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Town of Aurora  
**Information Report**  
No. CMS21-032

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**Subject:** Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Status Update

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## **Executive Summary**

This report provides information regarding the status of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2017-2021) implementation activities.

- Several key themes helped guide the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2016)
- Accomplishments over the past five years show the Town making significant progress on the recommendations
- The priorities for 2022 continue to support the recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan while an update is completed

## **Background**

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was completed in 2010 with an update being completed in 2016. Updates are important for the plan as the Town recognizes that many factors influence needs for parks and recreation facilities, most notably growth, evolving demographic characteristics, and changing preferences. These influences are changing regularly and therefore, maintaining a current plan (reviewed every five years) or generating supplemental information in amenity specific documents are important to ensure decisions are being made with the latest information.

## Analysis

### Several key themes helped guide the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2016)

Throughout the consultation phases on the development of the plan, several themes emerged.

- Building on the Town's multi-use design philosophy by positioning parks and recreation facilities to be **flexible, multi-seasonal** and **multi-generational**
- Being **proactive, innovative** and **efficient** so that new and existing facilities can continue to meet the needs of the Town's growing population despite the obvious limitations of a diminishing supply of developable greenfield land
- Pursuit of **partnerships** along with creative collaborative delivery of facilities and the programs offered within them, so that the parks and recreation experience offered to residents is maximized
- Making facilities more inclusive, recognizing the diversity of the population base from the perspective of cultural background, income levels and persons with disabilities

Upon reviewing the successes since 2016, the Town has done a great job using these themes in their decision making.

### Accomplishments over the past five years show the Town making significant progress on the recommendations

Since the approval of the 2017-2021 plan, the Town has achieved many accomplishments that have improved the quality of life in Aurora including the following initiatives relevant to the parks and recreation system (in no particular order):

- Improvements to comfort and facilitating opportunities for informal interactions and socialization by way of adding furniture for upper lobby of AFLC. Space is limited at the SARC but considerations will be made when replacement furniture is required. Aurora Town Square design includes social gathering opportunities both indoor and outdoor
- A draft Business Plan for Club Aurora has been completed in 2019. New membership and pricing structure was considered in the User Fee Review (Study complete Feb 2021)
- Partnership confirmed and executed operating agreement with Tennis Club to operate the indoor tennis facility

- Squash court membership and utilization is regularly monitored. The continuous use and demand for the courts supported the capital improvements (completed 2020) to the court floors
- Improvements to the appeal and flexibility of multi-purpose rooms is addressed when a room is due to be renovated or new rooms are built. SARC program room was refurbished in 2018, ACC auditorium was refurbished in fall 2019, and new program rooms planned for Aurora Town Square which will add options for space and offer different types of uses.
- Repurposing study was completed in 2017, demolition of former public library and former seniors centre complete to make room for the Aurora Town Square project
- Town achieved Platinum Youth Friendly Community status in March 2019, additional youth friendly spaces being considered such as the proposed gymnasium and program spaces at the SARC and new creative spaces included in the Aurora Town Square project.
- Aurora's Seniors Centre is the primary hub for 55+ programming, however, decentralizing programs is taking place by adding 55+ programs at the AFLC and Brookfield residence. New programs such as "Seniors Centre without Walls" and "Activity and Wellness Packs" offer opportunities for seniors to participate from home.
- One multi-use artificial turf field constructed at Sheppard's Bush
- Outdoor Sports Field Development Strategy complete (2020), confirms future sports field needs and provides recommendations
- New soccer field constructed at Stewart Burnett and multi-sport field constructed at Sheppard's Bush
- Two outdoor tennis courts constructed at Thomas Coates Park
- Two pickleball courts constructed at both Thomas Coates Park and Trent Park
- 7 playgrounds added between 2016-2020 including a fully accessible playground at Queens Diamond Jubilee Park in 2017
- Lawn Bowling Green upgrades completed in 2016
- Various 2C trail connections installed by developers to connect to David Tomlinson Nature Reserve and connection from Bayview Ave to Tim Jones Trail made in 2016
- David Tomlinson Nature Reserve construction of initial phase was completed Fall 2020
- Two underpass crossings under Leslie St. allowing for connection of trails to be complete Fall 2021

- SARC Gymnasium – Funding approved for single gymnasium, program space and office space. RFP for Design Architect to be awarded and design phase to commence in Fall 2021
- Aquatic Feasibility Study completed – results presented in Feb 2021
- Approved through the Aurora Town Square Governance - meeting rooms at the Aurora Public Library (Magna and Lebovic) along with the 2 new programs rooms to be included in the Aurora Town Square operating model and bookings will be managed by the Town.
- Town acquired ownership of the Aurora Sports Dome (2021), which will enable increased access to this indoor artificial turf field.
- Five-year agreement extension (2021-2025) was approved for the continued use of the Stronach Fields.
- Special facility request was received for Disc Golf to be considered. Staff report to be brought to Council Fall 2021 for further direction.
- Special facility request was received for Outdoor Fitness equipment to be considered. Staff report to be brought to Council for further direction.

**The priorities for 2022 continue to support the recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan while an update is completed**

With the current Master Plan reaching the end of its cycle (2017-2021), staff are recommending that an update be completed in 2022 to revisit the public, recreation, sports, and facility needs. This will provide an update to the recommendations to ensure they continue to reflect the growing community. In the meantime, the following initiatives will continue to be priorities in 2022 while the update to the Master Plan is completed:

- SARC Gymnasium – Final design to be completed in spring of 2022. Staff will seek Council approval to proceed to construction in 2022.
- Ongoing discussions with YRDSB, YCDSB and private industry regarding future field partnership opportunities. Additional capital funding and staffing resources will need to be considered with additional partnered fields.
- Construction of two senior softball diamonds on the Hallmark lands is currently underway. Field permits anticipated to begin May 2022
- Community Garden to be included in Non-Programmed Park, currently out for tender. Construction in 2022
- David Tomlinson Nature Reserve construction of final phase to start in 2022
- With the completion of the Aurora Town Square project, additional outdoor amenities will be provided such as an outdoor artificial rink, water feature, and place making opportunities for social gathering

## Advisory Committee Review

The various projects that were identified in the plan have obtain input from a number of Advisory Committees including: Trails Advisory Committee, the Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee and the recent Community Advisory Committee.

## Legal Considerations

None.

## Financial Implications

A key action item arising from the Town's recently approved Fiscal Strategy is the undertaking of a review of the alignment between its many strategic and master plans and its long-term capital plan to ensure sufficient resources are available to achieve each plan's deliverables. These alignment reviews are scheduled to take place over the coming few years; with the Parks & Recreation Master Plan scheduled for review in 2022. Funding availability relating to the delivery of all remaining outstanding Parks & Recreation master plan actions cannot be effectively determined until the conclusion of the noted alignment review.

## Communications Considerations

The Town will use "inform" as the level of engagement for this report. The completed achievements of the Town's Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be promoted by way of the Town's social media accounts and through the regularly issued Council Highlights. As updates are made to the Plan, the community will be informed through the Town's engagement platform and regular communication channels.

## Link to Strategic Plan

The development of the various projects identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan supports the following Strategic Plan goals and key objectives:

***Supporting an exceptional quality of life for all*** in its accomplishment in satisfying requirements in the following key objectives within these goal statements:

- **Invest in sustainable infrastructure**
- **Celebrating and promoting our culture**

- **Encourage an active and healthy lifestyle**
- **Strengthening the fabric of our community**

## **Alternative(s) to the Recommendation**

1. Council may provide further direction.

## **Conclusions**

The Town has made significant progress on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommendations. Those recommendations that were deferred were due to external factors that either changed the ability to proceed or the opportunity is still under review. Proactive planning within the parks and recreation system is necessary to ensure that the Town is able to cost-effectively deliver facilities that are needed the most. An update to the current plan will be an important next step to ensure recommendations are aligned with the community needs and growth.

## **Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2016 – Status of recommendations

## **Previous Reports**

PRS16-011 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

CMS19-024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Status Report

CMS20-024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Status Report

## **Pre-submission Review**

Agenda Management Team review on September 30, 2021

## **Approvals**

**Approved by Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services**

**Approved by Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer**

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ID	Recommendations	Priority	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Status
<b>Indoor Recreation Facilities</b>									
#1	Undertake an architectural facility fit and concept design exploring the feasibility associated with expanding the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex to include a gymnasium, multi-purpose program spaces and/or a full service fitness centre (the latter subject to Recommendation #8). Implementation of this recommendation depends on the Town of Aurora's chosen course of action for indoor aquatics (see Recommendation #4) as expansion of the S.A.R.C. is only a plausible consideration if not proceeding with a new multi-purpose community centre.	High			Feasibility Study	Facility Expansion	Aquatic feasibility study complete		Preliminary concept plan and cost estimate provided in 2019 budget for a single gymnasium/program space/office space/storage. Alternative of 2-story gymnasium suitable for tournaments costed but additional parking would be required. Considerations pending other land acquisitions discussions. Updated cost estimates provided for the 2021 budget considerations. Funding approved for single gymnasium, program space and office space. RFP for Design Architect to be awarded Fall 2021, Construction to commence in 2022, proposed project completion 2023.
#2	Existing municipal facilities should be evaluated for ways to improve comfort and facilitate opportunities for informal interactions and socialization to take place (including within lobbies and other common areas) among all residents, including but not limited to families, youth and older adults.	Medium	Costs depend upon type of enhancement						Furniture (couches and chairs) have been placed in upper lobby at AFLC and are well utilized particularly among older adults. Space is limited at the SARC but considerations will be made when new furniture is required. Town Square design includes social gathering opportunities both indoor and outdoor. COVID 19 has had an effect on furthering this goal.
#3	Maintain a supply of five ice pads over the next five years with a greater emphasis placed on tracking user registrations (particularly among residents of Aurora) along with monitoring arena bookings and utilization rates.	Low							Formal monitoring is extremely time consuming, however, informal monitoring continues to indicate 90% or higher utilization during all prime time periods. Ice scheduling continues to be a challenge during peak season periods, with numerous requests for additional/alternate ice time during prime time hours.
#4	In the event that the Town of Aurora is not interested in maintaining the status quo regarding provision of indoor aquatics centres, cannot secure an acceptable partnership agreement with a third party to access new pool times, and is comfortable with the level of risk associated with adding new aquatic infrastructure, one new 25 metre, 6 lane rectangular pool tank should be explored in the following order of priority:	High					Feasibility Study complete		Aquatic Feasibility Study and Business Plan to look at feasibility of new pool (size/location) and programming of existing pools. Feasibility study complete and community survey being conducted. Final results, findings and recommendations will be presented to Council in November 2020. Study complete - results presented to Council in February 2021
	a. Undertake an Architectural and Engineering Study to determine the feasibility and costs associated with adding a 6 lane, 25 metre pool tank to the existing Aurora Family Leisure Complex through expansion of the building envelop to the east of the existing aquatic centre space. This Study should also include the feasibility and costs associated with renovation of the existing hot tub and conversion of the leisure/lane hybrid tank to a warmer water leisure tank.		Feasibility Study						Dependant on outcome of #4
	b. Should the Study (noted above) deem the expansion of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex aquatic space not feasible or too costly, undertake a site selection process (as per Recommendation #38) for the provision of a new indoor aquatic facility containing a 6 lane, 25 metre tank, a warmer water leisure/therapeutic tank. The provision of this aquatic facility should include a gymnasium, multi-purpose program rooms and possibly a fitness centre (in-lieu of facilities being added at the S.A.R.C.). In tandem with this recommendation, explore alternative uses for the existing aquatic facility space at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex as this facility would become redundant.		Feasibility Study & Site Selection Process						Dependant on outcome of #4

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#5	Reclassify Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon time slots as prime time pool hours to encourage greater use of remaining pool capacity, possibly through a review of the Town of Aurora Pool Allocation Policy.	High	Review Pool Allocation Policies				Aquatic feasibility study complete		Will be considered as part of Aquatic Feasibility Study
#6	Undertake architectural concept plan and costing exercise to determine the feasibility of constructing a gymnasium at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (also refer to Recommendation #1). The design of this gymnasium should be 'sport friendly' to facilitate objectives congruent with the Sport Plan and provide the necessary features to facilitate locally-based sporting activities to occur. Implementation of this recommendation will depend on the Town of Aurora's chosen course of action for indoor aquatics (see Recommendation #4) as expansion of the S.A.R.C. is only a plausible consideration if the Town does not proceed with a new multi-purpose community centre.	High				Refer to Rec. #1			Preliminary concept plan and cost estimate provided in 2019 budget for a single gymnasium/program space/office space/storage. Alternative of 2-story gymnasium suitable for tournaments costed but additional parking would be required. Considerations pending other land acquisitions discussions. Updated cost estimates were provided for the 2021 budget considerations. 2021 Prime architect hired for design of gymnasium.
#7	Conduct an operating performance review of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex's gymnasium after it has completed a minimum of two full years of operation whether programming and rental opportunities are being maximized, along with any operational adjustments or improvements required to this end.	Medium		Operating Performance Review					The gymnasium schedule at the AFLC is evaluated on a sessional basis. Demand for use of the space is high and staff are regularly re-scheduling to maximize use. Gymnasium time is well utilized for Town run activities, little time is left for community use
#8	Proactively monitor membership, program participation, member retention/satisfaction and other appropriate performance metrics associated with the rejuvenated Club Aurora for a minimum of two years in order to inform a subsequent business planning process that explores the viability and suitability of expanding the Town's full service fitness centre model to another location(s).	Medium				Refer to Rec. #1			A draft Business Plan for Club Aurora was completed in 2019. Preliminary findings recommend new membership and pricing structure which will be considered in the User Fee Review (complete Feb 2021). Additional fitness facilities not recommended at this time
#9	An indoor tennis facility should only be pursued using an operating model that is consistent with the Town's existing practices, whereby the Town could be a partner in the provision of land but would assume no operating responsibilities or financial costs of operation, instead placing such responsibilities on a third party that demonstrates a capability to sustainably do so. This will require a Council decision to be made.	Medium	Make decision regarding desired type of partnership						Completed.
#10	Continue to promote membership and program opportunities through the Aurora Family Leisure Complex squash courts in order to optimize use of these facilities, provided that there continues to be market support and that the level of use justifies the financial costs of operations.	Low	Ongoing process						Utilization and scheduling is regularly monitored. The continuous use and demand for the courts supported the capital improvements to the floors within each court (completed in 2020).
#11	Multi-purpose program rooms located within existing community centres should be evaluated for improvement to increase their appeal and flexibility that expands usage.	Medium	Costs depend upon type of enhancement						I.T. has a project planned for upgrades to various rooms. SARC Program room was refurbished in 2018. Auditorium at ACC was refurbished in 2019.
#12	New multi-purpose rooms should be assessed through the proposed expansion of the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (see Recommendation #1) and other appropriate projects, as well as explored as part of private land development projects in areas of intensification.	Medium	Ongoing process						Refer to Rec. #1, also additional Multi-Purpose Programs rooms are included in the Town Square Project



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#13	Consistent with the Aurora Public Library Facility Needs Assessment, the Town should initiate discussions with the Aurora Public Library to discuss the merit of reassigning responsibility of the Magna and Lebovic Rooms to the Library, and/or redefining the programming focus in collaboration with Library Staff to service mutually complementary objectives.	High	Discussions with Library						Transfer of rooms to APL completed and APL commenced booking as of 2019. With the recent approval of 2 new program rooms part of Town Square, the management of the spaces is under review through the Town Square Governance Review. July 2021 - confirmed 2 new programs rooms and Magna and Lebovic will be deemed part of the Town Square operating model and bookings will be managed by the Town
#14	Pending outcomes of the Aurora Cultural Precinct Plan and other formal studies within the Aurora Promenade, undertake a potential use study of the former public library on Victoria Street to determine its suitability, capability and associated costs for delivering services offered by the Parks & Recreation Department or other municipal departments in order to address the needs of intensifying populations that are expected to arrive shortly after the master planning period in the Aurora Promenade.	High		Re-use Study					Repurposing study complete. Demolition of former public library and former seniors centre complete to make room for Library Square Project.
#15	Continually assess, and augment where necessary, the delivery of 'youth-friendly' services and programming within the Town of Aurora's existing multi-use community centres and other civic destinations (e.g. Aurora Public Library, former public library, etc.) by considering opportunities to improve spaces such as multi-use program rooms, studio space, common areas and other appropriate areas (also refer to Recommendation #2).	High	Costs depend upon type of enhancement						Town achieved Platinum Youth Friendly community status in March 2019. Refer to Rec: #1 - proposed new gymnasium and program rooms for SARC New creative spaces included in the Town Square Project will offer enhanced Youth programs. Instagram account has been very active during COVID.
#16	Continue to position the Aurora Senior's Centre as the primary hub for 55+ programming while exploring ways to extend the reach of services into neighbourhoods through use of existing multi-use community centres, parks and other civic destinations (e.g. Aurora Public Library, the former public library branch, etc.).	High	Costs depend upon type of enhancement						Some decentralizing taking place with 55+ programming taking place at the AFLC and Brookfield residence. New program titled "Seniors Centre without Walls" offers a 'call-in' option for seniors to participate and socialize from home. Activity and Wellness Packs offered for seniors who register (delivered to their homes).
<b>Outdoor Recreation Facilities</b>									
#17	Establish a sports field complex containing a minimum of three lit full-size rectangular fields and supported by appropriate facilities oriented to further the player and/or spectator experience. One of these fields should be designed as a 'multi-use' field capable of accommodating field sports beyond soccer.	High	Capital costs range from \$500K to \$750K per field					Acquisition of Aurora Sports Dome	One multi-use artificial turf field has been constructed at Sheppard's Bush. Discussions currently underway regarding potential partnership opportunities for the development of two artificial turf rectangular sports fields. Potential completion in 2024 and 2025. In 2021, Town acquired ownership of the Aurora Sports Dome, which will enable increased access to this indoor artificial turf field. Outdoor Sports Field Development Strategy completed (2020), confirms future sports field needs and provides recommendations.
#18	Construct one outdoor artificial turf field at Stewart Burnett Park, as per current municipal plans, to service a broad range of field sports while providing the Town with flexibility to accommodate future needs. Any additional artificial turf fields beyond this one should be subject to confirmation through municipal business planning exercises as per current practice.	High	Capital costs range from \$1M to \$1.5M per field						Complete - soccer specific field constructed at Stewart Burnett, and multi-sport field constructed at Sheppard's Bush. (see #17)

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#19	Continue to work with educational, industrial and other suitable partners to provide rectangular sports fields on non-municipal lands. Any adjustment to the supply of non-municipal fields should be considered and appropriately reconciled by the Town of Aurora using existing and/or future parks, and potentially through field capacity improvements such as lighting and/or artificial turf.	High	Ongoing process						A five year extension (2021 - 2025) was approved for the continued use of the Stronach Fields (19 soccer fields). Ongoing discussions with YRDSB, YCDSB and private industry regarding future field partnership opportunities. Although both schools boards are willing to partner with increased use of existing school fields, Parks Operations is not currently resourced to take on any additional field maintenance.
#20	In consultation with local ball associations, construct one new ball diamond that is designed to be 'sport-friendly' and employs a larger design template in order to accommodate use by adult leagues and/or hardball users.	High	Costs depend on upgrades undertaken						Council approved construction of two senior softball diamonds on the Hallmark lands - currently under construction with anticipated use to begin May 2022
#21	Construct two additional outdoor tennis courts, preferably located in the northeast to bolster geographic access across the Town.	High			Capital costs range from \$50K to \$75K per court				Complete: Thomas Coates Park 2018
#22	Create opportunities for outdoor pickleball through use of a multi-use court template (e.g. lining new or existing tennis courts for both tennis and pickleball) and providing a minimum of two courts that are preferably located in an area having a high concentration of older adults.	Medium		Capital costs range from \$50K to \$75K per court					Complete: Two pickleball courts installed at both Thomas Coates Park and Trent Park
#23	Explore the integration of multi-use courts through park renewal and revitalization projects in areas where geographic gaps exist.	Medium	Capital costs range from \$35K to \$60K per court						Complete: Combination basketball and pickleball courts incorporated into Trent Park and Edward Coltham Park. Continue to look for opportunities west of Yonge when parks are revitalized
#24	Integrate minor skateboarding and biking zones within appropriate community-level parks undergoing renewal and revitalization activities, largely consisting of one or two basic elements similar to the Town's existing model.	Medium		Capital costs range from \$25K to \$50K per 'zone'					Funding added to 10 yr capital for inclusion at Summit Park in 2020 - project has been deferred to 2023 to meet Reserve targets
#25	Construct an urban water feature employing a dual purpose design that facilitates recreational use and lends itself to Town's urban design and civic placemaking objectives, potentially through revitalization project within the Aurora Promenade.	High					Costs depend on size and scale		Included in the Town Square Project design for the Outdoor Square
#26	Integrate two 'minor' splash pads consisting of basic cooling elements (designed to a smaller scale than the existing municipal template) to service residential areas located west of Yonge Street, north and south of Wellington Street.	Medium						Capital costs range from \$100K to \$150K per minor splash pad	Couple sites included in the 10 yr capital, including Confederation Park Reconstruction in 2026
#27	The provision of additional off-leash parks in Aurora should be evaluated using a model similar to that used at Canine Commons, whereby a community organization is primarily involved with the establishment, general maintenance and ongoing operation of the off-leash area.	Medium							Potential locations in Highland Gate Development and No-Programmed Park met with opposition from residents. Location has been identified off Englehard Dr. and has been placed in the 10 year capital plan in 2024
#28	Playgrounds should be provided in new and existing residential areas where geographic gaps exist, generally calculated through application of an 800 metre service radius that is unobstructed by major pedestrian barriers.	High	Ongoing process						7 playgrounds added between 2016-2020

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#29	Through the playground inspection and renewal process, evaluate opportunities in which to incorporate barrier-free components to facilitate access to, and use within the playground apparatus for persons with disabilities.	High		Costs depend on size and scale					Complete: Fully assessable playground installed at Queens Diamond jubilee Park in 2017. Ongoing inclusion of barrier free amenities in all playground revitalization projects and new designs.
#30	An outdoor artificial rink, either in a new location or by upgrading an existing natural surface, should be a consideration when undertaking civic planning, urban design and/or economic development analyses given the sizeable costs to construct and operate refrigerated rinks.	Low	Costs depend on size and scale						Included in the Town Square Project design for the Outdoor Square
#31	Remain apprised of trends and usage at the McMahon Park lawn bowling green through continued collaboration with the Aurora Lawn Bowling Club.	Low	Ongoing process						Complete: Bowling Green upgrades completed in 2016. Aurora Lawn Bowling Club exploring grant opportunities to fund conversion to LED lighting for bowling green.
#32	Requests for facilities presently not part of the Town of Aurora's core parks and recreation service mandate should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, after first considering the municipality's role in providing the service in relation to quantified market demand and cost-effectiveness of such services, while also identifying potential strategies to address long-term need for such requests should a sufficient level of demand be expressed.	High							One special request for a facility was received. Disc Golf is being considered, staff report to return to Council Fall 2021. No other special requests for facilities have been received at this time.
#33	To supplement decision-making and performance measurement exercises supporting investment in facilities falling within and beyond the Town of Aurora's core recreation facility service mandate, collect registration information from user groups regularly booking time in arenas, indoor pools, sports fields and other major recreational facilities including through implementation of allocation policies and other appropriate means.	High	Ongoing process						Staff perform inquiries and data collection when needed to support a specific objective. More specific research can also be conducted through the engagement of an outside consultant (i.e. Outdoor Field Study and Aquatic Feasibility Study).
<b>Parks</b>									
#34	Re-examine and adjust, where necessary, the municipal parkland classification system through the next Official Plan Review process based upon envisioned land use forms and densities. In particular, the service level for Community Parks should be revised downwards in the range of 1.0 to 1.5 hectares per 1,000 residents to better reflect current rate of provision, programmed and unprogrammed space needs, and recognizing the limited availability of land as the Town reaches build out of greenfield lands. Similarly, the Neighbourhood Park/Parkette designations should also collectively target provision between 1.0 and 1.5 hectares per 1,000.	High							Development Services proposes the next Official Plan Review to take place Fall 2019 with completion 2023. Bill 108: Community Benefit Charge to be reviewed now and 2020.
#35	Through the Town of Aurora Official Plan Review and participation in the Provincial Review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, explore and integrate policies that prescribe the ability to situate permitted active parks and outdoor recreational uses within the Oak Ridges Moraine, where such parks and recreation uses cannot be accommodated within the designated built-up or greenfield areas.	High							Official Plan Review to take place Fall 2019 with completion 2023
#36	At a minimum, target between 10 and 16.5 hectares of developable tablelands within the quantum of parkland required to meet the parkland service ratios articulated in the Town of Aurora Official Plan (as revised per Recommendation #34), in order to accommodate active recreational facilities. The balance of outstanding parkland requirements can be satisfied at the Town's discretion through either active or passive recreational and/or cultural purposes.	High	Costs depend on acreage, location, conveyance amounts, etc.						
#37	Acquire larger Neighbourhood Parks and Community Parks as a priority to ensure future populations have sufficient access to spaces that are capable of accommodating a broad range of active recreational pursuits. Partnerships with area municipalities should be explored as a means to bolstering active parkland supplies since few opportunities remain to cost-effectively acquire and develop larger tracts of parkland for active recreational use.	High	Costs depend on acreage, location, conveyance amounts, etc.						
#38	Utilize a land banking approach to explore the potential acquisition of land(s) for a future indoor and/or outdoor recreation facility complex that may be required to service needs beyond the current five year master planning timeframe.	Medium	Actual cost depends on location, acreage, etc.						to be addressed as part of the Official Plan Review

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#39	Should the Town of Aurora decide to retain Mavrincac Boulevard Land Block 208 as parkland, it does so on the basis that if developed as active parkland this will result in a higher level of service being provided relative to most other neighbourhoods in Aurora and in a manner that is unlikely to service the most pressing recreational needs of the Town as a whole. If retained as passive open space to minimize conflicts on adjacent and nearby residential dwellings, the park could complement municipal naturalization goals and/or facilitate a modest degree of passive usage. Should the Town consider disposal of Block 208, it is recommended that a parcel of land better suited to accommodating active/intensive recreational use be obtained (using the proceeds of this chosen course of action), including consideration of a land swap agreement or purchase of a parcel of land.	Medium	Make decision to retain or divest						Complete: Land developed into Thomas Coates Park (Mavrincac Park)
#40	Work with the land development industry to innovatively address the need for parks such as developing publically accessible lands on private land. At a minimum, this may include providing enhanced pedestrian/cyclist infrastructure, encouraging condominium developments that contain rooftop gardens and courtyards, etc. through use of the Planning Act's Section 37 provisions and other creative tools.	High	Ongoing process						To be addressed as part of the Green Development Standards Study
#41	Augment the system of trails and pathways through continued implementation of the Town of Aurora Trails Master Plan, explore barrier-free accessibility-related improvements, and prioritize resurfacing and other required remediation activities according to short, medium and long-term priorities.	High	Refer to Trails Master Plan						Various 2C trail connections installed by developers to connect to Wildlife Park and connection from Bayview Ave to Tim Jones Trail from Strawbridge Development made in 2016. Significant amount of trail acquired through Highland Gate Development not identified on trails master plan. Wildlife Park construction Phase 1 completed fall 2020
#42	Continue to pursue partnerships and funding opportunities with the Region of York Transportation Department for the inclusion of barrier free access of regional road crossings.	High	Ongoing process						2 underpass crossings being constructed in 2018/19 under Leslie St, allowing for connection of trails - completion fall 2021
#43	The Town should implement a community allotment garden program on a trial basis that consists of at least one site – if deemed successful by the Town, additional sites should be secured in partnership with interested community groups.	High	Costs depend on location, acreage, etc.						Community Gardens to be included in Non-Programmed Park, currently out for tender, construction in 2022
#44	Implement the Wildlife Park Master Plan to create a unique environmental area within the Aurora Northeast 2C lands to showcase natural heritage and provide opportunities for nature education and interpretation among residents.	High	Refer to Wildlife Park Master Plan						Phase 1 completed in fall 2020, Phase 2 construction to start in 2022
#45	Supplement parkland acquisition policies prescribed in the Town of Aurora Official Plan with other appropriate means of acquisition, particularly with an emphasis towards securing suitably sized and quality tableland parcels oriented to active recreational uses.	High							To be addressed as part of the Official Plan Review