

2022 Casera Community Enrichment Award Awarded to | East Winnipeg Sports Association

What began as a dream to fulfill the recreational needs of eastern Winnipeg has become Buhler Recreation Park, a vibrant and vital community destination.

In 2003, committed volunteers formed the non-profit East Winnipeg Sports Association (EWSA) to deliver on the community's recreational requirements. As a result, the organization helped develop Buhler Recreation Park, a 140-acre multi-purpose recreational facility in south Transcona.

Since then, EWSA has directed and managed the Park, which has become a city-wide destination for sports and all-season recreation. The Park includes eight softball diamonds, a baseball diamond, four soccer fields, a toboggan hill, and trails for walking and cycling. Thousands of visitors participate in recreational pursuits year-round, and the venue's high-performance features make it attractive for municipal, provincial, and national sports programs.

One of the keys to the Park's development is retaining and adding to the natural environment. Existing vegetation and foliage, and the planting of more trees, create a habitat for wildlife and birds and a framework for future development. By balancing the community's recreational needs with the environment, EWSA ensures a healthy future for the Park and its users.



*L-R Tom Thompson, EWSA President; Steve Mymko, Facility Manager,
Buhler Recreation Park*

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