78ha}		Bay (ON) 0.37ha	District of Squamish (BC) 0.36ha	City of Kamloops (BC) 0.33ha	
Town of Coaldale (AB) ^{2.01ha}	Town of Cochrane (AB) ^{0.67ha}	The median area of grass sports fields provided is around 3650m2 per 1,000 residents. This has remained fairly consistent over the last 3 years. The highest rate of provision is found in Alberta, with all members above the median.				
	City of Red Deer (AB) 0.6ha					

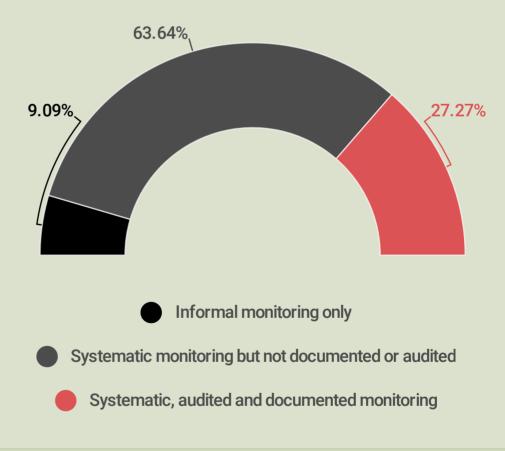
2. Comparative costs

The median annual cost of provision of grass sports fields per hectare is higher than for all other large scale operational activities. Only the cost of maintaining gardens (median \$112K per hectare) is higher.

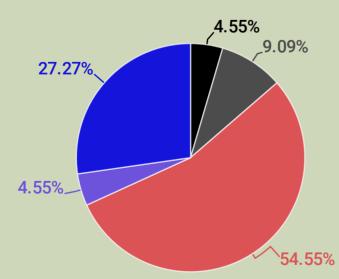


3. Quality control

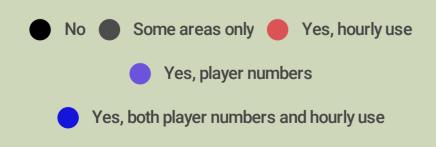
Around 27% of members in 2018 reported that they have a formal system for monitoring, documenting and independently auditing the standard of service delivery and maintenance of sports fields that is based on documented service standards. Most members monitor maintenance standards systematically but don't audit or document results.



4. Player use recording



The amount of use that sports fields are getting is an important factor in demand management, and planning to improve existing facilities or create new ones to meet increased demand. Most (87%) of members report that they record either hourly use of sportsfields, or player numbers or both. Hourly use is more commonly measured than player numbers.



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