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PARKS AND RECREATION
MASTER PLAN

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Citizen Panel Meeting #1

March 22, 2016



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The Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Long-range planning document to guide the City's parks and recreation system

- Parks and open space systems, and outdoor sports and recreational facilities;
- Indoor sports and recreational infrastructure and buildings; and
- Programming and services.

Fifteen year focus to the year 2031

Will assist with annual budgeting, preparation of Development Charges studies, implementation of other Master Plans and guiding documents

Serves as a building block and a point of departure for additional work to take place

Project Context

Brampton's first Parks & Recreation Master Plan was approved in 1990 and last updated in 2008

- Assisted the City in developing the current complement of facilities and programs

The 2016 Master Plan is being undertaken in light of the:

- City's historical infrastructure and service achievements
- Continued population growth / diversification
- Changes in parks and recreation participation patterns and preferences

Multiple City Departments and Divisions are involved (Planning & Infrastructure Services, Public Services, Office of Community Engagement) and a multi-faceted Consulting Team

Scope of Facilities and Programs

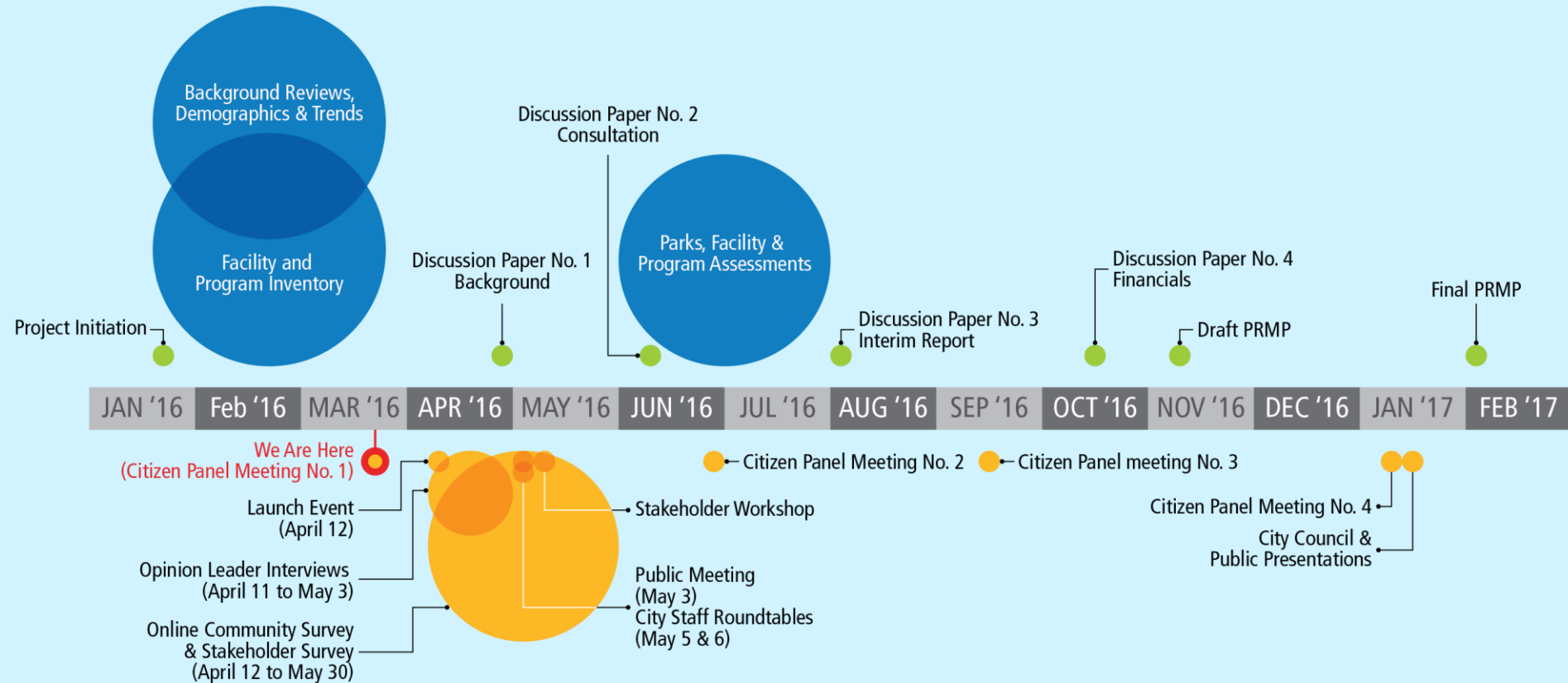
Within Scope

- ✓ Parkland and open space
- ✓ Arenas and outdoor rinks
- ✓ Indoor and outdoor aquatics
- ✓ Community centres and gymnasiums
- ✓ Fitness Services
- ✓ Sports fields
- ✓ Hard surface courts
- ✓ Playgrounds
- ✓ Skateboard / Bike Parks
- ✓ Service and program delivery reviews

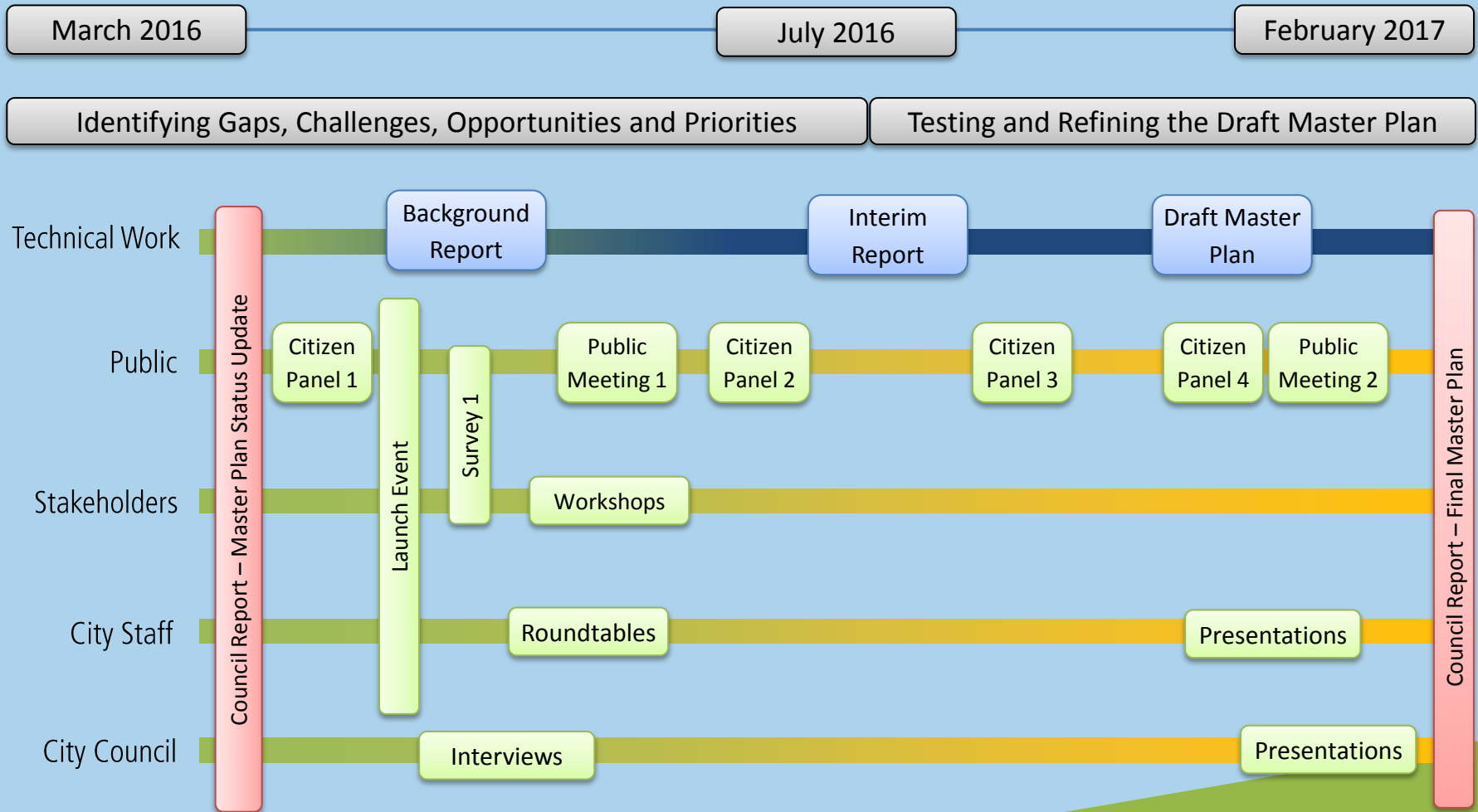
Outside of scope

- × Trails and Pathways (Active Transportation MP)
- × Natural Heritage (Natural Heritage & Environmental Management Strategy)
- × Arts, Culture and Heritage
- × Facility and program implementation / delivery by non-municipal providers

Project Timeline



Engaging Targeted Audiences

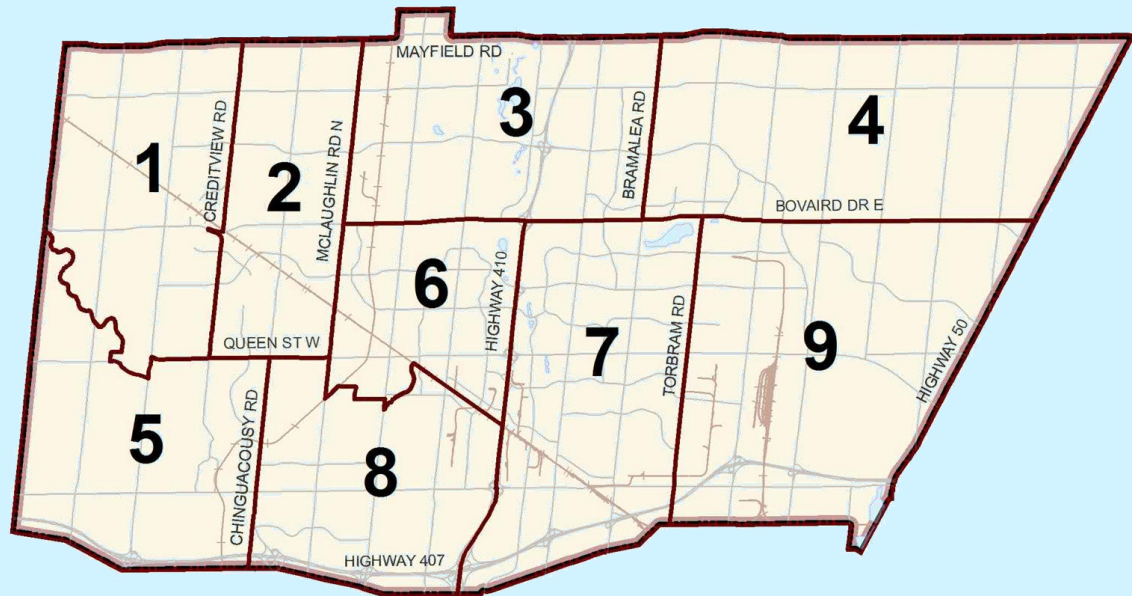


Related Local Plans & Initiatives

- City of Brampton Strategic Plan (2014)
- Brampton Official Plan (under review)
- Environmental Master Plan (2014)
- Natural Heritage and Environmental Management Strategy (2015)
- Active Transportation Master Plan and Transportation Master Plan (2015)
- Parkland Dedication Discussion Papers (2009/2010)
- Sports Tourism Strategy, Sports Facility Strategy, Artificial Turf Field Joint Facility Study (planned)
- TRCA Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) and Conservation Area Management Plans

Introducing Recreational Planning Areas (RPAs)

- A total of 9 Recreational Planning Areas
- RPAs previously used in 2009/10 for the City's Parkland Dedication Discussion Papers (14 were used at that time)
- A method of dividing up the City into:
 - relatively homogeneous geographic units
 - each with similar long-term projected populations and attributes
 - with discernable boundaries like major roads, river valleys, etc.
 - areas contain at least one major park or recreation centre



Citizen Panel Terms of Reference

Membership selected from Brampton's existing Citizen Advisory Committees

Panel will act in an advisory capacity, providing feedback on:

- needs and opportunities;
- results of the engagement process;
- the draft vision, principles, goals and objectives; and
- the draft master plan.

Be a sounding board to discuss issues, opportunities and challenges about the Master Plan

Help to spread information about the Master Plan process and other engagement opportunities

The Panel will meet 4 times over the course of the project

Future Challenges & Opportunities

1. Population Growth
2. Socio-Economic Diversity
3. Aging Infrastructure
4. Funding
5. Park and Facility Renewals/Upgrades
6. Emerging Trends
7. Others?

Population Growth

2016 population estimated at 614,000

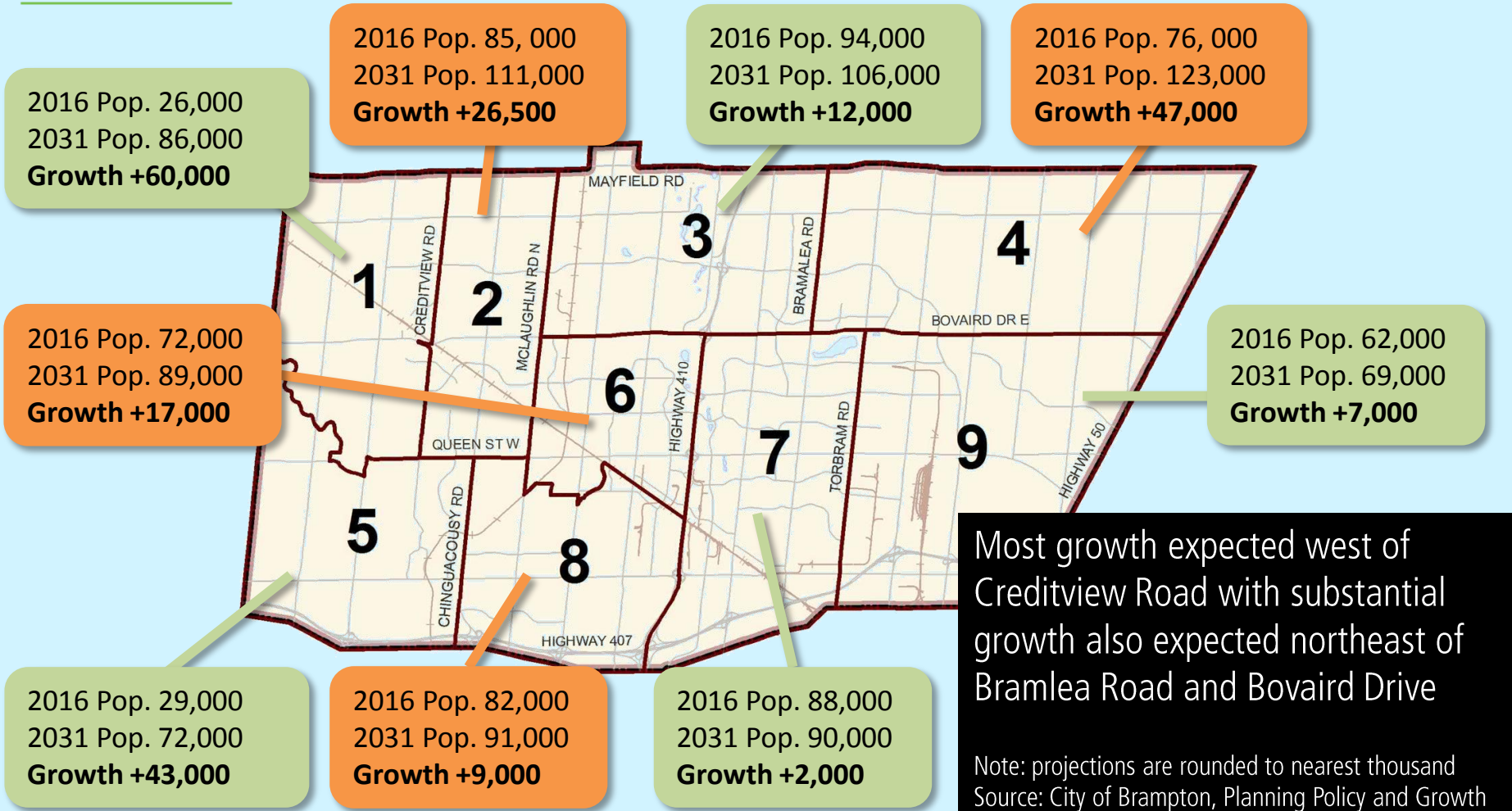
Preliminary estimates suggest that population will reach 837,000 by 2031, growth of 223,000 persons (+36%)

- Greatest growth in RPA 1 (+64,000) and RPAs 4 and 5 (+48,000 and +45,000, respectively) – generally west of Creditview Rd. and northeast of Bramlea Rd./Bovaird Dr.

Expected to place pressure on the capacity of existing facilities and programs

Fewer 'greenfield' developments and greater urbanization/intensification make it difficult to find land for new parks and facilities

Population Growth by RPA



Most growth expected west of Creditview Road with substantial growth also expected northeast of Bramlea Road and Bovaird Drive

Note: projections are rounded to nearest thousand
 Source: City of Brampton, Planning Policy and Growth Management, May 2015

Socio-Economic Diversity

Whether the 'right mix' of facilities and programs are being offered in light of:

- Considerable cultural diversity and whether such populations benefit from 'the norm' in municipal parks and recreation provision
- Differences in income levels and how this influences participation rates
- The type and scale of services that are inclusive of persons with disabilities
- Growing numbers of people over 55 years of age

Aging Infrastructure

A number of parks and facilities were constructed over 30 years ago

Significant cost of remediating aging infrastructure, province wide issue for all types of infrastructure

Many older facilities were not designed to be fully accessible or meet AODA requirements

Need to determine whether ongoing renewal investments are sustainable or at what time replacement should be considered

Funding

Cost associated with acquiring lands, facility construction and operation

Development Charges fund 90% of identified 'growth-related' park and recreation project costs

Taxes fund all operating costs

Needs and desires often outpace financial resources

Many pressures beyond parks and recreation

What is the 'best bang for the buck'?

Park & Facility Renewals / Upgrades

Updating parks and facilities that are in an advanced lifecycle stage (modern, accessible, functional, etc.)

Repurposing them to better reflect needs of today

Funding challenges – anything that is not growth-related is ineligible for Development Charges, major competition for national and provincial grants

Emerging Trends

Adapting to the shift to spontaneous and drop-in activities

Integration with other sectors (arts and culture, public health, economic development, sports tourism, etc.)

Pursuit of partnerships to maximize choices for residents, share costs, and develop capacity of community providers

Focus Questions

1. What are the **best things** about Brampton's parks, recreation and sport facilities and programs?
2. How can Brampton's parks, recreation and sport facilities and programs be **improved**?
3. How can Brampton best **respond to the challenges and opportunities** associated with its park and recreation facilities and programs? Are there additional challenges and opportunities that should be considered?
4. Over the next fifteen years, what are the **main priorities** that Brampton should address in providing for parks, recreation and sport?



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Next Steps

Project Website and Online Survey –
www.brampton.ca/PRMP

Project Email – PRMP@brampton.ca

March/April – Confirm demographics and
facility / program inventories

April/May – Research & Initial Consultations

June – Citizen Panel Meeting #2 to discuss
Discussion Papers 1 & 2 (Background and
Consultation)

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