

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

AAC meeting
June 20, 2023



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Master Plan vision and core values

Vision for the future

Parks and recreation are essential to everyday life in Guelph. To be future-ready, Guelph needs parks, facilities and programs that are **sustainable, inclusive, adaptable** and have a built-in ability **respond to a growing and diverse community**. The City needs to connect people to each other, healthy living and the environment.

Core Values

1. All people can participate in recreation
2. Parks and recreation facilities are welcoming and meaningful places for all people
3. A healthy and vibrant community is supported through parks and recreation
4. Infrastructure is maintained, sustainable and responsive to community changes
5. The natural environment is protected, restored and responsibly managed
6. The Parks and Recreation departments work together with the community

Summary of previous feedback from the AAC

What is working well

- Riverside Park enabling gardens
- Water therapy programming
- Royal Recreation and Trans-Canada Trails are in good condition
- Riverside Park playground

What is not working well

- Need an indoor walking track
- Wood chips on playgrounds can be difficult to navigate
- Need more adult recreation programming and swimming opportunities
- Need more accessible activities at the Evergreen Seniors Community Centre
- Some parks do not have accessible paths to amenities
- Some park pathways are deteriorating and becoming difficult to navigate
- Better signage is needed about accessibility of trail segments before starting the trail
- More rest areas along pathways are needed

Previous motions received from the AAC

February 2020: Motion: That Parks Planning meet with the AAC Site Plan Sub-Committee regarding recommendations for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. These recommendations shall be made back to the AAC in June 2020.

April 2023: Motion: That the AAC supports the adoption of a geographic distribution of playgrounds with rubber surface within 2.5 km of residential areas. Further, the AAC supports the implementation of two new rubber surface playgrounds to fill distribution gaps in the central and north-west areas of the City.

Next steps

- Internal staff review underway
- Posting of draft Master Plan for public review (July 2023)
- Presentation to Council (October 2023)

Recommended motion

That the AAC receive the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan when it is posted for public review and provide feedback during the public review period.



Thank you for your time

We invite you to review and comment on the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan when it is posted publicly in July 2023.

Accessibility Services staff are available to help you provide your feedback.

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