

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

5- YEAR REVIEW AND UPDATE



The City of Brampton's Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) is a blueprint for how the City provides parks, recreation facilities, programs and services to the community, from now until 2036. Through the recent five-year review and update of the 2017 plan, the City has been able to enhance its progress, reconnect with the community and adapt to the growing needs of our city. Residents have actively contributed to shaping the PRMP by emphasizing the significance of parks and recreation. Developed with input from the community, the PRMP envisions Brampton as a place where we plan, grow and play together.

This report contains highlights from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Please note that these proposed initiatives are subject to further approvals and ongoing review by staff to develop a detailed implementation plan.

To read the full plan, visit brampton.ca/PRMP

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SINCE THE 2017 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN



Brampton has made significant progress to advance parks and recreation using the last 2017 PRMP as a guide. Notable accomplishments include:

- Over 100 hectares (250 acres) of **new recreational parkland**.
- Development of **Gore Meadows Community Centre and Park** and planning of **Embleton Community Centre and Park**.
- Conversion of two outdoor fields to artificial turf, including a domed field and conversion of an indoor field to a triple gym at **Save Max Sports Centre**.
- Acquisition and conversion of a clubhouse to **Riverstone Community Centre**.
- Revitalizing recreation: **Victoria Park Arena, Howden Recreation Centre and Paul Palleschi Recreation Centre, Balmoral Recreation Centre and Chris Gibson Recreation Centre**.
- Constructed **dedicated cricket grounds** supporting different forms of the sport along with investing in turf, lighting and other amenities at existing grounds. The City is one of the **first in Canada** to develop its own indoor and outdoor cricket programs in partnership with local cricket associations and the first to provide lit cricket grounds.
- Development of **youth hubs** and **activity hubs**.
- Received **HIGH FIVE quality assurance for recreation programs accreditation** in 2024.
- **Modernized dozens of playgrounds** with new features, surfacing and barrier-free components. A new 'adventure playground' coming to Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park.
- Developed joint-use facilities through **school board partnerships**.
- Investment in the **winterization of outdoor amenities**.



GOAL #1: UNITE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY THROUGH PARKS AND RECREATION

- Consult with Indigenous communities and designers on new and significantly renovated parks and recreation projects to inform the types of spaces, amenities and design considerations reflecting **Indigenous cultures and knowledge**.
- Expand Save Max Sports Centre to provide new **multipurpose program and meeting rooms**.
- Develop an **Older Adult Strategy and a Youth Engagement Strategy** and ensure alignment with Brampton Plan (Official Plan).
 - Investigate an expansion of the **ActiveAssist Program**.
- Advance participation in recreation and sport by **equity-deserving groups**.
- Prioritize **parkland acquisition and renewal projects** in neighbourhoods experiencing greater levels of marginalization or material deprivation.



GOAL #2: SUPPORT COMPLETE COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD REVITALIZATION



- Revitalize **Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre** and consider longer term revitalization projects at the City's aging community centres.
- Undertake a review of the parks and recreation amenities at **Flower City Community Campus**.
- Revitalize **Eldorado Park** including the development of a splash pad.
- Work with the development industry to explore opportunities to integrate **multi-purpose rooms** within their land development projects.
- Investigate opportunities to incorporate natural and **adventure-based playgrounds**.
- Evaluate opportunities to provide compact **off-leash dog parks** in higher-density areas.
- Explore **soccer courts** in areas of increased activity as well as neighbourhoods with greater marginalization indicators.



GOAL #3: PROACTIVELY PLAN FOR GROWTH IN GREENFIELD AREAS

- Target parkland at a rate of **1.6 hectares per 1,000** residents.
- Strategically utilize **Parks Renewal Project List** to prioritize parks that would benefit from enhancement.
- Formalize a **parkland classification system** to guide the planning and design of new parks and the revitalization of existing parks.
- Update **municipal design standards** for park facilities, park furniture and waste receptacles in urban areas.
- **Apply a sustainability lens** when designing or redesigning parks.
- Include **outdoor fitness equipment** in high traffic locations.
- Prepare a city-wide **Parks Washroom Strategy**.
- Increase the number of **community outdoor ice rinks**.



GOAL #4: CONNECT BRAMPTONIANS TO THE OUTDOORS



- Investigate opportunities to enhance and update spaces with consideration for sport-friendly design when designing new **indoor aquatic centres** and renewing aging **indoor aquatic facilities**.
- **Centralize Brampton's supply of curling sheets** at a single facility and repurpose the decommissioned location to meet emerging recreational program needs.
- Continue to establish Brampton as the **Cricket Capital of Canada** by adding two lit cricket grounds, continuing to improve amenities at existing grounds, and exploring more joint-use opportunities with school boards.
- Assess the feasibility of a permanent **Kabaddi** venue, explore suitable locations, supporting infrastructure required and financial implications.
- Conduct **facility and sports field utilization audits** and continue to reference utilization data to support capital planning and repurposing of amenities.
- Engage local **ball diamond organizations** to identify improvements to expand usage of existing diamonds.
- Construct additional **tennis courts, pickleball courts, multi-use courts** and **skateboard parks** in key locations across the city.



GOAL #5: PROVIDE PATHWAYS FOR SPORT



- Construct a **community centre and community park in the northwest** municipal boundary that includes an aquatic centre, gymnasium, fitness space, youth hub and more.
- Initiate strategy to **acquire and preserve land in the northwest and northeast** for future community centres.
- Include a rectangular field, a major splash pad, tennis and pickleball courts, skateboard park, multi-use sport court, playground, reflection pool/outdoor rink at **Gore Castlemore Park**.

GOAL #6: POSITION PARKS AND RECREATION FOR SUCCESS



- **Survey satisfaction levels** in parks and recreation services.
- Continue to remove barriers to **part-time employment**.
- Continue to partner with school boards and other partners on **joint-use amenities** and other opportunities to collaborate.
- Expand Brampton's **Swim to Survive Program** to include families and seniors.
- Undertake a **pricing review**, expand Brampton's **mystery shopper program** and review the City's **concession services** and food and beverage offerings.
- Reduce the number of **single pad arenas**, rebalance the geographic distribution of ball diamonds.
- Investigate opportunities for the enhancement of **Peel Village Golf Course** and continue to monitor **Chinguacousy Park Ski Hill** to identify its future.



