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DRAFT LIBRARY FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

LIBRARY FACILITIES MASTER PLAN: VISION

“World-Class Libraries at Our
Doorstep”

“Inspiring Connections”

~ Brampton Library Strategic Plan Vision

“Brampton Library is a world-class destination that creates opportunities for everyone to discover their full potential by fostering literacy, inspiring learning and building community.”

~ Brampton Library Strategic Plan Mission

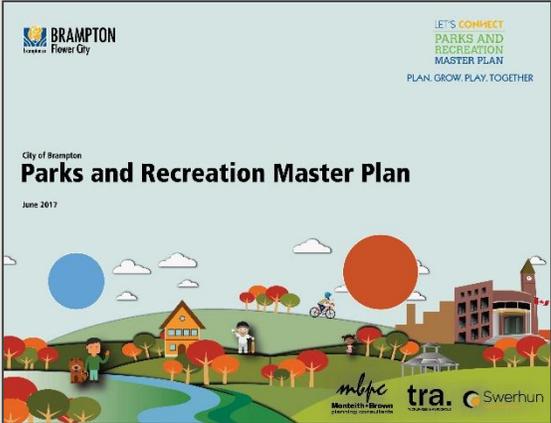
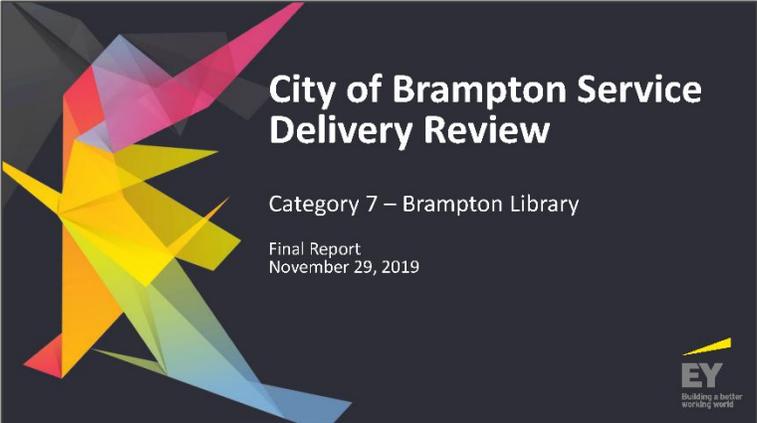
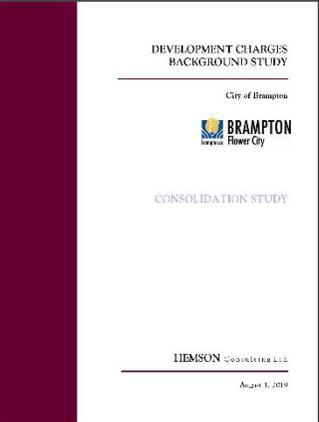
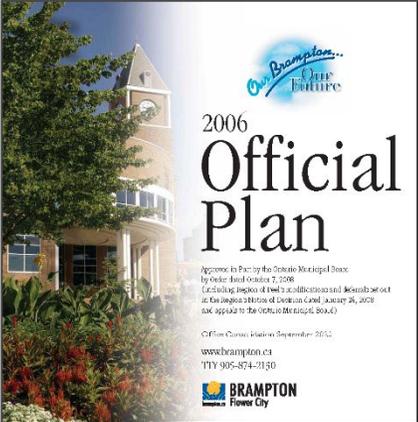


THE PROJECT

- The **Brampton Library Facilities Master Plan** is a blueprint that guides how the City of Brampton and Brampton Library invest in library space found through existing branches and the construction of new ones.
- Currently in **draft form**, the plan offers a renewed vision for library development over the next 10 years
- **Public feedback** was received in the development phase and Final phase



ALIGNMENT WITH KEY LIBRARY/CITY DOCUMENTS



LIBRARY FACILITIES MASTER PLAN: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. **ALIGNMENT WITH CITY-BUILDING:**

Brampton Library's facility planning and library provision model will align with the City of Brampton's vision for its future urban structure and placemaking objectives.

2. **KEEPING PACE:**

Brampton Library will provide facility space in a manner that keeps pace with the City of Brampton's future population growth.

3. **SUPPORTING NEIGHBOURHOODS:**

Brampton Library branches will reflect and respond to the needs of the neighbourhoods and communities in which they are located.

4. **A PLACE FOR EVERYBODY:**

Brampton Library branches will welcome all people with an aim of inspiring personal growth and building community capacity.

5. **INCUBATION, INNOVATION & CREATIVITY:**

Brampton Library branches will be a place where the ideas are nurtured and cultivated into actions for the benefit of Brampton residents and businesses.



EMBEDDING LIBRARIES IN THE NEW URBAN STRUCTURE

- The Brampton 2040 Vision identifies a new ‘Uptown’, a revitalized Downtown, and five ‘Town Centres’ where Brampton Library can play a pivotal role in supporting residential and employment uses
- An estimated 698,000 people presently live in Brampton, representing growth of 156,000 persons when the previous Facilities Master Plan was approved in 2011
- Another 156,000 persons are forecasted to be added over the Facilities Master Plan’s 10-year planning period to reach a population of 854,000 by 2031
- Libraries will play a critical role in defining the intended quality of life through arts, education, business development, and civic engagement – they will also be core services in existing Built-Up Areas where up to 50,000 new residents are projected to arrive by 2040.



THE LIBRARY BRANCH PROVISION MODEL

Branch Type	Catchment Area	Notable Features	Suggested Minimum Size
Central Library	Entire City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key asset in the renewal of Downtown Brampton as a vibrant, civic-focused centre • Central hub for community activity • Resource centre with expanded reference collections • Houses Brampton Library's administrative staff 	175,000 ft ²
District Branches	3.0 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a broad range of collections, services and programs • Ideally co-located with community centres, arts and cultural facilities, or civic services 	30,000 ft ²
Neighbourhood Branches	1.5 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support walkable neighbourhoods • Service points that fill gaps between the District Branches • May provide a more limited range of services and programs due to their smaller size 	10,000 ft ²

LIBRARY SPACE PER CAPITA

- Brampton **rank last** among Canada's largest cities in terms of library space per capita at 0.29 ft²/capita (average is 0.46 ft²/capita)
- In Ontario, many library systems target a service level in the range of 0.6 square feet per capita, a level that Brampton Library has historically strived towards
- Despite recent investment in new libraries (e.g. Springdale), Brampton's strong population growth has made it difficult to improve per capita service levels

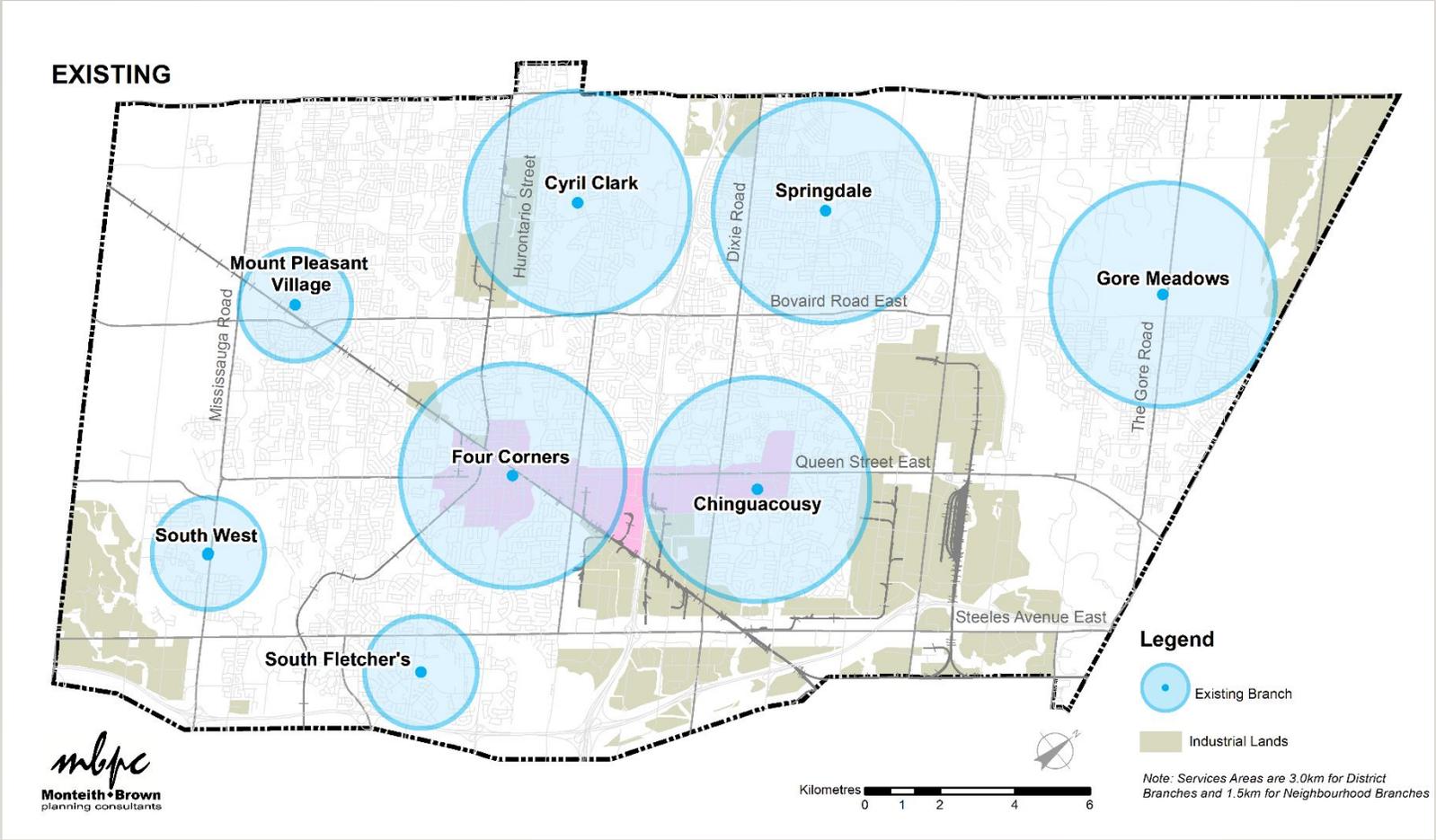
Library System	Population	Number of Branches*	Library Space (ft ²)	ft ² Per Capita	Rank - Space Per Capita
Toronto	2,965,713	100	1,883,890	0.64	2
Calgary	1,246,337	21	594,602	0.48	3
Ottawa	979,175	33	441,081	0.45	T-5
Edmonton	972,223	21	304,446	0.31	9
Mississauga	777,200	18	349,138	0.45	T-5
Winnipeg	763,900	20	360,669	0.47	4
Fraser Valley	722,592	25	255,625	0.35	7
Brampton	696,975	8	205,070	0.29	10
Vancouver	648,286	21	547,619	0.84	1
Surrey	557,310	9	188,246	0.34	8
Average	1,032,971	28	513,039	0.46	1,032,971

FUTURE SPACE NEEDS

- Brampton Library should continue to plan its space needs based on its previously endorsed target of 0.6 ft² per capita,
- Brampton Library will need to continue being pragmatic in more than doubling of its library space
- Previous Library Facilities Master Plans have impressed upon the urgency of building up the per capita space provision but library space funding has been unable to keep pace with population growth
- It is imperative that Brampton Library increase its service level so that growth-related funding through Development Charges does not fall behind further

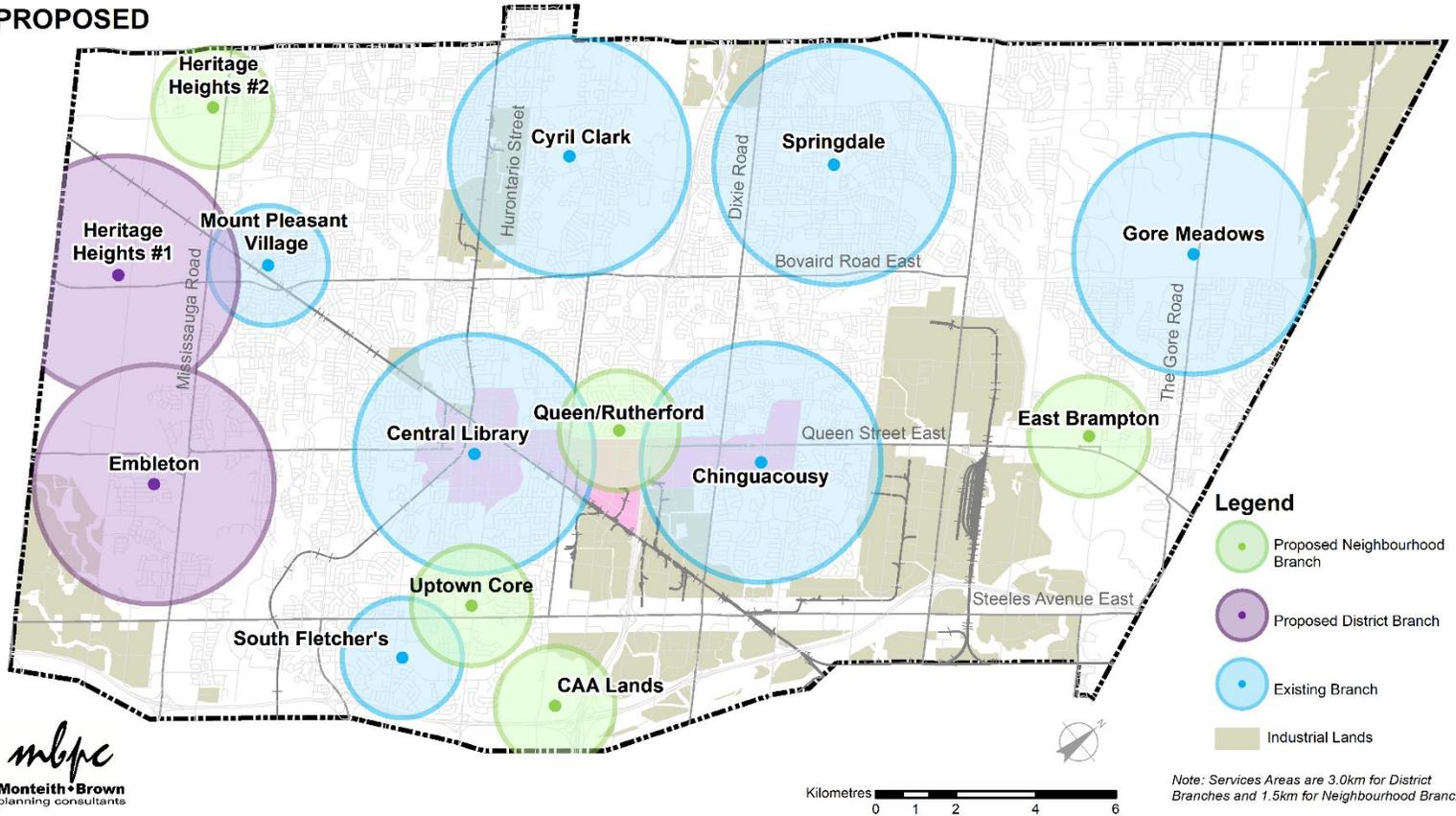
Year	Forecasted Population	Library Space Needs @ 0.6 ft ² per capita	Deviation from Current Supply of 205,070 ft ²
2021	698,000	418,800 ft ²	- 213,730 ft ²
2026	789,000	473,400 ft ²	- 268,330 ft ²
2031	854,000	512,400 ft ²	-307,330 ft ²

LIBRARY SPACE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: EXISTING DISTRIBUTION



LIBRARY SPACE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION

PROPOSED



Growth Opportunities include:

- East Brampton where there is a sizeable geographic gap
- Queen/Rutherford Hub
- Uptown Hub
- Heritage Heights (location 1 and 2)
- CAA Lands
- Also includes a permanent location at Embleton and a Central Library

SUMMARY OF NEW SPACE DEVELOPMENTS

- Attaining 0.6 square feet per capita would require 307,300 square feet of net new library space to be added by 2031
- The proposed strategy could address up to 88% of this requirement by adding up to 280,500 square feet.
- It would bring Brampton Library in line with its peers while strongly complementing the innovative city-building activities that are being advanced by the City of Brampton

Library Branch	10-Year Space Allotment (square feet)
1. Central Library	122,500 to 175,000
2. Embleton District Branch	42,000
3. Heritage Heights District Branch	40,000
4. Downtown Neighbourhood Branch	10,000
5. Uptown Core Neighbourhood Branch	21,500
6. CAA Neighbourhood Branch	10,000
7. Heritage Heights Neighbourhood Branch	17,000
8. East Brampton Neighbourhood Branch	10,000
Sub-Total: Library Space Added	273,000 to 325,500
Sub-Total: Library Space Removed	(44,939)
Net New Library Space Added	228,061 to 280,561
Future Library Space Available System-Wide (based on current supply of 205,070 ft²)	433,131 to 485,631
Per Capita Service Level (based on 2031 population of 854,000)	0.51 to 0.55 ft ²

POTENTIAL EXISTING BRANCH IMPROVEMENTS

- Full **interior renovation** of South Fletcher's Branch
- Expand the **Makerspace** at Chinguacousy Branch and add new Makerspaces at the Cyril Clark and Mount Pleasant Village Branches
- Carry out **Accessibility Audits** or similar assessment to identify upgrades for persons with disabilities
- **Update furniture and equipment** at selected branches to refresh space, increase accessibility and enable greater access to power outlets

