

Parks & Recreation Strategic Master Plan

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Summary

Parks & Recreation Strategic Master Plan for Mapleton

The Parks & Recreation Strategic Master Plan for the Township of Mapleton provides a comprehensive look into the fabric of leisure service delivery for its rural communities. Assessing needs of the Township's facilities, parks, and open spaces, through direct community consultation and extensive onsite review of existing facilities and equipment, coupled with identifying the trends currently shaping recreation and leisure, this Plan provides an assessed condition, hence "report card" with subsequent recommended improvements and budget projections for each and every facility within the Township.

This plan makes a strong case for "health, safety & accessibility" related to leisure and recreation in the context of Mapleton's changing economic and social dynamics. All rural municipalities face specific changes that will occupy decision makers, service groups, and residents for the coming decades. These challenges include issues in the local economy, a post-industrial provincial economy, an aging population and obesity epidemic and their associated health care costs, and greater urbanization and population densification in non-rural areas.

This Strategic Master Plan makes a positive contribution to the management of leisure and recreation in Mapleton, in consideration of these challenges.

In 2011, several workshops, community questionnaires, and stakeholder consultations were offered in the many communities of Mapleton. Close to 2,000 residents were represented through 9 service groups, sports clubs, and interest groups.

In the 2019 update, a public open house and online survey was provided to the general public, and stakeholder questionnaires and interviews were offered.

This plan draws on input from diverse stakeholders and existing research to present a strong case for improvements and investments to support leisure and recreation in the Township of Mapleton. It also offers the following specific, practical recommendations that the Township can undertake to realize the multitude of healthful, social and economic benefits provided by recreation. These have been summarized through suggested "high priority" recommendations (within next 5 years) as follows.

The Executive Summary has been organized into 2 levels of recommendations:

- a. High Priorities
- b. Detailed Recommendations

A. High Priority Recommendations

1. Accessibility & Safety

Universal accessibility and safety were common concerns within the community. All public spaces and facilities should meet County standards as a minimum requirement. Effective communications, wayfinding and affordability will limit barriers in these areas and encourage equal access to programs and facilities within the township. Exterior security lighting on buildings and parking areas should be a top priority. Fire code addresses, facility identification signage and emergency telephones should be incorporated into all recreational facilities.

<i>Projects:</i>	<i>Budget:</i>
• Washroom Upgrades:	
• Moorefield Ball Park	\$15,000.00
• Drayton Agricultural Grounds	\$10,000.00

2. Playgrounds

Accessibility audits of play areas should be completed to inform accessibility and barrier-free play improvements. Further detailed site design will ensure that play areas are integrated with their surroundings, maintain effective pedestrian connections, include play opportunities for all age groups and increase other site amenities. Barrier-free elements can include interactive games, inclusive overhead climbers, shade and quiet areas, sound-based games, etc. The Design Check List (see page 86) highlights items that should be considered in the redesign of these areas.

<i>Projects:</i>	<i>Budget:</i>
• Accessibility audits of all playgrounds	\$ 5,000.00
• Barrier - free play options	\$ 72,000.00
• Drayton Ridge accessible playground	\$150,000.00

3. Trails, Wayfinding and Signage

Expanded and improved trails were identified as a number one priority of the Mapleton community, and continue to be a top trend in recreational facility development. An expanded multi-season, multi-use trail system with trail heads, info kiosks, distance markers, interpretive panels and so on, will offer additional and alternative recreational opportunities and will appeal to a wide range of user groups. A wayfinding and signage program will support initial developments within the community.

<i>Projects:</i>	<i>Budget:</i>
• Develop a Township wide Trails Master Plan	\$15,000.00
• Wayfinding and Signage plan	\$15,000.00
• Trails Feasibility Study	\$ 7,500.00
• Parks & Recreation Satisfaction Study	\$ 5,000.00
• New Sign for Wallace Cummings Park off Wellington Rd. 17.	\$ 5,000.00

4. Staffing

With additional facility development, increased programming, and proposed management and marketing initiatives, designated staff will be required to take on new responsibilities. The following projects are suggested:

<i>Projects:</i>	<i>Budget:</i>
• Job description review; PR training	TBD
• Consolidate reservations for hall rentals	TBD
• Provide training for 'Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act'	TBD
• Develop a volunteer program	TBD
• Identify new opportunities for partnerships	TBD
• Appoint staff for new youth programming	TBD
• Develop an Arts and Culture Advisory Committee	TBD
• Appoint staff to address marketing and funding opportunities	TBD
• Appoint a Grant Application Writer	TBD

High Priority Recommendations (Cont.)

5. Programming

Both the youth and senior user groups will continue to dominate the population in Mapleton. Increased recreational and leisure style programming for both groups will engage the community and encourage local participation.

<i>Projects:</i>	<i>Budget:</i>
• Summer Camp - monitor current program; modify as required	TBD
• March Break Camp - designated staff, supplies	TBD
• Public Arts Program - designated advisory committee	TBD

6. Communications

Municipalities need to keep pace with the advancement of current communication technologies. While the Township’s Web site has been updated, other avenues of communication should still be considered.

<i>Projects:</i>	<i>Budget:</i>
• Leisure Guide development - designated staff	TBD
• Volunteer Board - designated staff, volunteer coordination	TBD
• Healthy Initiatives	

7. Funding / Marketing

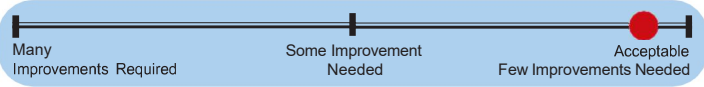


Additional means of accruing revenues through advertising and partnerships will assist the Township in controlling fees, and it’s ability to offer space to groups requiring subsidy.

<i>Projects:</i>	<i>Budget:</i>
• Identify new opportunities for partnerships	TBD
• Appoint a Grant Application Writer	TBD
• Appoint staff to address marketing and funding opportunities	TBD
• Promote advertising in arena, leisure guide, web site	TBD
• Develop program to off set utility and maintenance costs for charitable events requiring the use of township facilities. (ie ‘Fun Run’, Themed Movie Nights at Theatre, etc)	TBD

B. Detailed Recommendations

The following detailed recommendations have been organized by existing facilities within a community, and then by new initiatives (new parks, facilities, staffing, programs, marketing and funding).

Drayton

Location/ Facility/ Park	Assessed Conditions	Recommended Improvements	Projected Budget
	<i>The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of Mapleton's park's/ facilities equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted beside and may pertain to improvement priority, new development and accessibility.</i>	ST = short term (1-5 years) MT = mid term (5-10 years) LT = long term (10+ years)	
Kinsmen Playground		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate barrier-free play options to increase accessibility. ST Upgrade playground surfacing to resilient, engineered wood fiber for accessibility compliance. ST 	\$ 40,000.00 \$ 10,000.00
P.M.D. Arena and Community Centre		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-paint/install new identification sign. ST Increase night lighting in parking lot. ST Integrate new free form outdoor rink. MT Parking lot reconfiguration/beautification. MT 	\$ 10,000.00 \$ 45,000.00 \$ 50,000.00 \$ 15,000.00
Agricultural Fair Grounds		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade playground surfacing to resilient, engineered wood fiber for accessibility compliance. ST Retrofit (access widening re doors) of bathrooms to meet current accessibility standard. ST 	

e ID sign. LT	\$ 50,000.00
• Install soccer field lighting. LT	
	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ 7,500.00
	\$ 75,000.00

Location/ Facility/ Park

Assessed Conditions

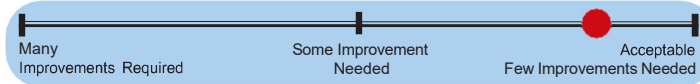
Recommended Improvements

Projected Budget

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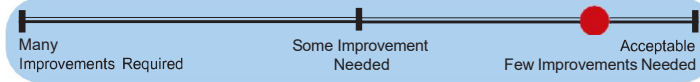
Mapleton Soccer Field



- Add spectator bleachers at Mapleton Soccer Field. **MT**

\$ 15,000.00

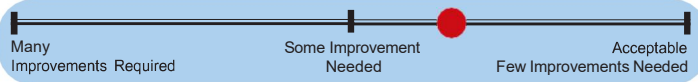
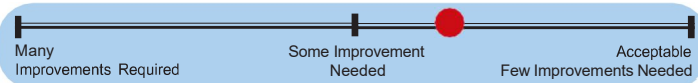
ABC Park



- Create maintenance strategy for beach volleyball court(s). **ST**

\$ 5,000.00

Moorefield

<u>Location/ Facility/ Park</u>	<u>Assessed Conditions</u>	<u>Recommended Improvements</u>	<u>Projected Budget</u>
	<p>The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of Mapleton's park's/ facilities equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted beside and may pertain to improvement priority, new development and accessibility.</p>		
		<p>ST = short term (1-5 years) MT = mid term (5-10 years) LT = long term (10+ years)</p>	
Maryborough Community Centre	 <p>Many Improvements Required Some Improvement Needed Acceptable Few Improvements Needed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve identification signage at facility. ST 	\$ 5,000.00
Moorefield Ball Park Playground	 <p>Many Improvements Required Some Improvement Needed Acceptable Few Improvements Needed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate barrier-free play options to increase accessibility. ST B Diamond-netting installation. MT Picnic shelter - ongoing maintenance with future replacement as structure ages. LT Improve accessibility to washrooms from skirting of building. ST Increase night lighting to and around the facility. ST Coordinate servicing and access to batting cage. ST Improve visibility of identification signage. ST Increase 'curb appeal' and community identifications. ST 	<p>\$ 10,000.00</p> <p>\$ 15,000.00</p> <p>\$ 45,000.00</p> <p>\$ 15,000.00</p> <p>\$ 15,000.00</p> <p>\$ 7,500.00</p> <p>\$ 2,500.00</p> <p>\$ 5,000.00</p>

Location/ Facility/ Park

Assessed Conditions

Recommended Improvements

Projected Budget

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of Mapleton's park's/ facilities equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted beside and may pertain to improvement priority, new development and accessibility.

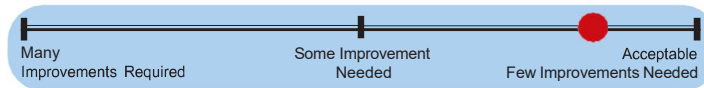
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Alma

Wallace Cummings Park



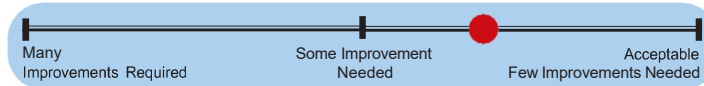
- Consider park furnishings and amenity program. **MT**
- Advertise disc golf course in promotional material / website & develop a course map **ST**

\$ 10,000.00

\$4,000.00

Rothsay

Rothsay Optimist Park

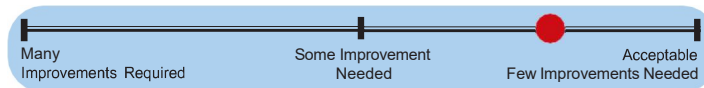


- Integrate barrier-free play options to increase accessibility. **ST**

\$7,000.00

Glen Allan

Glen Allan Park



- Have safety compliance/risk management summary done to quality potential future structure replacement. **ST**
- Integrate barrier-free play options to increase accessibility. **ST**

\$ 3,000.00

\$3,000.00

New Initiatives

New Parks & Facilities

<u>Location/ Facility/ Park</u>	<u>Recommended Improvements</u>	<u>Projected Budget</u>
	H- High Priority M- Medium Priority L- Low Priority	
<u>New Parks & Facilities</u>		
• Wallace Cummings Park, Alma	- New outdoor skating rink: M	\$ 15,000.00
• Centennial Park, Drayton	- Trail extension/ linkages (pedestrian bridge crossing): M	TBD
• Township Lagoons	- Township Lagoon Park - Future development of park with connections to trails and surrounding parks/ green spaces: L	TBD
• Drayton Ridge Park, Drayton (Future)	- Future development of park with trail connections and linkages to surrounding parks/ green spaces, accessible playground, barrier free play options, dog park, multi-use sports pad, community gathering space, etc.: H/M	TBD
<u>Plans (including updates)</u>		
	- Township Trails Master Plan: H	\$ 15,000.00
	- Wayfinding and Signage Plan (Parks & Places): H	\$ 15,000.00
	- Township Trails Feasibility Study: H	\$ 7,500.00
	- P & R Satisfaction Study: H	\$ 5,000.00
	- Parkland Strategy & Classification System: H/M	\$ 7,500.00
	- Mapleton Lagoon Park Development Plan: L	\$ 7,500.00
	- Accessibility Audits: H	\$ 5,000.00
	- Drayton Ridge Park Master Plan & Tender Documents: H	\$ 7,500.00
	- Master Plan Update - 2026	\$ 25,000.00
		\$ 20,000.00

Staffing

Recommended Improvements

H- High Priority
M- Medium Priority
L- Low Priority

Projected Budget

General	<p>Service training H</p> <p>Job Description Review: H</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify common and unique skills - Identify gaps requiring additional expertise - Encourage excellence <p>Public Relations training. H</p>	designated staff
Reservations	<p>Centralize / consolidate for all facilities and programs offered within the Township. H</p>	designated staff/ Recreation Manager
Accessibility Compliance	<p>Provide a training program in line with 'Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act' H</p>	designated staff/ Recreation Manager
Volunteer Program	<p>Develop a program that will attract, train, supervise, evaluate and reward a volunteer base. H</p>	designated staff/ Recreation Manager
Environmental Stewardship	<p>Develop and manage a 'Green Plan' that addresses and promotes environmental stewardship within facilities, parks and programming. M</p>	designated staff/ Recreation Manager/ Public Works

Recommended Improvements

H- High Priority

M- Medium Priority

L- Low Priority

Projected Budget

Partnerships

Review existing partnerships and develop an agreement plan between partners and the township. **H**

Identify new opportunities for partnerships. **H**

designated staff/
Economic Development

Concessions

Continue with third party delivery; advertise and provide/install accessibility upgrades

budget: TBD

Communications

Develop a leisure guide - (could include existing/ new programs, arena/hall rental costs, advertising opportunities, local club information and news, and volunteer information) . **H**

Install volunteer boards at community centres to improve communications; gear towards seniors/students, etc. **H**

Promote healthy lifestyles through campaigns offered by associations with 'In Motion' and 'ParticipACTION', etc. **H**

designated staff/
Recreation Manager /
Economic Development
budget: TBD

Marketing & Funding

Recommended Improvements

H- High Priority
M- Medium Priority
L- Low Priority

Projected Budget

Grant Application Writer

Identify need and apply for appropriate recreation and facility grants with assistance of staff. **H**

designated staff
Recreation Manager,
Economic Development

Leisure Guide/ Website

Promote advertising opportunities. **H**

designated staff
Recreation Manager
Economic Development
budget: TBD

P.M.D. Arena

Continue implementing rink board advertisement opportunities/program. **H**

designated staff
Recreation Manager
Economic Development
budget: TBD

Special Events

Explore incentive/ subsidy opportunities to support community fundraising projects that use Township facilities. **H**

designated staff
Recreation Manager
Economic Development
budget: TBD

Programming	<u>Recommended Improvements</u>	<u>Projected Budget</u>
	H- High Priority M- Medium Priority L- Low Priority	
Youth	Monitor/survey current summer and March break programming/camps; modify as required H	designated staff/ Recreation Manager
Adult/ Senior	Promote programming to suit senior market. H Investigate interest in adult recreation leagues/events not currently offered by community groups. M	designated staff/ Recreation Manager
Public Art	Establish an advisory committee. H Encourage public participation in community arts and culture; Identify funding opportunities. M	Arts & culture advisory committee

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Section 1: Foundations

Planning Foundations

This section describes the foundations of the Township of Mapleton Park and Recreation Strategic Master Plan: its role, planning context and scope, Mapleton's existing parks, facilities and related landscapes' physical context and current condition. This was achieved through a needs assessment/community consultation process, an inventory of all existing facilities, and a trends analysis. This section acts as the foundation for the Strategies & Actions which follow.



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1.0 Introduction

2012 Accomplishments
Role and Scope
Master Plan Process





Introduction

2012 Accomplishments

The 2012 Community Parks, Recreation, and Culture Strategic Master Plan outlined 14 strategies and actions to guide future development within the Township. Over the past seven years, the Township has done a great job implementing many of the recommendations.

The Township has:

- completed numerous updates related to accessibility improvements. These updates include retrofitting access to community centres, washroom facilities, pathway linkages, and playground upgrades and removals. There are a variety of recreational opportunities and amenities available to the community throughout the Township, most of which are free to use (in a recreational capacity). The community events calendar accessible on the Township website promotes local events, sports, and activities;
- addressed and implemented risk management procedures, including the addition of fire code addresses & signage at most park facilities, shelters for sun protection, and exterior security lighting;
- taken steps to increase environmentally friendly initiatives, such as promoting environmentally friendly recreational activities (ie: trails, park and open space systems, nature appreciation, etc.), implementing and supporting the Trees for Mapleton community initiative, and respecting natural ecological systems;
- conducted efficiency efforts, including offering multiple activities and complementary activities at a single location to accommodate 'one stop shopping' at many of the existing parks (ie: playground, picnicking, open space) and sub-dividing larger playing fields to allow for more use by younger teams (ie: soccer);
- a strong volunteer community, with many clubs, organizations, associations, etc. supporting and/or spear-heading park-related initiatives ie: Splash Pad at ABC Park Minor; running and organization of minor sport groups, etc. These type of partnerships with other Government agencies, local service groups, schools, businesses and volunteers in the community, strengthen the public face of the parks and recreation service delivery team;
- retrofitted existing buildings and repaired facility roofs and flooring (ie: Maryborough Community Centre, Washroom facilities, and P.M.D. Arena); and
- invested in the development of a Municipal Cultural Plan (2014), that highlights Mapleton's rich cultural identity.

The majority of Mapleton communities have some degree of park or open space (ie: playground, walking trail, etc.). The Township has completed several improvements to existing facilities and park amenities, including the:

- addition of beach volleyball courts at both ABC Park and Wallace Cummings Park;
- installation of a disc golf course, board walk, labyrinth, memorial arboretum, and accessible pathways at Wallace Cummings Park;
- installation of a skate park at the Agricultural Fair Grounds;
- replacement of all older playground structures with new playground units;
- upgrades to Moorefield Ball Park diamonds;
- rejuvenation of the Mapleton Soccer Field; and
- new Pavilion and site amenities (benches, waste receptacles, etc.).

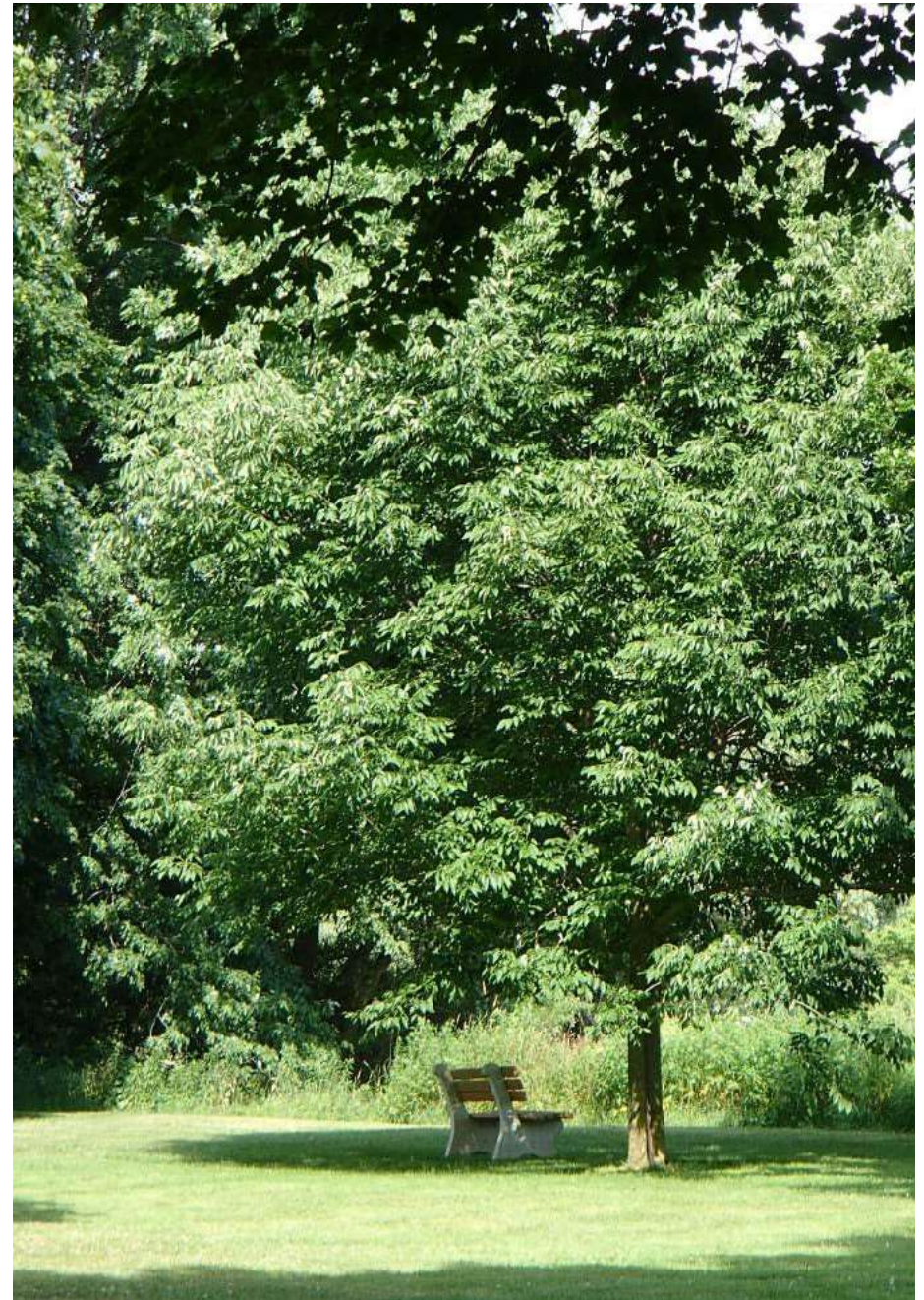


Figure 1.1 lists the high priority recommendations outlined in the 2012 document. Completed recommendations are marked with an '✓'.

Figure 1.1: 2012 High Priority Recommendations

H = high priority, M = medium priority

ST = short term (1-5yrs), MT = mid term (5-10 yrs), LT= long term (10+ yrs)

Recommendation/ Action Item		Priority	2012
Accessibility & Safety			
	Moorefield Ball Park – Washroom Upgrades	H	✓
	Drayton Agricultural Grounds – Washroom Upgrades	H	
	Maryborough Community Centre- Access ramp	H	✓
	Continue implementation of Fire Code/ Emergency addresses	H	✓
Playgrounds & Splash Pad			
	Audit outstanding playgrounds	H	
	Redesign play areas & replace 'at risk' play structures – Moorefield Ball Park, Kinsmen Playground, and Rothsay Optimist Park	H	✓
	New Splash Pad/ Water Play Park – ABC Park	H	✓
Trails, Wayfinding & Signage			
	Develop a Township wide Trails Implementation Plan	H	
	Develop a Wayfinding & Signage Plan	H	
	Install a new Sign for Maryborough Community Centre off McGivern St.	H	
	Improve visibility and size of park directional signage	LT	
Maintenance			
	Roof Replacement – P.M.D. Arena	H	✓
	Roof Replacement – Maryborough Community Centre	H	✓
	Building Retrofit – Maryborough Community Centre.	H	✓
	Scoreboard repair A Diamond- Moorefield Ball Park	H	✓

Recommendation/ Action Item		Priority	2012
Accessibility & Safety			
	Moorefield Ball Park – Washroom Upgrades	H	✓
	Drayton Agricultural Grounds – Washroom Upgrades	H	
	Maryborough Community Centre- Access ramp	H	✓
	Continue implementation of Fire Code/ Emergency addresses	H	✓
Playgrounds & Splash Pad			
	Audit outstanding playgrounds	H	
	Redesign play areas & replace 'at risk' play structures – Moorefield Ball Park, Kinsmen Playground, and Rothsay Optimist Park	H	✓
	New Splash Pad/ Water Play Park – ABC Park	H	✓
Trails, Wayfinding & Signage			
	Develop a Township wide Trails Implementation Plan	H	
	Develop a Wayfinding & Signage Plan	H	
	Install a new Sign for Maryborough Community Centre off McGivern St.	H	
	Improve visibility and size of park directional signage	LT	
Maintenance			
	Roof Replacement – P.M.D. Arena	H	✓
	Roof Replacement – Maryborough Community Centre	H	✓
	Building Retrofit – Maryborough Community Centre.	H	✓
	Scoreboard repair A Diamond- Moorefield Ball Park	H	✓
Programming			
	Youth		
	Develop a pilot program for summer and march break programming/ camps	H	
	Adult/Senior		
	Promote programming to suit senior market	H	✓
	Public Art		
	Establish an advisory committee	H	
	Encourage public participation in community arts and culture	M	
	Identify funding opportunities	M	

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Recommendation/ Action Item		Priority	2012
Staffing			
	General		
	Service training	H	TBC
	Job description review to identify common and unique skills, gaps requiring additional expertise, and encourage excellence	H	TBC
	Public relations training	H	TBC
	Reservations		
	Centralize/ consolidate for all facilities and programs offered within the Township	H	TBC
	Accessibility Compliance		
	Provide a training program in line with AODA Act	H	
	Volunteer Program		
	Develop a program that will attract, train, supervise, evaluate, and reward a volunteer base	H	
	Environmental Stewardship		
	Develop and manage a 'Green Plan' that addresses and promotes environmental stewardship within facilities, parks, and programming	M	✓
	High Five Training		
	Conduct training of staff looking after children under the age of 13 in parks and recreation.	M	
	Partnerships		
	Review existing partnerships and develop an agreement plan between partners and the Township	H	
	Identify new opportunities for partnerships	H	
	Concessions		
	Continue with third party delivery; advertise and provide/ install any safety upgrades ie: emergency phone access	H	✓

Recommendation/ Action Item		Priority	2012
	Communications		
	Expand existing website (requires staff with marketing, graphic and communication skills)	H	✓
	Develop a leisure guide (could include existing/ new programs, arena/hall rental costs, advertising opportunities, local club information and news, and volunteer information)	H	
	Install volunteer boards at community centres to improve communications; gear towards seniors/ students, etc.	H	✓
	Promote healthy lifestyles through campaigns offered by associations with 'In Motion' and 'ParticipACTION', etc.	H	
Marketing & Funding			
	Grant Application Writer		
	Identify need and apply for appropriate grants with assistance of staff	H	
	Leisure Guide/ Website		
	Promote advertising opportunities	H	
	P.M.D. Arena		
	Implement rink board advertisement opportunities/ program	H	•
	Special Events		
	Explore incentive/ subsidy opportunities to support community fundraising projects that use Township facilities	H	

Figure 1.2 lists the recommendations/ action items per facility/ park as outlined in the 2012 document.

Figure 1.2: 2012 Recommendation Completions per Park

ST = short term (1-5yrs), MT = mid term (5-10 yrs), LT= long term (10+ yrs)

Recommendation/ Action Item		Priority	2012
Facility/ Park			
Wallace Cummings Park*			
	Improve accessibility to playground, structures, and shelter.	ST	✓
	Integrate new free form public outdoor rink	MT	
	Integrate new Soccer field	MT	
	Consider park furnishings and amenity program	MT	✓
Kinsmen Park			
	Replace existing wood structures	ST	✓
	Upgrade sandbox area	ST	✓
	Install accessible surfacing	ST	✓
Drayton Agri. Fairground			
	Replace skirting around concession stand and washroom building	ST	TBC
	Retrofit (access widening re doors) of bathrooms to meet current accessibility standard.	ST	TBC
	New skateboard park	MT	✓
	Regrade and seed existing large soccer field	MT	✓
	Add entrance ID sign	LT	
	Ball diamond "B" - Lighting	MT	✓
	Soccer field lighting	MT	
P.M.D. Arena			
	Replace community centre floor and roof	ST	✓
	Increase night lighting in Parking Lots	ST	
	Integrate new free form outdoor rink	MT	
	Parking lot reconfiguration/ beautification	MT	
A.B.C. Park*			
	Integrate new splash pad	MT	✓
	Remove temporary bathroom screen during off-season	ST	✓
	Removal and replacement of existing bench arbour with new gazebo	MT	✓

Recommendation/ Action Item		Priority	2012
Riverside Park			
	Add spectator bleachers at Mapleton Soccer Field	MT	
	Bench replacement and new amenities at Walking Trail	MT	✓
	Increase additional signage	MT	
Drayton Walking Trail			
	Replace and implement additional benches along the trail	MT	✓
	Improve trail head signage and overall trail signage	MT	
Centennial Park			
	Expand trails and connections to surrounding facilities	LT	
Drayton Festival Theatre			
	Develop off season programming, community partnerships and arts & culture programs	LT	TBC
Rothsay			
	Replace existing play structure and base material, install accessible surfacing.	ST	✓
Glen Allan*			
	Have safety compliance/ risk management summary done to quality potential future structure replacement	ST	TBC
	Remove/ replace old, wooden structures and install accessible surfacing	MT	✓
	Picnic shelter- ongoing maintenance	LT	✓
Moorefield Ball Park & Playground			
	A Diamond – outfield fencing alterations	MT	✓
	B Diamond- netting installation	MT	
	Picnic shelter- ongoing maintenance with future replacement as structure ages	LT	✓
	General site improvements, replace existing structure and install accessible surfacing.	H	✓

* indicates park has had other improvements conducted outside of specified recommendations.

Role and Scope

Strategic Master Plan 2021

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan for the Township of Mapleton is the vehicle for implementing new development and renovation projects, and for maintaining and preserving existing facilities and infrastructure. It will provide a means to articulate a common parks, recreation and culture purpose within the Township of Mapleton, to its residents, regulatory agencies and community at large. This document is an update to the 2012 Park, Recreation, and Culture Strategic Master Plan, prepared by SKA.

Recreation & Parks Strategic Master Plan Mandate

The Project Planning Committee was mandated to develop a strategic master plan, which was presented to the Township of Mapleton's Council in 2012.

The Township aimed to cover several goals within the updated master plan:

1. Development of a comprehensive framework addressing facilities, amenities, events and open space for the next 5-20 years;
2. Define user groups and their needs through community sessions, interviews and questionnaires;
3. Existing facilities assessment and service audit to provide an up-to-date inventory. Additionally, determining a level of service required to meet future growth and how it would impact existing and future resources;
4. Identifying future needs and trends to meet the demands of an evolving community;
5. General strategies, implementation of strategies and prioritized recommendations, including a capital budget.



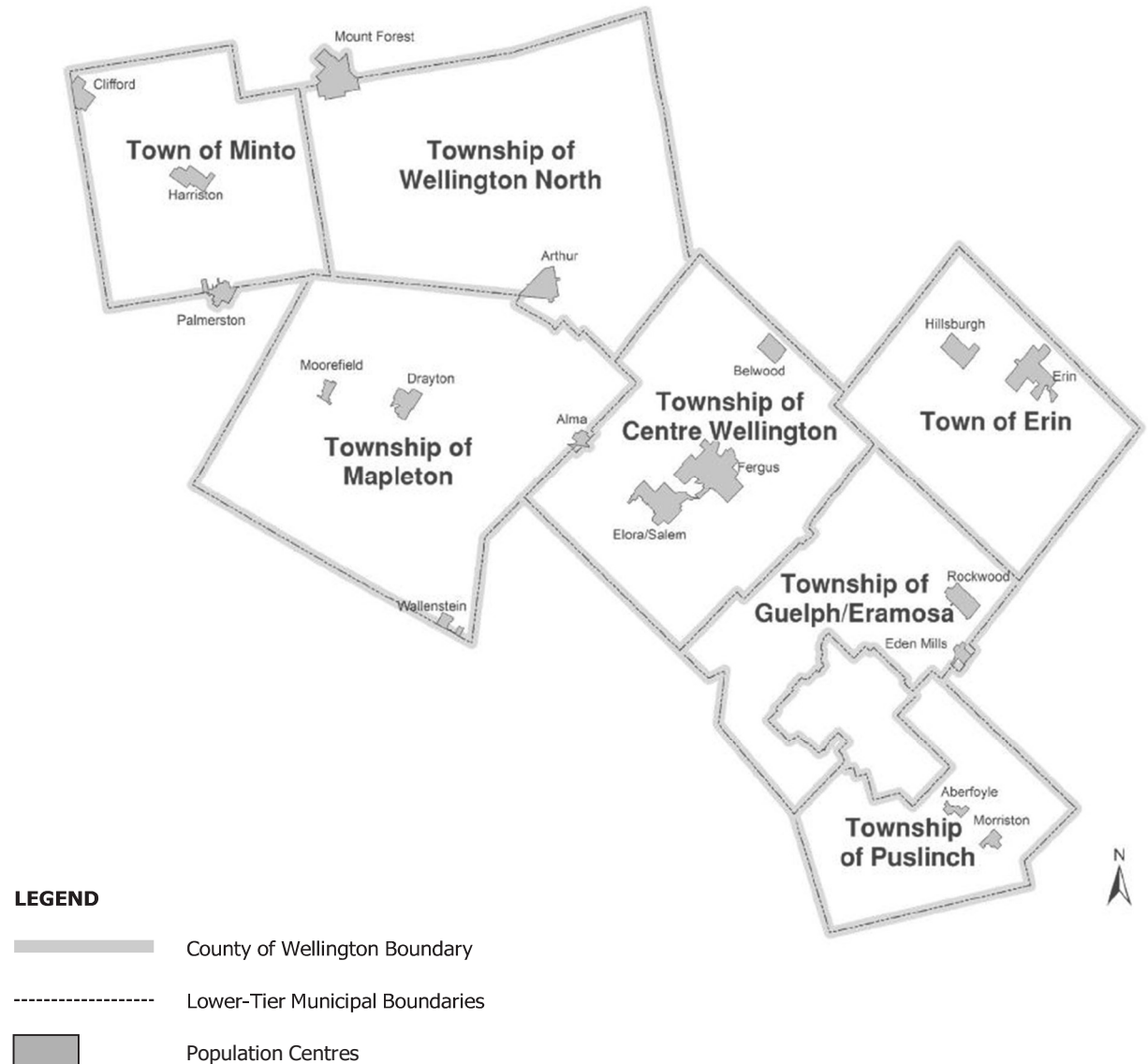
Context Map

The Township of Mapleton is one of seven lower-tier municipalities that make up the County of Wellington. Located north-west of Waterloo, the Township supports mostly agricultural and rural population of approximately 10,527 people. The Township has two urban centres, Drayton and Moorefield.

Mapleton's vision and mission statement is "rooted in tradition, growing for the future".

The context map highlights the Township's boundary along with its surrounding lower-tier municipalities that make up the County of Wellington.

Map retrieved from the County of Wellington website <https://www.wellington.ca/en/resident-services/resources/Planning/mappage/Municipal-Boundaries.pdf> on May 22, 2021.



The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Planning for leisure service delivery deals with individual projects; linking parks and open spaces to the recreational and cultural facilities of the Township. The Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan is aimed at ensuring the physical environment, both built and natural, operates within the limits of the Township's natural systems, meets the recreational and cultural needs and aspirations of its residents, guests, and the communities around it. It enables the Township's leisure service delivery goals and decisions to be realized.

The scope of the strategic Master Plan will include all aspects of Township operations including all recreational activities, all services provided, degree of quality, facilities for recreation and culture, parkland, playgrounds, sports fields, accessibility, safety, appropriate capacity (deficiency or excess in particular areas), technical assessment, capital assets, property and environmental issues.

The Strategic Master Plan responds to the Long Range Horizon.

The **Long Range** horizon (10 - 25 years) suggests a future based on goals and growth expectations which can be articulated only in general terms. It can include established projects which are in the programming, design or implementation stages, and contemplated projects which reflect current and projected needs, but which have not as yet been defined. The long-range framework is firmly based on present realities, but extrapolated into the future to provide a comprehensive context for upcoming leisure service delivery planning decisions. The goal of this horizon is to identify options for future Township projects and suggest measures for their protection beyond the 25 year period. However, this Plan also identifies priorities for the more immediate (1 - 3 year) and medium (3 – 10 year) horizons. Continued data collection and assessment should inform this Master Plan's update on a 3 - 5 years cycle.

The Strategic Master Plan directs communal action.

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan directs action so that the physical environment suits the Township's communities' present and future needs, meets corporate goals, and is a joy to be part of. Its existence and content is a clear message that the Township's future direction matters.

The Township is a community of residents, their guests, service groups and its businesses. A committee and extensive consultative process provides this community with the means to shape the Plan. The Township is also an asset that serves neighbouring municipalities, County of Wellington, and many other Southern Ontario's communities – the opportunities that arise from these relationships are important. The Township is a community of buildings and landscapes that give Mapleton its sense of place. The Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan for Mapleton responds to and affects (to differing degrees) each of these communities.

The Strategic Master Plan interacts with other Township plans.

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan is a significant piece of a planning process for the Township. Any planning for Mapleton should have three primary components – marketing and related needs planning, financial planning, and physical or development planning – which should be founded on the broad goals and objectives of the Township's mission; specifying the means whereby these identified goals and objectives are to be realized. While each component focuses on a different field, they are highly interdependent: the decisions of one exercise influence and/or respond to the conclusions of another as they are developed and implemented. The exceptional characteristic of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan is that its subjects – leisure/recreation related buildings and landscapes, in this rural municipal context – will usually outlive, yet need to inform and thus serve, a series of Township financial and marketing plans.

This plan also builds on the best of what the Township has done in the past. It responds to previous accomplishments, current thinking, recent resident surveys, and completed projects.

The Strategic Master Plan must work within fiscal realities.

In order to be successfully implemented, the The Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan needs to consider current and fiscal realities. The Plan is a vision but not idealistic; it sets realistic policies that can be achieved over time through creative implementation practices and sound long term planning.

The Plan is strategic.

The Master Plan does not describe future recreational and cultural landscapes and facilities in absolute detail. It is a set of planning principles that define intent, but not final form. These guide physical change to ensure that general objectives for the Township are met but are flexible enough to accommodate specific needs that may arise in the future.

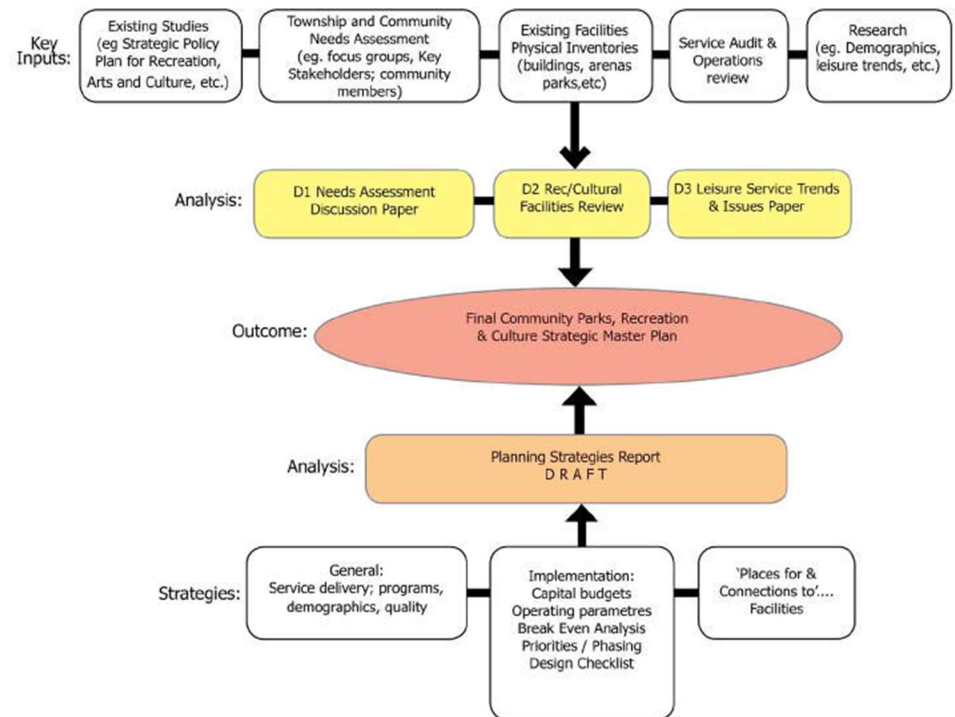
The Strategic Master Plan reinforces the best and repairs the worst.

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan identifies the parts of the Township that are successful and makes it a special place. Likewise, the Plan identifies areas that detract from the Township's ability to provide quality leisure services and can benefit from improvement. The plan seeks to preserve and enhance the positive aspects and repair the negative parts of parks, recreation and culture for the Township.

The Strategic Master Plan responds to trends.

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan responds to trends in recreation, leisure and rural demographics. Such trends across the province and North America include a desire for home-based activities, casual participation, self-directed learning, recreation & leisure moving outdoors, environmental concerns, urbanization, and an aging society. The plan seeks to reduce barriers and challenges arising from these trends and embrace opportunities for residents and guests of all ages.

Master Plan Process



1. 1 Existing Inventory & Conditions

Overview

Alma

Drayton

Moorefield

Rural Mapleton

Other





Existing Inventory & Conditions

Overview

The Township of Mapleton encompasses two urban centres, two hamlets, and rural area. The existing inventories have been separated into three categories based on the locations of the existing parks, facilities, and community centres.

For the purpose of this document, the hamlets of Wallenstein, Glen Allan, and Rothsay have been included in Rural Mapleton.

The categories are:

- Alma
- Drayton
- Moorefield
- Rural Mapleton
- Other

The Township of Mapleton has been implementing the recommendations set forth in the 2012 Community Parks, Recreation, & Culture Strategic Master Plan. The total amount of each facility type available within the Township is shown in the graphic below.



Alma

The following map shows the existing park and recreation facilities located in Alma. A breakdown of existing amenities located within each park can be found in appendix 2.

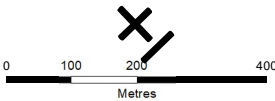
LEGEND

- A** Alma Community Centre
- B** Alma Baseball Diamond
- C** Alma Outdoor Ice Rink and Play Structure
- D** Morely's Meadow - Baseball Diamond
- E** Wallace Cumming Park

• • • Wallace Cumming Park Trail

Urban Centre Boundary

450m Comfortable Walking Distance



Alma Baseball Diamond

(Not Township owned and/or operated)

Baseball Diamond

- Bleachers
- Team benches
- Batting cage - in need of repair
- Sports Field Lighting: No

Optimist Picnic Shelter

- Concrete Slab
- Picnic Tables
- Swing Set (2 seater): 1

Plaque

- First ball diamond in rural Ontario with floodlights - 1928

Parking: No

Amenities

- Permanent Washroom Facility
- Park Sign: No
- Trash Receptacle(s): 3
- Recycling Receptacle(s): 1
- Bike Rack: 1



Morley's Meadow

(Not Township owned and/or operated)

Baseball Diamond

- Team bench(s): 2

Small Multi-Use Field

- Bench(s): 4

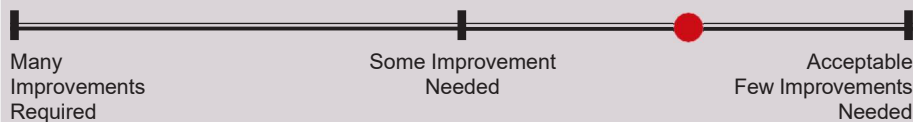
Amenities:

- Park Sign: Yes
- Parking: No



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Batting cage visually run down
- Field in mediocre condition

Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



Alma Outdoor Ice Rink & Play Structure

(Not Township owned and operated)

Outdoor Rink

- Rink Lighting: Yes
- Hockey Net(s): Yes
- Boards
- Protective Fencing

Play Structure

- Eight piece playground
 - Three pieces by Henderson Recreation Equipment
 - Installed 2002

Parking: No

Amenities

- Sign: Yes
- Bench(s): Yes



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Ice rink visually run down, boards buckling, graffiti
- Older play structures, potentially unsafe, not universally accessible

Alma Community Centre

(Not Township owned and/or operated)

Facility Type

- Community Centre
- Capacity: 295

Parking

- 121 regular stalls
- 7 accessible stalls
- Asphalt surface

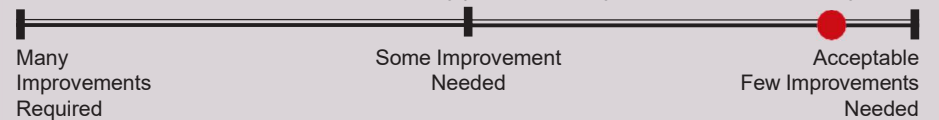
Amenities

- Building Sign: Yes
- Permanent Washroom Facilities
- Kitchen Facilities
- Wallace Cumming Memorial Trail
 - Limestone screened
 - Length: 1.5km



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Community Centre is in good condition and fully accessible
- No identification sign at roadway and parking lot may need future repairs.

Wallace Cumming Park

Beach Volleyball

- Court(s): 1

Play Structure- Little Tykes

- 4 individual structures
- Swing Set
- Pea gravel base with timber edging
- Accessible pathway

Pavilion

- Concrete slab
- 13m. x 7m.
- Picnic Tables: 9
- No power

Parking

- Gravel surface
- 15m. x 16m.

Other

- Disc Golf
 - Signage: Yes
- Labyrinth
- Memorial arboretum
- Natural pollinator garden

Amenities

- Portable Washroom (Summer)
- Gazebo
- Bench(s): 4
- Trash Receptacle(s): 3
- Bike Rack: 0
- Park Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Information: Yes
- Outdoor trail rink *



Wallace Cumming Park Walking Trail

Trail

- Trail Entrance Sign: Yes
- Length: 1.5km

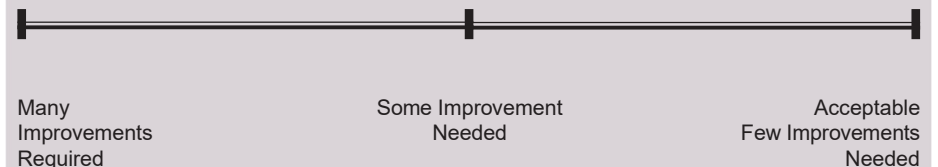
Amenities

- Bench(s): 9
- Picnic Table(s): 4
- Trash Receptacle(s): 6
- Pet Waste Receptacle(s): 3
- Trail Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Sign: No
- Trail Lighting: Yes, Solar



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.




*(Optimist owned, operated and maintained)


- Playground not universally accessible
- No park identification sign at main entrance
- Beach volleyball court overtaken by grass.

Drayton

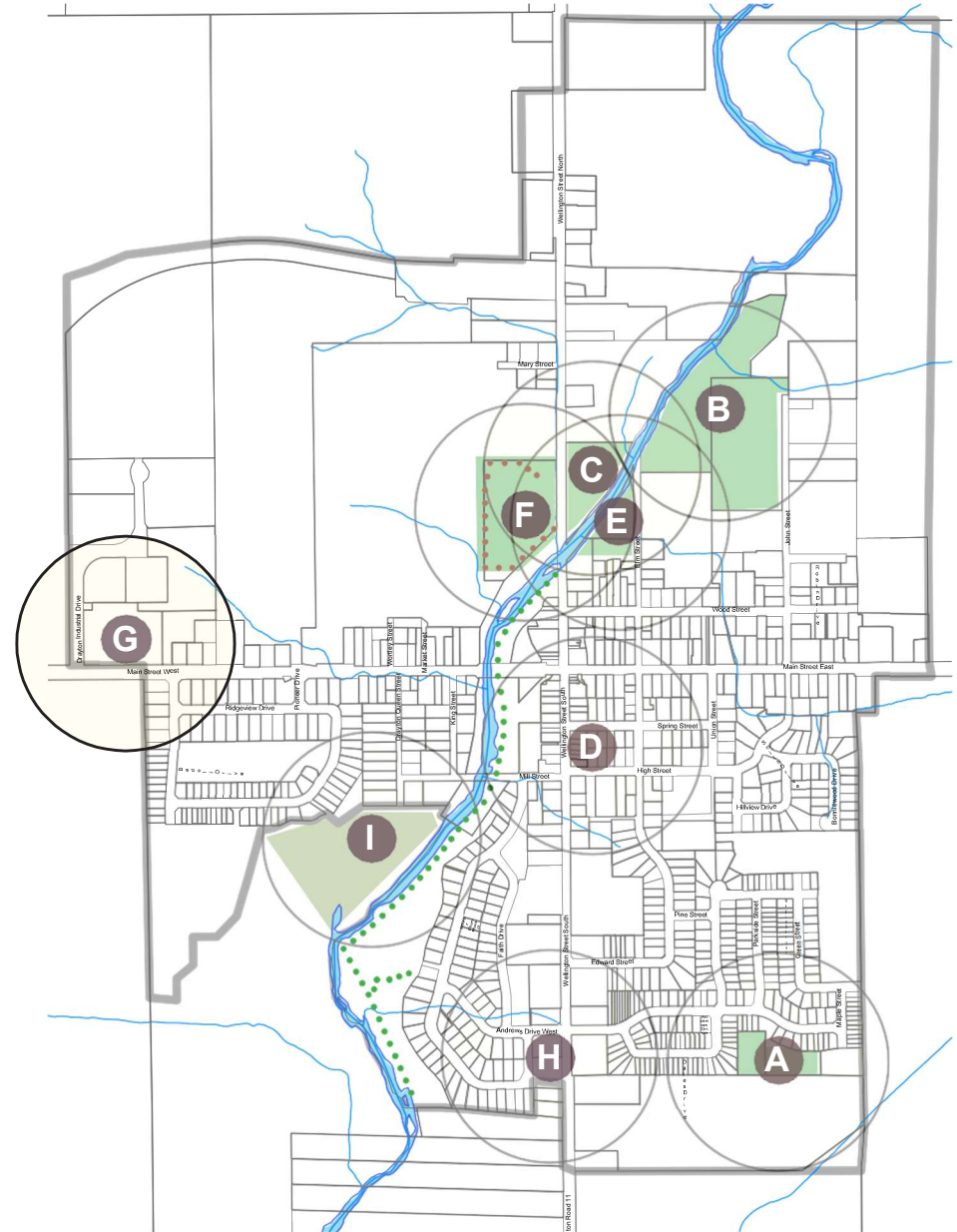
The following map shows the existing park and recreation facilities located in Drayton. A breakdown of existing amenities located within each park can be found in appendix 2.

LEGEND

- A** ABC Park
 - B** Agricultural Fair Grounds
 - C** Centennial Park
 - D** Drayton Festival Theatre
 - E** Drayton Kinsmen Park
 - F** Mapleton Soccer Field and Riverside Park
 - G** P.M.D Arena and Community Centre
 - H** Wellington Library
 - I** Drayton Ridge Community Park
 - • • • • Drayton Walking Trail
 - • • • • Riverside Walking Trail
 - Urban Centre Boundary
 - 450m Comfortable Walking Distance
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Metres



Agricultural Fair Grounds

Baseball Diamonds

'A' Diamond

- Sports Field Lighting: Yes
- Bleacher(s): Yes
- Team Bench(s): Yes
- Announcers box

'B' Diamond

- Bleacher(s): Yes
- Team Bench(s): Yes
- Sports Field Lighting: No



Soccer Fields

Main Field

- Benches
- Sports Field Lighting: No
- Four Junior Fields
- Portable Goal Posts



Other

Play Structure

- Pea gravel base with no edging
- Picnic Table(s): 4
- Trash Receptacle(s): 1

Amenities & Site Furnishings

- Permanent Washroom Facilities
- Portable Washrooms (Summer)
- Concession Stand
- Tractor Pull Area
- Grandstand Seating
- Main Agricultural Building
 - Winter storage, permanent washroom facilities, 2 kitchen facilities.
- Entrance Sign: Yes
- Park Sign: No
- Emergency Location Sign: Yes
- Concession Emergency Phone: No



Track

- Gravel base



Parking Lots

- 170 regular stalls- Gravel base
- 60 regular stalls- Gravel base

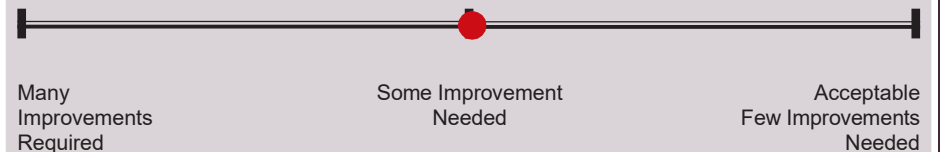
Batting Cage

Basketball Court

Skate Park

Conditions:

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- Skirt around concession stand and washrooms cracked
- Entrance sign is hard to see and is easy to drive past
- Washroom doors not accessible
- Both diamonds in good condition
- Playground is not universally accessible

Drayton Kinsmen Playground

New Play Structure

- Accessible
- Pea gravel base with timber edging
- Train style play structures

Play Structure

- Pea gravel base with no edging
- Train style play structures

Swing Set

- 2 kids, 2 tots
- Pea gravel base with no edging

Site Furnishings

- Park Identification Sign: Yes
- Picnic Table(s): 2
- Gazebo
- Bench(s): 1
- Trash Receptacle(s): 1
- Washroom - Portable - located at concession area
- Emergency Location Sign: Yes



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- No edging on some pea gravel base

ABC Park

Play Structures

- Mulch base with wood edging
- Recreation Play Systems 10-4102.R3 - accessible
- Swing Set (3 tot, 1 kid)



Splash Pad

- New install in 2018
- Sign

Beach Volleyball

- Court(s): 1
- Sand

Parking

- 8 regular stalls
- Asphalt surface

Gazebo

- Concrete pad
- Accessible path

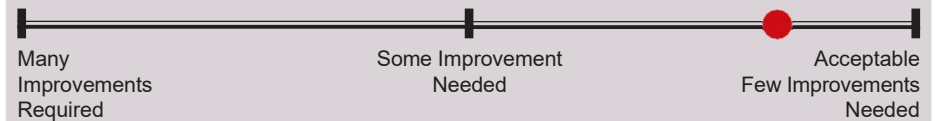
Site Furnishings

- Permanent Washroom Facility
- Bench(s): 4
- Trash Receptacle(s): 4
- Bike Rack: 0
- Picnic Tables: Yes
- Park Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Sign: Yes
- Picnic Table(s): 2
- Shade Structure
- Accessible pathways



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- New structure accessible

Mapleton Soccer Field & Riverside Park

Sports Field

- 1 Soccer Field- good condition
- Sports Field Lighting: No

Parking

- Gravel surface
- 40 regular stalls

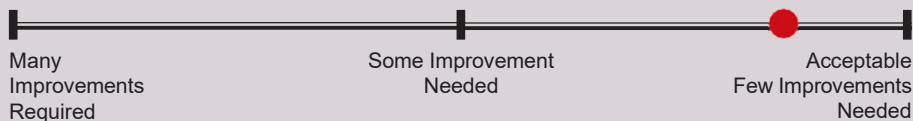
Amenities

- Park Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Information: Yes
- Picnic Table(s): 1
- Trash Receptacles: 2
- Portable Washroom (Summer)
- Bench(s): Yes
- Bleacher(s): 2



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Soccer field is in good condition

Riverside Park Walking Trail

Trail

- Trail Entrance Sign: Yes
- Length: 0.5km

Parking

- Gravel surface
- 40 regular stalls

Amenities

- Bench(s): 3
- Picnic Table(s): 3
- Trash Receptacle(s): 5
- Pet Waste Receptacle(s): 2
- Trail Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Sign: No
- Trail Lighting: Yes, Solar



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Trail is non-existent
- Sign brush over grown, blocking sign.

Centennial Park

Pavilion

- Printed Concrete
- Picnic Tables: 12
- No Power
- Everything good condition

Parking

- Gravel surface
- 15 regular stalls
- Bugging Parking Tie up bar

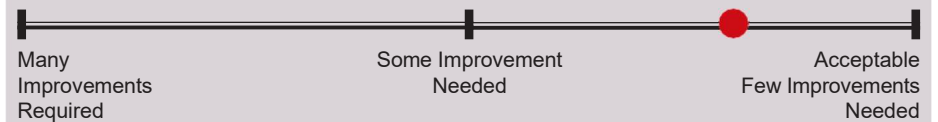
Amenities

- Park Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Information: Yes
- Trash Receptacle: 2
- Flag Pole: 1
- Yard Light: 1
- Bench: 1
- Sitting Rocks: 2



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Minimal lighting
- Overall space in good condition

Drayton Walking Trail

Trail

- Limestone turning into grass
- Length: 2.5km

Parking

- 100 regular stalls
- Asphalt surface

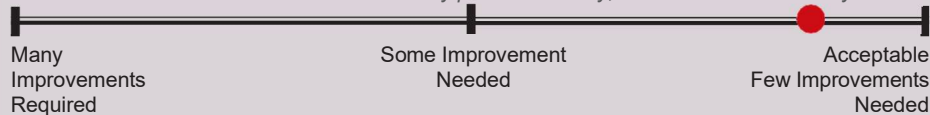
Amenities

- Bench(s): 6
- Picnic Table(s): 4
- Trash Receptacle(s): 6
- Pet Waste Receptacle(s): 6
- Trail Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Sign: No
- Trail Lighting: Yes, Solar



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Main trail head benches are in good condition
- Solar lighting throughout trail
- Not universally accessible when trail changes to grass
- Views to River not maintained

Drayton Ridge Park

Also known as Queen St. Park

Community Green Park

- Green Space
- Trail linkage to Drayton Walking Trail

Parking

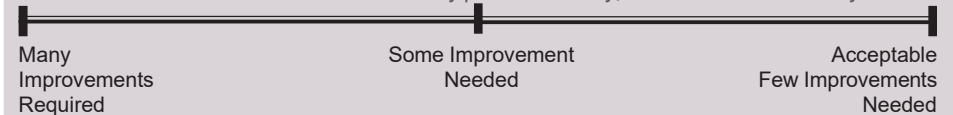
- Street

Amenities

- Bench(s): 0
- Trash Receptacle(s): 0
- Pet Waste Receptacle(s): 0
- Trail Sign: No
- Emergency Location Sign: No
- Trail Lighting: No

Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- New park currently in development
- Located in flood plain - GRCA coordination required
- Maintained as a community green park

P.M.D. Arena & Community Centre

Facility Type

- Single ice pad
 - 5 change rooms
- Community Hall
 - Capacity: 458, recommended 300

Parking

- 140 regular stalls
- 2 accessible stalls
- Asphalt surface

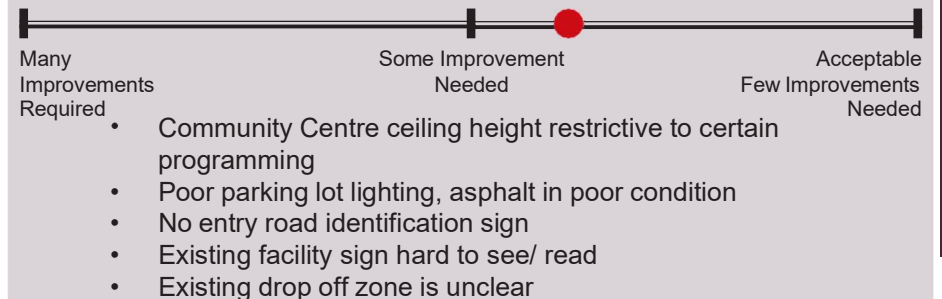
Amenities

- Permanent Washroom Facilities
- Kitchen Facilities
- Board Room
- Building Sign: Yes
- Exterior Lighting: minimal
- Outdoor Rink



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



Wellington County Library- Drayton Branch

Programming

- Children's programs- year round
- Family programs
- Book Clubs

Parking

- 33 regular stalls
- 3 accessible stalls

Amenities

- 7,000 sq. ft.
- Multi-media room
- Fully Accessible
- Permanent Washroom Facilities

Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- New building in very good condition and fully accessible
- Lots of parking



Drayton Festival Theatre

Amenities

- Multi-purpose room
- Accessible building & washrooms
- Lobby/ lounge Area
- Dressing Rooms
- Green Room
- Elevator
- Box Office
- Office Space
- Auditorium- 385 seats

Programming

- Professional theatre
- 5 month season- May- October
- Youth ushering program

Parking

- 12 regular stalls on site
- 2 accessible stalls on site
- Street parking
- Municipal parking lot



Conditions:

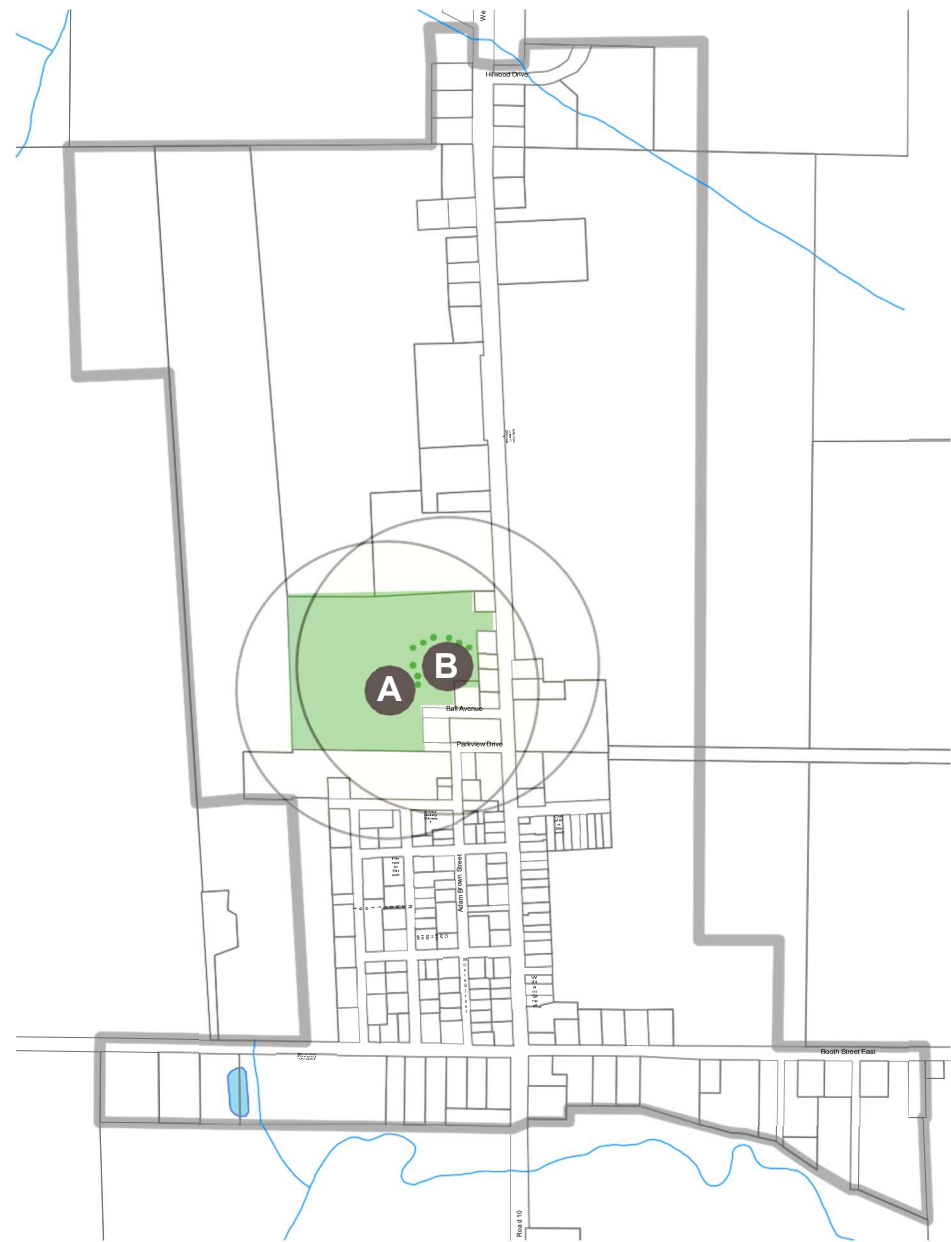
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- 1902 Opera House in good condition
- \$1.3 million renovation in 2010
 - Doubled the size of the stage
 - Brick re-pointing
 - Entrance way accessibility

Moorefield

The following map shows the existing park and recreation facilities located in Moorefield. A breakdown of existing amenities located within each park can be found in appendix 2.



Moorefield Ball Park

Pavilion/ Concession

- Concrete
- 10m. x 17m.
- Concession
- Lights
- Picnic Table(s): 8
- Storage
- Power



Ball Park Playground

- Fenced (chain link)
- Mulch base
- Lights
- New playground pieces
 - Rock climbing,
 - Balance beam,
 - Swings
 - Tots play area
 - etc.
- Bench(s): 1



Parking Lot

- Asphalt
- 40 regular stalls
- 2 accessible stalls

Amenities

- Portable Washrooms (Summer): 2
- Permanent Washroom Facilities
 - Accessible Washroom
 - Gender Neutral
- Park Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Sign: No



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- General:
 - Street entrance sign hard to see and easy to drive past
 - Parking lot surface in good condition
- Ball park playground:
 - Playground not universally accessible
 - Poor lighting
 - Fence is too close to play structures
- Ball park washrooms:
 - Accessible washroom, but path is not accessible
 - Pavilion base is cracking apart
 - Concession in need of up upgrades

Moorefield Ball Park

Tennis Courts

- Court(s): 2
- Fenced (chain link)
- Asphalt
- Tennis nets and hockey nets
- Sports Field Lighting: Yes



Baseball Diamonds

'A' Diamond

- Bleacher(s): Yes
- Team Benches
- Sports Field Lighting: Yes
- Score Board: Yes
- 250' from home plate to outfield fence
- Announcers Box



'B' Diamond

- Bleacher(s): Yes
- Team Benches
- Sports Field Lighting: Yes
- Score Board: Yes
- 255' from home plate to outfield fence
- Announcers Box
- Limestone accessible pathway



Other

- Batting Cage: 1
- Basketball Court*
- Outdoor ice rink*
 - Boards in good condition
 - Hockey net

*(Optimist owned, operated and maintained)



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Batting cage is visually run down
- Tennis court lines are faded, surface and fence are in good condition
- Dugout shelters roof line obstructs view of spectators
- Houses are unprotected from 'B' diamond

Maryborough Community Centre

Facility Type

- Community Centre
 - Permanent Washroom Facilities
 - Kitchen Facilities (large kitchen)
 - Hall Capacity: 787 standing, recommended 450

Community Centre Play Space

- Trash Receptacle: 1
- Bay swing(s): 5

Parking Lot

- Asphalt surface



Moorefield Community Centre Trail

Trail

- Natural surface
- Length: 0.5km

Parking

- Asphalt surface

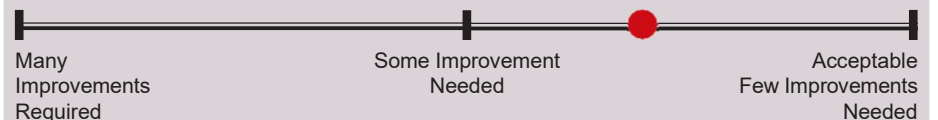


Amenities

- Bench(s): 4
- Picnic Table(s): 3
- Trash Receptacle(s): 4
- Pet Waste Receptacle(s): 2
- Trail Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Sign: No
- Trail Lighting: No

Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Street entrance sign does not stand out visually
- No confirmation sign at building, leads to confusion.

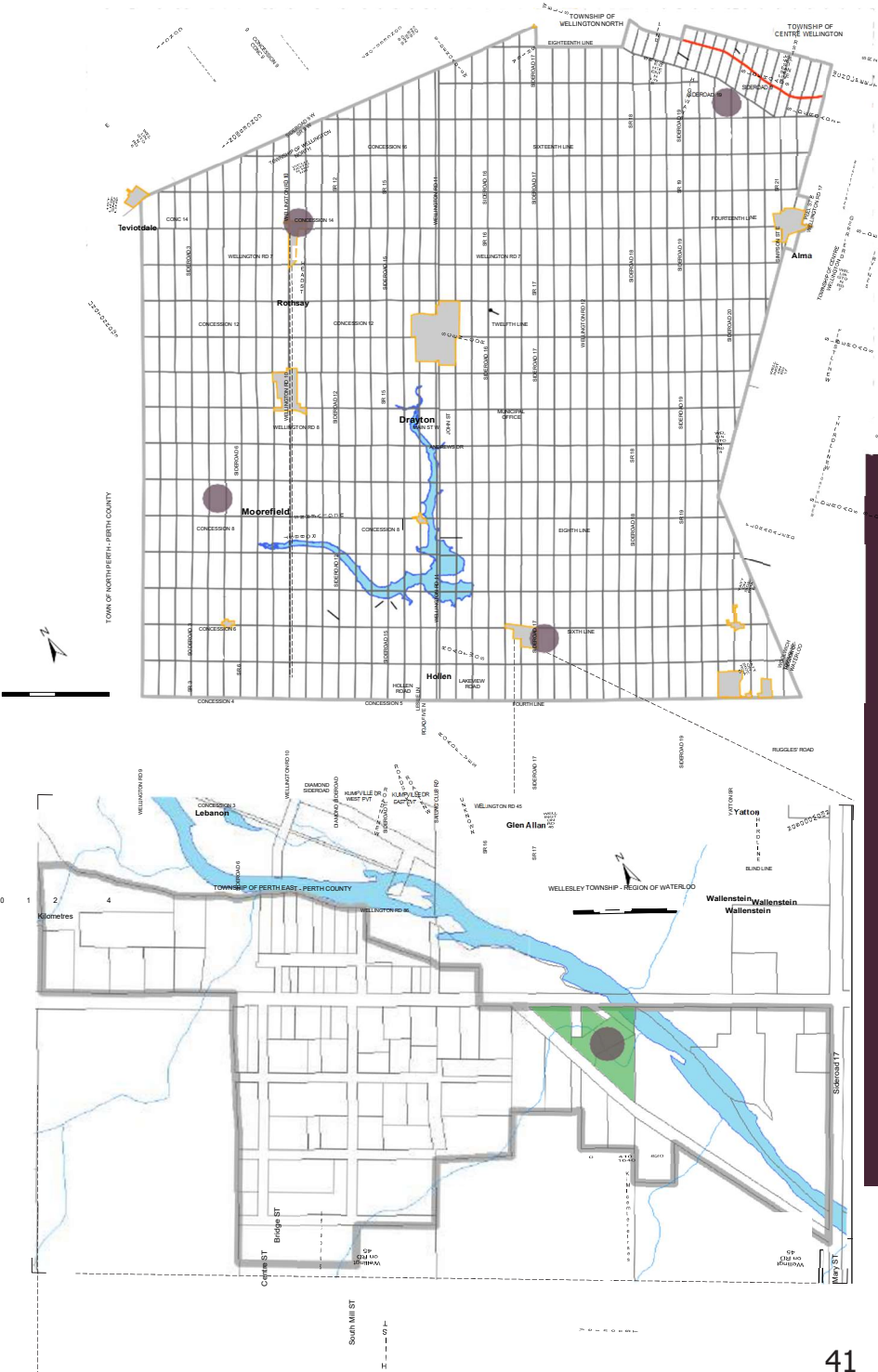
Rural Mapleton

The following map shows the existing park and recreation facilities located in Rural Mapleton. This includes the hamlets of Glen Allan, and Rothsay. A breakdown of existing amenities

located within each park can be found in appendix 2.



- Fleming Tract
- Ritch Tract
- Glen Allan Park
- Rothsay Optimist Playground



Rothsay

Glen Allen



Glen Allan Park

Plaque

- The Queen's Bush Settlement, 1820- 1867

Tennis Court (1)

- Fully fenced
- Accessible path
- Lit Court: Yes

Play Structure(s)

- Slide
- Swing Set(s): 1
 - 2 kid and 2 tot
 - Mulch with timber edging

Pavilion

- Concrete
- 7m. x 11m.
- Picnic Tables: 3
- Trash Receptacles: 2
- Power

Parking

- Gravel surface
- Space for 5 regular stalls

Large Green Space

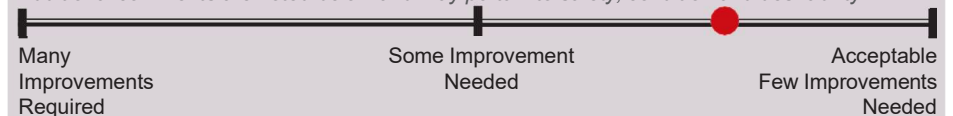
Amenities

- Portable Washroom: 1
- Riverview outlook with sitting rock.
- Park Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Sign: No



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Pavilion in good condition
- Not universally accessible

Rothsay Optimist Playground

Play Structure

- Swing set(s): (1 kid, 1 tot)
- Play structure
- Mulch with timber edge

Half Basketball Court

- 1 hoop

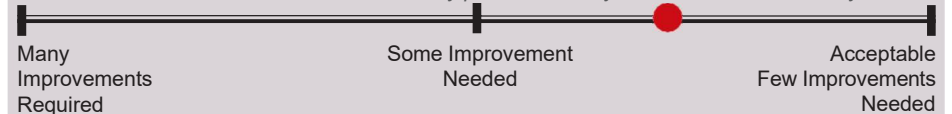
Amenities

- Portable Washroom
- Bike Rack(s): 1
- Park Sign: Yes
- Emergency Location Sign: Yes
- Bench(s): 3
- Picnic Table(s): 1
- Fenced (chain link)
- Pathway to entry access
- Flag poles: 2
- Trash Receptacle: 1



Conditions:

The following scale indicates SKA's assessment of this park's equipment, finishes and condition. Additional comments are noted below and may pertain to safety, condition and desirability.



- Not universally accessible

Other Community & Civic Spaces

Conestogo Lake and Conservation Area

Picnic Shelter(s): 1

- Picnic Area(s): 3
- Group Camping Area(s): 4
- Boat Launch
- Playground(s): 3
- Concession
- Fishing Areas
- Hiking/ Nature Trails
- Washroom Facilities: 2
- Boat/ Canoe Rentals



Drayton Memorial Park

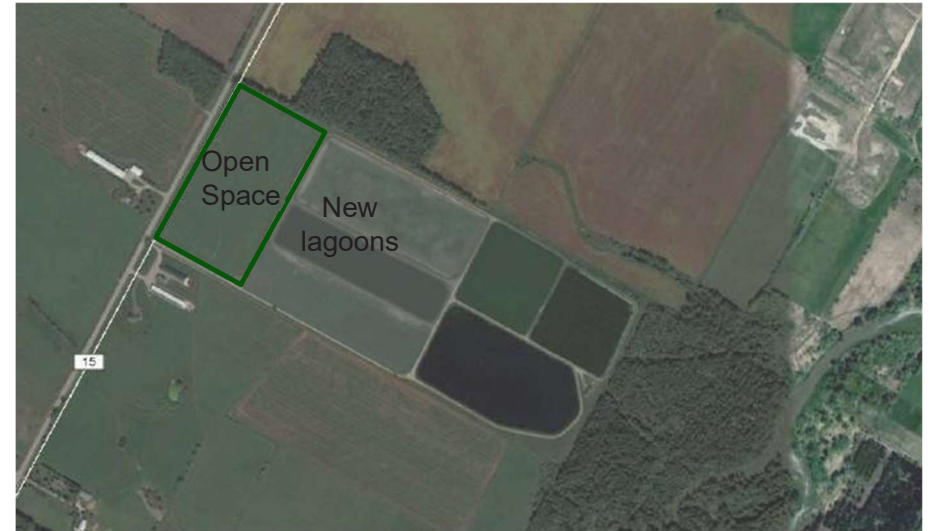


Moorefield Parkette

Mapleton Cemeteries

- 40 Cemeteries, ranging from open and currently used, closed and abandoned.

Mapleton Lagoon Area



1. 2 Needs Assessment

Consultation Process

Outdoor Facility Assessment

Park & Open Space Assessment

Indoor Facility Assessment

Arts & Culture Assessment





Needs Assessment

Consultation Process

Overall Summary:

Information was gathered by conducting questionnaires, individual meetings and community meetings, which extracted the following comments:

- Groups want assistance with advertising their sports organizations within the Township (or to be included with community events, festivals, etc.);
- Groups need extra storage space, especially at the P.M.D. Arena;
- There is a strong need for improved communication about the various clubs, activities, and organizations available within the Township;
- Youth specific spaces within the Township are needed;
- Adding an indoor pool within the Township is a high priority wishlist item;
- Diversified usage of indoor arenas (roller blading, ball hockey, etc.) for multiple activities is in strong demand;
- Review rental rates for user groups;
- Groups would like to host national events and tournaments but there is a need for a space that can accommodate it. ie: double-pad arena;
- Advertising and notice of rate changes is lacking ie: facility rental fees;
- High request for programming, including camps (summer, march break, PD Days, etc.), along with sport leagues, and a pump tract;
- A recreation coordinator within the Township, to inform, guide and help accommodate the recreational needs of the community would be a strong asset.

A. Stakeholder Meetings

Through interviewing stakeholder groups, a broad range of knowledge and information is accumulated through the process. Thirty Two (32) groups were invited for an interview, with ten (10) participating, from sports associations, service clubs, and community clubs.

Stakeholder groups asked if they predicted growth in the next 5 years and the next 10 years.

- Four groups predicted future growth at least within the next five years.
- Four groups did not see a future in growth, but were hopeful.

Take Away: Four stakeholder groups predicted future growth within the next five years. Needs to support growth ranged from additional facilities (fields, ice pads, storage, etc.), general improvements, assistance with maintenance, assistance with advertising, display opportunities, and financial assistance.

B. Public Open House

To develop an understanding of what the community's "wish list" is, a public open house drop-in session was held. Three exercises were presented along with overall information panels. Results from the exercises are as follows:

1. The Context Dot Game

The first exercise participants identified facilities that they use in surrounding municipalities (i.e.: Arthur, Palmerston, Fergus, Elora, Elmira, and Listowell). Existing facilities were listed in the legend with a context map above. Participants were asked to place a dot beside the facilities listed in the legend in which they use.

Results:

Participants identified:

- 11 of 27 listed facilities were identified as being used by the participants.
- Three (3) participants specified Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex;
- Two (2) participants specified Palmerston & District Community Centre Complex, Aboyne Public Library, Steve Kerr Memorial Complex, and Woolwich Memorial Centre;
- One (1) participant specified the use of Palmerston Fairgrounds, Arthur Arena, Wallace Optimist Park, Listowel Memorial Park, Bolender Park, and Gibson Park.
- From this listing, it shows that the majority of participants visit multi-use facilities outside of Mapleton.

Take Away: Residents of Mapleton are currently traveling to other communities to enjoy the multi-use complex's variety of facilities.

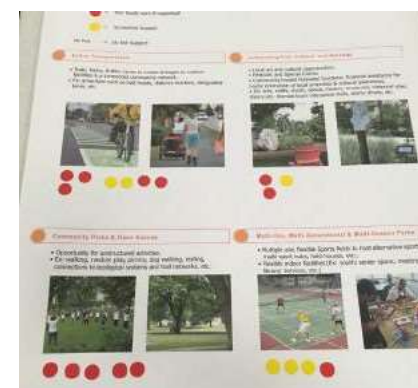
2. Pick the Trend

The second exercise allowed participants to choose which trends the Township should focus on. Participants placed a coloured sticker beside the trend which they strongly support and somewhat support. No sticker meant they do not support that trend. Eight (8) trends were shown in total with a short explanation, examples and supporting images for each.

Results:

- Active transportation, community parks & open spaces, environmental design & operational efficiency, and natural parks & greenways had 4 or more people identified as being strongly supported.
- Multi-use, multi-generational, and multi-season parks and technological interest trends had 3 or more people identified as being somewhat supportive.

Take Away: Residents show they have a strong desire for environmental sustainability, multiple-use facilities and incorporating technology into the Public Realm.



3. Have your Say!

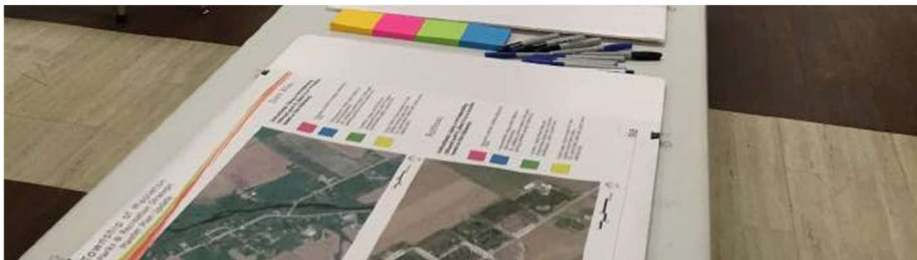
The third exercise allowed participants to “have their say” regarding parks and recreation facilities within each urban centre and rural community, within the Township. Aerial maps were provided, and by using colour coded post-it’s, participants were asked to identify their favourite locations, areas needing improvements, and conflict/ safety concerns, and future ideas.

Results:

Participants identified areas for the Drayton community only.
The following are a few key thoughts by community members:

- Favorite location: Drayton library
- Conflicts include: Signage, esp. to ABC Park/ Splash Pad and Drayton Walking trail - build a dyke to prevent flooding.
- Future Ideas included:
 - Walking Trails - add distance markers and continue pathway by Agricultural Fairgrounds over bridge.
 - Join Centennial Park and Riverside Park with a bridge
 - Ridgview development area: add viewing benches at top of hill by park access, designated park access with parking & access from Queen St., play structure and/or neighbourhood park with picnic shelter, trail access along North West side of river, and a dog park.

Take Away: Residents wish to see more trail connections to create an overall system that links existing parks and playgrounds.



C. Online Survey Summary

An online survey was developed to gather feedback from the Community on parks and recreation related services and facilities within the Township.

The survey was advertised on the Township website and social media, in addition to “post card flyers”. The survey had a total of 29 questions, with an opportunity to provide further comments at the end. The survey was open for two weeks, with a total of 99 respondents completing the survey.

The following is a summary of the survey findings. For more detailed information, please refer to appendix 4.

Demographics:

All respondents reside within the Township of Mapleton, with 37% having 4 or more people living in their household. The majority of respondents were in the age range of 25-44 years old, at 67%, and found the survey through Township social media (78%).

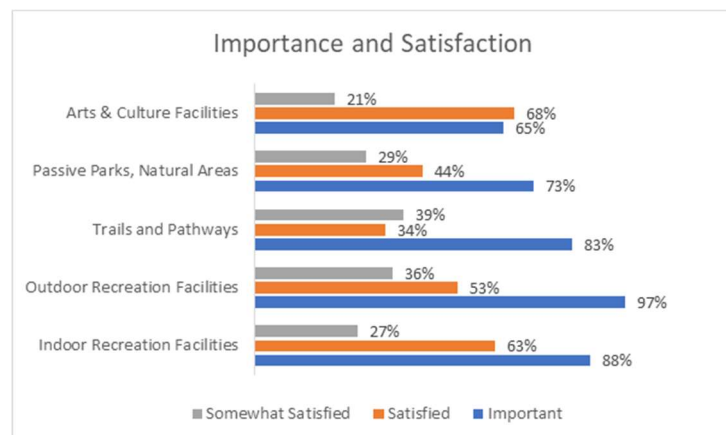
Parks & Recreation - Opinion:

Overall, respondents agree that existing park and recreation programs are affordable, and that park and recreation services should be a high priority for Township Council. Over half of respondents are satisfied with the geographic distribution of the park and recreation facilities and agree they are well maintained. Half of respondents however agree programs should be provided at multi-use hubs rather than stand alone facilities. Respondents are split between agreeing and disagreeing on if the park and recreation facilities provide good value for their tax dollars and if art and cultural services should be a high priority for the Township Council.

Importance and Satisfaction:

The community of Mapleton respondents were asked about how important five (5) categories of existing parks and facilities are, along with their level of satisfaction. Outdoor recreation facilities received the highest level of importance and Art & Culture facilities received the highest satisfaction level. Art & Culture facilities were found to be important to 65% of respondents, with 68% being satisfied. Trails and pathways received the lowest level of satisfaction. The largest gaps between importance and satisfaction were noted for passive parks, trails and pathways, and outdoor recreation facilities. This suggests that more attention is required in order to meet residents' expectations in these areas.

Figure 2.1: Importance and Satisfaction with Parks and Recreation Facilities in the Township of Mapleton.



Satisfaction Level per Age Group:

Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the same park and recreation facilities for various age groups. The highest level of satisfaction was found for seniors (70+) with the lowest satisfaction level for young adult (20-34 years) age groups. The results for teens and youth are inconclusive as no one from this age group completed the survey, thus suggesting these areas require the greatest attention for opportunities and activities.

Support of Public Funds:

Overall, the community (90+%) support the use of public funds to improve additional/ existing facilities, with 65% believe the Township needs additional/ new outdoor recreation facilities.

Arts and Culture:

It was found that over 50% of the respondents have participated and/or visited the Township Library Branch, the Drayton Theatre, and Conestoga Lake Conservation Area.

Priorities over next 5 to 10 years:

Respondents were asked what Township park and active recreation facility priorities should be over the next five (5) to ten (10) years. The highest priority was to increase variation of park/ active facilities (ie: natural and paved trails, soccer fields, permanent washrooms, shelters, water troughs, etc.) at 37%.

Sport/ Recreation/ User Group:

It was found that 68 of 96 respondents belong to a sport, recreation, or user group.

Participation in Recreation and Leisure Activities:

The top three activities found to be participated in by respondents within the Township, during the past year included playing at playgrounds, skating- indoor (recreationally), and playing at a splash pad.

The top three activities found to be participated in by respondents, outside of the Township, during the past year included swimming (aquafit, recreational), attending special events, and walking or hiking for leisure and/or exercise.

80% of respondents do not participate in recreation and leisure activities due to the facility/ program not being available within the Township.

Respondents primarily participate in recreation and leisure activities at a public park or facility (60%).

Less than half of the respondents participate in recreation and leisure activities as often as they would like.

Respondents were asked if their park and recreation needs are being met within the Township. It was found that 44% agree that about half (24%-66%) of their needs are being met.

Respondents stated yes (66%) when asked if there are any park and recreation activities they would like to see be made available in the Township.

General Community Comments:

Respondents and community members were provided an opportunity to add additional comments during the survey and/or on social media. The following are common trend points, made by multiple community members/ groups.

- Review rental rates and policy for service clubs;
- Township take on more maintenance of sport fields (ball diamonds, soccer fields), such as grading, lining of fields, etc.
- Playground and other facilities near new Drayton Ridge community development;
- Extend/ develop new trails, maintain nature trails and review accessibility of existing trails, maintenance strategy for trails;
- Multi-use fields/ pads;
- Outdoor fitness stations;
- Accessible and barrier free playground options;
- Improve permanent washroom facilities;
- Programming is a high requested item;
- Parks maintenance strategy for existing parks, and feasibility of adding a park/ green space in Wallenstein/ Yatton areas; and
- Swimming/ Pool facilities - due to the high demand, this point has been further discussed below.

Pools:

Currently 71% of respondents are traveling outside of the Township to participate in swimming (ie: aquafit, recreational, instructional, etc.). Over 50% of respondents would like to see swimming (instructional or aquafit and recreational swimming be offered by the Township. Many

respondents indicated the wish for a pool (either indoor or out) in the additional comments section.

Pools have regional capture- currently 5 pools (both indoor and outdoor) are accessible in nearby Towns/ Townships. Listowel, Palmerston, and Arthur all have outdoor pools. Centre Wellington and Woolwich Township both have sportsplex facilities that include indoor pools. Refer to appendix 1 for context chart comparing surrounding communities amenities.

The current provisional trend for indoor pools is 1 per 15,000- 20,000 population. Outdoor pools are trending to be replaced by splash pads/ indoor pool facilities.

Currently residents are traveling to neighbouring communities outside of Mapleton to access pools for either recreation swimming or lessons. Although there is a strong wish from residents for a pool in Mapleton, due to Mapleton's size, it would be unsustainable.

Take Away: Residents support the continued efforts of improving existing park and recreation facilities and are invested in its future.



Outdoor Facility Assessment

The Township of Mapleton offers a wide variety of outdoor recreational areas and facilities identified in the following table. Note 'other' outdoor facilities have been identified and are listed under the 'other' category.

Existing Inventory

Facility	Number	Location
Ball Diamonds	6	Adult/ Senior Lit (2)- Moorefield Ball Park Adult/ Senior Lit- Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds Adult/ Senior Lit- Alma Ball Diamond* Adult/ Senior Unlit- Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds Child/ Junior Unlit- Alma- Morley's Meadow*
Batting Cages	3	Moorefield Ball Park Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds Alma Ball Diamond*
Soccer Fields	7	Adult/ Senior Unlit- Drayton Riverside Park Adult/ Senior Unlit- Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds Child/ Junior Unlit (5)- Drayton Agricultural Grounds
Tennis Courts	3	Lit (2) - Moorefield Ball Park Lit (1) - Glen Allan Park
Basketball Courts	2	Half Court (2 Hoop)- Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds Half Court (1 Hoop)- Rothsay Optimist Playground
Playgrounds	9	Maryborough Community Centre & Moorefield Ball Park Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds Drayton- Kinsmen Park Drayton- ABC Park Glen Allan Park Rothsay- Optimist Playground Alma- Wallace Cummings Park & Optimist Outdoor Rink

Facility	Number	Location
Outdoor Rinks	2	Alma (Lit)- Optimist Outdoor Rink & Play Structure* Moorefield Ball Park
Picnic Shelters	4	Moorefield Ball Park Glen Allan Park Alma- Wallace Cummings Park Drayton- Centennial Park
Outdoor Aquatics (Splash Pad)	1	Drayton- ABC Park
Skate Park	1	Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds
Disc Golf	1	Alma- Wallace Cummings Park
Beach Volleyball	2	Drayton - ABC Park Alma - Wallace Cummings Park
Other		Alma- Wallace Cummings Park
Labyrinth	1	
Memory Arboretum	1	
Wetland Boardwalk	1	

* Not owned or operated by the Township of Mapleton

Baseball Diamonds

- Six ball diamonds covering four different locations are maintained within the Township of Mapleton. All fields vary in size, condition and facilities; additionally they are used by several ball associations and teams.
- Fields equipped with light standards (Moorefield Ball Park, Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds and Alma Ball Diamond) have a higher usage due to the ability for evening games and events.
- Batting cages are located at Moorefield Ball Park, Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds and Alma Ball Diamond.

How It's Used

- 47% of respondents participate in baseball and/or softball within the Township and 18% of respondents feel the ball diamonds need improved maintenance;
- The three main associations who use the township ball diamonds are Drayton- Moorefield Minor Ball Association, Moorefield Athletic Baseball Association (MAA) and Alma Ball Association.
- Previous research showed Drayton Moorefield Minor Ball Association and MAA had a combined 890 members in 2012, who use the Moorefield and Drayton diamonds. The teams ranged between t-ball, slow pitch, fast ball, soft ball and youth baseball. MAA hosted between 7-9 tournaments per year at the Moorefield diamonds and Minor Ball hosts a few tournaments throughout the year in Drayton and Moorefield in 2012. Aside from associations, Moorefield diamonds are used in conjunction with the community centre mainly for family reunions.
- The Alma diamond is owned and operated by the Alma Optimist. The Alma Ball Association (also organized by the Alma Optimist) had 6-7 teams registered in the Inter-county baseball league. Additionally, they had one tournament each year for a specific age group in previous years. If people wish to rent the diamond, the association provides the bases, chalk, lights and bathrooms if needed.
- Drayton Moorefield Minor Ball's older teams used the batting cages at

Population-Based Standard of Provisions for Ball Diamonds- Lit

Facility	Population		Comparable Target
	2016	2036	
Ball Diamond- Lit	10785	13575	1 per 4,000-5,000 population
<i>Provision Target</i>			<i>1 lit Ball diamond per 4,500 population</i>
Required Lit Diamonds	2.40	3.02	
Existing Lit Diamonds	4	4	
Surplus (-Deficit)	1.60	0.98	

Population-Based Standard of Provisions for Ball Diamonds-Unlit

Facility	Population		Comparable Target
	2016	2036	
Ball Diamond- Unlit	10785	13575	1 per 2,000-3,000 population
<i>Provision Target</i>			<i>1 unlit Ball diamond per 2,500 population</i>

the Moorefield and Drayton locations.

Required Unlit Diamonds	4.31	5.43
Existing Unlit Diamonds	6	6
Surplus (-Deficit)	1.69	0.57

Needs & Wishes

- Consider lighting 'B' Diamond in Drayton before instillation of new field;
- Fencing is required to protect nearby housing in Moorefield;
- Moorefield dugout shelters needs to be modified as they currently obstruct the view of spectators;
- All maintenance in Drayton is looked after by the Township, however in Moorefield, the Township only maintains the grass. The MAA is to maintain everything associated with the diamonds (fence, bleachers, benches, infield, lights, etc.). A more formal agreement between associations and the Township needs to be solidified to ensure all are satisfied;
- Commonality among booking diamonds- bookings for Drayton diamonds goes through the Township and the bookings for Moorefield diamonds through the MAA; and
- Determine when batting cages will be open for use and who opens them. If batting cages are not being maintained, they should be removed to improve the image of the parks.

Soccer Fields

- Mapleton maintains seven soccer fields, all located within Drayton. Drayton Soccer Field- Riverside Park hosts one large adult size field, while the other large field and the five smaller fields are within the Agriculture Fair Grounds.
- Drayton Minor Soccer is currently working on installing a second large adult sized field at Drayton Soccer Field- Riverside Park.

How It's Used

- Drayton Minor Soccer is the only organized association who uses the current soccer fields. With 300 participants, they anticipate staying the same size. Their games are split with other communities outside of the township, making only half of their games played on township fields.
- For future planning, space has been allotted for a new field beside the Riverside Park field. It would be smaller than the existing field and reduce pressure on other field during daylight hours. Additionally, it can also serve as a multipurpose field for other teams, events and tournaments.

Facility	Population		Comparable Target
	2016	2036	
Soccer Fields	10785	13575	1 per 2,500 population
<i>Provision Target</i>			<i>1 adult soccer field per 2,500 population</i>
Required Soccer Fields	4.31	5.43	
Existing Soccer Fields	2	2	
Surplus (-Deficit)	(-2.31)	(-3.43)	

Needs & Wishes

- Light standards on either large field, would allow for night games, and increased field scheduling and usage.

Tennis & Basketball Courts

- There are three tennis courts within Mapleton. Two are at the Moorefield Ball Park and one is at Glen Allan Park, all courts are lit.
- The half basketball courts are in Drayton Agriculture Fair Grounds and Rothsay Optimist Playground.
- Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds has two hoops, and Rothsay Optimist Playground has one hoop.

How It's Used

Population-Based Standard of Provisions for Basketball Courts

Facility	Population 2017	Comparable Target
Basketball Courts	1820	1 per 800 youth population (10-19yr)
<i>Provision Target</i>		<i>1 basketball court per 800 youth</i>
Required Basketball Courts	2.28	
Existing Basketball Courts	0	
Surplus (-Deficit)	(-2.28)	

* Mapleton has 2 half courts.

Facility	Population		Comparable Target
	2016	2036	
Tennis Courts	10785	13575	1 per 4,000-5,000 population
<i>Provision Target</i>			<i>1 tennis court per 4,500 population</i>
Required Tennis Courts	2.40	3.02	
Existing Tennis Courts	3	3	
Surplus (-Deficit)	0.60	0	

Needs & Wishes

- Repair current backboards and netting, where needed, on basketball courts; and
- Ensure regular maintenance on both tennis and basketball courts to provide constant community service and satisfaction.

Playgrounds

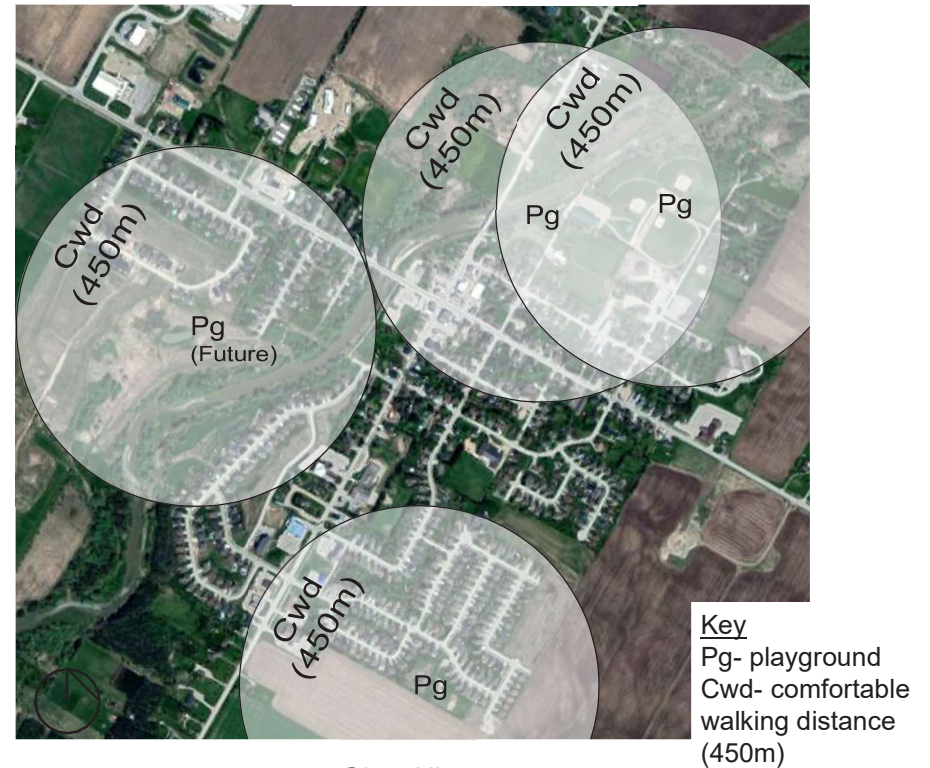
- There are 9 playgrounds located within Mapleton and all are located within a residential or community park setting. Many of them have been updated, with a few being accessible. School board playgrounds have not been included.

How It's Used

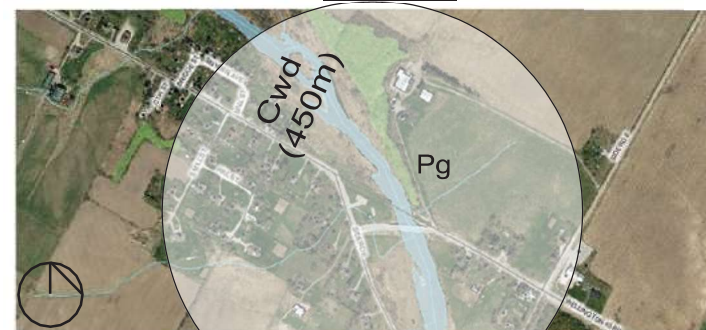
- Older models are being replaced by new play structures that focus on creative and imaginary play. The current market demands new structures be fully accessible for children with special needs.
- The re-building of ABC Park was managed by community members who have children themselves with accessibility needs.
- 72% of respondents from the 2019 online survey stated they have visited ABC park within the past year. This further supports the demand for accessible playgrounds within the community.
- The standard walking distance from a residence to community park is 450m without having barriers to cross such as highways, waterways, rail lines, etc. Refer to the provided maps; many of the communities have deficits around edges, especially when the playground is located towards one edge of the community.

Needs & Wishes

- Continue to install signs identifying the location (address) of parks in case of emergency;
- Continue to improved & evaluate accessibility needs. It could include accessible playground base materials (engineered mulch or soft rubber material), structures in line with today's standards, and paths up to playgrounds;
- Accessibility features can included wide walkways, handrails, ramps, adaptive swings, interactive games, inclusive overhead climbers, shade and quiet areas, sound-based games, high contrasting colours, and group equipment that supports mobility devices; and
- Develop park & playground in Drayton Ridge community.



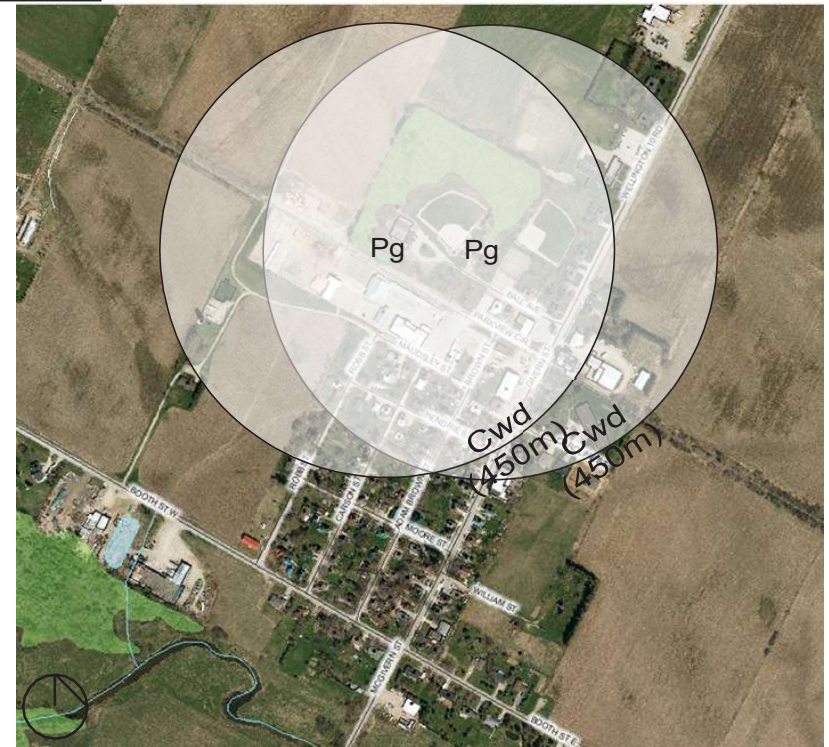
Glen Allan



Alma



Moorefield



Rothsay



Key

Pg- playground

Cwd- comfortable walking distance (450m)

Outdoor Skating Rinks

- One outdoor rink has been located in the centre of Alma for 30 years. It is a permanent fixture with a concrete pad, boards, and night lighting. Primarily it is a hockey rink, where little time is available for general public skating. The rink is owned and operated by the Alma Optimist Club.
- A temporary rink is flooded in Moorefield Optimist area on the basketball court which also has boards.

How It's Used

- 89% of respondents participate in recreational skating (both indoor and outdoor);
- The Alma location is a well used location, but previous research showed 50% of participants expressed a desire to have an outdoor rink implemented in Drayton; and
- Previous researched showed the Moorefield location is a well used facility and is used for other community events through the winter months.

Needs & Wishes

- Addition of an outdoor rink in Alma, which could be used as a multi-purpose surface year round (2012 wish moving forward).



Picnic Shelters/ Pavillions

- Four structures are located through out the Township at individual locations; Moorefield Ball Park, Centennial Park, Glen Allan Park and Wallace Cummings Park.
- A new picnic shelter is currently being installed at Kinsmen Park, along with a pavillion at ABC Park.

How It's Used

- Majority of the structures are used by people who visit the park for the play structures or surrounding facilities.
- A few times per year, sports associations will use, Moorefield specifically, for their year end banquet or tournaments.

Needs & Wishes

- Continue to maintain current structures; and
- Ensure adequate safety lighting (with vandal proof coverings) in all structures.



Washrooms

- There are currently three permanent washroom facilities located in Moorefield Ball Park, Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds, and ABC Park; and
- Port-a-potties are spread through out the Township at several different locations including the locations with permanent facilities. Quantities vary (at minimum six to eight are available).

How It's Used

- There is a lack of public washroom facilities at Township parks. Currently, the Township rents port-a-potties at \$150 per month, for six months (May to October);
- Many of the existing facilities are not accessible;
- Previous research showed 40% of groups from community exercises agreed there should be washroom upgrades to the Moorefield location and 20% desired new washrooms altogether.

Needs & Wishes

- Accessible washroom facilities;
- Moorefield location identified a need for:
 - Accessible path leading to washrooms;
 - New sidewalk around building; and
 - Additional lighting
- Drayton:
 - Washroom doorways need to be widened to accommodate for accessible standards.



Concession Stands

- The three existing concession stands are situated at heavily used locations, the P.M.D Arena, Moorefield Ball Park and at the Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds.

How It's Used

- Staff and scheduling for these venues is arranged by Township staff, community association or seasonal, third party contract.

Needs & Wishes

- Emergency phones need to be added at the Drayton concession stand to ensure the safety of the staff and users of the park; and
- Improve communication between staffing and ball association game schedules.



Outdoor Aquatics (Splash Pad)

- One outdoor aquatics (Splash Pad) is located currently within ABC Park in Drayton.

How It's Used

- 57 community members and families visited the splash pad throughout the past year (as per the 2019 online survey results).
- The Splash Pad is open through spring and summer months, serviced by the Township.

Facility	Population	Comparable Target
	2017	
Splash Pad	1975	1 per 3,500 children population (0-9yrs)
<i>Provision Target</i>		<i>1 per 3,500 children population (0-9yrs)</i>
Required Beach Splash Pads	0.44	
Existing Beach Splash Pads	1	
Surplus (-Deficit)	0.56	0.00

Needs & Wishes

- More separation and/or addition of safety netting between the beach volleyball court and splash pad; and
- Additional splash pad on North side of Drayton.



Skate Parks

- Mapleton has one skate park located at Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds.

How It's Used

- The age range associated with skate parks should be considered in location placement and distribution through the township.
- Small skate parks, with removable ramps offer the variation to remove the equipment at any given time. Additionally, removable ramps are more of a beginner level and can be created on a small scale and open concrete pads.

Facility	Population	Comparable Target
	2017	
Skate Park	1820	1 per 5,000 youth 10-19yrs
<i>Provision Target</i>		<i>1 per 5,000 youth (10-19yrs)</i>
Required Skate Parks	0.36	
Existing Skate Parks	1	
Surplus (-Deficit)	0.64	

Needs & Wishes

- No new data available; and
- Previous research suggested potential consideration for multiple locations.



Beach Volleyball Courts

- Two beach volleyball courts are located in the Township, one in Drayton at ABC park and one in Alma at Wallace Cummings Park.

How It's Used

- 12% of respondents from the online survey stated they have used the beach volleyball courts within the past year.

Facility	Population		Comparable Target
	2016	2036	
Beach Volleyball Court	10785	13575	1 per 4,000-5,000 population
<i>Provision Target</i>			<i>1 beach volleyball court per 4,500 population</i>
Required Beach Volleyball Courts	2.40	3.02	
Existing Beach Volleyball Courts	2	2	
Surplus (-Deficit)	(-0.40)	(-1.02)	

Needs & Wishes

- Continue monitoring maintenance and re-sanding of courts (removal of grass encroachment).



Disc Golf

- Mapleton has one disc golf course located in Alma at Wallace Cummings Park.

How It's Used

- The course has 9 holes, spread across Wallace Cummings Park.
- No respondents from the 2019 online survey stated they used the disc golf course in the past year.

Needs & Wishes

- Promote facility and develop course map; and
- Potential consideration for multiple locations.



Park & Open Space Assessment

Existing Park and Open Space

Facility	Number	Location
Trails & Pathways	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drayton Walking Trail • Drayton- Riverside Walking Trail • Alma- Wallace Cumming Park Trail • Moorefield Community Centre Trail • Moorefield - Fleming Tract • Alma - Ritch Tract
Open Green Space	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drayton- Centennial Park • Glen Allan • Alma- Community Centre* • Alma - Wallace Cummings Park

Parkland Need

- The 2019 online survey found 74% of residents feel passive parks that preserve natural areas and open space are important to them.
- The Township of Mapleton currently has a total area of 34.41 hectares (85 acres) of existing parkland.

Parkland Supply Assessment

	Hectares	Population		Comparable Target
		2016	2036	
Existing Parkland	34.41	10785	15575	2.75 ha per 1,000 residents
Provision Target				2.75ha per 1,000 residents
Required Parkland per 1,000 residents		10.79	15.58	
Existing Parkland (total ha)		36.44	38.44	
Existing Parkland per 1,000 residents		3.38	2.47	
Surplus (Deficit)		0.63	(-0.28)	per 1,000 residents

* note 2036 existing parkland total ha includes potential Drayton Ridge park

Required Neighbourhood Park Provisional Target	0.4 hectares per 1,000 residents
Required Community Park Provisional Target	1.1 hectares per 1,000 residents

- The Township does not currently classify their parks. If the existing parkland is separated into parkland classifications (ie: neighbourhood park, community park, etc.), the Township would be in a significant deficit. This deficit would show as “gaps” at a neighbourhood park scale, which can be seen in playground maps provided earlier in this report section.

Needs & Wishes

- A parkland classification study should be conducted to further analyze the existing parkland need & supply for future planning;
- Identification of existing need & gaps in parkland supply at the neighbourhood park scale.



Trails and Pathways

Drayton Walking Trail

- The Drayton Walking Trail is a 1 km long trail, starting from Main St. W. The beginning section is compacted stone dust, turning into turf. Ample parking is available at the trail head in the adjacent municipal lot.
- Use of a base material is limited because the trail lies in the rivers flood plain and is flooded one to three times each spring; materials like woodchips or stone dust would be washed away each year.

Riverside Walking Trail- Drayton

- Riverside walking trail is a 0.5km mulch base trail that loops out and around Drayton's Riverside Soccer Field, making a continuous circle.
- This trail is well used by senior citizen groups but community members have expressed the trail is a little too short and needs additional paths, rather than a continuous circle.
- To provide protection and future over head cover, the township planted over 250 trees around the trail.

Wallace Cumming Memorial Trail- Alma

- The Memorial Trail is a 1.5 km stone dust trail, circling the Community Centre and Wallace Cumming Park property.

Moorefield Community Centre Trail

- Moorefield Community Centre Trail is a natural base trail, 0.5km long, winding through the forest adjacent to the Moorefield Ball Park.

Fleming Tract - Moorefield

- The Fleming Tract is a 2 km stone dust trail, crossing over a municipal drain and old farmstead.

Ritch Tract - Alma

- Ritch Tract is a natural base trail, 2 km long, in an environmentally sensitive area. A side trail leads out of the forest to a municipal drain and an extensive wetland system and beaver ponds.



Trails and Pathways (Con't)

How It's Used (applicable to all trails)

- 82% of respondents rated trails and pathways are important to them, however 54% of respondents are not satisfied with the current trail and pathway facilities.
- Within the community of Mapleton there is a strong interest in the creation of new trails, the extension or addition to existing trails. Respondents would like to see nature trails implemented somewhere in the Township, with an overall network created, and linkages to Conestogo Lake.
- 90% of respondents would support the use of public funds to improve the trails and pathways.
- 56% of respondents walk or hike for leisure and/or exercise within the Township.
- Mapleton faces aging demographics; in 2016, 16% of the population was senior citizens (60+ years) and continues to increase. As people age, transitioning from higher impact sports (like jogging or bicycling) to walking, allows people to continue an active lifestyle. It also offers a free choice in when or how they use the trails.
- Trails offer a safe place to bike or walk and connectivity between spaces. Through enhancing these connections, it will encourage people to use trails more often, especially if they link together residential areas and points of interest (i.e. heavily used locations like the library or arena).
- Challenges lie in the topography of Mapleton. Drayton can be too difficult for senior citizens even along the streets because of hills. Therefore, any development of residential/ urban trails should consider not only the base material but the;
 - Topography
 - Length of trail
 - Width of trail
 - Distances between rest points (benches)
 - Signage of the trails.

Needs & Wishes

- Every party should be considered and consulted when developing new trails (ie. Grand River Conservation Authority, residential private landowners, businesses, etc.); and
- Any trail development and extension should work in coordination with the Wellington County Active Transportation Plan.



Indoor Facility Assessment

Note 'other' indoor facilities have been identified through the consultation process and are listed under the 'other' category.

Existing Indoor Facilities

Facility	Number	Locations
Ice Pads	1	P.M.D Arena and Community Centre
Multi-Use Community Centres	3	P.M.D Arena and Community Centre Alma Community Centre Maryborough Community Centre & Ball Park
Boardrooms	2	P.M.D Arena and Community Centre Alma Community Centre
Other Indoor Aquatics	0	

Ice Pads

- Drayton hosts the only arena within Mapleton. With a recent renovation, five change rooms and a foyer entrance was added onto the existing building; in total, there are now nine change rooms.

How It's Used

- Previous research showed Drayton Minor Hockey was the only major user group who uses weekend ice time, therefore if they have weekend games outside of Township the ice time can sit empty. They used 24-26 hours per week and their season ran through the fall, winter and spring. No need data is available.
- Drayton & District (Figure) Skating Club is the second largest ice time user group, using 13-15 hours per week spanning over three weeknights. Also, as one of the main groups filling storage space at the arena, they have identified reaching a maximum and would need additional storage to support growth. Their projected growth in 5 years would be to maintain their current membership of 90 if not grow to 100 members.

- Other ice time user groups included:
 - Recreation and public skating- 10-12 hours per week
 - Parents and tots- 3 hours per week
 - Adult skate- 2.5 hours
 - Other hockey leagues
 - Reach forth hockey
 - Monday night hockey league
 - Thursday night hockey league
 - Saturday night hockey league
 - Sunday night hockey league
 - Desperado- Friday nights and Sunday noon
 - Seniors men's team- Mapleton Minto 81's
- The four main groups who use the arena for storage are Figure Skating, Minor Hockey, Soccer and the Kinsmen.
- The arena has a large enough capacity to host hockey tournaments; potentially supporting teams for a one day tournament. Figure skating also hosts their local competition every three years.
- Previous research found the ice pad was used for various events, including organized ball hockey, fundraiser BBQ's and spring ball training. Additionally, the surface was used by the Drayton Festival Theatre as an alternative practice venue.

Needs & Wishes

- Earlier ice time offered to the clubs who would utilize it;
- Improve distribution of weekend ice time to ensure it is not sitting empty; and
- Increase storage.



Multi-Use Community Centres

- Within Mapleton Township there are three very different community centres; Maryborough Community Centre, Alma Community Centre and the P.M.D Arena and Community Centre.
- Each facility offers different spaces and are used in various ways.
Current Market (A- Afternoon Events E- Evening Events)



Community Centre Events (2019)

Community Centres	Weekly Events	Monthly Events	Yearly Events (1-4 events/year)	Other
P.M.D Arena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Group (A) • Seniors Shuffleboard 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drayton & District (Figure) Skating Club- banquet • Drayton Minor Hockey- banquet & tournaments • Drayton Kinsmen- Farm Trade Show • Drayton Legion- Craft Show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buck & Does • Christmas Parties • Wedding Receptions • Meetings
Maryborough			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryborough Horticultural Society- Flower Show • Moorefield Athletic Baseball Association- tournament venue (5-7 times during the summer) • Moorefield Optimist- Christmas dinner/ dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Reunions • Christmas Parties • Wedding Receptions • Meetings
Alma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Guides and Pathfinders (E) • Brownies (E) • Seniors Euchre (E) • Seniors Shuffleboard • Seniors Lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dances and Live Band (1st & 5th Saturday) (E) • Optimist (1st & 3rd Tuesday) • Seniors Lunch (2nd Thursday) (A) • Women's Institute (3rd Thursday) (A) • Optimist Beef BBQ (last Friday) • Local Business Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Banquet • Alma Women's Institute • Alma Public School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Parties • Family/ Community reunions & dinners • Wedding Receptions • Country dances • Business meetings • Church Groups (Fundraisers, activities etc)

Multi-Use Community Centres (Con't)

- P.M.D Arena
 - Bookings are through the Township at municipal office
 - Kitchen and bar facilities
 - Full hall rental- \$600.00 (includes kitchen and bar services)
 - Buck and doe rentals can be made 2 years in advanced and both Moorefield and Drayton will host these events.
- Moorefield
 - Bookings are through the Township at municipal office
 - Large kitchen and separate bar facility
 - Full hall rental- \$500 (includes kitchen and bar services)
 - Recreation programming (Youth Camps)
- Alma
 - Bookings are through the Alma Optimist
 - 2019 has seen consistent use. High time is wedding season (March/April to end of October);
 - 2019 rental fees are: Full hall rental- \$900 without alcohol, \$1,100 with alcohol;
 - Rental fee includes use of entire facility for duration of event ie: tables, chairs, kitchen, bar, and both main and small hall;
 - Option to rent main hall only, main hall with kitchen, small hall, small hall with kitchen, kitchen only, etc.;
 - Day before set up option for additional fee; and
 - Damage deposit are dependent on whether alcohol will be at the event or not.

Needs & Wishes

- Moorefield needs;
 - Kitchen upgrades;
 - Alternative programming to make more use of the space.
- P.M.D. Arena needs;
 - Kitchen upgrades;
 - Alternative programming to make more use of the space.

Board Rooms

- The only two board rooms open to the public are in the Alma Community Centre and the P.M.D. Arena & Community Centre.

How It's Used

- Three of the interviewed stakeholders use the board room.
- Previous research showed the P.M.D board room was used 2-3 times a week and the Alma board room was used for general events, activities and community business meetings when needed.

Needs & Wishes

- Advertising and education on availability of the boardrooms, rental costs and rental procedure to decrease confusion and double bookings.

Indoor Aquatics

- Mapleton does not have any indoor aquatic facility.

How It's Used

- Currently 71% of respondents are traveling outside of the Township to participate in swimming (ie: aquafit, recreational, instructional, etc.).
- Over 50% of respondents would like to see swimming (instructional or aquafit and recreational swimming be offered by the Township. Many respondents indicated the wish for a pool (either indoor or out).
- The current indoor aquatic centre targets are 1 facility per 25,000-40,000 population. With surrounding communities who offer this amenity, it's not needed within the Township of Mapleton.

Needs & Wishes

- Community would like to see a pool (indoor or out) however no new pool is needed based on provisional trend data.

Arts & Culture Assessment

Cultural Assets

- In 2015, the Township of Mapleton developed a Cultural Plan which identified 37 cultural enterprises through the cultural mapping process.
- Of the total 180 assets identified:
 - The majority are found in Drayton with 78;
 - Alma has 24;
 - Moorefield has 20;
 - Conestoga Lake has 8; and
 - Rural Mapleton has 48.
- Three (3) cultural resource categories identified that contribute most to Mapleton's unique rural character are Natural Heritage, Cultural Heritage, Festivals and Events.
- These unique resource categories serve as an attractor for both new residents and visitors or tourists.

How It's Used

- In the past year:
 - 80% of residents surveyed stated they or a member of their household had participated in activities, events, or visited the Township library branch;
 - 67% of residents surveyed stated they or a member of their household had participated in activities, events, or visited the Drayton Theatre; and
 - 54% of residents surveyed stated they or a member of their household had participated in activities, events, and/ or visited the Conestoga Lake Conservation Area.



Drayton Festival Theatre

- The Drayton Festival Theatre season runs April through October, drawing in 50,000 members, primarily from outside of the township in 2012. People of all age groups attend and bus tours are welcome as well;
- The facility has a maximum capacity of 385 seats per show;
- Previous data found an ushering program and backstage tours were offered to engage the youth; and
- Off- season programming has previously involved the Ontario ballet and various music concerts.

How It's Used

- 67% of respondents have participated in activities, events, or visited the Drayton Theatre in the past year.
- Previous data found 60% of the theatres attendants are from Kitchener/ Waterloo. 2019 numbers are unavailable.



Needs & Wishes

- Utilize the space in the off season;
- Develop relationships with the community to encourage programs.

Wellington County- Drayton Library Branch

- The Drayton branch of Wellington County Library is a fully accessible, 7,000 square foot building. It includes a multi-media community room which is available for the public to rent. This is also the only branch within the Township.
- 80% of respondents have participated in activities, events, or has visited the Library within the past year.
- The Drayton Historical Society has a display area they change regularly, displaying various historical toys, books, etc.
- Many programs are offered through out the year, for several age groups. Past programs offered include a book club, after school adventures, story time, summer movies, etc.
- Summer reading camps are offered through the County, Drayton Branch offers an art camp for grades JK-2 along with PD day camps.
- Information is accessible through the branch and all programming is coordinated by the County.

Needs & Wishes

- Maintain relationships for future program development.



Recreation Programming and Events

Youth Camps

- In 2020, the Township of Mapleton developed a youth camp program for kids aged 4 - 12 years.
- All staff are high five certified.
- Programming currently includes:
 - Spring Break Activity Kits;
 - Summer Camp(s); and
 - Family Fun Recreation Challenges.

Seasonal Events

- In 2020, the Township of Mapleton expanded its current recreation program and event offerings.
- Events currently include:
 - Safe Kids Day in partnership with Mapleton Fire Prevention;
 - Canadian Day Event/ Family friendly activities; and
 - Farmers Market (monthly starting in June).

How It's Used

- In the past year:
 - 30% of residents surveyed stated they or a member of their household would like programming opportunities for teens (ie. summer camps, youth club) and or seniors (ie. luncheons, cards, special interest courses).
 - When surveyed, 63% of residents stated that user fees should cover the cost of programming (ie: Summer camps, recreation & leisure classes, art classes, etc.) compared to 11% of respondents whom felt funds should be covered by municipal taxes; and
 - 78% of residents surveyed stated that the Township of Mapleton should be in charge of providing, promoting and maintaining these new facilities/activities.



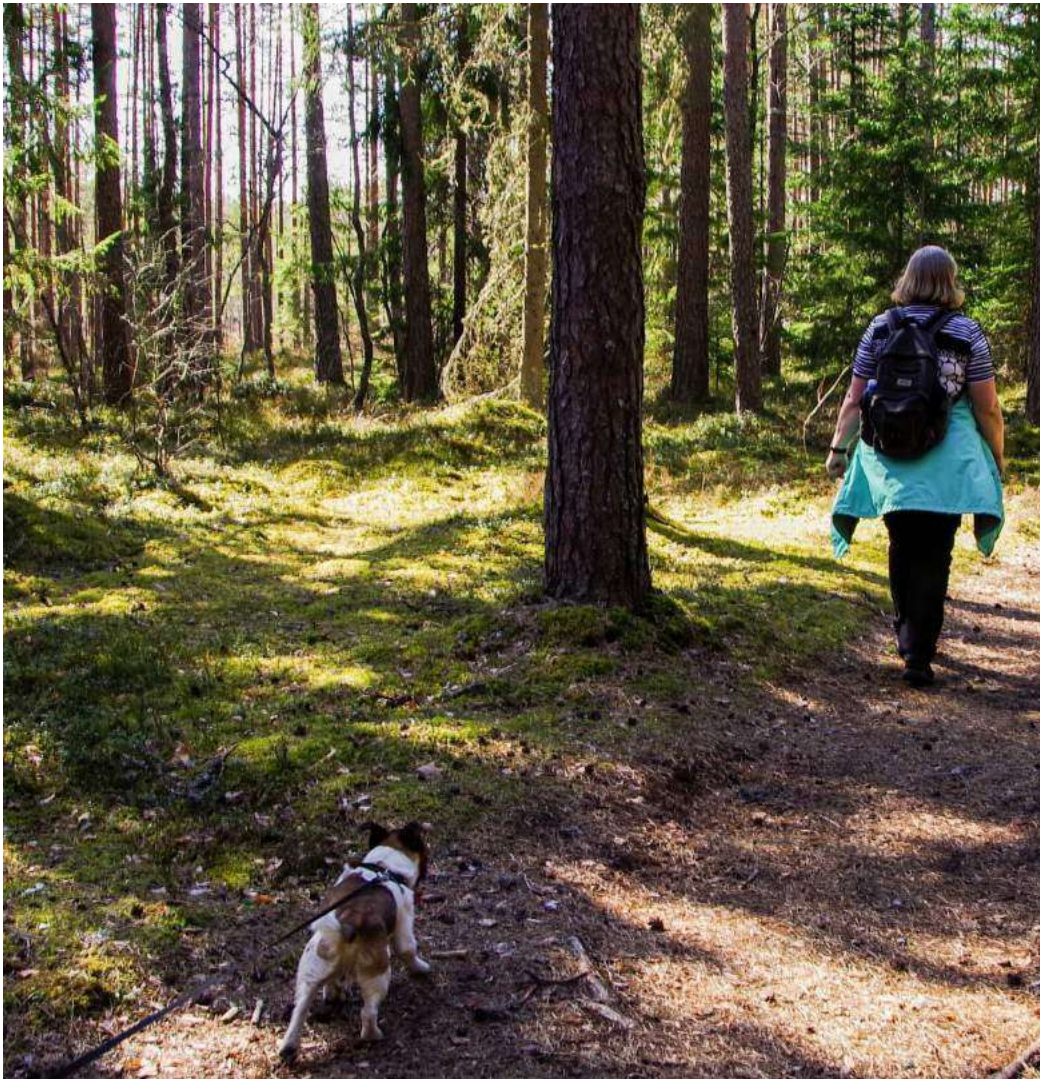
Needs & Wishes

- Expand programming opportunities to all age groups;
- Offer programming/ event opportunities in each community; and
- Offer programming/event opportunities year round.

1.3 Trends

Demographics

Summary of Trends



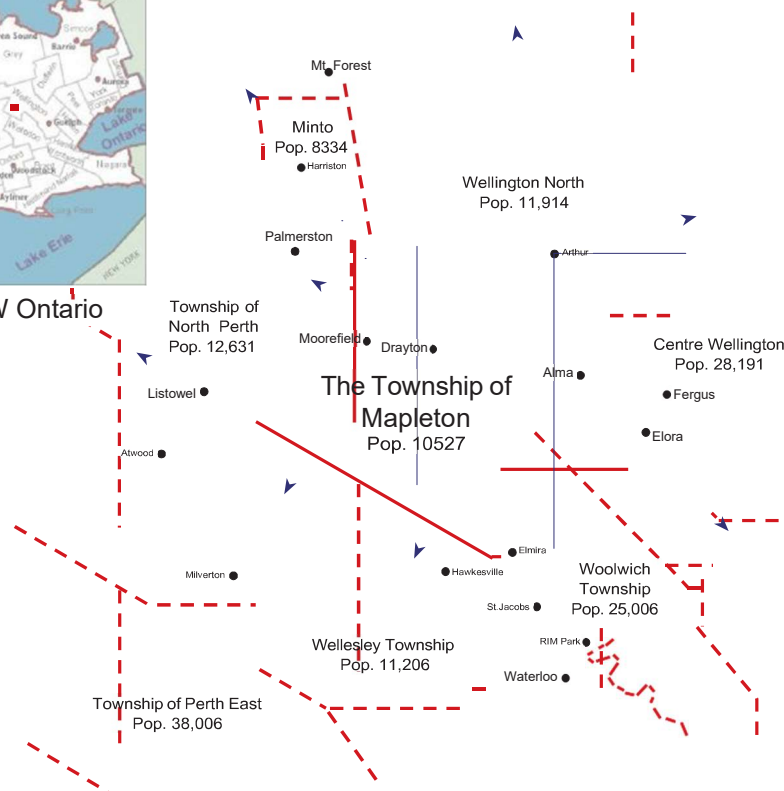


Trends

Demographics:



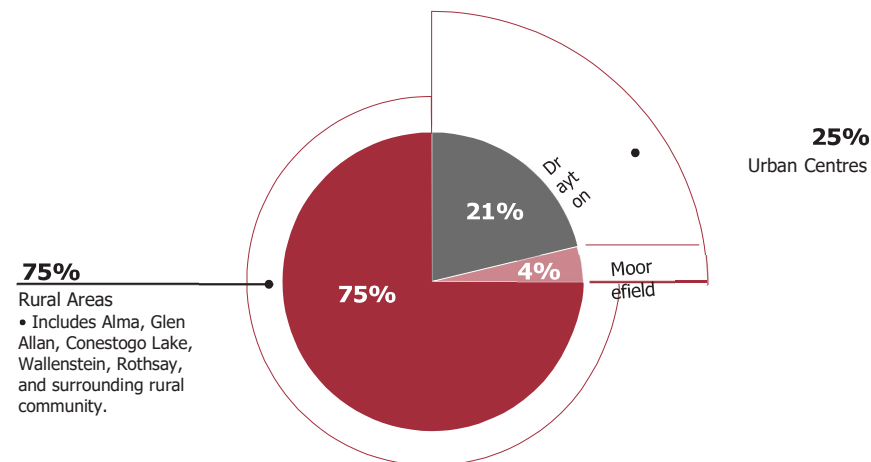
Mapleton, SW Ontario



The Township of Mapleton currently has a population of approximately 10,527 people. It has grown slightly by 1% since 2011, but according to the Wellington County Official Plan, the Township is expected to grow by 8% in 2036.

Population Distribution:

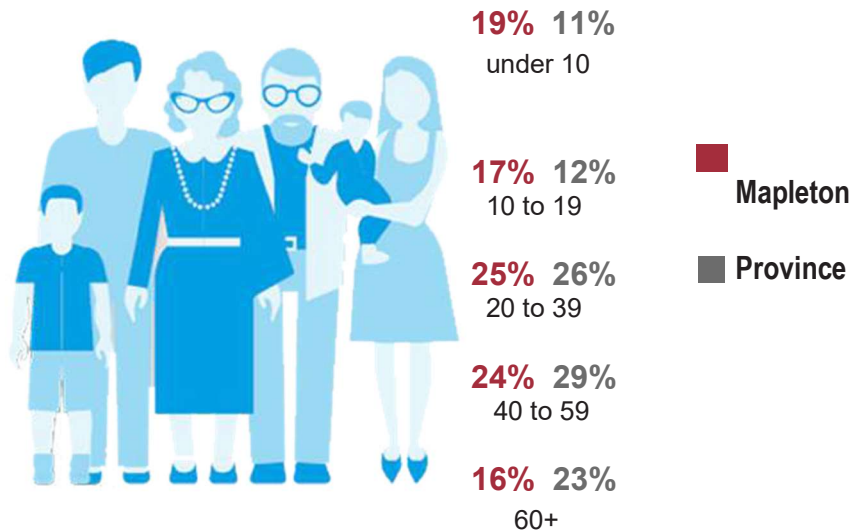
Drayton and Moorefield are the only urban centres within the Township, and together share the 25% of the total population in Mapleton. The rural areas (including the hamlets of Alma, Glen Allan, Conestogo Lake, Wallenstein, Rothsay, and surrounding rural community) share 75% of the total population as shown in the population distribution graphic on the following page.



Data provided by Statistics Canada, 2016 census and Wellington County Official Plan.

Age Distribution:

Given that Mapleton is expected to grow, age segments will shift forward with emerging demographics. With anticipated growth, Mapleton should maintain a high percentage of children and youth. The Township will continue to age, with the current adult sector becoming the new senior demographic, representing approximately 29% of the population.



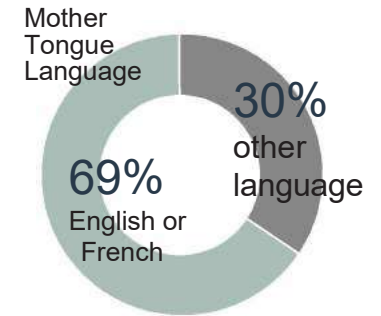
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Education:

As Mapleton's population grows in terms of age, the new senior will be significantly more educated than the emerging adult sector. With more available time, more money and higher expectations, this demographic will play an important role for future developments in parks, recreation, arts, and cultural endeavours.

Culture:

Mapleton is a Township with a rich and diverse ethnic background. The first non aboriginal settlers were fugitive black slaves. Europeans followed in the mid 1800's. Old Order Mennonites from Pennsylvania settled in the early 1900's, followed by the Dutch after WWII.



Currently, approximately 10% of the population are new immigrants. There are approximately only 160 visible minority people in Mapleton, of mostly Latin American descent. These statistics support the large Mennonite population living in Mapleton.

Income and Workforce:

The median income (2015) of the traditional family in Mapleton was approximately \$ 87,904 (higher than the Province). The percentage of low income levels for all Mapleton, before tax was 4% (provincial median 8%).

This suggests that Mapleton's population is doing well on an economic level. Mapleton's unemployment rate is 2.6%, compared to 7.4% provincially. 21.7% of the workforce is in the agriculture and other resource-based industries; 25.9% in construction or manufacturing. The balance is divided between retail, finance, real estate, health care, education, business and other services.

With such a large portion of the population traveling outside of the Township for work, much available free time is used for commuting; 84% drive, 8% are passengers, and 5% of the workforce travel to work by foot or bicycle.

Data provided by Statistics Canada, 2016 census.

Summary of Trends:

Trends have been separated into four (4) categories based on industry standards, with a total of 26 trends. Refer to appendix 3 for detailed trend information.

Recreation Facilities and Parks:

There are twelve (12) trends within Leisure Delivery: Recreation Facilities and Parks including:

- Aging Infrastructure;
- Active Transportation;
- Emerging Activities & Facilities;
- Accessibility and Inclusivity;
- Environmental Design & Operational Efficiency;
- Playgrounds & Alternative Play Options;
- Youth Centres;
- Senior's Centres;
- Natural Parks & Greenways;
- Community Parks & Open Spaces;
- Public & Civic Amenity; and
- Multi-Use, Multi-Generational & Multi-Season Parks.

Flexibility in facility design (space use) programming (types of programs, times, cost) and variety is paramount to accessing more sectors of the market. Consolidation of facilities will decrease maintenance costs, while increasing potential use by a variety of user groups (one stop shopping). New upgrades and / or new developments should be:

- accessible;
- should maintain a high quality;
- be environmentally friendly; and
- be flexible in terms of space to accommodate different uses.

Upgraded and new trails should be accessible year round; should accommodate a variety of user groups and should maintain a high quality to ensure a quality experience.

Trends in parks and facilities support the following concepts:

- Flexible, multi-use facility designs will ensure endurance;
- Consolidated facilities and uses promote one stop shopping;
- High quality, accessible and environmentally friendly initiatives promote user pride and address current consumer issues;
- Alternative recreation options will suit a more progressive market; and
- Expanded trails and park spaces connect community.

Participation:

There are eight (8) trends within Participation including:

- Children & youth: Organized Sport & Alternative Activities;
- The Emerging 'Active' Senior: Casual Participation, Individual Activities;
- Physical Inactivity;
- No Time;
- Money Matters;
- Alternative Activities & Programming;
- Technological Interests; and
- Barriers & Access.

Children and youth are requiring more incentive to keep fit and healthy. Alternative and flexible types of recreational facilities, flexible scheduling (to appeal to parents) seasonal programming, low or no cost alternatives, accessible and age appropriate options will appeal to this group. Traditional sport activities are still favoured in rural communities, but more affordable alternative opportunities being offered outside the community broaden the options available in the local context. Trends in youth participation include:

- Traditional organized sports still favoured in rural communities;
- Alternative recreational options support a variety of interests;
- Seasonal programming fill voids during the year;
- Optional daytime, evening and weekend schedules appeal to multiple care givers; and
- Physically accessible facilities.

The emerging senior is wealthier; has more time; is more educated; is environmentally aware; is quality conscious; and is seeking more life balance. Seniors are drawn to informal activities and programs that are more accessible throughout the day. Developments in recreation should consider more flexible 'holistic' programming that will support issues of concern to an aging population. Associated leisure opportunities should also be available to round out expanding interests. Trends in the senior market include:

- Informal, drop-in activities for flexibility;
- Passive recreational activities vs. high action;
- Off prime time access to facilities and programs;
- Holistic programming and activities to support mind/body and spirit;
- Fitness programs centred on lifestyle maintenance and specific health issues; and
- High quality, accessible and environmentally friendly amenities and facilities.

Arts and Culture:

There are two (2) trends within Arts & Culture including:

- 'Creative Cities' Movement; and
- Arts, Culture, and Heritage.

Arts and cultural endeavours are largely promoted by those with more available time and resources and have an interest in local culture and economy. Benefits from participation in arts and cultural activities support a healthier lifestyle; support local economies, and impart a sense of community pride. Trends in the Arts and Culture sector include:

- Pursuit of Government grant opportunities that are available to support local Arts and Culture Initiatives, such as the preparation of Cultural Master plans;
- Development of festivals and special events to encourage community pride, tourism, and economic development;
- Support of Public Art programs within urban centres (sculptures, murals etc) to encourage community involvement, strengthen cultural identity, and foster community pride.
- Partnerships with existing schools, theatres and libraries to encourage youth participation in Arts and Cultural events.

Summary of Service Delivery:

There are four (4) trends within Service Delivery including:

- Parks & Recreation Departments;
- Funding, User Fees, & Partnerships;
- Communications; and
- Volunteerism.

Smaller rural communities with limited budgets are challenged with providing progressive, consistent and flexible services. Trends in the service delivery of Parks and Recreation include traditional approaches as well as some more creative ones to offset the many challenges that recreation departments face. A few approaches to enhance service delivery within Parks and Recreation departments include:

- Actively engaging and fostering a strong volunteer base;
- Continuing partnerships with local school boards;
- Provide opportunities for student participation through community volunteer requirements of school programs;
- Seeking Provincial Government grants to assist in training service personnel for specific recreation and arts and cultural services or programming;
- Engaging in progressive systems of communications via an engaging Web Site with Facebook and Twitter connections;
- Seeking additional, and or alternative means of advertising for additional revenue (via PMD arena, Community Recreation and Events Calender; Web-Site advertising)
- Actively pursuing revenue generating alternatives to support a growing demand for facility use by non profit groups or charitable community assistance.

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Section 2:

Strategies & Actions

Strategies & Actions

This section describes the strategies and actions which should guide future parks, recreation and culture development within Mapleton. They fall into three groups:

1. **General Strategies** deal with the values of efficiency, the creation and organization of a framework for leisure service programming and delivery, and defines the quality of parks, facilities and related landscapes;
2. **'Places for, connections to' Strategies** deal with the movement of parks, recreation and cultural facility users, as well as the identification, distribution and improvement of the parks, recreation and cultural facilities throughout the Township;
3. **Implementation Strategies** deal with managing the plan.

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2.1 Strategies & Actions

General Strategies

'Places For, Connections To' Strategies

Implementation Strategies





Strategies & Actions

Overview

The strategies and actions section is separated into three main groups:

- General Strategies;
- Places For, Connecting Too; and
- Implementation

There are 14 strategies and actions in total and are further described in detail on the following pages. The strategies include:

- All Things Accessible;
- Safety for All;
- Environmental Awareness;
- Efficiency;
- Respecting Neighbours;
- Partnerships;
- Inclusion of Public Space;
- Effective Service Delivery;
- Reinforce the Best, Repair the Rest;
- Quality, Permanence, and Economy;
- Promote Arts and Culture;
- Parks and Open Spaces;
- Develop Trails; and
- Promote Wayfinding.

Refer to Chapter 5 for budget numbers.

General Strategies

Addresses with the values (accessibility, environmentalism, safety, efficiencies, respect) of demographics, efficiency, creating and organizing a framework for leisure service delivery and programs, and defines the quality of parks, recreation and culture expected in the Township; these will encompass the Township's role in providing services and facilities pertaining to community parks, recreation and culture for the short-, mid- and long-term planning horizons.

Strategy 1: All Things Accessible:

Physical accessibility was cited as a key concern for many Mapleton residents. Accessibility is most easily understood in terms of limited physical access: grade changes, challenging ground surfacing and inadequate lighting, narrow passage ways etc. These are the most common limitations for universally accessible spaces. Communications, wayfinding, and affordability also have their own accessibility issues. Lack of, and/or illegible communication, wayfinding and affordability can be viewed as barriers to access certain places and programs. To ensure that facilities and programs are a continued success, accessibility should be a top priority to ensure that all people have equal access to facilities and programs.

Applications:

- Conduct Accessibility audit to review parks, playgrounds, etc. including parking lots and loading zones, etc. to determine needs and deficiencies;
- All new developments should be physically accessible and meet current accessibility guidelines;
- Information about programs needs to be effectively communicated to all residents in a manner that is accessible to all. Different means of communication (newspaper, community program, social media, school notes, etc.) should be offered so as many people can be efficiently informed as possible;
- Appropriate way finding systems should be in place to ensure that one is able to physically find a location or program;
- There should be a variety of opportunities to access recreational activities and programs that are affordable to all;
- Access to consolidated customer services will assist in the efficient operation of facilities and programs; and
- Information about tax incentives, grant programs and modified fee structures should be made available to residents to alleviate affordability as a barrier to access certain programs and activities.

Strategy 2: Safety for All

All residents, staff and their guests should feel safe and secure when using facilities operated by the Township. Risk management procedures should be considered at all levels – from workplace safety to safe facilities and programs.

Applications:

- All recreational buildings should maintain exterior security lighting, free of obstruction, highlighting areas of public use (entrances and parking);
- Fire code addresses and signage should be incorporated into all future facilities for location identification and emergency access;
- Existing structures and facilities that accommodate Township staff or service personnel (concession stands, arena, community hall etc) should have access at all times to an on site emergency telephone;
- Emergency and safety courses should be offered for any management or personnel involved with the supervision of others; and
- Safety from damaging sun conditions in terms of shelter is often overlooked: provision of shelter (shade trees, canopies) will offer sun protection as an option.

Strategy 3: Environmental Awareness

Concerns for the environment have encroached all aspects of life, from the most basic habits in regards to recycling; to choices in materials due to embodied energies associated with the manufacturing of those materials; to choices in participating in an ‘environmentally friendly’ (EF) activity over another for fitness. Environmentally friendly options and habits permeate the home, the workplace and our public realm. People notice when environmentally friendly actions are taken, and more often, it is expected that at the very least, the options should include a green alternative.

Applications:

- New facilities, structures and amenities should maintain a pre-qualified level of ‘EF’ before consideration of purchase eg. new facilities may use EF materials; a bench might be made with sustainable forestry products; a certain paint might have certain EF qualities over another;
- Environmentally friendly recreational activities should be promoted and accommodated: new trails, parks and open space systems should be developed; outdoor classes, nature appreciation, outdoor classroom possibilities could be explored;
- Alternative grounds maintenance procedures could be employed to reduce health and safety risks for both operators and the environment: less lawn cutting, etc.;
- Educational promotion stewardship opportunities can be incorporated to foster appreciation, understanding, and sense of ownership to garner public support. I.e: interpretive/information signage, nature walking tours, etc.; and
- Natural ecological systems should be respected so that limited environmental degradation is experienced; green infrastructure for new low impact developments can be encouraged and adopted.

Strategy 4: Efficiency

When multiple uses or tasks can happen at the same time, certain efficiencies take place: less burden or cost for more product or success. This general concept can be applied to both services and facilities to help with service delivery and customer accommodation.

Currently the Township does not have a standard method of tracking usage and registration numbers for recreation and park facilities. This includes minor sport registration numbers, facility rentals (both field and hall rentals),

or meeting/boardroom spaces. The current provisional rates for basketball courts, ice, and soccer fields are showing an existing deficit based on population numbers. More study is required for arena ice pads regarding time of use pattern, registration numbers, and activity/ use (ie: hockey, figure skating, recreational, etc.). Better tracking of registration numbers and time of use for existing soccer fields are needed to further access if the existing facilities are in surplus or deficit.

Applications:

- New or renovated facility design should maintain flexible spaces so that different uses can take advantage of a single space;
- Multiple activities and complementary activities should be offered at a single location to accommodate 'one stop shopping' – ie playgrounds, picnicking, ball diamonds and open space – something for everyone; skate park, youth centre and after hour youth programming;
- Larger playing fields can be sub-divided to allow for more use by younger teams;
- Alternative sports activities can make use of similar fields;
- Schedule management and reservations should be consolidated;
- Explore recreation registration management software and develop a more accurate method for tracking usage/ registration numbers; and
- Staff responsibilities need to be consolidated to avoid overlap in efforts.

Facility Usage Tracking:

Implement a system to more accurately track usage and registration numbers for recreation and park facilities. This data helps guide future programming, space allocation, and development of recreation and park facilities, in addition to improving service delivery (decreases chances of double bookings, increases and maximizes facility usage, and can identify gaps in service delivery).

Strategy 5: Respecting Neighbours

The interface between the public and private realm needs to be respected, especially at the recreational level. This interface is very evident at the physical level such as the proximity of a ball diamond to neighbouring backyards. Other neighbours will include neighbouring townships or municipalities, private businesses, schools, conservation areas and the environment in general. When considering facility expansion that may impact neighbouring residents, appropriate consultation should be done.

Applications:

- Appropriate directional, 'dark sky' compliant lighting should be used to support regional star gazing; and
- Visual buffers or physical barriers should be placed to protect neighbours from noise, lost balls, unsightly views, etc.

Strategy 6: Partnerships

Municipalities are faced with ongoing challenges to provide efficient and cost effective services and can benefit from outside assistance. Partnerships with other Government agencies, local service groups, schools, businesses and volunteers in the community will strengthen the public face of the parks and recreation service delivery team.

Applications:

- Identify programs and facilities in which specific groups may have an interest in partnering;
- Explore joint-user agreement opportunities with local school boards for programming space, ie: Community Christian School is available for rentals;
- Provide a basic set of operating parameters for partnerships so that all involved are working together for a common goal that meets everyone's satisfaction;
- Foster volunteerism by providing some form of recognition or compensation, therefore encouraging a continued stream of volunteers; and
- Appoint this responsibility to a key management person.



Strategy 7: Inclusion of Public Space

Public space is a condition of ownership of non-private open space within a community as found with most municipal recreational spaces and areas of beautification. It is part of the overall open space system that connects the private community with all things public. The identity of the community is first communicated in this public realm: it will have a quality and character that one can identify with. It can enhance and contribute to the place called 'Mapleton.' Therefore the management and future development of these spaces will have impact on community identity, ultimately strengthening the concept of cultural identity within the community.

Application:

- Encourage the development of public spaces and amenities within the urban context and within the park system;
- Promote cultural identity through development of public art and features within public spaces; and
- Identify and highlight physical connections between the urban public realm and recreational open spaces to strengthen the overall network of open space system.

Strategy 8: Effective Service Delivery

Effective, efficient and friendly service delivery within a community will keep and encourage participation from the community. Ontario municipalities have been measuring customer value and satisfaction along with tracking key performance indicators relating to parks and recreation in their community. This data helps drive decision-making and improve service delivery.

Many rural municipalities are expanding existing departments to include recreation staff (refer to appendix 7) or creating separate recreation and park departments. This department/ position is responsible for the supervision, maintenance functions, and operations of recreational amenities and services including but not limited to parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and sports fields. Mapleton residents and community organizations have expressed a need for expanded programming (ie: summer camps, leagues, etc.) and improved marketing.

Application:

- Revisit or define job descriptions for all parks and recreation staff to help identify strengths and weaknesses, overlaps and gaps in service delivery;

- Have staff participate in a public relations training program;
- Provide training program in line with 'Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act';
- Develop and manage a 'Green Plan' that addresses and promotes environmental stewardship within facilities, parks and programming;
- Develop a range of communication tools so that information might be available to a wide range of participants with different means of accessing information;
- Develop a 'Satisfaction study for Mapleton'; and
- Continually update website with inventories of existing parks, facilities and amenities.

Satisfaction Study:

This study would be conducted to identify why there are such large gaps between Mapleton residents' level of importance verse level of satisfaction with existing park and recreation facilities. The study should also target the Mapleton youth and teen demographic, to explore the youth deficit. Heightened youth engagement is needed to more accurately identify and access satisfaction levels for this demographic.

Parks & Recreation Staff:

The Township of Mapleton has a Parks and Recreation Committee which currently oversees the policies relating to the operation and maintenance of all park and recreational properties and policies relating to recreation programs and planning for all age groups. Currently, 79% of residents are participating in programs and classes outside of the Township. The Township should consider the feasibility of seasonal recreation staff to assist with programming efforts, events and maintenance.

Strategy 9: Reinforce the Best, Repair the Rest

When considering renovations or additions to park and recreation facilities, economy and efficiencies will be met by following the concept of reinforcing the best and repairing the rest. Reinforcing the best will encourage retrofitting buildings, parks and facilities that already have a place within the community.

Re-tooling or re-programming to suit current market trends will offer more efficiencies in the long term than starting fresh at a later date or in another place. New facilities and programming should be consolidated with existing ones to encourage operational efficiencies and offer the community a 'something for everyone' experience.

Application:

- Identify existing facilities and spaces that could accommodate alternative use; and
- Ensure that existing facilities are physically accessible to meet current standards to ensure maximum programming potential.

Strategy 10: Quality, Permanence and Economy

In order to have recreational facilities that reflect the image of the community, the greater management of those facilities must accept and promote the quality and values of the local constituents.

Application:

- Encourage public participation when considering new program development; and
- Consider longevity in the purchase of park amenities such as benches, playgrounds, bike racks etc.

Strategy 11: Promote Arts and Culture

A community's cultural identity can not be promoted by individual themselves: support of cultural identity must happen at the community level. Inclusion and promotion of cultural identity can happen in both the built environment through public art, streetscape, commemorative spaces and branding, and at the recreation and leisure level through support of various festivals, activities and special events.

Application:

- Have a process in place for the community to access in regards to participation in Arts and Culture;
- Develop an Arts and Culture committee to manage concerns and ideas within the community, and effectively communicate these ideas and concerns to council; and
- Have available funding opportunities identified for potential use when need arises.

'Places For, Connections To' Strategies

Addresses the identification and distribution of recreational/cultural facilities throughout Mapleton and generally how these may be connected. These can be parks, open spaces, areas of significance, commemoration, trail ways, greenways, etc.

Strategy 12: Parks and Open Spaces

All of Mapleton's communities have some degree of park or open space, whether it is a playground or a walking trail, or a commemorative space. These spaces, along with identified trail or circulation connections form a broader open space / park system. At present there is little in the way of identified connections between these outdoor recreation spaces, either in town or between towns. Combined with Wayfinding and Trail plans, the broader open space and park system will become a cohesive network of integrated passive and active recreational spaces.

Local community parks are considered an essential part of community living and provide a sense of well being for community members. The development of alternative play spaces, flexible build spaces, and multiple use fields and courts allow flexibility in design to accommodate various uses. Mapleton's current parkland supply is sufficient however the existing parkland is not classified (ie: Neighbourhood, Community, Public Open Space Lands, etc.).

Recommended Action:

- Develop a Parkland Strategy & Classification System for Mapleton.

Parkland Classification System & Strategy:

A Parkland classification strategy would guide long-term planning for new parks, expansions and improved access to existing parks throughout the Township. A parkland classification system would summarize the parkland supply and distribution across the Township, further detailing any parkland needs and deficiencies.

Strategy 13: Develop Trails

Trails are generally an important source for passive and active recreational activity and provide a platform for other leisure opportunities, such as bird watching, dog walking, nature appreciation and environmental awareness. Trails are also an important physical component of a larger pedestrian and vehicular transit system that connects parks, open space, natural systems, recreational facilities, residences, parking lots and the general urban fabric. By developing a comprehensive trail system a community will have expanded opportunities to stay connected to its various recreational assets as well as have an accessible means for passive recreational activity.

Township residents rated trails and pathways as a high importance (82%) however satisfaction rates are low. Residents would like to see existing trails extended and increased trail connections. Overall, the population is aging, and the emerging 'active' senior are participating in passive style recreational activities. Trends are showing growing popularity for natural systems and greenways that create a network of open green space.

Recommended Action:

- Develop a 'Trails Feasibility Study';
- Develop a 'Trail Master Plan for Mapleton'; and
- Integrate where applicable, new trail connections in newly planned/developed parks.

Trails Feasibility Study:

A trails feasibility study would determine the feasibility of implementing such a network, including potential connections, extensions, and alignments of recommended routes and facility types.

Trails Master Plan: (2012 action item):

A trails master plan will establish goals and objectives to guide the future trail development, operation and maintenance of trails throughout the Township with short, medium, and long-term plans.

Strategy 14: Promote Wayfinding

Orientation to, and identification of "place" is a much more important service in today's competitive marketplace than it has been in the past. Making residents and employees "feel good" and proud of their place is a very worthwhile endeavor. Signage features are most effective when they offer uncommitted visitors something they want. One of the biggest mistakes communities make is not telling visitors why they should visit. In order to be effective, orientation and identification must be presented in an eye-catching manner. Wayfinding is a strategy to connect and enhance the users experience with parks and recreation facilities and activities within a community.

Recommended Action:

- Develop a 'Wayfinding and Signage Plan'.



Alma:

Short Term:

Wallace Cumming Park:

- Integrate barrier-free play options to increase accessibility;
- Install new Park Identification signage near both entrances;
- Upgrade playground surfacing to resilient, engineered wood fiber for accessibility compliance;
- Install new free form public outdoor rink; and
- Promote disc golf course and develop course map.

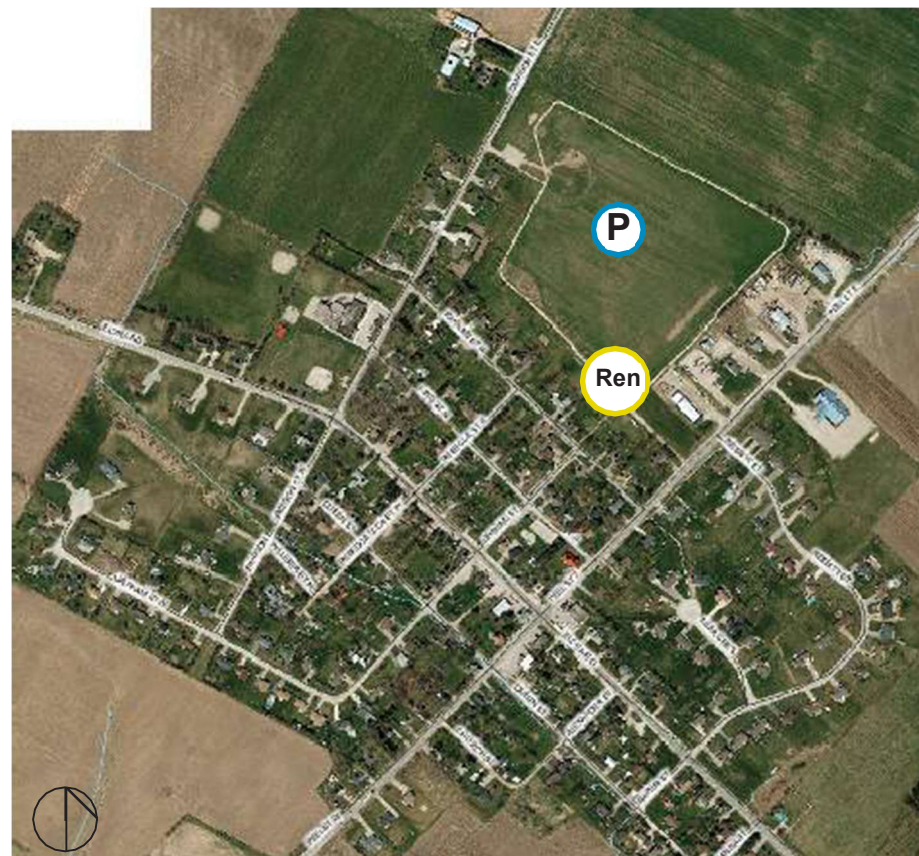
Mid Term:

Community Centre / Wallace Cumming Park:

- Consider a park furnishings and amenity program for the whole community park area and Memorial Trail. (I.e.: benches, waste receptacles, bike racks, trail heads, signage, doggy bag stations, pedestrian and parking lighting etc).

Proposed

- Free Form Outdoor Rink: Public, rink, locate in Wallace Cumming Park



Renovate existing facility:
requires updating, or
expansion



Combination of renovations,
repairs and /or new



Proposed facility not currently available

Drayton:

Short Term:

Kinsmen Playground:

- Integrate barrier-free play options to increase accessibility; and
- Upgrade playground surfacing to resilient, engineered wood fiber for accessibility compliance.

Agricultural Fairgrounds, Concession Stand & Washrooms:

- Upgrade playground surfacing to resilient, engineered wood fiber for accessibility compliance;
- Replace skirting around building and widen existing bathroom doors to allow accessibility.

P.M.D Arena:

- Development of ancillary services to support existing uses, specifically walking track and gymnasium complex;
- Re-asphalt parking lot, reconfigure and beautify;
- Repaint and/or install new identification sign; and
- Increase night lighting in the parking lot.

ABC Park:

- Create maintenance strategy for beach volleyball court(s).

Drayton Ridge Community Park (NEW):

- Initiate a professionally prepared (Landscape Architect) park design plan; and
- Include accessible playground, splash pad, public washrooms and trail connections along the river.

Mid Term:

Soccer Fields:

- Add spectator bleachers to Riverside Park soccer field;
- Liaise with community group to complete new soccer field installation; and
- Reinstall Riverside Walking Trail and develop feasibility study for connections/ linkages to Drayton Walking Trail.

Drayton Walking Trail:

- Continue signing all trails for consistency;
- Review existing trails and develop a design plan for trail linkages, connections, and future extensions; and

- Create a trails, cycling, and parks amenity map/ brochure and update the Township website with current recreation & park amenities, trails, and facilities available.

Drayton Ridge Community Park (Proposed):

- Install a dog park;
- Install a multi-use sports pad;
- Develop a community gathering space & outlook point; and
- Add accessible pathways and trail system to connect to existing network.

Long Term:

Soccer Fields:

- Proposed lighting - large soccer field.

General Signage:

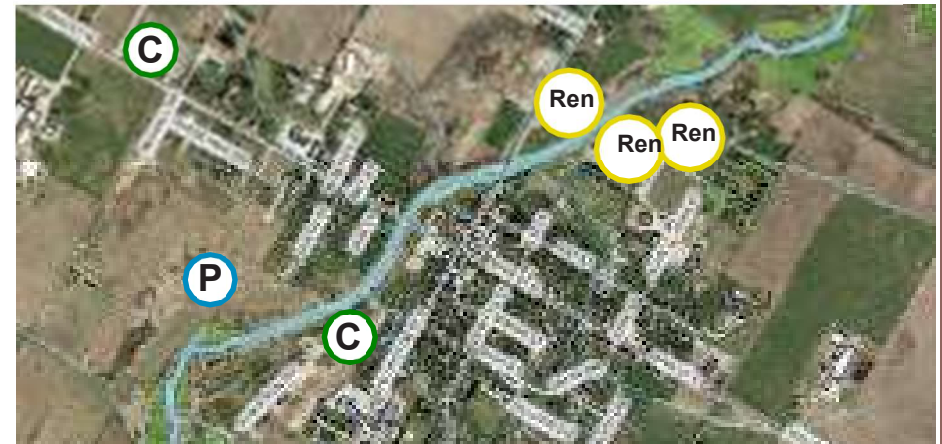
- Improve visibility and size of park directional signage; and addition of Agricultural Fair Grounds entrance sign.

Drayton Festival Theatre:

- Develop off season programming, community partnerships and arts & culture programs.

Centennial Park:

- Expand trails and connections to surrounding facilities (ex. Bridge connecting Agricultural Fair Grounds).



Renovate existing facility: requires updating, or expansion



Combination of renovations, repairs and /or new



Proposed facility not currently available

Moorefield:

Short Term:

Playground:

- Integrate barrier-free play options to increase accessibility.

Washrooms:

- Replacement of male and female washroom partitions;
- Increase night lighting to and around the facility; and
- Implement accessible path and skirting to building.

Batting Cage:

- Coordinate servicing, offering access when needed.

Ball Park- Diamond 'A' :

- Alterations of existing dugout shelters to open up views to diamond from spectator seating.

Community Centre & Ball Park Entrance:

- Improvements to existing sign and visibility; and
- Increase 'curb appeal' and community identification.

Mid Term:

Community Centre:

- Future programming should be implemented to accommodate for multi-use groups.

Community Centre Play Space:

- Have safety compliance / risk management summary done to qualify potential future structure replacement.

Ball Park- Diamond 'B':

- Alter existing dugout shelters to open views to diamond from bleachers; install netting to protect neighbouring housing.



Renovate existing facility:
requires updating, or
expansion



Combination of renovations,
repairs and /or new



Proposed facility not
currently available

Rothsay:

Short Term:

Optimist Park:

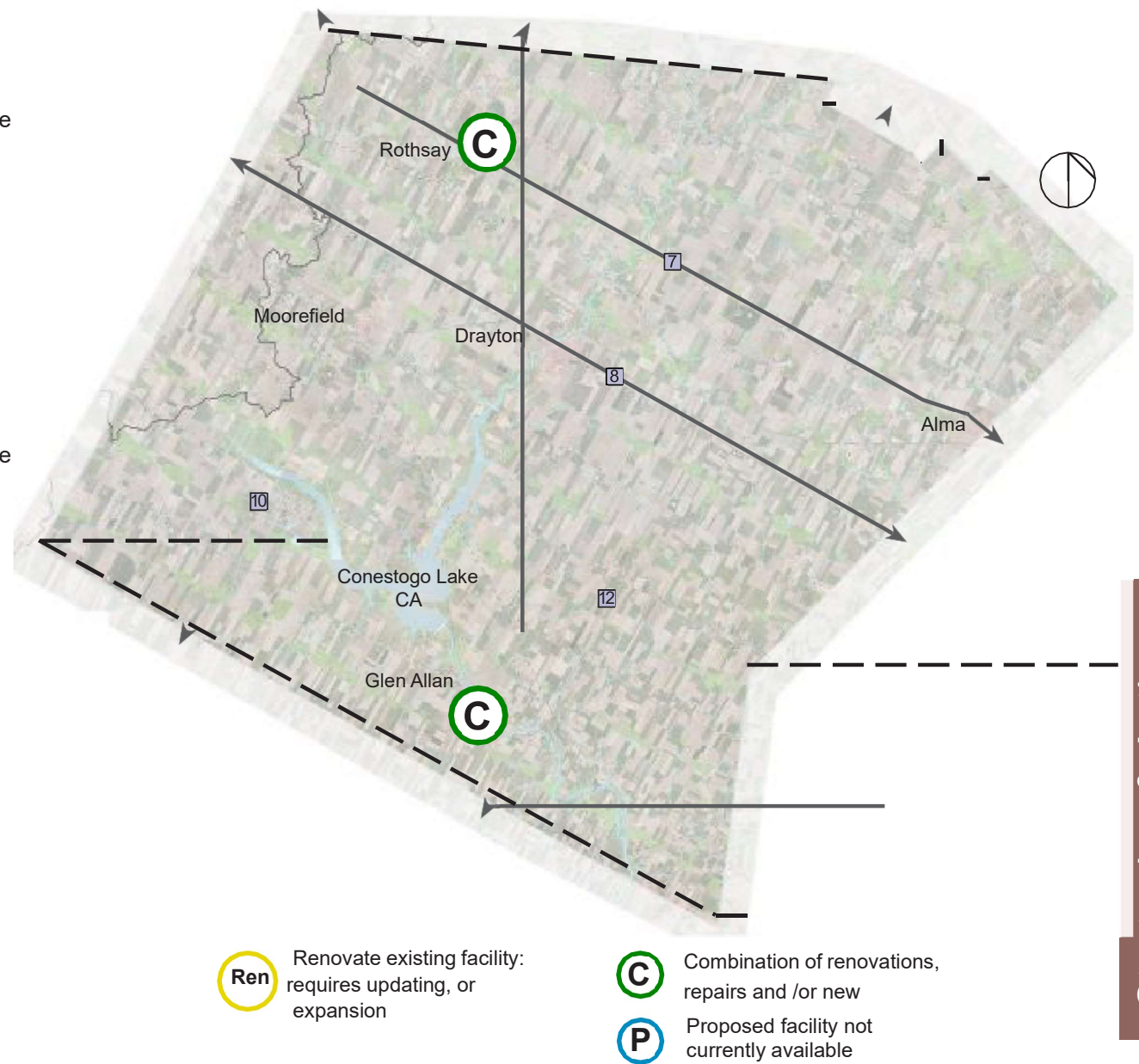
- Integrate barrier-free play options to increase accessibility.

Glen Allan:

Mid Term:

Glen Allan Park:

- Have safety compliance / risk management summary done to qualify potential future structure replacement; and
- Integrate barrier-free play options to increase accessibility.



Implementation Strategies

Implementation strategies deal essentially with managing the strategic master plan and the objectives of this section are fourfold:

- 1) To determine the capital costs of the Strategic Master Plan recommendations;
- 2) To formulate the economic parameters associated with the operation of these recommendations;
- 3) To evaluate the probability of success for the actions related to the recommendations; and
- 4) To ensure the strategic master plan's overall objectives are met.

They are further defined as follows:

Plan Continuity

Financial Plan

To facilitate understanding and acceptance of the recommendations, capital costs will be allocated into a project account framework generally accepted by the leisure service industry.

Project Design Checklist

As projects come “on-line” for the Township, whether initiated by service groups, community members, or the Township itself, having a “guide” with criteria available to be addressed at the time of planning and design will ensure compliance to the strategic plan and an optimal solution for the projects needs, the community and the Township.



Project Design Checklist

Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan Project Design Checklist

The Parks & Recreation Strategic Master Plan identifies a need for additions to or retrofitting of parks, facilities, playgrounds, etc. over a short to long-term horizon. As this may incur a variety of participants involved with planning, design and implementation of projects, maintaining the continuity and essence of this plan will be a challenge. Those involved with the future leisure service delivery projects for the Township must respond to the following criteria and present evidence as to how they have been addressed at each major step of the design process – hence this 17 part ‘checklist’ tool.

During the design of new and renovated Township parks, open spaces, facilities, equipment, etc., the project team – users, managers and designers – will have two broad areas of responsibility: the first towards particular needs (such as programs or playgrounds for a particular age group, for example), and the second towards communal (Township) needs, which includes image, accessibility, safety, and maintenance within the Township.

1. Site Use and Organization for Recreation and Culture in Mapleton
 - Land use efficiency should be maximized.
 - Sites should be selected to assist the rationalization of movement and utility infrastructure.
 - Recreational and cultural facilities and/or structures should be located on those parts of the site which are in the worst condition rather than the best.
2. Responding to Township Context
 - Recreational and cultural facilities and associated open space should be designed to enhance the larger compositions created by the Township's current buildings and landscapes.
 - New recreational and cultural facilities should be considered as opportunities to “repair” challenges in Mapleton's physical structure.
 - Recreational and cultural facilities should be organized on the site to make new function and circulation routes compatible with those of neighbouring/related buildings, terrain, natural areas, trailways and open spaces.

- Recreational and cultural facilities and associated open spaces should reinforce the predominant development patterns that distinguish various parts of the Township such as Drayton, Moorefield, Alma, etc.
3. Recreational and Cultural Facility 'Building Envelopes' in Mapleton
 - Facilities should generally be restricted to about 2 stories to preserve that scale and image of the Township.
 - Roof and/or eaves lines should generally align or work with those of adjacent buildings to reinforce the cohesion of the facilities found within the Township.
 - Facades should in general align or work with existing facades to reinforce the clarity of the network and cohesion of the Township's buildings.
 4. Facility / Open Space Relationships
 - Facility and associated open spaces of Mapleton should establish a mutually supportive relationship in which indoor and outdoor spaces animate and are connected to each other.
 - Township recreational buildings should define open spaces as distinct spatial volumes with a strong sense of identity and place for Mapleton.
 - Township recreational facility/buildings should enhance the clarity, safety and efficiency of Mapleton roads and pedestrian routes.
 - Existing high quality open spaces should be protected and enhanced.
 - New open spaces should form part of a continuous network and link into neighboring trailways.
 - Township recreational building/structure faces adjacent to open spaces, terrain and thoroughfares should be treated as fronts and should activate the 'public' Township environment.
 5. Response to Wellington County Climate
 - Important recreational/service spaces, both indoor and outdoor, should benefit from the sun.
 - Snow (and rain) shelter should be provided in high use areas around entrances, and where heavily traveled pedestrian routes run parallel to building facades.
 - Walkway gradients should be minimized where possible promoting accessibility.
 6. Circulation
 - Township recreational buildings and associated open spaces should be universally accessible.
 7. Barrier Free Access
 - Township recreational buildings planning major renovations, and their associated open spaces, should be barrier free, including clear unobstructed direct paths for the visually and mobility impaired.
 - Create logical, intuitive guides to major destinations of the recreational and/or cultural landscape.
 8. Facility Building Entrances
 - Building entrances should be easily identifiable, and should address Mapleton's primary open spaces and thoroughfares.
 - Building entrances should be ordered with the most important entry addressing the main avenue of approach.
 - All building faces adjacent to the Township's major open spaces and thoroughfares should have entrances.
 - Building entrances should be open, provide a sense of transition from outside to inside and should be prominent, encouraging people to approach and enter.
 - Building entrances should be barrier free.
 9. Safety at Leisure Facilities
 - New projects and renovations should be designed to provide actual personal safety as well as impart a sense of comfort and well-being in its users.
 - Personal safety is a broad-spectrum requirement that is basic to all aspects of the environment, including spatial clarity and legibility, signage and orientation, lighting and visibility, planting, paving materials, and winter walkability-mobility, as well as ramp gradients, traffic controls, and safety alert devices.
 10. Long Life/Loose Fit
 - New recreational/cultural buildings/structures for the Township should be capable of being adapted to new uses and expansion as the needs and the priorities of the residents change.

11. Expression

- New recreational and cultural landscapes and their buildings in Mapleton must reconcile many diverse and often contradictory issues in terms of their expression – the “messages” they give about their role in or the quality of the Township.
- Recreational and cultural landscapes and buildings should express a sense of permanence and durability, a sense of Mapleton’s traditional roots and its historical continuity, and a sense of its connectedness to these.
- Further, Mapleton’s recreational and cultural landscapes and buildings should express the Township’s commitment to serving the residents and their guests, and its responsibility to treat leisure activity as a resource. To express this, Mapleton’s landscapes and buildings should be open, safe, accessible, welcoming, and familiar.
- Finally, Mapleton’s recreational and cultural landscapes and buildings should express a connection with the climate, vegetation, topography, and service of its rural location, and reflect the traditions that are apparent in Mapleton today, taking inspiration from the original older spaces, buildings, and service legacy and the best of predominant existing parklands and natural heritage found on the Township lands.

12. Scale

- The scale of spaces and facilities in the Township should relate to the scale and size of the human body, to make approaching and using of the space/facility a comfortable experience.
- The scale of elements and massing should correspond to the various distances from which it is viewed.

13. Exterior Materials for Recreational and Cultural Buildings/Structures at the Club

- Building materials should reinforce the cohesion of related groups of buildings.
- Building materials should reflect the building’s role as a civic landmark or a fabric building.
- Materials used should be of a sustainable nature: FSC certified wood, recycled and recyclable plastics, made of renewable materials, long life span, etc.
- Colours should express a sense of continuity and Township pride.

14. Mapleton’s Recreational and Cultural Landscape Quality

- Mapleton’s landscape should be treated as critical to establishing visual cohesion throughout the Township.
- Landscape design should receive the same level of attention and budget stability accorded to facilities, buildings and infrastructure.
- Landscapes, like buildings and facilities, should be designed to communicate “messages” about the goals of the Township.
- Landscapes should be designed in line with the level of maintenance they will receive.
- Landscapes should be designed to ensure personal safety.

15. Servicing

- Facility service areas should be located and designed to efficiently support its building recreational and cultural functions and operator requirements.
- Service areas should in general be located away from user or public open spaces and thoroughfares.
- Where service areas are integrated with pedestrian use, design treatments should reflect the pedestrian use.

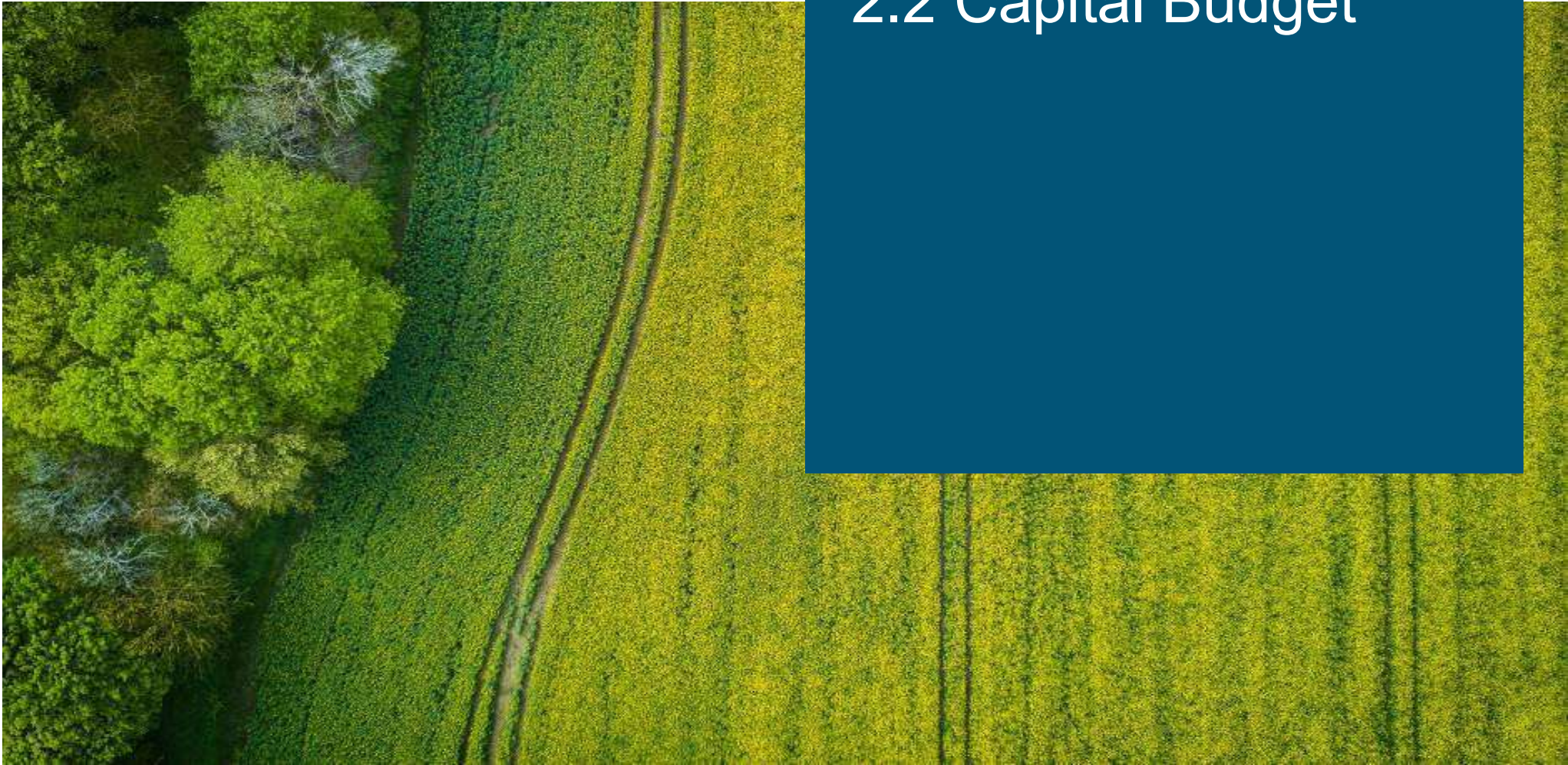
16. Technical Performance

- Projects should be subjected to life-cycle costing to determine the best fit between capital costs, operating costs and ongoing maintenance costs.
- Projects should be designed to reduce maintenance costs.
- All design should reduce energy and resource consumption.
- Projects should incorporate the most efficient technologies available as well as sustainable design principles.

17. Environmental Quality

- Recreational and cultural buildings should not be permitted to emit unacceptable noxious or otherwise unpleasant fumes or gases to the Township’s thoroughfares or open spaces.
- Noise-generating activities should be located within the facility/building, which should be designed to protect users in other buildings or in the Township’s open spaces from noise intrusion.

2.2 Capital Budget





Capital Budget

Capital Budget

Throughout the Parks & Recreation Strategic planning process there has been continuous interaction between the financial and planning objectives. All capital planning for the future, while responsive to immediate needs in the short- to mid-range planning horizons, will be vetted through the philosophy for a sustainable rural community leisure service delivery approach and its implication to the Township's long term needs. As various sub-projects were identified, a capital cost was determined and added to the financial model.

Capital Budget Components

The Parks & Recreation Strategic Master Plan envisions the maintenance and evolution of desirable Township oriented, community facilities and programs focusing on an active and diverse rural demographic. Estimated capital costs, to operate the day-to-day leisure services of the Township for the short term, have been broken into ten project accounts (categories) which are typical to the industry. Within each of the major accounts, sub-project accounts have been "budgeted" as a lump sum. The majority of the capital cost estimates are based on construction and/or installation costs experienced by other rural municipalities in Ontario; several estimates for specific works have been provided by Township staff where these have been available.

All capital costs are estimated in 2019 dollars. These costs reflect actual product supply and delivery charges in addition to professional installation – obvious net savings would be realized to the Township through partnerships, service group involvement and staff time allocation.

A capital budget associated with the Strategic Master Plan for The Township of Mapleton of \$740,000 (excluding contingency) is listed in the associated table at the end of this section. This budget has been prepared given the following key assumptions:

Pre-Upgrade Planning – #01

All costs associated with the Township's leisure and recreation planning process including planning and design, surveying and mapping are in this account. It is assumed that certain sub-accounts within this account would cease, following approval submissions, when construction commences, or when the project is implemented. Design and/or contract document fees are based on a typical 'fee percentage' approach utilizing 11% of the: Facility/ Building Upgrades; Parks, Fields, Playgrounds & Trails; Culture; and, Entry, Parking & Identification projects' accounts. Similarly, architecture/technologist fees are estimated at 14% of the building costs excluding furniture, fixtures and equipment. Identified projects related to future park sites, wayfinding plans and Park & Recreation Master Plan updates have also been included in this account.

Facility/Building Upgrades – #02

An estimated budget for facility and building upgrades are essentially pointed at disrepair and/or lifecycle replacement values. These have been categorized by priority, namely 'high' or 'medium,' taking into consideration that much of the works identified could be completed over a 5 to 15 year projection at a cost of approximately \$123,000. Just over \$17,800 has been 'ear-marked' for possible furnishings/fixtures related costs – essentially identified as an allowance calculated at 17% of the construction value of the facility upgrades.

Parks, Fields, Playgrounds & Trails – #03

SKA assumes that much of the parks related equipment will be replaced on a 'add needed' basis amongst the communities and with support/contribution from local service clubs; these priorities have been categorized according to community. Several 'new' projects have been included as their need was identified through the consultations. It's anticipated that the Township and its partners could see improvements to existing sites totaling just over \$161,000 over the next 20 years. An additional \$150,000 can be expected with future new park facilities including an accessible playground, multi-use sport pad, dog park, trail system, and community gathering space at Drayton Ridge Community Park.

At this time two trail environments have been identified and have been assigned allocations, totaling just under \$30,000, for supporting equipment such as seating, signage, surfacing, etc. Our experience is that service groups are interested in 'adopting' trails projects and contributing in-kind or by donation to these projects. Given the County's current Active Transport project, future trails and or enhancement of Mapleton's existing trail environments may incur additional costs not identified at this time. Many 'health' advocacy funding programs are available for trail enhancements and expansion.

Culture – #04

While much of the cultural content of this master plan is integrated into "programming for" activities there is still a need to budget for advisory committee and currently identified projects. SKA has allocated \$20,000 as 'seed' money to get culture integrated into the communities' activities.

Entry, Parking & Identification – #05

Approximately \$10,000 have been allocated to Maryborough Community Centre and Wallace Cummings Park for park identification signage enhancements/ additions.

Utilities – #06

Improvements to existing utilities system that service Township recreation facilities may need further investigation and improvement. No budget has been allocated to this account at this time.

Staff Operating – #07

The Township knows what it currently expends on staff related remuneration. While no value has been included at this time, budget to permit facility management, facility reservations, concession operation and general maintenance requires further evaluation.

Miscellaneous Operating – #08

Typically this account includes budgets associated with training, communications (digital & print), funding sourcing and programming related needs – many of which Mapleton does not currently offer specifically for leisure service delivery purposes. In addition, fees associated with audits, approvals and works' permits would be included under this account. Approximately \$58,000 has been identified as a reasonable amount for these operating expenses.

\$25,000 has been allocated to addressing programming possibilities for both youth and adult segments of the Mapleton resident population. \$10,000 has been allocated to 'compliance' training for staff.

As the Township looks seriously to 'other' leisure service opportunities, \$5,000 has been allocated as 'seed' money directly related to executing a strategy for soliciting funding for many of its programs.

Legal Fees – #09

A lump sum of \$30,000 has been included in the Plan's implementation costs for legal work that may be required in setting up anticipated permit applications and/or property agreements, etc., associated with the Strategic Master Plan's developments.

Contingency – #10

All planning exercises of this magnitude and time horizon include contingencies to cover the costs of any unforeseen conditions. Since the total account budgets do not include contingencies, SKA has used 15% as an overall goal.

Capital Budget Summary

SKA estimates that the Parks & Recreation Strategic Master Plan's implementation for the Township of Mapleton should have a budget of approximately \$1 million (including contingency) over the long term or next 25 years.

The distribution of projected capital budget items as they relate to the Township's offerings including future planning/design, facility upgrades, parks & playgrounds, trails & open space upgrades, and miscellaneous operating expenses can be characterized by percentages – approximately 42% of the projected budget is allocated to parks, fields, playgrounds and existing trailway enhancements while 16% has been allocated for facility/building upgrades. Anticipated planning, design, administration and legal costs associated with the implementation of the components of this plan serves 29% of the estimated budget.



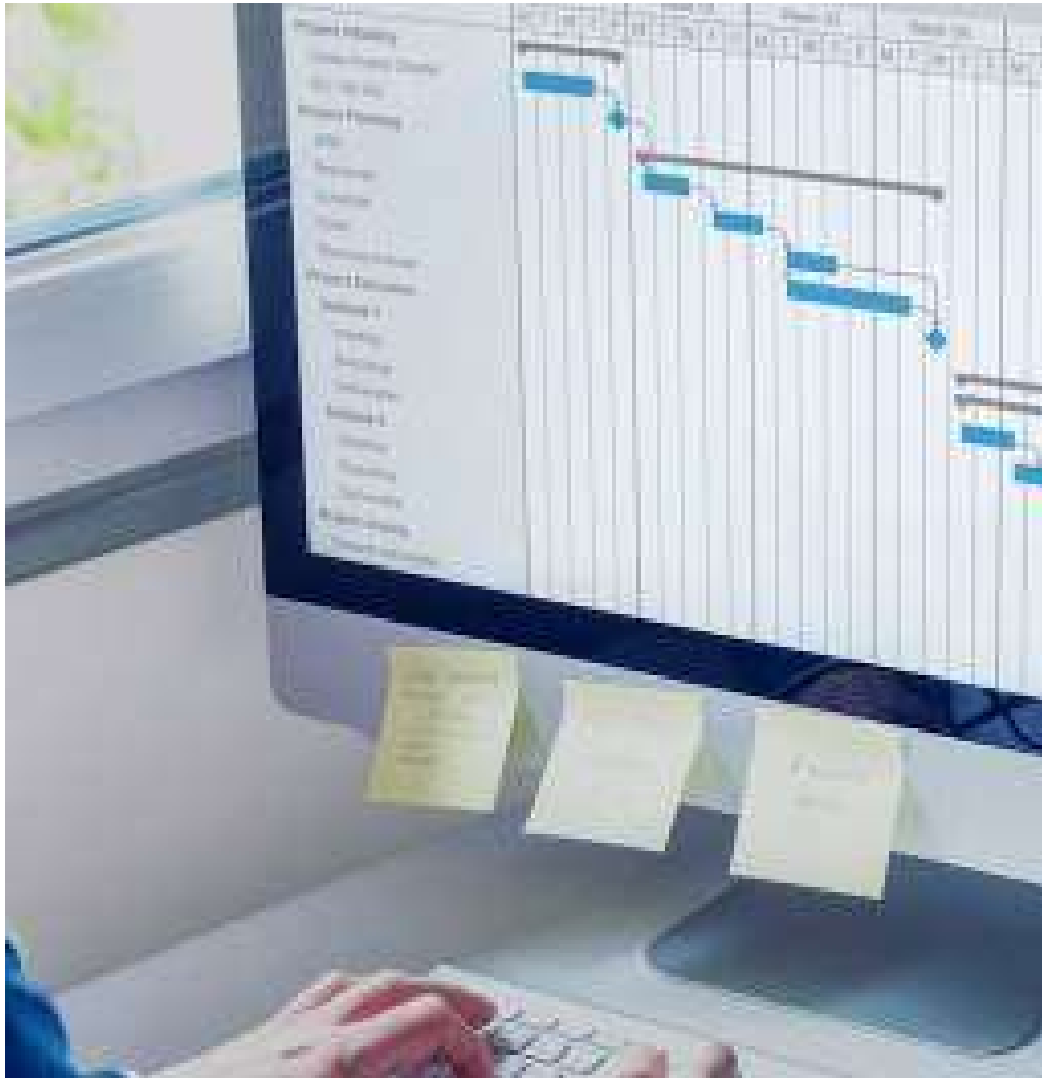
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Account	No.	Term	Qty	Unit	Price	Pre-Development	Development Phase	Subtotal
Pre-Upgrade Planning	01							
Surveying and Mapping			1	L. Sum	20,000.00		\$ 20,000	
Landscape Architecture/Site Engineering.			11%	Accounts 03, 04, 05, 06	37,551.25	\$ 15,021	\$ 22,531	
Township Trails Master Plan *		ST	1	L. Sum	15,000.00		\$ 15,000	
Wayfinding & Signage Plan *		ST	1	L. Sum	15,000.00		\$ 15,000	
Township Trails Feasibility Study *		ST	1	L. Sum	7,500.00		\$ 7,500	
P&R Satisfaction Study *		ST	1	L. Sum	5,000.00		\$ 5,000	
Parkland Strategy & Classification System		S/MT	1	L. Sum	7,500.00		\$ 7,500	
Architecture/Technology			14%	Accounts 02, Buildings Only	17,199.00	\$ 12,039	\$ 5,160	
Mapleton Lagoon Park Development Plan		MT	1	L. Sum	7,500.00		\$ 7,500	
"Green Plan" for Environmental Stewardship **		MT	1	L. Sum	5,000.00		\$ 5,000	
Accessibility Audits *		ST	1	L. Sum	5,000.00		\$ 5,000	
Drayton Ridge Park Master Plan & Tender Documents		ST	1	L. Sum	25,000.00		\$ 25,000	
Master Plan Updates (5yr cycle)			1	L. Sum	20,000.00		\$ 20,000	\$ 187,250
Facility/Building Upgrades	02							
PMD Area & Community Centre (High)			1	L. Sum	40,000.00		\$ 40,000	
• Parking lot resurfacing		ST						
PMD Area & Community Centre (Medium)			1	L. Sum	65,000.00		\$ 65,000	
• Facility identification sign upgrade		ST			10,000.00			
• Parking lot reconfiguration & beautification		MT			15,000.00			
• Parking lot lighting		ST			45,000.00			
Furniture and Fixtures			17%	Building Costs	17,850.00		\$ 17,850	\$ 122,850
Parks, Fields, Playgrounds, Trails	03							
Kinsmen Playground			1	L. Sum	50,000.00		\$ 50,000	
• Barrier-free play options		ST			40,000.00			
• Accessible, resilient engineered wood fiber surfacing		ST			10,000.00			
Agricultural Fair Grounds (High)			1	L. Sum	10,000.00		\$ 10,000	
• Washroom upgrades		ST			10,000.00			
Agricultural Fair Grounds			1	L. Sum	20,000.00		\$ 20,000	
• Barrier-free play options		ST			10,000.00			
• Accessible, resilient engineered wood fiber surfacing		ST			10,000.00			
Mapleton Soccer Field			1	L. Sum	15,000.00		\$ 15,000	
• Spectator bleachers		MT			15,000.00			
ABC Park			1	L. Sum	5,000.00		\$ 5,000	
courts		ST			5,000.00			
Moorefield Ball Park (High)			1	L. Sum	15,000.00		\$ 15,000	
• Accessibility upgrades (to washrooms & skirting)		ST			15,000.00			
Moorefield Ball Park			1	L. Sum	92,500.00		\$ 92,500	
• Barrier-free play options		ST			10,000.00			
• B Diamond- netting installation		MT			15,000.00			
• Picnic shelter ongoing maintenance		LT			45,000.00			
• Night lighting		ST			15,000.00			
• 'Curb appeal' & identification		ST			7,500.00			
Wallace Cummings Park			1	L. Sum	49,000.00			
• Barrier-free play options		ST			10,000.00		\$ 10,000	
• Outdoor free form rink		ST			15,000.00			
•Disc golf map kiosk		ST			4,000.00			
• Park furnishing & amenity program		MT			10,000.00			
• Accessible, resilient engineered wood fiber surfacing		ST			10,000.00			
Rothsay Optimist Park			1	L. Sum	7,000.00		\$ 7,000	
• Barrier-free play options		ST			7,000.00			
Glen Allan Park			1	L. Sum	8,000.00		\$ 8,000	
• Barrier-free play options		ST			5,000.00			
• Safety compliance/ risk management assessment (future structure replacement)		ST			3,000.00			
Centennial Park (Medium)			1	L. Sum	TBD		TBD	
• Trail expansion & linkages		LT			TBD			
PMD Arena			1	L. Sum	50,000.00		\$ 50,000	
• Outdoor free form rink		MT			50,000.00			
Drayton & Riverside Park Walking Trail		MT	1	L. Sum	28,875.00		\$ 28,875	
• Additional benches & amenities		MT			10,750.00			
• Trail signage		MT			18,125.00			
Future Trails (County Plan)			1	L. Sum	TBD		TBD	
Future Park (Drayton Ridge Community)		ST/MT	1	L. Sum	150,000.00		\$ 150,000	\$ 311,375
Culture	04							
Advisory Committee *		ST						
Public Art & Murals **		MT	1	L. Sum	20,000.00		\$ 20,000	
Other **		MT						\$ 20,000
Entry, Parking & Identification	05							
Maryborough Community Centre (High)			1	L. Sum	5,000.00		\$ 5,000	
• Entrance Identification Sign		ST			5,000.00			
Wallace Cummings Park			1	L.Sum	5,000.00		\$ 5,000	
• Park Identification Signage (off Peel St. E)		ST			5,000.00			\$ 10,000
Utilities	06							
Water Supply				L. Sum			\$ -	
Electrical				L. Sum			\$ -	
Sewer				L. Sum			\$ -	
Staff Operating (Existing Structure)	07							
Facility Management								
Reservations (High)								
• Centralized/ consolidate system for all facilities and programs offered within Twsp.		ST						
Concessions (High)								
• Third party delivery; advertise & provide/install any safety upgrades ie: emergency phone access		ST						
Grounds/Maintenance								
Other								
Miscellaneous Operating	08							
Staff Training (High)			1	L. Sum	10,000.00		\$ 10,000	
• Compliance training		ST						
• Public relations training		ST						
• AODA act training		ST						
Staff Training (Medium)			1	L. Sum	5,000.00		\$ 5,000	
• High Five training		MT						
Staffing			1	L. Sum				
• Feasibility of a Recreation Coordinator Position		ST						
Communications (High)			1	L. Sum	8,500.00		\$ 8,500	
• Leisure Guide (bi-annual)		ST						
• digital & print		ST						
Marketing & Funding (High)			1	L. Sum	5,000.00		\$ 5,000	
• Advertising & promotion		ST						
Programming (High)			1	L. Sum	20,000.00		\$ 20,000	
• Youth, adults, camps, etc.		ST						
• Programming strategy		ST						
Programming (Medium)			1	L. Sum	5,000.00		\$ 5,000	
• Adult leagues, events		MT						
• Promoting senior market		ST						
Approvals/Permits/Audits			1	L. Sum	5,000.00		\$ 5,000	\$ 58,500
Legal Fees	09		1	L. Sum	30,000.00		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Project Subtotal						\$ 27,060	\$ 862,915	\$ 739,975
Contingency	10		15%	All Accounts		\$ 4,059	\$ 129,437	\$ 133,496
Project Total						\$ 31,119	\$ 992,353	\$ 1,023,472

* denotes 'high priority' item
** denotes 'medium priority' item

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Appendices

Context Chart

Township of Mapleton Facility &
Amenity Listing Chart

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Surrounding Townships

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Grant & Promotion Programs

Appendix 1: Context Chart

This chart shows the surrounding communities existing facilities, including amenities available. A map with the surrounding communities and legend of facility location was provided during the Community Open House.

	Basketball- Full	Batting Cage	Ampitheatre	Pavilion	Bandshell	Lit Baseball Diamond - Adult	Outdoor Rink	Indoor Rink	Indoor Track	Playground- Accessible	Playground	Swimming Pool	Splash Pad	Lit Soccer Field - Full	Unlit Soccer Field - Half/Mini	Indoor Pool	Indoor Walking Track	Lit Tennis Court	Gym Facilities	Walking Trail (Mulch)	Walking Trail (Stone Dust)	Walking Trail (Natural)	Washroom Facility (Permanent)	Washroom Facility (Summer Only)	Kitchen Facilities	Wetland Boardwalk	Event/ Meeting Space	Concession Stand
Arthur																												
Arthur Bell Diamond																												
Arthur Community Park & Marvin Howe Trail																												
Arthur Arena																												
Palmerston																												
Palmerston Fairgrounds																												
CNR Park																												
Palmerston Community Centre																												
Listowel																												
John Bell Baseball Diamond																												
Wallace Optimist Park																												
Listowel Memorial Park																												
Steve Kerr Memorial Complex																												
Elmira																												
Woolwich Memorial Centre																												
Bolender Park																												
Gibson Park																												
Woolwich Memorial Centre																												
Elora																												
Elora Community Centre																												
Bissell Park																												
Elora & District Community Centre																												
Fergus																												
Victoria Park																												
Fergus Dog Park																												
Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex																												

Appendices

The following charts shows the existing facilities, including amenities available located by community within the Township of Mapleton.

Existing Township of Mapleton Parks & Recreation Facilities: DRAYTON

ABC Park Kinsmen Park Centennial Park Drayton Agricultural Fair Grounds Memorial Park Riverside Park P.M.D. Arena & Community Hall Other		Basketball- Full
		Basketball- Half
		Batting Cage
	1	Beach Volleyball- Full
		Cenotaph
		Disc Golf
		Labyrinth
	2	Lit Baseball Diamond - Adult
		Lit Baseball Diamond- Child/ Youth
	1	Unlit Baseball Diamond- Adult
		Unlit Baseball Diamond- Child/Youth
		Memory Arboretum
		Outdoor Rink
		Picnic Shelter
	1	Playground- Accessible
	1	Playground
	1	Skateboard Park
	1	Splash Pad
	1	Unlit Soccer Field - Full
	5	Unlit Soccer Field - Half/Mini
		Lit Tennis Court
		Toboggan hill
		Walking Trail (Mulch)
	1	Walking Trail (Stone Dust)
	1	Walking Trail Natural)
2	Washroom Facility (Permanent)	
2	Washroom Facility (Summer Only)	
	Wetland Boardwalk	
	Event/ Meeting Space	

* Trail will be re-installed at future date

**** Not Township Owned**

Existing Township of Mapleton Parks & Recreation Facilities: ALMA

Alma Ball Diamond		Basketball- Full
Alma Community Centre		Basketball- Half
Morely Meadow **	1	Batting Cage
Optimist Outdoor Rink**		Beach Volleyball- Full
Wallace Cummings Park	1	Cenotaph
		Disc Golf
	1	Labyrinth
	1	Lit Baseball Diamond - Adult
		Lit Baseball Diamond- Child/ Youth
		Unlit Baseball Diamond- Adult
	1	Unlit Baseball Diamond- Child/Youth
	1	Memory Arboretum
	1	Outdoor Rink
	1	Picnic Shelter
	1	Playground- Accessible
	1	Playground
		Skateboard Park
		Splash Pad
		Unlit Soccer Field - Full
		Unlit Soccer Field - Half/Mini
		Lit Tennis Court
		Toboggan hill
		Walking Trail (Mulch)
	1	Walking Trail (Stone Dust)
		Walking Trail Natural)
	1	Washroom Facility (Permanent)
	1	Washroom Facility (Summer Only)
		Wetland Boardwalk
	1	Event/ Meeting Space

** Not Township Owned

Existing Township of Mapleton Parks & Recreation Facilities: MOOREFIELD

Moorefield Ball Park		Basketball- Full
Marlyborough Community Centre		Basketball- Half
Other		Batting Cage
	1	Beach Volleyball- Full
		Cenotaph
		Disc Golf
		Labyrinth
	2	Lit Baseball Diamond - Adult
		Lit Baseball Diamond- Child/ Youth
		Unlit Baseball Diamond- Adult
		Unlit Baseball Diamond- Child/Youth
		Memory Arboretum
	1	Outdoor Rink
	1	Picnic Shelter
		Playground- Accessible
	1	Playground
		Skateboard Park
		Splash Pad
		Unlit Soccer Field - Full
		Unlit Soccer Field - Half/Mini
	2	Lit Tennis Court
		Toboggan hill
	1	Walking Trail (Mulch)
	1	Walking Trail (Stone Dust)
		Walking Trail Natural)
		Washroom Facility (Permanent)
		Washroom Facility (Summer Only)
		Wetland Boardwalk
	1	Event/ Meeting Space

Existing Township of Mapleton Parks & Recreation Facilities: RURAL

Glen Allan			Basketball- Full
Rothsay Optimist Playground	1		Basketball- Half
			Batting Cage
			Beach Volleyball- Full
			Cenotaph
			Disc Golf
			Labyrinth
			Lit Baseball Diamond - Adult
			Lit Baseball Diamond- Child/ Youth
			Unlit Baseball Diamond- Adult
			Unlit Baseball Diamond- Child/Youth
			Memory Arboretum
			Outdoor Rink
	1		Picnic Shelter
			Playground- Accessible
	1	1	Playground
			Skateboard Park
			Splash Pad
			Unlit Soccer Field - Full
			Unlit Soccer Field - Half/Mini
	1		Lit Tennis Court
			Toboggan hill
			Walking Trail (Mulch)
			Walking Trail (Stone Dust)
	1		Walking Trail Natural)
			Washroom Facility (Permanent)
			Washroom Facility (Summer Only)
			Wetland Boardwalk
			Event/ Meeting Space
Other			

Appendix 3: Trends

Leisure Delivery

Based on community consultation, facilities review and current market research, the following trends have been identified and have direct impact on future discussions regarding the facilitation and servicing of parks and recreation, arts and culture.

'In Mapleton' considerations have been offered with each trend and are further identified on in the recommendation section of the Master Plan.

Recreation Facilities and Parks

"46% of Canadian municipalities report that their sport and recreation facilities are in very poor to poor condition & are in need of repair/maintenance."

- Informing the future: the 2016 Canadian Infrastructure Report Card (2016)

Aging Infrastructure:

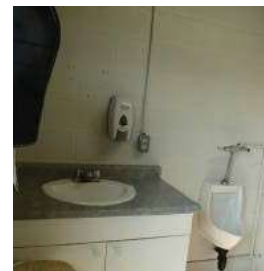
- Many facilities infrastructure in Ontario is aging and showing deterioration, requiring on-going maintenance, upgrades and sometimes expansion to suit growing consumer demands;
- Many facilities require upgrades to suit current expectations in regard to accessibility and safety;
- This is consistent with previous sport and recreation sector studies, which have revealed a high level of deferred maintenance in facilities.

In Mapleton: The Township has completed several upgrades, retrofits, and expansions to their facilities since 2012. Many of Mapleton's facilities are older and require ongoing maintenance and repair. Future development of activities and programming to suit consumer demands will place additional burdens on existing facilities. Physical accessibility and safety should maintain a high priority and be considered a necessary component for any future building, facility upgrades or new developments. Design flexibility ensures that spaces will suit a variety of uses that can evolve or change with fluctuating consumer demands.

Active Transportation

- Active transportation is defined as using any form of human-powered transportation (ie: walking, cycling, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, rollerblading, skateboarding, etc.) to get from one place to another, and has both economic and environmental benefits. (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2010);
- Active transportation & community networks are destinations for tourism and provide economic value in addition to being an important part of a community's connectivity in terms of accessibility and broader community networks (ie: links to other communities and destinations);
- Walking trails and parks are significantly more popular for physical activity across all income levels when compared to municipal facilities (local sports clubs- private or public);
- Trails, Paths, & Bike Lanes (ie: bike trails, pathways, linkages to outdoor facilities, etc.) are outdoor facilities which serve people of all ages, as well as future generations with only limited reinvestment over time; and
- Amenities such as trail heads, distance markers, designated lanes, etc. are in high demand along with expanded and improved walking trails and cycling routes.

In Mapleton: Only a few walking trails and no identified cycling routes exist in Mapleton. Connections between towns and within towns are limited. Links to existing trails in neighbouring townships, existing natural amenities, abandoned rail lines, and heritage, such as cemeteries, should be considered in the development of new trails. The Wellington County Active Transportation Plan (2012) provides a framework to build upon for future active transport development.



Emerging Activities & Facilities

- Township demographics are changing and so are the recreation needs;
- The aging population is more active, requesting new facilities to accommodate low-impact, passive recreational opportunities and active living;
- Examples include: pickleball courts, outdoor fitness equipment, community gardens, and off-leash dog parks; and
- Demand remains high for continued delivery of sports fields, non-programmed spaces for social activities and amenities to improve user experience.

In Mapleton: Programming is currently not provided by the Township, however it may need to become consideration to offset volunteer-run organizations, and provide opportunities that accommodate low-impact, passive recreation needs.

Accessibility and Inclusivity

- The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), 2005 requires municipalities to remove all barriers within municipal facilities by 2025.
- Making parks and recreation facilities more accessible, inclusive by offering universal design, and barrier-free elements is a high priority and should be provided wherever possible.

In Mapleton: The Township of Mapleton adopted the County of Wellingtons Facility Accessibility Design Manual (FADM) in 2006 and incorporates the design into Township owned facilities for both new buildings and renovations to existing buildings. FADM exceeds the barrier-free section of the Ontario Building Code.

The Township also adopted a multi-year accessibility plan in 2013. Many upgrades and retrofits have been conducted at existing recreation facilities since 2012, including at the Maryborough Community Centre, Moorefield Ball Park Washroom upgrades, Moorefield Ball Park playground, and accessible surfacing and pathways at various parks and playgrounds.

Environmental Design & Operational Efficiency

- Canadians, in particular children and youth, are becoming more environmentally conscious in their day-to-day decisions;
- The environmental impact of certain recreational activities will have stronger implications in the future regarding overall sustainability;
- Terms such as green footprint, eco-friendly, sustainable, etc. are being used more frequently;
- Improved operational efficiencies, such as lower maintenance strategies (ie: less grass cutting, native trees, no pesticides, LEED certified facilities, etc.) and environmental conservation are becoming more popular; and
- Environmentally friendly activities (ie: hiking, canoeing, kayaking, cross-country skiing) are more popular when compared to activities with higher environmental impacts (ie: power boating, indoor swimming, downhill skiing, etc.),

In Mapleton: Park maintenance is executed by the Public works department, grooming and maintaining the green space is held in high regard. Improve operational efficiencies by implementing sustainable practices (ie: allowing some natural areas to naturalize to reduce grass cutting, etc.) in partnership with providing educational promotion and interpretive/information signage to garner public support.



Playgrounds and Alternative Play Options:

- Increased consumer demand has encouraged the development of alternative play spaces such as splash pads, skate parks, climbing walls and multi-use, accessible destination playgrounds.
- Outdoor adult fitness circuits are being included as an extension of walking trails or as an adjacent complement to children's activity spaces.
- Safety inspections by certified inspectors are becoming a regulatory practice (Playgrounds are second only to motor vehicle accidents when it comes to injuries to 19 year old or younger.)
- CSA standards and water quality requirements are standard benchmarks regarding playground and splash pad design and installation.
- Larger multi-activity playgrounds are seen as destination play spaces that support other recreational activities.

In Mapleton: Should there be a demand for the development of alternative play spaces, consideration should be given to location so that the play space complements other existing facilities or recreational spaces. Inclusion of specific user groups in the design phase of these spaces will encourage buy in from the target user groups and foster community pride.



Youth Centres:

- Some youth centres are geared towards passive and leisure style recreation, with opportunities for creative spaces, social gatherings and games. Others are more resource based, with services offered to support issues surrounding disadvantaged youth, or 'youth at risk'.
- Non-traditional amenities are included to support emerging youth interests such as indoor skateboarding, music sound rooms, dance and art studios, multi-media rooms and graffiti walls.
- Indoor leisure facilities are best complimented by similarly programmed outdoor spaces.

In Mapleton: The Youth Drop in Centre, located in downtown Drayton, offers youth a venue for leisure style activities. Should there be a need for additional facilities to support youth, consolidated facilities, alternative uses and multi-use opportunities should be considered.

Senior's Centres

- The new 'younger' senior has more available disposable time than in the past. Depending on socio-economic status, this translates into either time available for individual pursuits and leisure or for time to assist with extended family responsibilities (eg. baby sitting)
- The new senior will be using facilities at both peak hours and off hours, depending on available time.
- New or up-graded senior facilities include fitness and wellness studios, games rooms, multi-media areas and social lounges.

In Mapleton: There are no recreational or leisure facilities offered by the Township explicitly dedicated to the senior population. Given the high percentage of the current and emerging senior demographic within Mapleton, future facility development and programming in the township should be flexible to accommodate their needs.

Natural Parks & Greenways

- With the growing popularity of environmental awareness, and subsequent environmental stewardship, the conservation of existing natural and greenway systems as well as the development of new ones is seen as a valuable asset to most communities;
- The development of passive park spaces and residual green spaces (ie: bio-swales, wildlife or butterfly gardens; arboretums; tree planting programs, etc.) are being designed to support natural systems;
- Lower maintenance strategies (less grass cutting, larger natural areas vs. maintained areas; low grow lawns, etc.) and environmental initiatives (less or no pesticide use; native tree and shrub planting, etc.) are becoming more prominent in the development of new park and open spaces;
- The supply of interpretation and information panels in natural parks are a means to further educate the public on the value of such systems and how these systems contribute to the greater community, and
- Natural systems and greenways, with limited development potential, provide an existing framework for connectivity within a community.

In Mapleton: A few Municipal parks have been developed along the banks of the Conestogo River in Drayton and Glen Allan. Drayton's popular Community Walking Trail follows the Conestogo River. As a prime natural resource and recreational opportunity, the river banks and associated lands should be considered in future efforts for trail expansion. Future park, trail and facility development should include environmental initiatives (via maintenance and design guidelines) that support the environment as a key 'player' in these areas.

The Conestoga Lake Conservation Area is an important natural asset of Mapleton Township, and is considered a prime recreational area by many local residents and area guests. Efforts to include and/or partner with the Conestoga Lake Conservation Area could be explored to expand available recreational programming in this area.

Community Parks & Open Spaces

- Local community parks are considered an essential part of community living, and provide a sense of well being for community members;
- Parks provide a venue for unstructured activities for all age groups (ie: random play, picnicking, dog walking and resting);
- Many parks take advantage of natural amenities such as ponds and rivers, and form a connection to local ecological systems;
- High quality amenities such as benches, waste receptacles, walkways and signage are incorporated as added value.
- Most Municipalities expect new residential developments to include planned open park space(s) as part of a development agreement.

In Mapleton: In developing new parks and trails, existing parks and trails should be considered so that a network of open green space can be developed to accommodate a larger extent of the local population. New residential developments should be encouraged to include allowances for this public amenity.



Public and Civic Amenity:

- Unstructured and passive urban public space (small parkettes, squares, ceremonial spaces, back of building spaces, parking lot amenity) in larger urban centres are essential elements of successful cities and towns.
- Ceremonial parks such as Cenotaph parks are often the only public park in smaller rural towns.
- The rural 'urban streetscape', with high quality amenities, not only supports public space but it acts as an extension of other green spaces and plays an important role in connectivity.

In Mapleton: Efforts have been made to upgrade and enhance the public realm in downtown Drayton, Alma, and Moorefield. An ongoing maintenance plan should be development to keep the public realm in excellent condition. The economic and social benefits of attractive streetscapes and supportive public parks should be recognized as a key component to the success of viable downtown environments.



Multi-Use, Multi-Generational & Multi-Season Parks

- Participation in organized sport is on the decline, and the cost of building specialized facilities for each sport is difficult to rationalize;
- Flexible building spaces can incorporate additional services (ie: library, community services, child care, banquet facilities, meeting rooms, etc.);
- Sports fields and multi-use courts that can accommodate multiple uses, are flexible to host alternative sports and other community activities (ie: trade shows, tent sales, etc.) are on the rise;
- The development of mutli-sport hubs, field houses, etc. are also being developed compared to traditional, "stand-alone" centres;
- Multi-use complexes offer more economical capital investment with shared maintenance and staffing costs. They provide an opportunity for a variety of programs to suit various age groups, interests and abilities;
- Municipalities with smaller and dispersed populations tend to have the more traditional and economical 'stand-alone' community centres;
- Operational efficiencies and tournament opportunities encourage the development of multi-field parks; and
- Artificial turf fields (high capital expenditure with lower maintenance costs) are being installed in larger municipalities.

In Mapleton: Should expanded facilities be desirable then remodeling or building additions to existing facilities should allow flexibility to accommodate a variety of activities and programming. Accessibility and safety issues should be addressed in future developments. Whether retrofitting existing multi-use parks and sports fields, or developing new ones, quality amenities to support both the user and visitor (many from out of town) will sustain the future success of the facility. Flexibility in design to accommodate various uses will offer more efficiencies in terms of maintenance and programming.

Participation

“Physical Activity is one of the most cost-effective ways to achieve the objective of having a healthier population, physically and mentally...If Canadians were to become more active, it is estimated that there would be: 26% fewer deaths from type 2 diabetes; 20% fewer deaths from colon cancer; and 22% fewer deaths from cardiovascular disease.”

Cost of Physical Inactivity: Health benefits and costs to health care system - Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute.

Children and Youth: Organized Sport and Alternative Activities:

- Child participation in sports, in both boys and girls is on the decline.
- Rural Canada has the lowest child participation rates at 47% - the highest are in larger cities at 58%;
- Children prefer organized and structured programs and activities;
- Socio-demographic patterns indicate that children with lower income, young parents and or single parents are less likely to participate in organized sport; those with participating or active parents will likely be active themselves;
- Children of recent immigrants are less likely to participate; and
- After school programs and various holiday programs (March break, PD days, summer day camps) are becoming standard with most Municipal Parks and Recreation departments.

In Mapleton: Given that Mapleton has a very high percentage of youth (28% vs. 18% provincially) the needs of this significant group should be given high priority when considering the development of parks and recreation facilities or programming.

The Emerging ‘Active’ Senior: Casual Participation, Individual Activities

- Seniors are active in passive style recreation. ie casual jogging rather than marathon running; pick up hockey games or recreational skating favoured over house league hockey.
- Seniors are wealthier, more educated and have more time to invest in leisure and recreational pursuits.
- The aging market is favouring informal, self scheduled and casual participation patterns over formal, highly structured team style activities.
- Interest in physical recreation is taking second seat to an increased interest in Arts and Cultural endeavours as seniors try to include more balance in their lives.
- Pure physical recreation will likely decline as interests and appreciation in alternative recreational and leisure opportunities grow. (yoga, music, reading, bird watching, gardening, community participation etc.)
- Fitness that supports day to day activities; that target specific health conditions and those that foster mind/body style connections are on the rise.
- A drop-in format or compact workshop style of programming will appeal to this market group.
- The ‘Baby Boomer’ population will seek less structured, ‘soft adventure’ style activities.
- Seniors, with a heightened sense of value, have greater expectations for quality facilities and programming to support a higher level of physical and mental well being.

In Mapleton: With the Baby Boomer sector in Mapleton Township being the highest emerging demographic (29%) it would be prudent for Mapleton to ensure that there are ample recreational opportunities to suit this dominant segment of the population. While continued programming and support of organized sports should continue, further development of drop-in, casual, non-competitive or unstructured recreation opportunities, facilities and programming will support the needs of an aging population.

Physical Inactivity

- Obesity rates have increased over two and a half times among Canadian adults and more than 3 in 10 children ages 2-17 years old fall into the 'overweight' or 'obese' categories, in the last two decades;
- Approximately 50% of youth and adults in Ontario are not active enough for optimal health, and in 2018 the participACTION report card on physical activity for children and youth graded overall physical activity a D+, stating Canadian kids are not active enough;
- Increased screen time, popularity of video gaming, social technologies, and personal devices are key contributors to the decrease in physical activity.

In Mapleton: Currently, recreational programs in the Township of Mapleton are offered by specific clubs and organizations. Future endeavours by the Township to enhance, promote and broaden existing programs as well as create new and innovative programs should cater to a broader level of community member. Offering extending hours of operation, drop-in activities, etc. could assist in increasing participation rates.



No Time:

- Lack of available free time is a key barrier for participation for both youth and adults;
- Commuting, night shifts, weekend work and non-traditional family structures contribute to lack of available time for structured sports for both parents and children;
- Distance and lack of transportation networks challenge accessibility to recreational activities in smaller rural communities; and
- More home-based recreational activities are sought to offset limited available time.

In Mapleton: By providing flexible, unscheduled and self directed activities, Mapleton will be able to provide opportunities to suit a broader range of community member, especially those with limited available free time.

Money Matters:

- Income levels effect participation in various sports and leisure activities.
- Older adults have more disposable income than younger families.
- Since the latest recession, people are spending less money on 'stuff' and tend to value 'experience' over material accumulation.
- More money is being spent on home based recreation and leisure.
- Many municipalities are assessing alternative play and activity options for the lower income demographic to ensure that limited finances are not a barrier when considering physical activity as a means towards a healthy lifestyle.
- New tax credits for organized sports and arts programs are available as incentive for participation.

In Mapleton: Though not an area of significance, (Mapleton's median income levels are well above the provincial average) low or no cost recreational opportunities should be accessible to support those who do live on or below provincial medians in regards to income levels.

Alternative Activities and Programming:

- There is a growing trend towards non-traditional and unstructured recreational activities, such as skate boarding, ultimate frisbee, BMX parks, climbing walls, cricket, rugby, beach volleyball etc.
- Bird watching and environment appreciation, hiking, cross country skiing and other passive outdoor recreation continue to place a high demand for access to nature trails and natural park systems.
- The demand for pure physical recreation will decrease as a broader understanding of holistic health combining physical, mental, spiritual and social well being becomes more accepted.
- Programs are leaning towards more fun and happy routines and include more emphasis on self expression rather than instruction. (belly dancing, zumba, pilates, boxercise, etc)

In Mapleton: As the Township's population continues to grow, so will expectations for a variety of recreational opportunities. Variety, design flexibility and creative programming will meet those demands.



Technological Interests:

- The digital age and new technologies provide opportunities for municipalities and community sports groups to streamline their administration processes (ie: registration, scheduling, communications, etc.);
- Social media and personal devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.), are providing residents with greater access to a broader global market, providing consumers a variety of options for 'stay at home' recreational activities through interactive technologies, and socialization; and
- Municipalities are using social media (websites, facebook, twitter, etc.) and interactive leisure calendars, to market programs and activities, in addition to providing public wifi hot spots and charging stations, etc. The use of technology is being incorporated into traditional methods of communication (ie: newspapers, flyers, bulletin boards, etc.) to maximize the delivery of information.
- Municipalities are incorporating portable power stations into the public realm as well along with public wifi hubs.

In Mapleton: The Township's website is a great source to access information and promote opportunities, in addition to the community-lead social media groups. Flexible media style rooms or social lounges for both youth groups and/or adult/senior groups will facilitate activities that use newer technologies. This fits in with alternative, flexible programming that could encourage use by more or additional family members, and follows the 'one stop shopping' model.



Barriers and Access:

- With the new requirements of the AODA many municipalities are undertaking Accessibility Audits to better understand physical deficiencies within their recreational facilities and parks.
- Physical barriers are being removed with the inclusion of ramps, handrails, upgraded washroom facilities, appropriate signage, alternative seating opportunities and appropriate ground surfacing.
- Accessibility issues include not only physical barriers but barriers surrounding information, communication, attitude, technology and finances.
- 'Ability to Pay' options are becoming a popular incentive to increase participation by those that find physical activity inaccessible when considering finances.
- More incentives are being offered by Government in the way of tax credits for organized sports and programs.

In Mapleton: Current physical accessibility standards should be given high priority when upgrading existing facilities and developing new facilities. Barriers for access to all facilities, be it information or financial or technological, should be removed to support a healthier population.



Arts & Culture

“The arts and culture are powerful tools with which to engage communities in various levels of change. They are a means to public dialogue, contribute to the development of a community’s creative learning, create healthy communities capable of action, provide a powerful tool for community mobilization and activism, and help build community capacity and leadership.”

Arts and Positive Change in Communities by Creative City Network of Canada in collaboration with Canada Council for the Arts



‘Creative Cities’ Movement:

- Community identity, and sense of place and quality are factors that foster community pride and in turn assist in the local economy.
- Such spaces provide a basis for stimulating place as destination in regards to tourism.
- Opportunities include: Wall murals, ‘Art in the Park’, Sculpture Gardens; Public Art opportunities etc.

In Mapleton: Given Mapleton’s strong cultural and rural heritage, supporting a Creative Cities movement will provide a platform for encouraging local diversity and creativity which in turn will heighten community pride. Collectively, a stronger civic identity is developed and more opportunities for future growth and supportive infrastructure for existing facilities such as the Drayton Festival Theatre.

Arts, Culture, and Heritage

- There is a greater desire for non-sport opportunities such as arts and culture in recent years;
- Arts, culture, and heritage aid in creating vibrant and livable communities, community-hosted festivals and functions contribute to social and cultural benefits for residents and tourists;
- Local art and cultural opportunities can include activities such as arts, crafts, music, painting, creating sculptures, dance, theatre, visiting museums, historical sites, using the library, etc.
- The promotion of cultural awareness, local amenities, and/ or heritage assets through interactive trails, scenic drives, hiking and/ or cycling tours is now being conducted by many rural communities, and
- Municipalities are now providing financial assistance to festival organizers, as many recognize the wide economic benefits of hosting such events.

In Mapleton: As a municipal asset, the Drayton Festival Theatre poses many opportunities for future arts and cultural programming. Drayton’s library also supports many arts and cultural activities, mostly geared to the younger population. New and continued efforts to provide a variety of programs and activities will support and encourage this sector of the community.

Service Delivery

“Given the high proportion of municipalities who report working with schools, it is perhaps not surprising that 79% of municipalities indicate that they currently have agreements with one or more local school boards regarding shared use of school or municipal facilities.”

- 2009 Survey of Physical Activity in Canadian Communities

Parks and Recreation Departments:

- Most smaller rural municipalities (with populations around 10,000) do maintain a staffed Parks and Recreation department.
- Parks and Recreation committees are an alternative means for structure and leadership in smaller communities.
- The inclusion of Arts and Culture is sometimes included in the realm of Parks and Recreation.
- Few Townships or Municipalities rely on Parks and Recreation services through their Public Works department.
- Increasing consumer demands, growing and alternative interests and ongoing maintenance and development of recreational facilities and parks has placed increased pressures on municipal or township services and staff.
- The amalgamation of smaller communities has consolidated government services and has accommodated the development of a separate parks and recreation department.
- Program funding opportunities require application/ grant writing- a key activity for a Parks and Recreation staff member.

In Mapleton: Parks and Recreation services are fully offered and operated by Public Works. Moving forward, the Township should consider the feasibility of a recreation coordinator to assist with building programs, leagues, and community events.

Funding, User Fees & Partnerships

- More commonly Municipalities are out-sourcing revenue through partnerships and cost sharing partnerships to assist with providing services and programming. (ie Tim Horton's Skate Days, Movies in the Park, etc.);
- Partnerships can increase community pride by encouraging participation from local businesses and service groups;
- Many municipalities are using promotions through advertising to create additional revenue streams (ie: advertising in community information booklets, arenas, ball diamond fencing, etc.);
- Partnerships with local schools offer facilities not otherwise available through a township or municipality;
- Higher maintenance and servicing costs place new burdens on municipalities' efforts to keep user fees attainable for all user groups and individuals.
- Parks and Recreation facilities are usually funded by the municipality. Larger Municipalities provide staffing (via a Parks and Recreation department) to deliver recreational programming and associated administrative tasks.
- Increased demands by charitable events and not for profit groups in terms of space use place additional burdens on Parks and Recreation departments.

In Mapleton: Assistance from local businesses and service groups will benefit community, business and Township. Partnerships with external service providers, such as fitness clubs, individual professionals, and the Drayton Festival Theatre offer potential for extended leisure services not otherwise available through the Township. Continued partnerships with local schools to access gym facilities will extend recreational opportunities.



Communications:

- With the advance of technologies, use of Municipal Web Sites has become the preferred medium for information distribution and program registration.
- Local community calendars and registration forms are also a valuable source of revenue with local advertising opportunities.
- Local schools are a good distributor of information, especially in rural areas.
- Higher efficiencies in terms of local providers of internet services are being offered in rural communities to allow the consumer more reliable access to the internet and subsequent information.

In Mapleton: Communication barriers, especially with the youth sector, would be alleviated by keeping current with the latest telecommunication trends. Development of the Municipal web site will invite access to Township facilities and programs. Additional development of a printed Community Calendar with advertising opportunities would also serve those still preferring to use traditional means of information gathering.

Additional means of accruing revenues through advertising and partnerships will assist the Township in controlling fees, and it's ability to offer space to groups requiring subsidy.



Volunteerism:

- Trends indicate that on a national and provincial scale, volunteers are declining and are less available due to age and interest however those that do volunteer are doing so more often resulting in potential overburden by these dedicated few;
- Most volunteer hours are contributed by the senior sector; however, those numbers are on the decline and will lead to a greater shortage in the future;
- Volunteers are essential to the delivery of high quality recreation, leisure, and culture opportunities and many smaller municipalities rely on volunteers to assist in delivering programs and services (ie: community sports groups, clubs, festival and events, etc.); and
- Opportunities exist for youth participation from school requirements for social or community assistance.

In Mapleton: Volunteerism is a much-valued asset in Mapleton, with most sporting organizations and clubs being lead by interested community members. Many service groups offer additional volunteer hours but this dependence is becoming less viable as service groups are being stretched in every direction. However, future growth of many programs is limited with the lack of new volunteer participation. Acknowledgment and fostering of volunteer efforts is necessary to sustain a viable volunteer base.

Appendix 4: Community Consultation Results

An online survey, with a total of 29 questions, was developed to gather feedback from the Community on parks and recreation related services and facilities within the Township. The survey was open for two weeks, with a total of 99 residents completing the survey. All respondents had an opportunity to provide further comments at the end.

Respondent Demographics:

It was found that 57% of respondents were from Drayton, 23% from Moorefield, 12% living in the rural area, 3% from Alma, 2% from Rothsay, and 1% from Conestogo Lake and Wallenstein.

When asked how many people live in their household, including themselves, it was found that 37% of the respondents had stated 4 or more people, 26% had 2 people, 16.5% of the respondents have 5 people in their household, and 10% had 6 or more people.

Respondents were asked to describe their household, and it was found that 67% were a couple with one or more dependent children, 25% were a couple with no dependent children, and 5% was more than one adult sharing a residence.

69% of respondents are between the age of 25-44 years old, with 31% being 45-64 years of age. 5% were 65+ years old, with 3% being young adults at 18-24 years old. No youth under 18 completed the survey.

Township social media (website, facebook, etc.) was the highest form of communication that notified respondents about the survey at 78% where as 10% completed the survey from word of mouth.

Parks & Recreation - Opinion:

66% of respondents agree that they are satisfied with the geographic distribution of park and recreation facilities in the Township, compared to 17% who disagreed. 64% agree the parks and recreation facilities are well maintained and 75.5% agree the parks and recreation programs are affordable. When asked if the park and recreation facilities provide good value for their tax dollars, 50% agreed the parks and recreation facilities

compared to 33% who disagree with this statement.

57% agree and 21% strongly agree that programs should be provided at multi-use hubs rather than stand-alone facilities; 92% of respondents agree that parks and recreation services should be a high priority for Township Council; and 45% agree that arts and cultural services should be a high priority for the Township council where 29% disagree with this statement.

Importance:

The following statements are ranked in order of importance as per respondents' answers.

1. Outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields, playgrounds, pavilions (66% very important, 31% important)
2. Indoor recreation facilities such as arena's, community halls, but excluding schools (57% very important, 20% important)
3. Trails & Pathways (45% very important, 37% important, 15% somewhat important)
4. Passive parks that preserve natural areas and open space (28.5% very important, 45% important, 23% somewhat important)
5. Arts and culture facilities such as theatres, museums, libraries, and archives (25% very important, 40% important, 29.5% somewhat important).

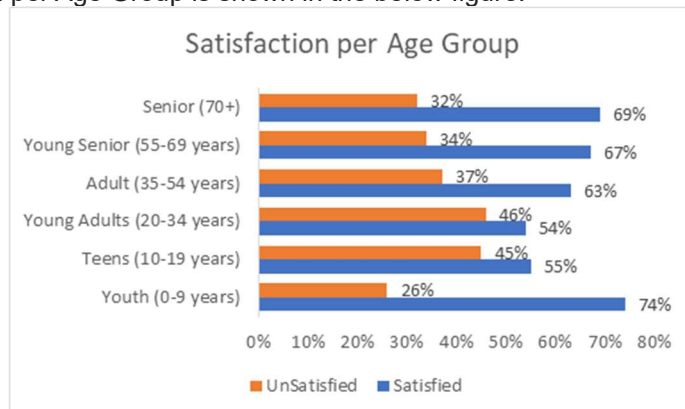
Satisfaction based on above Importance:

1. Arts & Culture facilities (15.46% very satisfied, 52.58% satisfied, 20.62% somewhat satisfied)
2. Indoor recreation facilities (15.31% very satisfied, 47.96% satisfied, 26.53% somewhat satisfied)
3. Outdoor recreation facilities (10.31% very satisfied, 42.27% satisfied, 36.08% somewhat satisfied, 10.31% not satisfied)
4. Passive Parks (8.16% very satisfied, 35.71% satisfied, 28.57% somewhat satisfied)
5. Trails and pathways (9.28% very satisfied, 24.74% satisfied, 39.18% somewhat satisfied, 14.43% not satisfied).

Facility Satisfaction Level Offered per Age Group:

Respondents were asked to rate their perceived level of satisfaction with the same park and recreation facilities offered for various age groups. The highest levels of satisfaction were found for youth (0-9 years) and seniors (70+) with the lowest satisfaction levels for teen (10-19 years) and young adult (20-34 years) age groups. There is a split between satisfaction and dissatisfaction levels for both young adults (46%) and teens (45%), thus suggesting these areas require the greatest attention for opportunities and activities. However as no teens or youth participated in the study, the results are inconclusive and further study to target this demographic is needed.

Satisfaction with Parks and Recreation Facilities in the Township of Mapleton Offered per Age Group is shown in the below figure.



Support of Public Funds to Improve additional facilities:

Respondents were asked which facilities they would support receiving additional public funds to improve or provide additional facilities. There were a total of 16 categories presented. The highest level of support was given to five categories, all 90% or higher, they are listed according to rank:

- Acquiring Park and Open Space (97%)
- Space for youth activities (95%)
- Multi-sport courts (ie: pickleball, tennis, basketball) (92%)
- Playgrounds (91%)
- Nature Trails (90%)

Off-leash dog parks were found to be the highest opposed at 46%, followed by art & cultural spaces at 38%.

Respondents were asked if they feel the Township needs additional/ new outdoor recreation facilities and 65% agreed.

Arts & Culture:

Over the past year, 80% of respondents or a member of their household have participated in activities, events, or visited the Township library branch.

Over the past year, 67% of respondents or a member of their household have participated in activities, events, or visited the Drayton Theatre.

Over the past year, 54% of respondents or a member of their household have participated in activities, events, and/or visited the Conestoga Lake Conservation Area.

Priorities over next 5 to 10 years:

Respondents were asked what the Township's parks and active recreation facility priorities should be over the next five (5) to ten (10) years. The highest priority at 37% is to increase variation of park/active facilities (ie: natural and paved trails, soccer fields, permanent washrooms, shelters, water troughs, etc.). The lowest priority ranked by respondents at 11% is to further develop a core location/facility for the entire Township.

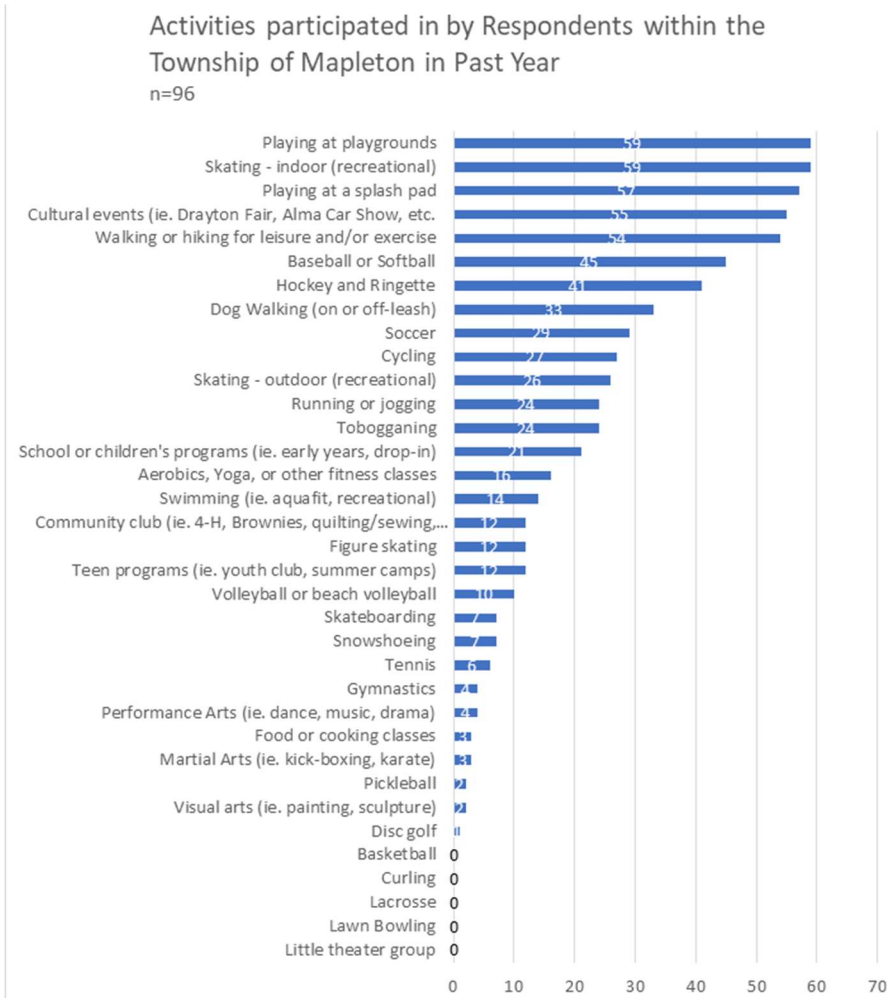
Sport/ Recreation/ User Group:

Respondents were asked if they or any family member belongs to a sports, recreation, or user group. Examples include minor baseball, local dance club, etc. Out of 96 people, 68 stated they or a member of their family do belong to a sports, recreation, or user group.

Participation in recreation and leisure activities:

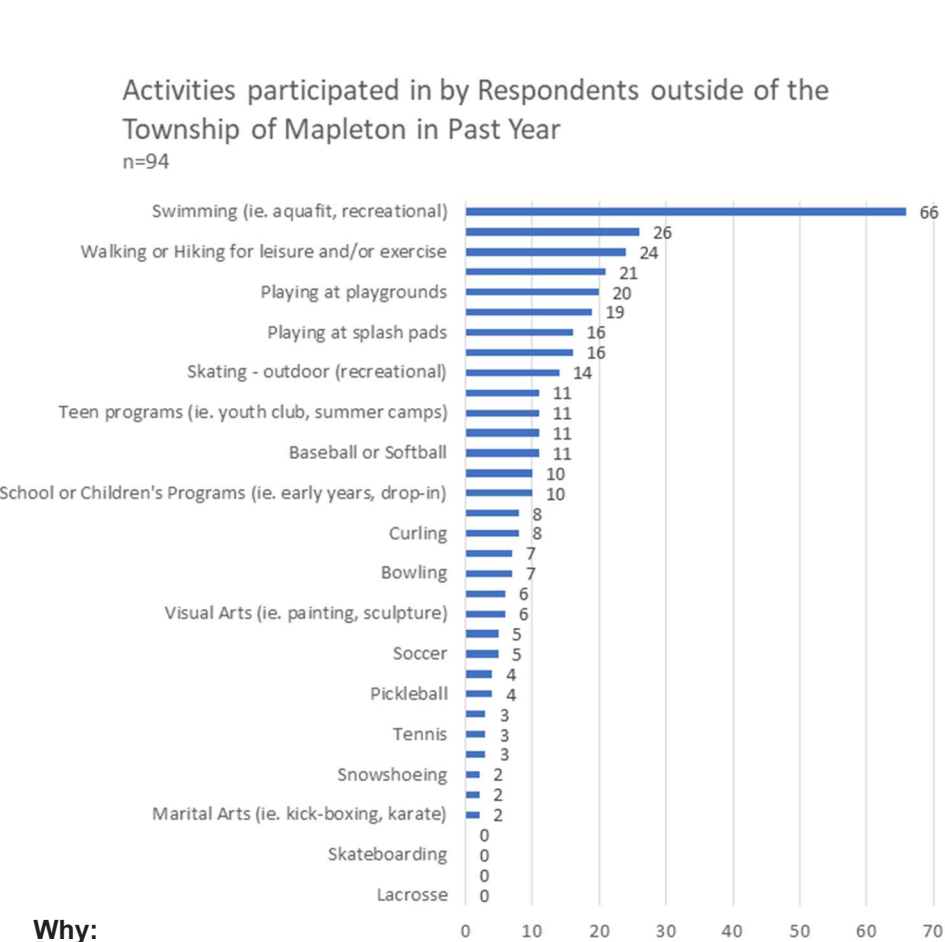
Respondents were asked to select all recreation and leisure activities (indoor and outdoor) that they and/or a member of their family have participated in, over the past year, within the Township of Mapleton. Participating meant situations where one was actively participating and did not include attending an event or watching others at home or in public.

The figure below shows the activities listed from highest to lowest, participated in within the Township of Mapleton.



Respondents were asked to select all recreation and leisure activities (indoor and outdoor) that they and/or a member of their family have participated in, over the past year, most frequently outside the Township of Mapleton. It was found that 28% of respondents are attending special events, 22% are participating in aerobics, yoga, or other fitness classes, and the highest activity respondents are participating in is Swimming (ie: aquafit, recreational) at 71%.

The figure below shows the activities listed from highest to lowest, participated in outside of the Township of Mapleton.



Why:

Respondents were asked why their household participates in the above activities outside of the Township. The highest response at 79% is due to the facility/program is not available in the Township. The quality of facility/program superiority is the next highest reason of 27% of respondents.

Primary Participation:

Respondents were asked where their household primarily participates in recreation and leisure activities. It was found that 60% participate at a public park or facility in the Township compared to 25% that participate at a public park or facility in another municipality. 15% of respondents participate in recreation and leisure activities at home.

Participation as often as you would like:

Respondents were asked if they or a member of their household are able to participate in parks and recreation activities (ie: sports, fitness, outdoor play, etc.) as often as they would like. 44% answered yes. The most common reason why those do not participate is due to lack of personal time/ too busy (14%) and lack of desired facilities or programs (27%). Those that answered no, 5% was due to both programs not being offered at convenient times and due to lack of information/unaware of opportunities.

Park and Recreation Needs:

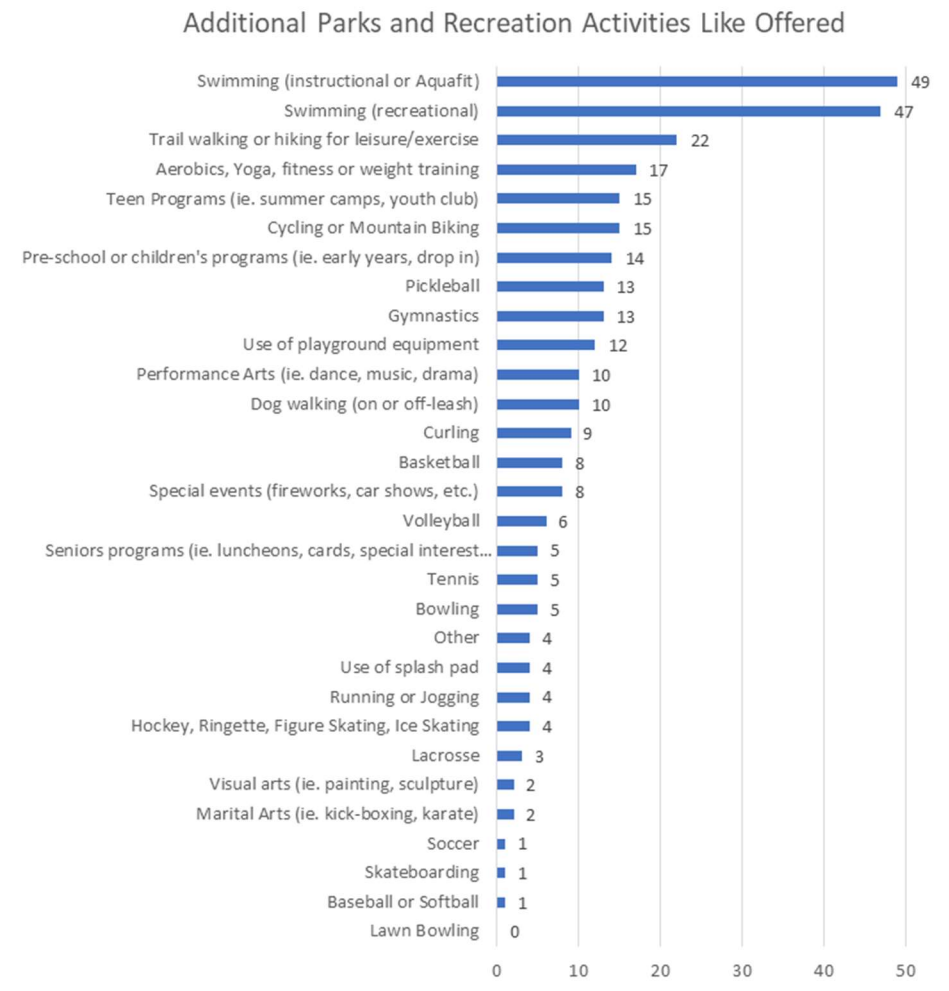
Respondents were asked what proportion of their household's park and recreation needs are met within the Township of Mapleton. 44% of respondents agree that about half (24%-66%) of their needs are met within the Township compared to 41% agreeing that most (67-99%) of their needs are being met. Only 3% of respondents stated that all (100%) of their needs are being met.

Park and Recreation Activities made available:

Respondents were asked if there are any park and recreation activities that they or their household would like to see made available in the Township. 66% of respondents stated yes.

Respondents were then asked what park and recreation activities they would like to see be offered within the Township. The highest activity was swimming (instructional or aquafit) at 49 responses, followed by swimming (recreational) at 47 responses. Trail walking or hiking for leisure/ exercise was the third highest activity with 22 responses.

The figure below shows the activities listed from highest to lowest based on number of responses.



Funding new facilities and activities:

Respondents were asked who should fund new facilities and activities. It was found that many respondents support the use of municipal taxes (including increased taxes) if used for:

- Buildings (Ie: permanent washrooms, arena improvements, etc.) 75%
- Recreation facilities (Ie: playgrounds, splash pad, sport court, etc) 60% ; and
- Sport fields (Ie: soccer, ball diamonds, etc.) 44%.

Respondents felt (69%) that programming (ie: summer camps, recreation and leisure classes, art classes, etc.) should mainly be funded through user fees.

Respondents were then asked which organization should be in charge of providing, promoting, and maintaining these new facilities/ activities. 76% of respondents agree the Township of Mapleton should be in charge, with 45% agreeing with a community partnership.

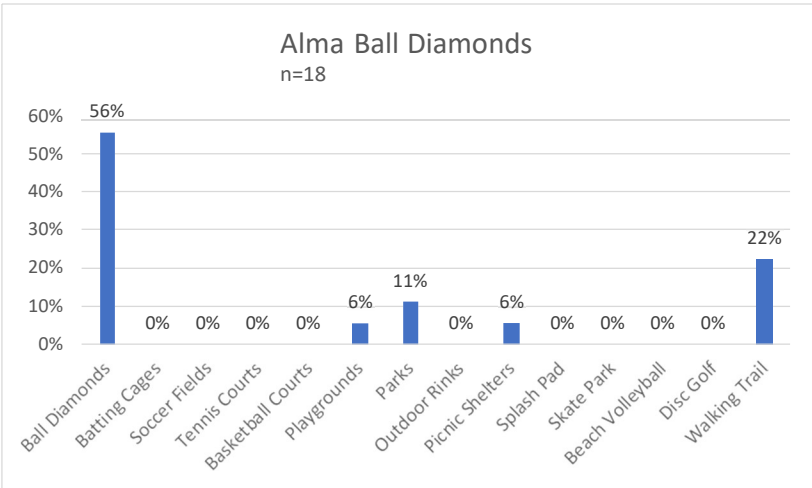
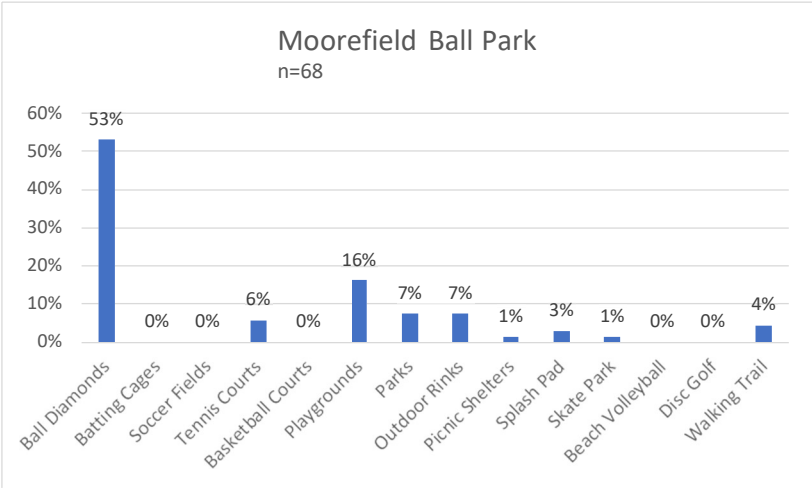
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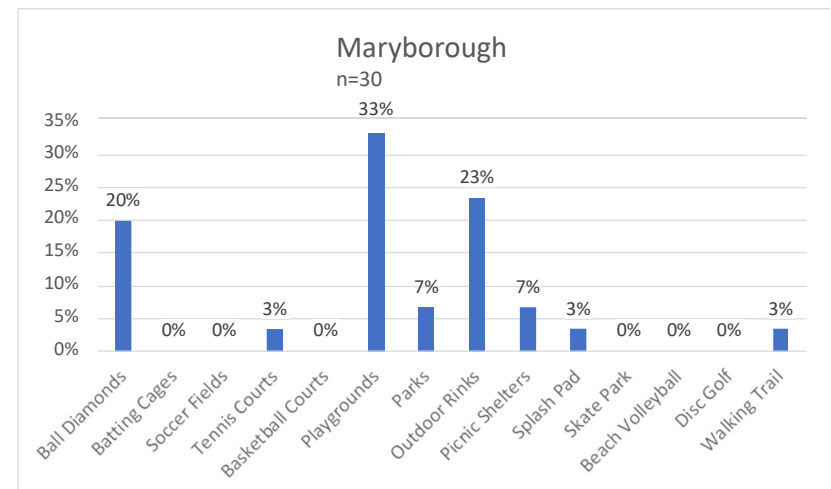
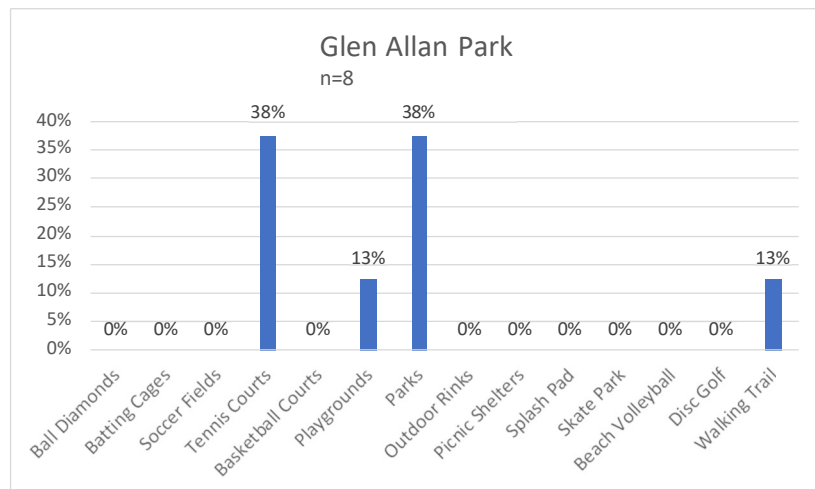
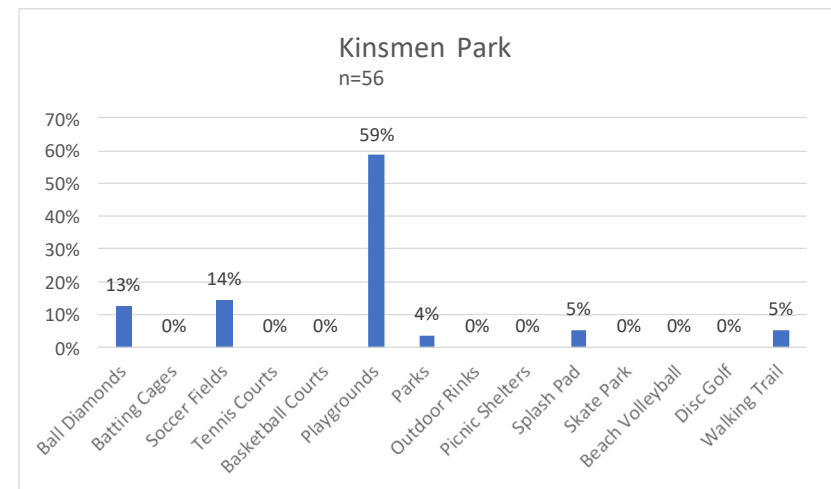
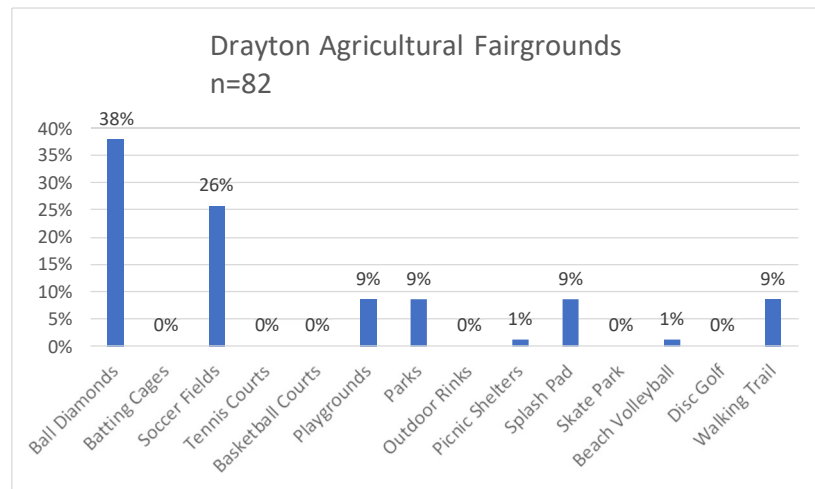
Respondents were asked if they or a member of their household had used a municipal recreation facility in the Township of Mapleton, over the past year. It was found that the highest-used facilities and parks (in no particular order, over 50%) are:

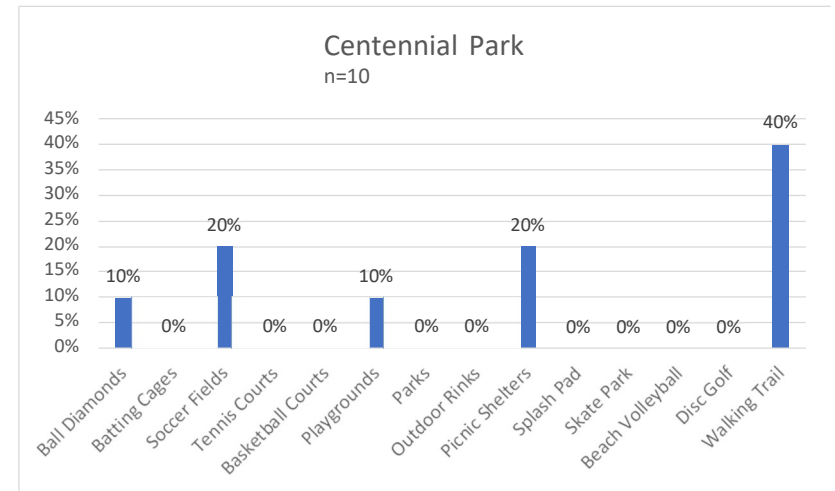
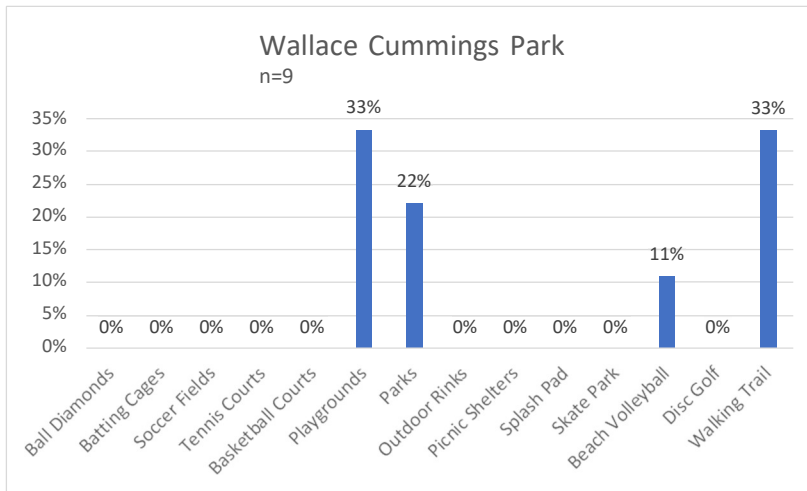
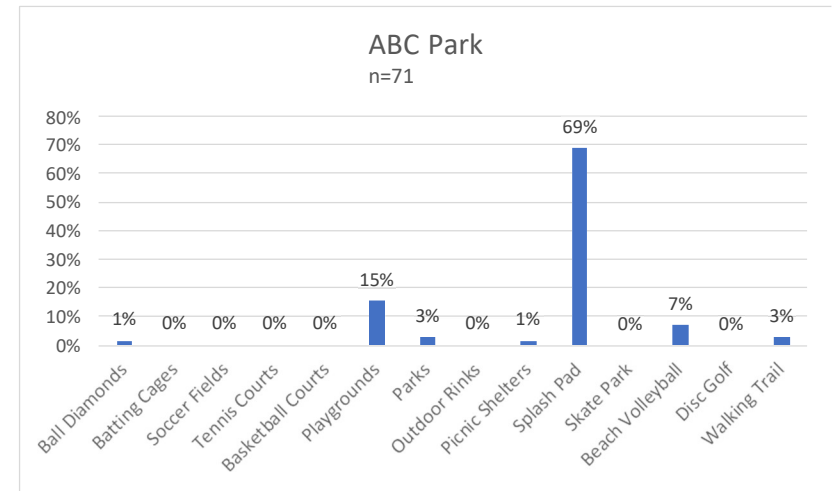
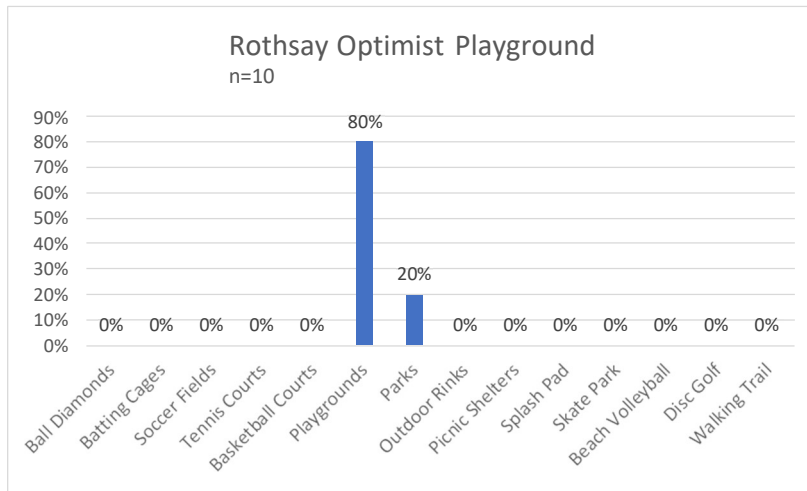
- Drayton Walking Trail;
- Ball Diamonds at Moorefield & Alma;
- Playground at Rothsay & Kinsmen Park; and
- Splash Pad at ABC Park.

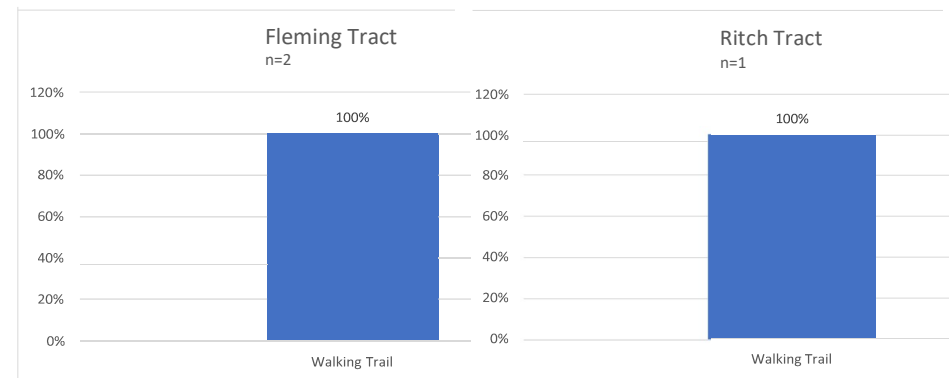
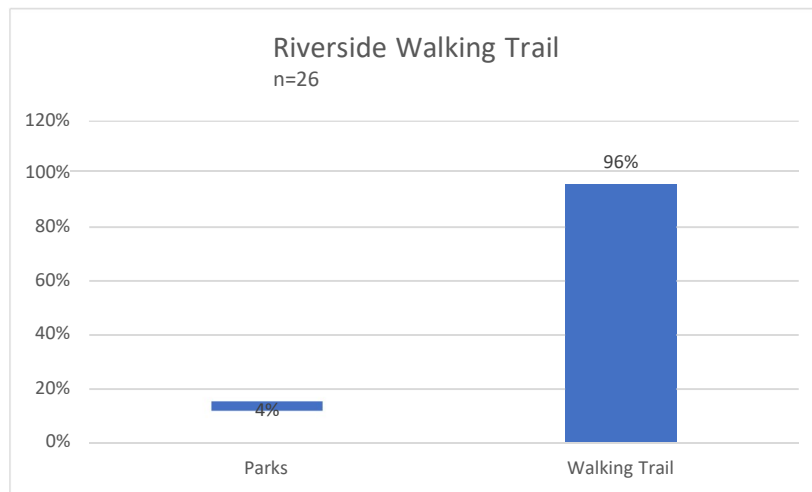
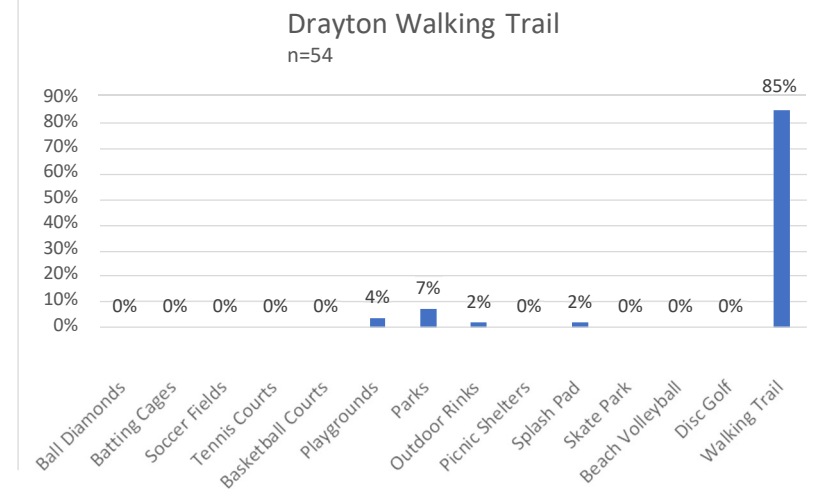
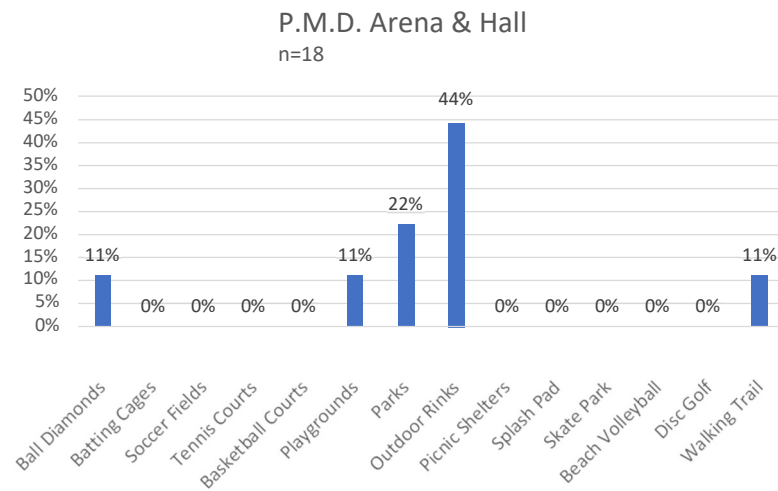
The following figures show amenity use per facility.

Note: Not all amenities are available at each site.





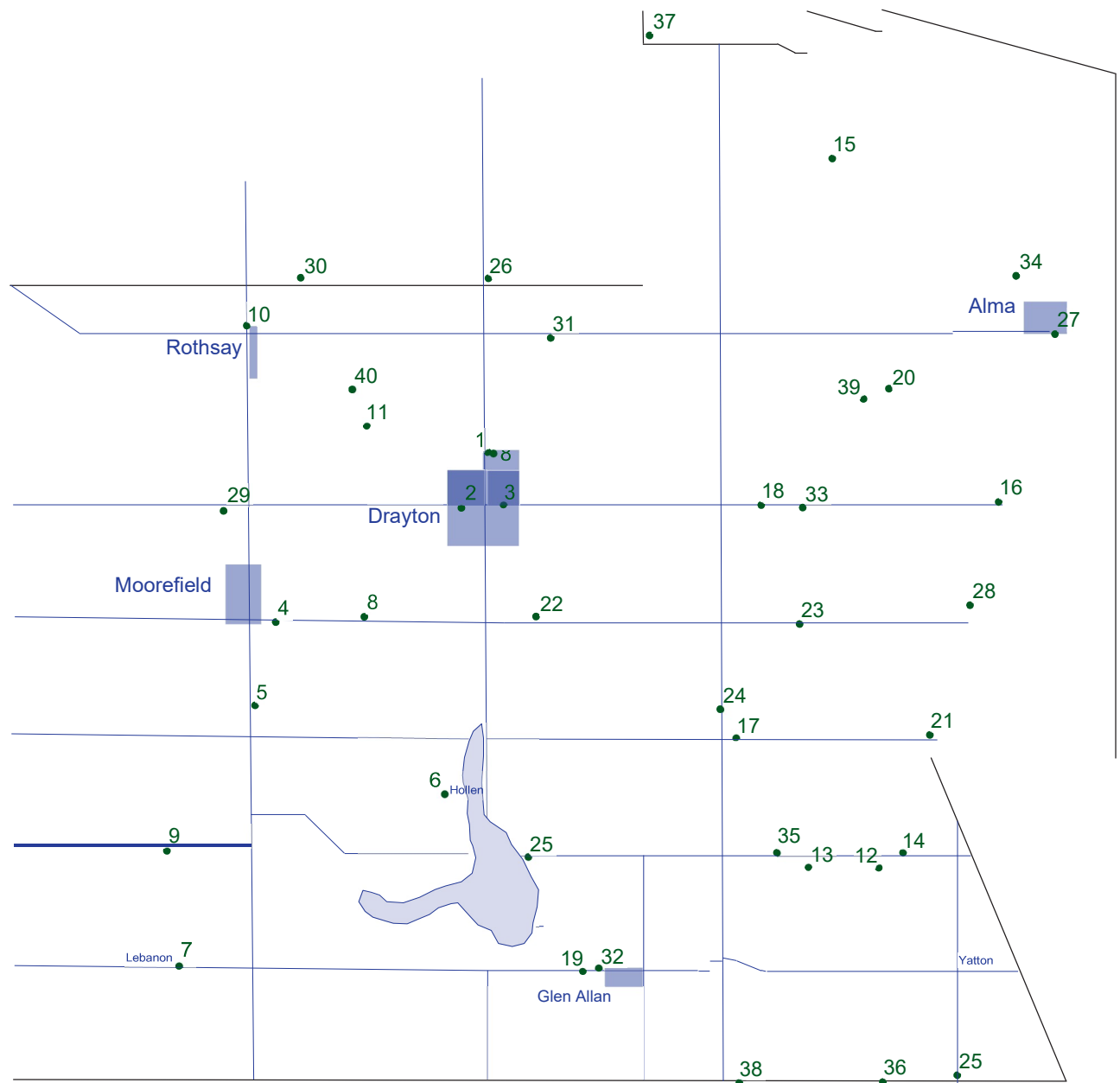




Appendix 5: Mapping

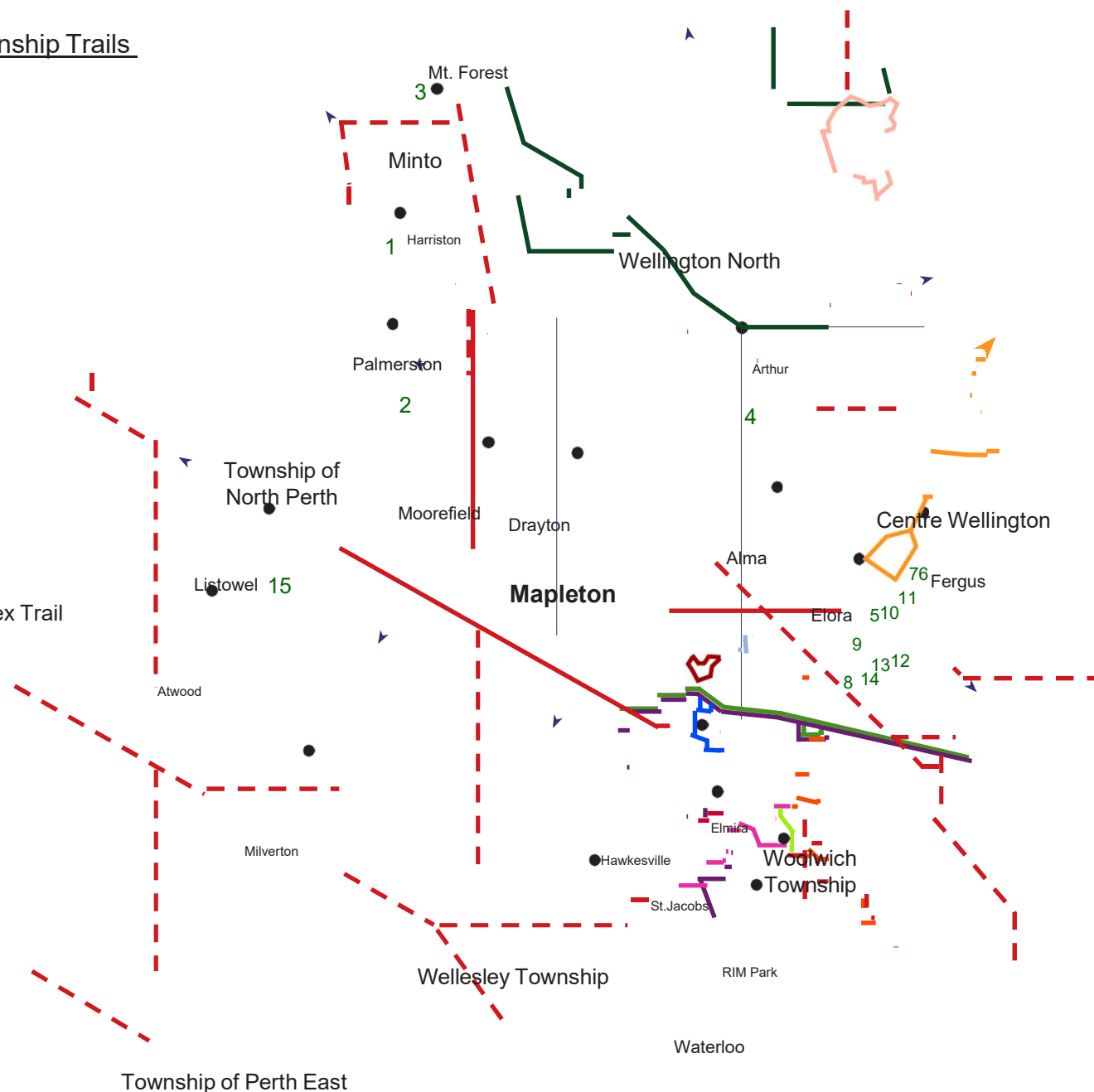
Township of Mapleton- Cemetery Locations

1. St. Martins Roman Catholic Church
2. Pioneer Christian, Drayton
3. Old Methodist, Drayton
4. St. John's Anglican Cemetery
5. Goldstone United Church Cemetery
6. Hollen Burying Ground Cemetery
7. Sharon
8. Medill Baptist
9. Zion Mennonite
10. St. James Anglican Cemetery
11. Walker Pioneer
12. British Methodist Episcopal
13. Abandoned Cemetery
14. Olivet Abandoned Cemetery
15. Mount Hope Methodist
16. Bloomsbury
17. Cross Cemetery
18. Ebenezer Cemetery
19. Old Anglican Cemetery
20. St. Anthony's Roman Catholic
21. Potter's Cemetery
22. Quaker Cemetery
23. Shiloh Cemetery
24. Springhill Cemetery
25. Zion Methodist
26. Zion Hill
27. Alma Presbyterian Church
28. Creek Bank Mennonite Cemetery
29. Bethesda Community Cemetery
30. Deryadd Cemetery
31. Old Colony Mennonite
32. Glen Allen Community Cemetery
33. Goldstone Methodist Cemetery
34. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery
35. Olivet Mennonite Cemetery
36. South Peel Mennonite
37. St. John's Cemetery
38. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic
39. Holy Trinity Anglican Church
40. Pioneer Cemetery

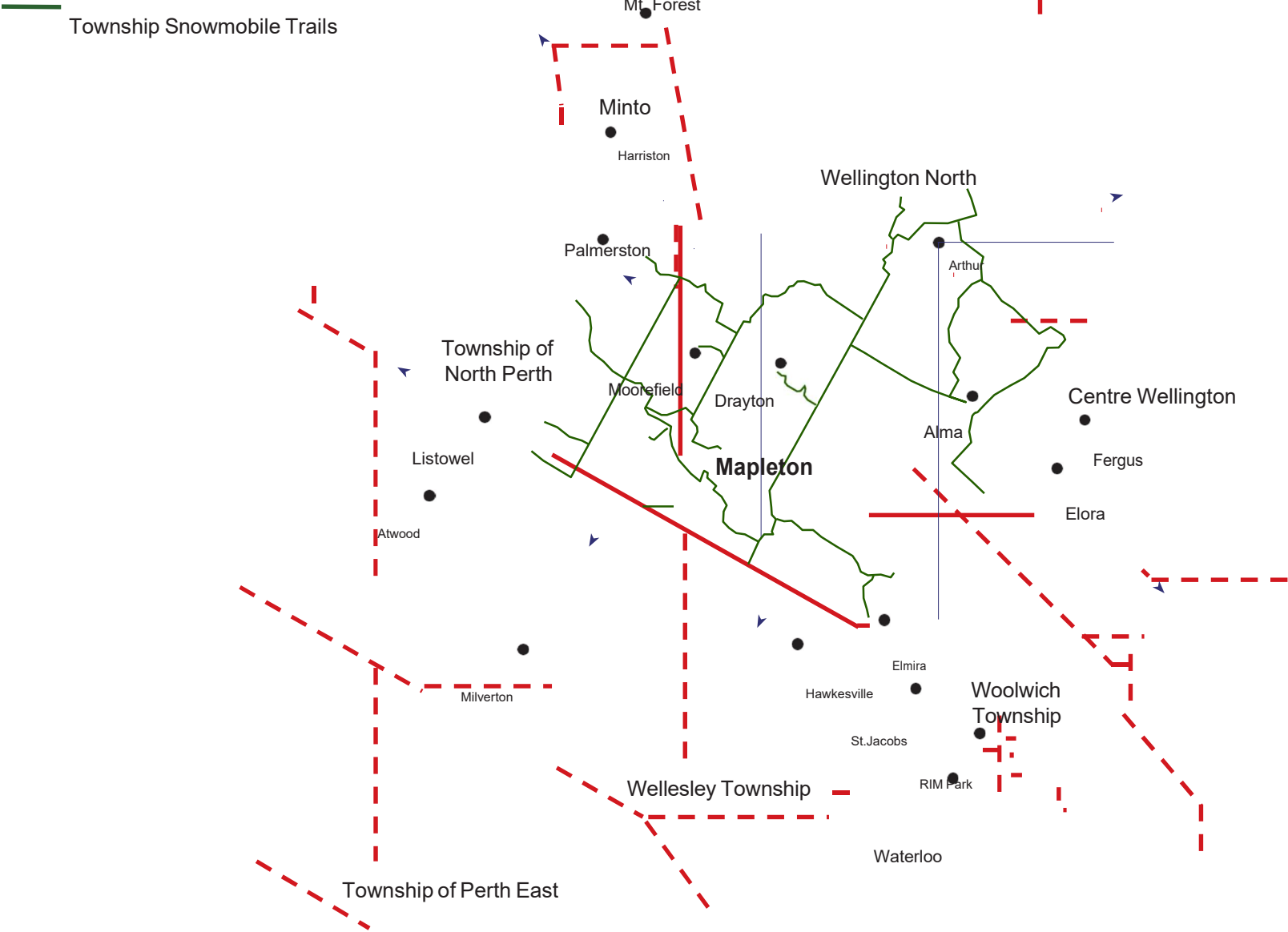


Township of Mapleton- Surrounding Township Trails

- Lions Ring Trail
- Grand Valley Trail
- Avon Trail
- Lions Lake Trail
- Health Valley Trail
- Kidding Bridge Trailway
- Mill Race Trail
- Sandy Hills Pinery Trail
- Trans Canada Trail
- Elora Cataract Trailway
- Luther March Trails
- The Butter Tart Trail
- 1 Harriston Greenway Trail
- 2 White's Junction Trail
- 3 Saugeen Valley Trail
- 4 Marvin Howe Trail
- 5 Bissell Park Trail
- 6 Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex Trail
- 7 Confederation Park Trail
- 8 Elora George Conservation Area Trails
- 9 Grand Valley Trail: Aboyne Trail
- 10 Guelph Lake Conservation Area Trails
- 11 Museum Trail
- 12 Templin Garden Trail
- 13 Trestle Bridge Trail
- 14 Victoria Park Trail
- 15 North Perth Trails



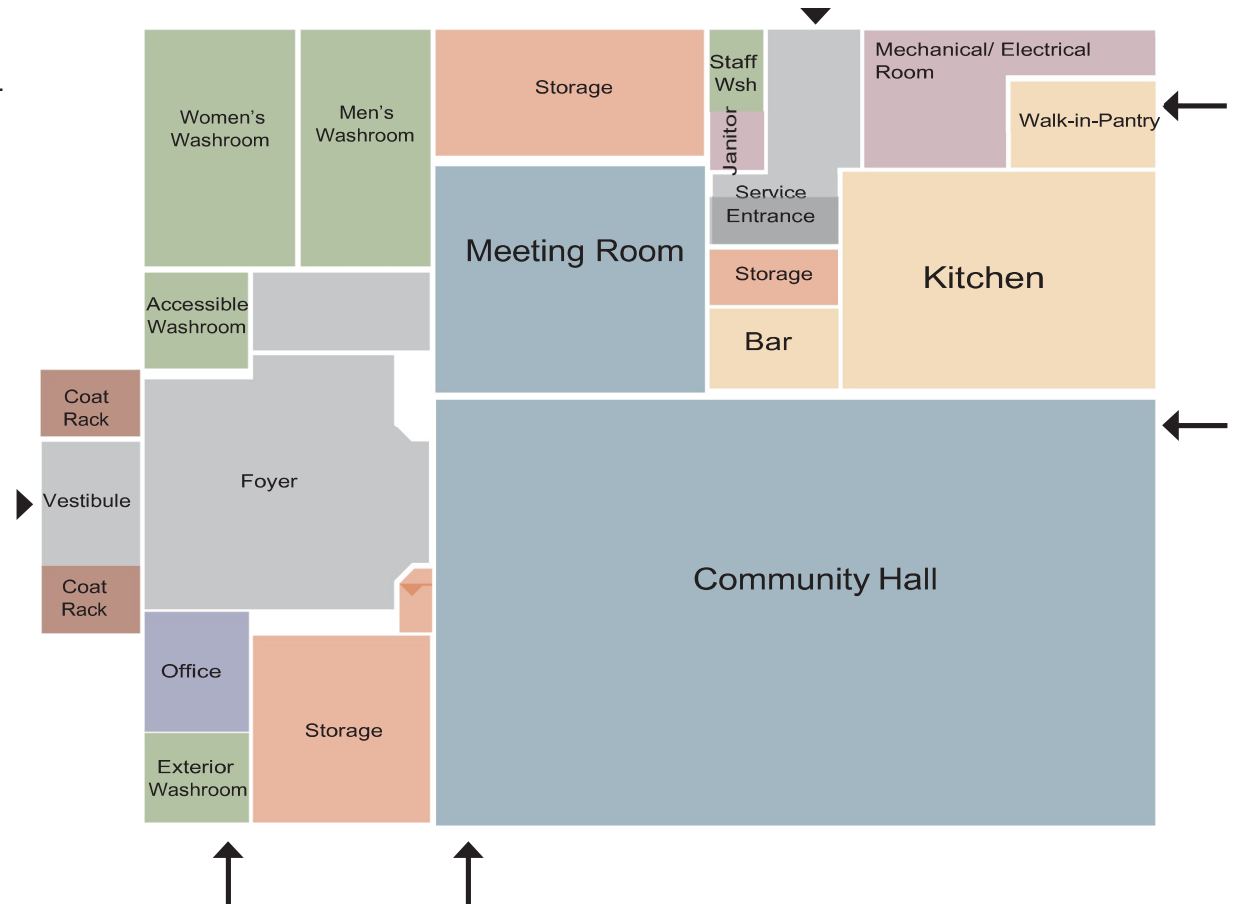
Township of Mapleton- Snowmobile Trail System



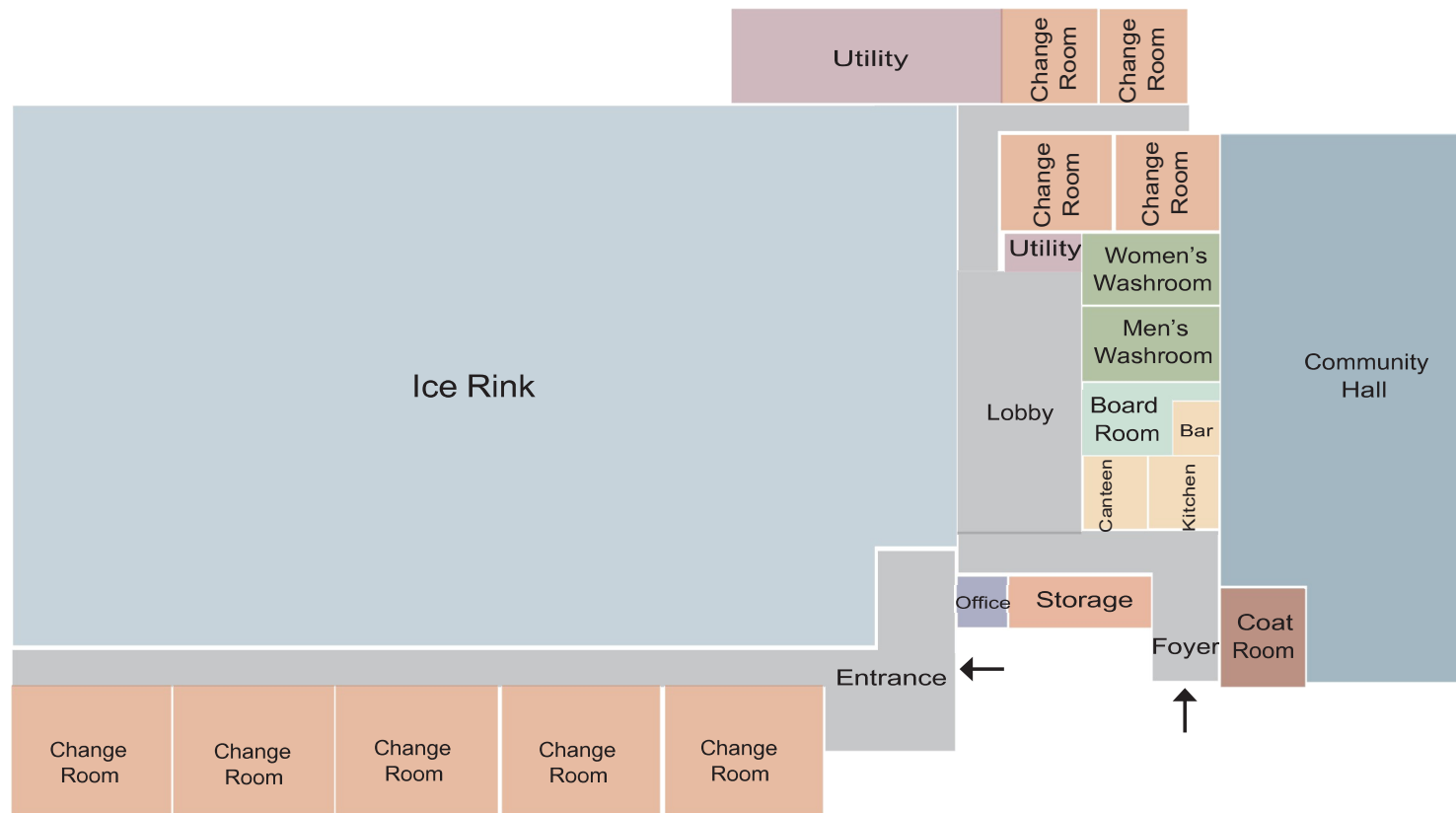
Appendix 6: Building Space Diagrams

Alma Community Centre

- Community Centre- 2,983 sq. ft.
 - Capacity: 295 max.
- Kitchen- 350 sq. ft.
- Bar- 86 sq. ft.
- Meeting Room- 621 sq. ft.
- Storage- 328 sq. ft. + 345 sq. ft + 58 sq.ft. = 731 sq. ft.
- Office- 117 sq. ft
- Primary Use- wedding receptions, community events, weeknight programs, church groups etc.



P.M.D Arena and Community Centre

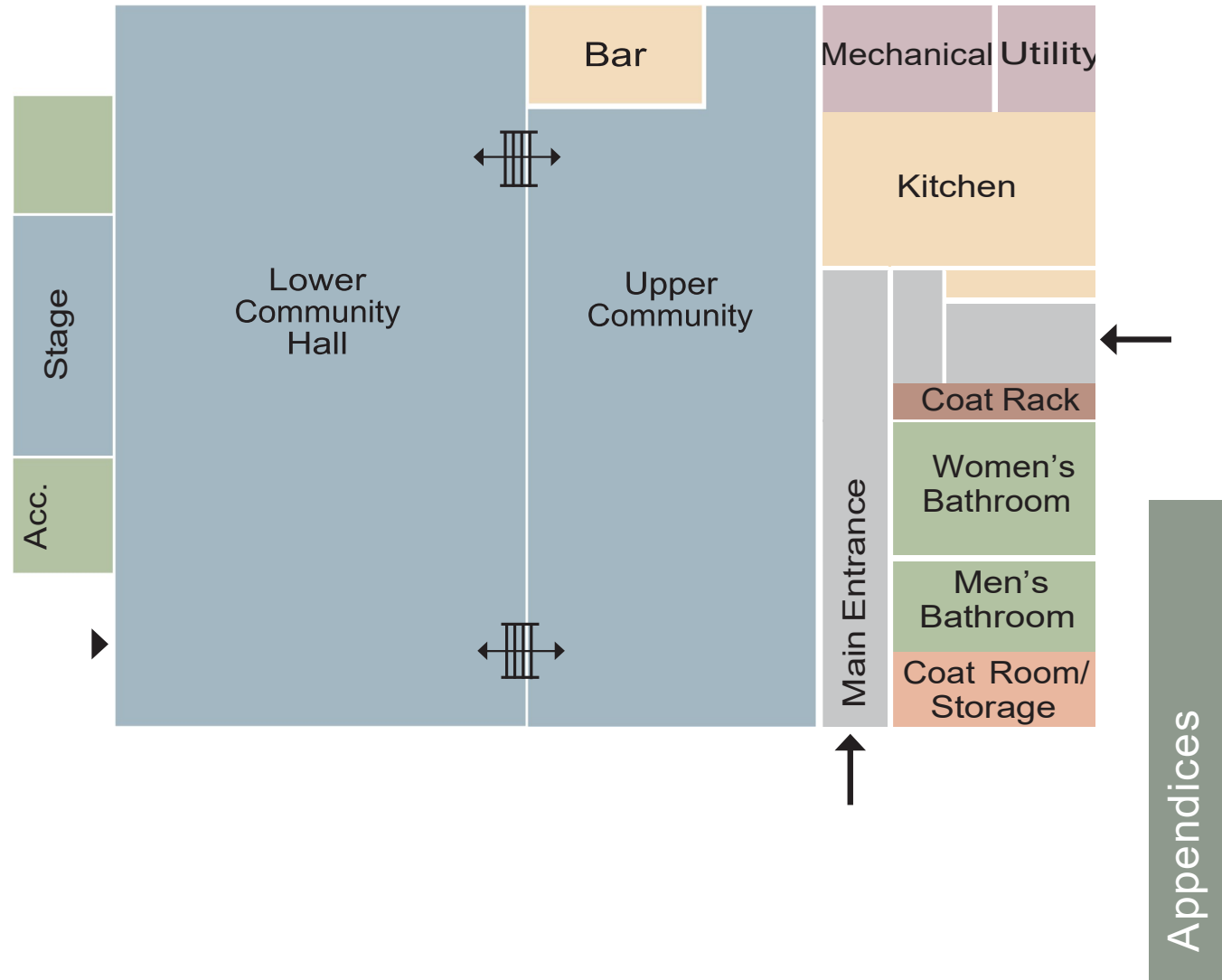


- Community Centre- 6000 sq. ft.
 - Capacity- 458 standing, 300 recommended
- Primary Use- buck & does, wedding receptions, community events, banquets, exercise groups etc.

- Ice Surface- 15,725 sq. ft.
- Kitchen- 504 sq. ft.
- Boardroom- 432 sq. ft.
- Office- 120 sq. ft.
- Concession- 210 sq. ft.
- Storage- 192 sq. ft.
- Bar- 142 sq. ft.
- New Change Rooms- 900 sq. ft. x 5 = 4,500 sq. ft.
- Old Change Rooms- 350 sq. ft. x 2 = 700 sq. ft.
- Old Change Rooms- 300 sq. ft. x 2 = 600 sq. ft.
- Small Utility- 50 sq. ft.
- Women's Washroom- 544 sq. ft.

Maryborough Community Centre

- Community Centre- Lower Hall- 2,880 sq. ft
 - Capacity: 566 standing
- Community Centre- Upper Hall- 1,792 sq. ft
 - Capacity: 221 standing
- Kitchen- 504 sq. ft.
- Coat Storage- 154 sq. ft.
- Women's Bathroom- 330 sq. ft.
- Men's Bathroom- 198 sq. ft.
- Bar- 187 sq. ft.
- Primary Use- community events, club events, family reunions.



Appendix 7: Surrounding Townships

The following tables show surrounding Townships with parks & recreation departments. Currently, Mapleton does not have a dedicated department, as recreation is included and overseen by Public Works.

Municipality/ Township	Population	WITH Rec. Dept. & Positions	WITHOUT, substitute positions
Mapleton	10,527		Public works including Recreation
Wellington North	11,914	Bookings & Registration Community Rec Coordinator	
Minto	8,671	Manager of Rec Services Manager of Rec Facilities Lead Hand Parks & Facilities Coordinator Rec & Facilities Assistant Rec & Facilities	
Southgate	7,190	Facilities Manager	
South Bruce	5,639	Manager Rec & Facilities	
Brockton	9,461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks & Rec Department • Parks, Recreation, & Facilities Supervisor • Recreation/ Wellness Programmer • Community Centre Bookings Clerk • Administrative Assistant 	
Perth East	12,261	Recreation & Community Services Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perth East Recreation & Community Services Manager • Administrative Assistant • Rec & Community Development Coordinator 	
Huron East	9,138	Rec Department	

Hanover	6,813	Parks, Rec & Culture Department (7 staff) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Parks, Rec & Culture • Manager of Park & Rec Facilities • Administrative Supervisor • Aquatic Supervisor • Aquatic Assistant • Program Supervisor • Customer Services Clerk 	
West Perth	8,865	Parks & Recreation Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rec Coordinator 	
Centre Wellington	28,191	Community Services Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks & Open Spaces 	
Woolwich	25,006	Recreation & Facilities Services (8 staff) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Recreation & Facilities Services • Environmental Coordinator • Recreation Manager • Customer Service Coordinator • Recreation Program Coordinator • Recreation & Facilities Services • Supervisor of Rec & Facilities • Private Lessons 	
Wellesley	11,260	Community Services- Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Facilities • Recreation Facilities Director 	

North Perth	13,130	Recreation Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Assistant • Parks & Rec Administrative Assistant/Booking Coordinator • Parks & Facilities Manager • Recreation Program Coordinator 	
Howick	3,873	Recreation Department	
Morris- Turnberry	3,510		Included in Tourism
North Huron	4,932	Recreation and Community Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Recreation & Community Services • Reception Desk • Aquatic Supervisor • Rec. Admin/Assistant/Programmer • Recreation/Marketing Assistant • Fitness Coordinator • Wingham Facility Manager • Blyth Community Centre Manager • Belgrave Community Centre Manager 	
Central Huron	7,576	Rec & Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities Manager 	
South Huron	10,096		Community Services
Bluewater	7,136	Recreation & Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager of Facilities • Admin. Assistant - Public Works and Facilities 	

West Grey	12,518	Parks, Rec & Open Spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities Manager, Ayton, Normanby & Neustadt • Director of Infrastructure & Public Works • Recreation Supervisor • Facilities Manager, Durham 	
Perth South	3,810	Recreation & Programs	
Stratford	31,465	Community Services/ Parks & Recreation/ Cemetery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk, Recreation Division • Community Halls, Fieldhouse Booking & Child and Youth Service Coordinator • Clerk- Ice Rentals, Sport Fields, & Recreational Programs • Manager of Recreation & Marketing 	
Wilmot	20,545	Facilities & Recreation Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Programmer • Aquatics Facilitator • Parks & Facilities Manager • Arena Operations Supervisor • Facilities & Recreation Services Clerk • Parks & Facilities Supervisor • Facilities Scheduling Clerks (2) • Aquatics Manager • Manager of Rec & Community Services • Director of Rec & Community Services 	
North Middlesex	6,352	Recreation Department	
Lucan Biddulph	4,700	Parks & Rec Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Coordinator • Facility Operators (5) • Parks & Rec Manager 	

Appendix 8: Facility Charges

Township of Mapleton- Rental Costs

Community Centres

Location	Description	Cost
Drayton		
	Full Hall Rental (Weekend) (includes kitchen & bar)	\$ 600.00
	Full Hall Rental (Week day) (includes kitchen & bar)	\$ 340.00
	Hall (day before setup)	\$ 110.00
	Kitchen	\$ 150.00
	Arena Board Room	\$ 30.00 per hour
	Arena Floor	\$ 470.00
	Complex Rental	\$ 995.00
Moorefield	Full Hall (Weekend)	\$ 500.00
	Full Hall (Week day)	\$ 300.00
	Upper Hall (Weekend) (includes kitchen & bar service)	\$ 300.00
	Upper Hall (Week day)	\$ 100.00
	Kitchen	\$ 150.00
	Hall (day before setup)	\$ 110.00
Alma	Full Hall (includes kitchen and bar without alcohol)	\$ 900.00
	Full Hall (includes kitchen and bar with alcohol)	\$1,100.00
	Hall (day before setup)	Additional Fee

*Rental charges are mostly in-align with the surrounding Townships. However, arena floor rentals are typically 200\$ higher in surrounding Townships. As well, additional rental charges for Buck and Doe events are also marginalized in surrounding Townships.

Drayton Festival Theatre

Daily Rental Rates	Commercial	Non-Profit
Single Performance (8 hour day)	\$1600.00	\$1040.00
Hourly rate after 8 hours	\$270.00	\$160.00

All rates listed above are subject to HST

Personal Rates

Minimum personal for all types of theatre public event use is as follows:

One Head Technician	\$50.00 per hour \$75.00 per hour over 8 hours or before 8:00am or after midnight
One House Manager	\$125.00 per performance
Seven Ushers	\$25.00 per usher
Box Office Staff	\$25.00 per hour outside of normal box office hours

Additional staff requirements depends on each event's technical needs and projected attendance.

Technician(s)	\$40.00 per hour \$60.00 per hour over 8 hours, before 8:00am or after midnight
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Community Christian School Rentals

	Classrooms	Gym	Kitchen	Field	Audio-Visual (TV, VCR, DVD, or overhead) each	Tables (16)
Hours	1	1	1	1		
Non Profit						
<i>Members</i>						
Personal & Private use	\$5	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$10	\$50
Associations with an CCS member	\$7.50	\$15	\$15	\$7.50	\$15	\$50
<i>Non-Members</i>						
Personal and private use	\$10	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$10	\$60
Groups or Associations	\$15	\$30	\$30	\$15	\$15	\$75
Christian and charitable Institutions	\$7.50	\$15	\$15	\$7.50	\$10	\$50
Other Institutions	\$10	\$20	\$20	\$10	\$15	\$60
For Profit						
Members	\$7.50	\$15	\$15	\$7.50	\$15	\$60
Non-Members	\$18	\$36	\$36	\$18	\$20	\$75

Appendix 9: Grant & Promotion Programs

Overview

We have included a list below of available resources and we strongly urge Mapleton to share and highlight these sources of funding to help increase participation and usage levels of all parks and recreation facilities.

Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO)

SKA suggests the Township consult the documents available at from PRO for further ideas on grants and program funding. The website has a list of resources and links to research and tools which help to combat the issue of affordable access to recreation and assist communities implement policies and initiatives.

(http://www.prontario.org/index.php?ci_id=3354)

Ontario Government

Ontario government grant programs are accessible on their website.

(<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/GrantsbySector/index.htm>)

The Canadian Association for Advancement of Woman and Sport and Physical Activity

A key resource to be consulted regularly as it has a variety of National and Provincially available programs listed.

(<http://www.caaws.ca/grants-and-recognition/other-funding/>).

Some key programs from CAAWS are:

National Programs

- Aviva Community Fund – Aviva
- Canada Post Community Foundation - Canada Post
- Fuelling Women Champions Fund – Canada's Dairy Farmers
- JumpStart Accessibility Grants – JumpStart, Canadian Tire
- JumpStart Community Development Fund – JumpStart, Canadian Tire
- GoodLife Kids Grant Program – Goodlife Fitness
- Honda Canada Foundation – Honda
- KidSport Grants – KidSport
- N7 Fund – Nike
- PC Children's Charity Communities Fund - President's Choice
- School Nutrition Grants – President's Choice
- Rick Hansen Foundation Grant Programs – Rick Hansen Foundation
- RCMP Community Grants – Royal Canadian Mounted Police Foundation
- Goals and Dreams Fund – NHL Player's Association
- Inter-Action: Multiculturalism Funding Program – Government of Canada
- Paul Yuzuk Youth Initiative for Multiculturalism – Government of Canada
- Celebrate Canada – Government of Canada

Ontario Specific Programs

- Quest for Gold – Coaches Association of Ontario
- Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund – Government of Ontario
- Ontario Amateur Sport Fund - Government of Ontario
- Celebrate Ontario – Government of Ontario
- Youth Opportunities Fund – Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Ontario Endowment for Children & Youth in Recreation Fund – Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation
- Toronto Emerging Athletes Mentorship (Team) Fund – Toronto Sports Council
- Sport and Recreation Fund – Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation
- Community Action Grants – MLSE Foundation
- Multisport Facility Refurbishment Grant – MLSE Foundation

Additional grants and programs available include those such as the following:

The Ontario Trillium Foundation: distributes its funding to charities and not-for-profits through three granting streams; Grow, Capital and Seed Investments. These can be split into 6 action areas:

1. Fostering more active lifestyles,
2. Building inclusive and engaged communities together,
3. Encouraging people to support a healthy and sustainable environment,
4. Enriching people's lives through arts, culture and heritage,
5. Supporting the positive development of children and youth, and
6. Enhancing people's economic wellbeing.

(<https://otf.ca/>)

ParticipACTION: is the national voice of physical activity and sport participation in Canada. Through leadership in communications, capacity building and knowledge exchange, we inspire and support Canadians to move more.

(<http://www.participaction.com/en-us/Home.aspx>)

Motivate Canada: Motivate Canada is a Canadian charitable organization that specializes in improving the lives of young people by fostering civic engagement, social entrepreneurship, social inclusion and leadership among youth. We use techniques from sport, physical education and community driven development in our programming.

(<http://www.motivatecanada.ca/en/home>)

Esteem Team: The ESTEEM Team is a national, not-for-profit program of Motivate Canada that brings Olympic, Paralympic and National caliber athletes to schools in Canada to inspire and activate young people to set and achieve their goals.

(<http://www.motivatecanada.ca/en/esteemteam>)