

# Parks and Recreation Master Plan

**Council presentation**

Committee of the Whole: October 3, 2023



Making a Difference



# Agenda

- ▶ Strategic Plan alignment
- ▶ Purpose of the PRMP
- ▶ Study process
- ▶ Community engagement
- ▶ Vision and core values
- ▶ Plan outcomes
- ▶ Plan implementation

# Strategic Plan alignment



Sustaining our future



Working together for our future



Building our future



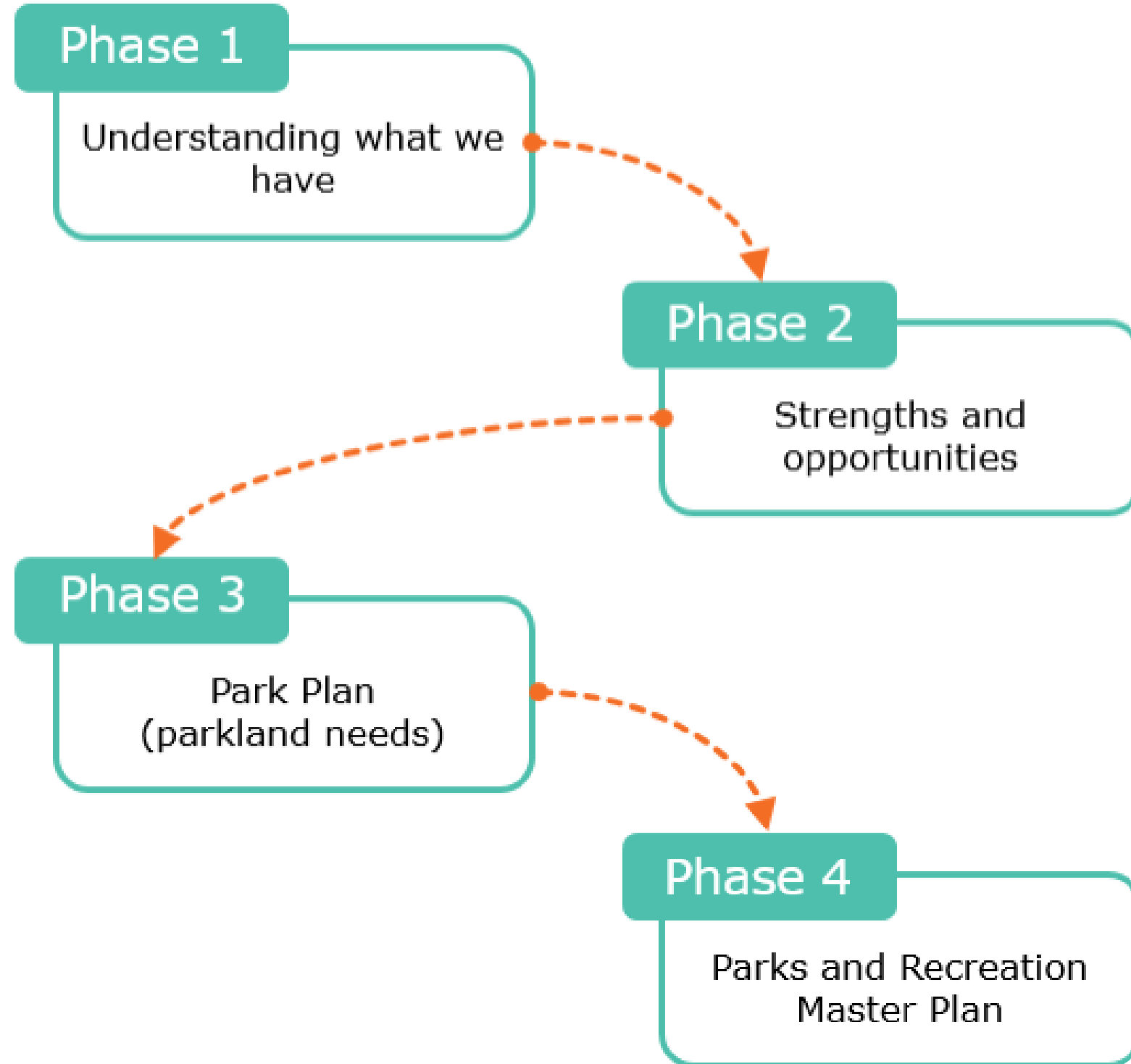


# Purpose of the PRMP

- ▶ Replaces the 2009 Recreation, Parks and Culture Strategic Master Plan.
- ▶ Identifies needs for current and future residents.
- ▶ Sets direction for parkland, recreation facilities and recreation programs in the City over the next 10 years and beyond.
- ▶ Guides how the City plans, designs, funds, builds and maintains the park and recreation network.



# Study process





# Community engagement

- 4** Community surveys
- 2** Public open houses
- 3** Community workshops
- 2** Community focus groups
- 1** Developer focus group
- 1** Sport user group meeting
- 15** Parks and recreation facility pop-ups
- 5** Community pop-ups
- 5** Presentations to Advisory Committees of Council, including the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Natural Heritage Advisory Committee
- 1** Brainstorming session with over 300 children in grades 2-5 during the City's Local Government Week visits
- 10** Internal participant workshops with key municipal departments
- 10** Individual community group meetings with Youth Council, Youth Providers Committee, Local Immigration Partnership, Upper Grand District School Board, Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition and Indigenous Nations
- 1** Virtual Sharing Circle as part of an ongoing relationship building initiative with community members of First Nation, Inuit, Métis and mixed Indigenous ancestry. The conversation was themed around parks and outdoor spaces.

Over **40** different opportunities to share feedback



# Vision and core values

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 to respond to a growing and diverse community. The City needs to connect people to each other, healthy living and the environment.



All people can participate in recreation



Parks and recreation facilities are welcoming and meaningful places for all people



A healthy and vibrant community is supported through parks and recreation



Infrastructure is maintained, sustainable and responsive to community changes



The natural environment is protected, restored and responsibly managed.



The Parks and Recreation departments work together with the community.



# Plan outcomes







# Plan implementation

- ▶ Investment is required to ensure that parks and recreation levels of service are maintained as the population grows.
- ▶ Capital investment to deliver PRMP initiatives is approximately \$17.25 million over the next 10 years.
- ▶ Pace of implementation allows for flexibility and will be based on need, resource capacity, budget approval, and in some cases, timing of Secondary Plan development, including Guelph Innovation District and Clair-Maltby.
- ▶ Updates to the master plan recommended at five-year intervals.

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Questions