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Subject: **Parks and Recreation Master Plan – 5-Year Review and Update**

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Report Number: Community Services-2024-399

Recommendations:

1. That the report from Anand Patel, Director, Recreation and Ed Fagan, Director, Parks Maintenance and Forestry to the Committee of Council Meeting of May 8, 2024, re: **Parks and Recreation Master Plan – 5-Year Review and Update**, be received; and
2. That Council endorse the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 5-Year Review and Update.

Overview:

- In 2017, Brampton’s City Council endorsed its first Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP). The PRMP is a guiding document for the delivery of parks, open space, recreation and sport facilities over a 15-year period, with the underlying objective of promoting an active and engaged community where attention to personal and public health is paramount.
- The 2017 PRMP identified recommendations that outlined the City’s current and future parks and recreation needs and prioritized facility and program investment for the next 15 years.
- Since 2017, the City has made a tremendous amount of progress on the PRMP’s original recommendations, including revitalizing the City’s older community centres, investing in outdoor parks and sports amenities, updating the City’s Parkland Dedication By-Law and prepared a New Brampton Park Plan Strategy 2041.
- In 2023, as per recommendation #109 of the original plan (to update the PRMP on a five-year basis), staff initiated a 5-year review and update of the Council-endorsed 2017 Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP).

- **The PRMP 5-Year Review and Update is intended to rethink and critically examine the 2017 recommendations against today's changing City landscape, review progress thus far, and make further recommendations to reflect the current needs and demands of the City of Brampton and its residents.**
- **The draft updated PRMP is the result of extensive engagement with stakeholders, staff, officials and residents.**
- **Unless otherwise explicitly stated, the recommendations of the 2017 PRMP are still applicable, and the updated PRMP builds upon these recommendations by suggesting further initiatives to meet Brampton's rapidly growing population and changing needs.**
- **The updated PRMP also recognizes and presents recommendations to relieve ongoing financial challenges where the City faces land acquisitions for parks, its redevelopment, and in maintaining the City's Cash in Lieu Reserves.**
- **Approval of the PRMP in principle does not bind Council and staff to all the initiatives. Staff will continue to bring forward initiatives to be discussed and approved, as required.**
- **Staff are estimating the total cost of all Capital recommendations to be \$574,209,000 and the related Operating impacts to be \$5,917,600 annually. Staff understand that the City does not have the existing financial capacity to implement all the recommendations in the PRMP. As such, once endorsed by Council, staff will begin the work of reviewing the recommendations and creating an Implementation Plan, supported by a financial plan, to recommend the priority order of implementing the recommendations.**
- **There are no immediate financial impacts as a result of this report and endorsing the updated PRMP, however projects requiring funding will be presented during the annual budget submissions for the Mayor's consideration.**

Background:

The 2017 Council-endorsed Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) was created from a series of discussion papers, council workshops, public and stakeholder meetings and staff internal dialogue beginning in January 2016. A dedicated project website (www.brampton.ca/prmp) has been in place since inception and is used to keep residents of Brampton informed on the ongoing status and progress of the plan. A

Recreation Revitalized web page (www.brampton.ca/rec-revitalized) highlights the details of projects underway or previously completed, all of which were guided by PRMP needs assessments and recommendations.

The PRMP assess needs across the City by organizing the City into nine alphabetized Recreation Planning Areas (RPAs). Each RPA has at least one major park and/or recreation centre, have relatively similar populations projected to their respective buildouts, have comparable travel times to reach parks and rec services, respect historical neighbourhood boundaries and consider municipal operational districts that maintain infrastructure.

Since 2017, the City has made a tremendous amount of progress on the PRMP's original recommendations, including, but not limited to:

Parkland Dedication: The City has updated its Parkland Dedication By-law and prepared a new Brampton Park Plan Strategy (2041), to support the changing and growing need for parkland both in the Greenfields and Intensification/Growth areas.

New Parkland: Acquired over 100 hectares (250 acres) of recreational parkland with more lands reserved for future parks in designated greenfields, intensification/MTSA and urban growth centres.

Enhanced Park Acquisition Policies: Updated the Brampton Plan, adopted a park plan, and parkland acquisition strategies continue to be updated to support population growth and deliver new urban parks to intensification and urban growth areas

New Community Centres: Expanded Gore Meadows Community Centre & Park, acquired and renovated the Riverstone Community Centre and currently planning the Embleton Community Centre & Park.

Save Max Sports Centre: Converted two outdoor fields to artificial turf (one was domed) and an indoor field to a triple gym.

Facility Revitalizations: Renovated Paul Palleschi Recreation Centre, currently rejuvenating the Balmoral Recreation Centre and Chris Gibson Recreation Centre and are rebuilding the Victoria Park Arena and Howden Recreation Centre.

Cricket Grounds: Invested in new and existing grounds including dedicated and lit fields.

Youth Hubs & Outdoor Activity Hubs: Developed at Susan Fennell Sportsplex, Gore Meadows Community Park, Sesquicentennial Park and a new Youth Hub is planned for Century Gardens Recreation Centre.

Winterization of Outdoor Amenities: Implemented additional outdoor rinks and support for planned tennis and cricket domes.

To complete the 5-year review and update to the PRMP, the City engaged the consulting team of Montieth Brown Planning Consultants/Tucker- Reid and Associates through a competitive procurement process.

To support the updated PRMP, a Community Stakeholder Engagement Strategy was undertaken in two phases. Phase 1 took place between March and June of 2023, and was focused on gathering input to inform the creation of the draft PRMP, and phase 2 took place between March and April of 2024 and focused on obtaining feedback on the draft PRMP.

The engagement plan tactics were delivered as follows:

Phase 1: Spring 2023

March 2023	Mayor and Members of Council Interviews
March 2023	Staff Workshops <i>Held with both supervisory and front-line staff</i>
April – May 2023	<p>Community Pop-Up Events (10)</p> <p><u>Community Centres (7)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 26, 2023: Save Max Sports Centre • April 26, 2023: Cassie Campbell Community Centre • April 29, 2023: Bob Callahan Flower City Senior’s Centre • April 30, 2023: Chinguacousy Wellness Centre • May 4, 2023: Gore Meadows Community Centre • May 6, 2023: Century Gardens Community Centre • May 13, 2023: Susan Fennell Sportsplex <p><u>Transit Terminals (2)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 15, 2023: Gateway Terminal • May 17, 2023: Bramalea Terminal <p><u>Parks (1)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 12, 2023: Chinguacousy Park
April 2023	<p>Stakeholder Focus Groups & Questionnaire</p> <p>An extensive list of City stakeholders across Park and Recreation were invited to participate in four focus groups representing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sports and Recreation (May 11, 2023) 2. Parks (May 9, 2023) 3. Community Organizations (May 11, 2023) 4. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Organizations (May 9, 2023)

	Following the focus groups, a questionnaire was sent out to all organizations originally invited.
May 29, 2023	Presentation at Community Sports Group Meeting
April – June 2023	Community Survey (<i>Online and Hard Copy Available</i>)
June 2023	Community Hubs Workshop In June 2023, members of City Council participated in a workshop focused on community hubs during which potential applications to the PRMP were discussed.

Phase 2: Spring 2024

March 2024	Mayor and Members of Council Meetings
April 3-17, 2024	Online Feedback Form <i>Available at www.brampton.ca/prmp</i>
April 3-12, 2024	Parks & Recreation Revitalized Roadshow Wednesday, April 3 2 pm - 4 pm Susan Fennell Sportsplex Friday, April 5 6 pm – 8 pm Gore Meadows Community Centre Sunday, April 7 3 pm – 5 pm Cassie Campbell Community Centre Tuesday, April 9 7 pm – 9 pm Riverstone Community Centre Friday, April 12 5 pm – 7 pm Century Gardens Recreation Centre
April 11, 2024	Community and Sport Groups Dedicated Roadshow Session 7pm to 9pm Save Max Sports Centre
April 25, 2024	Presentation at Corporate Leadership Team
May 8, 2024	Presentation to Committee of Council

Current Situation:

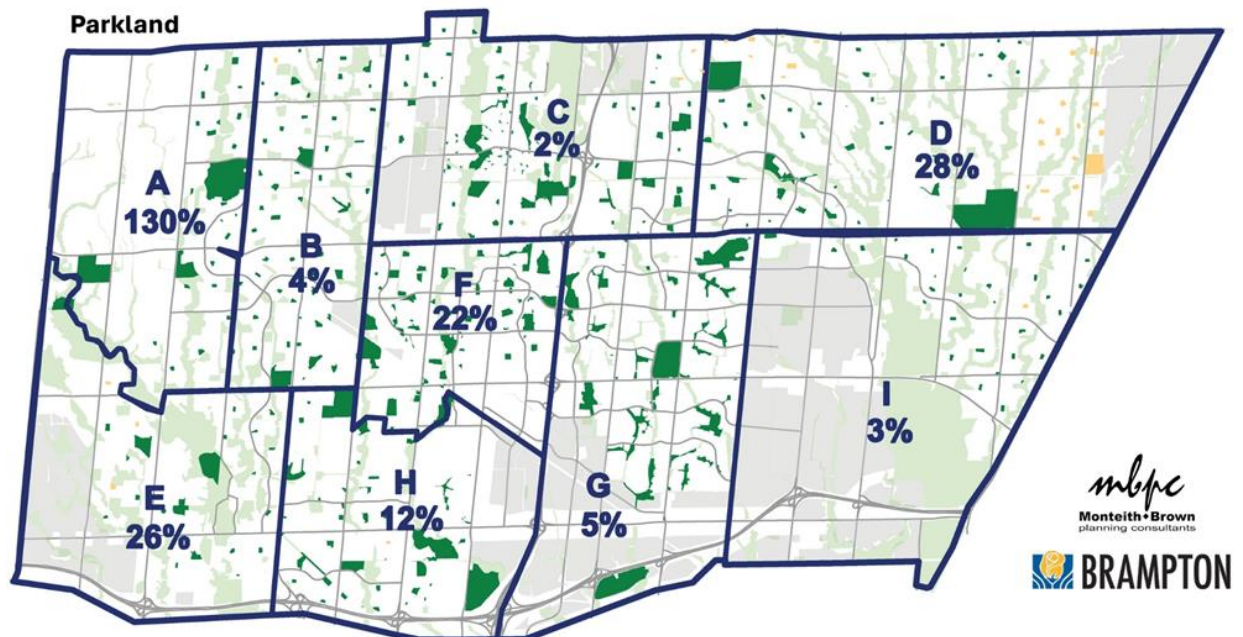
Over the past year, City staff have worked in collaboration with a consulting team lead by Monteith Brown and Associates, to prepare a 5-year review and update of the PRMP.

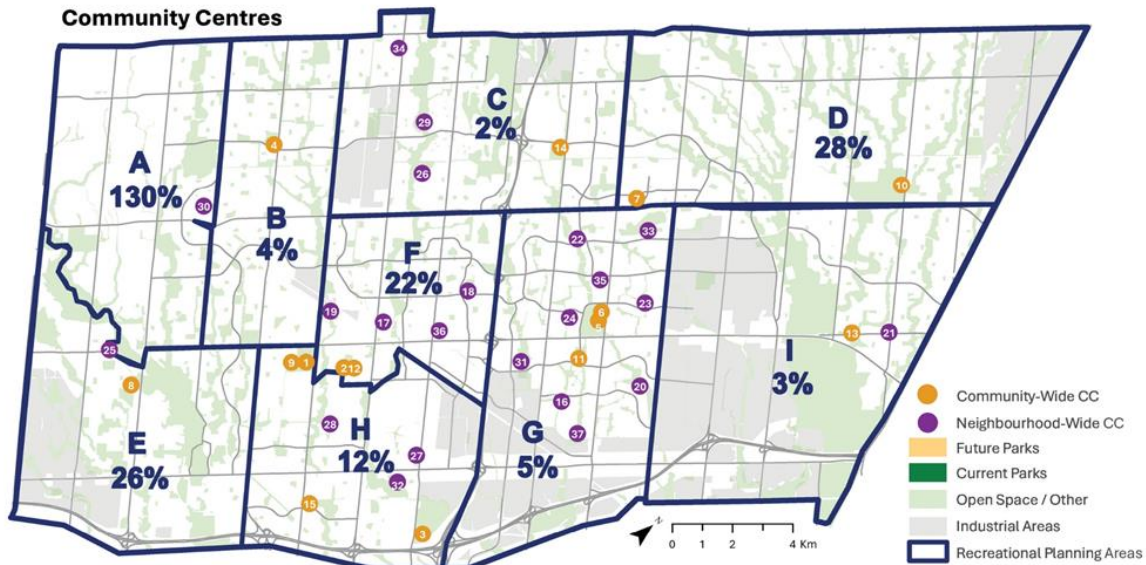
The PRMP Five-Year Review and Update organizes its recommendations into seven key themes or goals:

1. *Unite a Healthy Community Using Parks & Recreation*
2. *Support Complete Communities & Neighborhood Revitalization*
3. *Proactively Plan Greenfield Growth Areas*
4. *Connect Bramptonians to the Outdoors*
5. *Provide Pathways for Sport*
6. *Position Parks & Recreation for Success*
7. *Realize the Potential of the PRMP*

A full list of the new recommendations can be found in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Five-year Review and Update (Appendix A).

With Brampton's population anticipated to grow to over 900,000 residents by the year 2036, the 5-Year Update to the PRMP highlights key areas of growth across the City, namely in the northwest (Heritage Heights) and northeast, as seen in the below maps.





Community - Community Centres

1. Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre
2. Brampton Curling Club
3. CAA Centre
4. Cassie Campbell Community Centre
5. Chinguacousy Curling & Tennis Club
6. Chinguacousy Park Ski Chalet
7. Chinguacousy Wellness Centre
8. Embleton Community Centre (Future)
9. Flower City Community Campus
10. Gore Meadows Community Centre
11. Knightsbridge Senior Centre
12. Memorial Arena
13. Riverstone Community Centre
14. Save Max Sports Centre
15. Susan Fennell Sportsplex

Neighbourhood - Community Centres

16. Balmoral Recreation Centre
17. Central Public School
18. Century Gardens Recreation Centre

19. Chris Gibson Recreation Centre
20. Earncliffe Recreation Centre
21. Ebenezer Community Hall
22. Ellen Mitchell Recreation Centre
23. Greenbriar Recreation Centre
24. Howden Recreation Centre
25. Huttonville Community Centre
26. Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre
27. Ken Giles Recreation Centre
28. Kiwanis Centre for Excellence
29. Loafers Lake Recreation Centre
30. Mount Pleasant Community Centre
31. Norton Place Park Community Centre
32. Peel Village Golf Course Clubhouse
33. Professor's Lake Recreation Centre
34. Snelgrove Community Centre
35. Terry Miller Recreation Centre
36. The Collaborative Learning and Technology Centre
37. Victoria Park Arena

Projected Population Growth

RPA	2024	2036	GROWTH	%
A	44,888	103,300	58,412	130%
B	108,998	113,600	4,602	4%
C	110,322	112,740	2,418	2%
D	105,392	134,910	29,518	28%
E	50,976	64,400	13,424	26%
F	80,808	98,320	17,512	22%
G	92,638	97,660	5,022	5%
H	88,914	99,470	10,556	12%
I	74,370	76,540	2,170	3%
TOTAL	757,306	900,940	143,634	19%

Source: Region of Peel Staff Recommended 2051 Growth Allocation - (reflects approved Region of Peel Official Plan - February 17, 2023 Adjusted). Notes: Figures include net Census under coverage rates. As of June 2023, these forecasts continue to be updated by the Region and are therefore conservative estimates based on past information and studies.

The 5-Year Review and Update to the PRMP makes recommendations to keep up with the City's rapid pace of growth, while also responding to the emerging and changing needs of residents and user groups. The PRMP includes recommendations to be implemented over a ten-year period that are based on what the consultants' research and analysis concludes Brampton currently needs. Not all of the recommendations proposed in the PRMP will require Council-approval or additional funding, however those that do require further approvals will be brought before Council as required.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

The PRMP makes infrastructure and program recommendations over a ten-year period. Staff are estimating the total cost of all Capital recommendations to be \$574,209,000

and the related Operating impacts to be \$5,917,600 annually. The table below summarizes the Capital and Operating estimates, split by each PRMP goal:

PRMP Goals	Capital	Potential Funding Sources	Operating (Annual Costs)	Potential Funding Sources
1. Unite a Healthy Community through Parks & Recreation	\$ 10,000,000	Cash in Lieu of Parkland, Recreation DCs, Reserve #91 - CCBF, and Reserve #4.	\$ 590,000	Property Tax Base
2. Support Complete Communities & Neighbourhood Revitalization	\$ 123,775,000		\$ 1,180,000	
3. Proactively Plan Greenfield Areas	\$ 317,750,000		\$ 3,490,000	
4. Connect Bramptonians to the Outdoors	\$ 29,000,000		\$ 65,000	
5. Provide Pathways for Sport	\$ 86,385,000		\$ 460,000	
6. Position Parks & Recreation for Success	\$ 7,099,000		\$ 132,600	
7. Realize the Potential of the PRMP	\$ 200,000		\$ -	
Total	\$ 574,209,000		\$ 5,917,600	

Funding sources for Capital initiatives include a variety of Reserves including Cash in Lieu of Parkland, Recreation DCs, Reserve #91 – Canada Community Building Fund (formerly Federal Gas Tax), and Reserve #4 as the funding source is based on the specific sub-initiative within each overall PRMP Goal. Funding sources for Operating initiatives will come from the Property Tax base.

Although there will be future inflows for each Reserve as the City continues to grow, staff understand that the City does not have the existing financial capacity to implement all the recommendations in the PRMP. Staff will review the recommendations against existing planned/approved initiatives, resources, and available funding, and prepare a plan that identifies their logical and priority order for implementation.

Additionally, the 2024 Budget included approval of a 3-year capital program and funding plan, which maximized the allocation of anticipated funding availability across planned projects. The inclusion of any projects from the endorsed PRMP will require re-prioritization of capital projects forecasted to be funded against Cash in Lieu of Parkland, Recreation DCs, Reserve #91 - CCBF, and Reserve #4.

Although there are no immediate financial implications as a result of this report and endorsing the updated PRMP, projects requiring funding will be presented during the annual budget submissions for the Mayor’s consideration.

Other Implications:

N/A

Strategic Focus Area:

The PRMP 5-Year Review and Update is aligned with and supports the following Strategic Focus Areas:

Health & Well-being: Focusing on citizens’ belonging, health, wellness, and safety.

- Advance Recreational Spaces and Programs
- Improve Well-Being and Belonging

Environmental Resilience & Sustainability: Focusing on nurturing and protecting our environment for a sustainable future.

- Increase Parkland, Trees and Naturalized Areas

Government & Leadership: Focusing on service excellence with equity, innovation, efficiency, effectiveness, accountability, and transparency.

- Drive Public Engagement and Participation
- Elevate Performance and Service Standards

Conclusion:

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) is the blueprint for how the City of Brampton provides parks, recreation facilities, programs, and services to the year 2036. This PRMP is the 5-year review and update of the last plan, allowing the City to build on its progress, re-engage the community, and reflect changes in Brampton. Endorsement of the PRMP 5-Year Review and Update will enable the Parks and Recreation divisions to work towards meeting current and future needs of Brampton residents. As required, staff intend to bring forward individual recommended initiatives outlined in the PRMP to Council for further approval, identifying financial resources and implementation strategies and timelines.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Parks and Recreation Master Plan 5-Year Review & Update

