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# Parks and Recreation Master Plan Stakeholder Meeting

Project Update and Themes from Findings  
April 25, 2017



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# The Parks & Recreation Master Plan (PRMP)

Council-Approved RFP released in October 2015

Provide a long-range plan to 2031, guiding Brampton's:

- Parks and open space, outdoor sports and recreation facilities
- Indoor sports and recreational infrastructure
- Programming and services

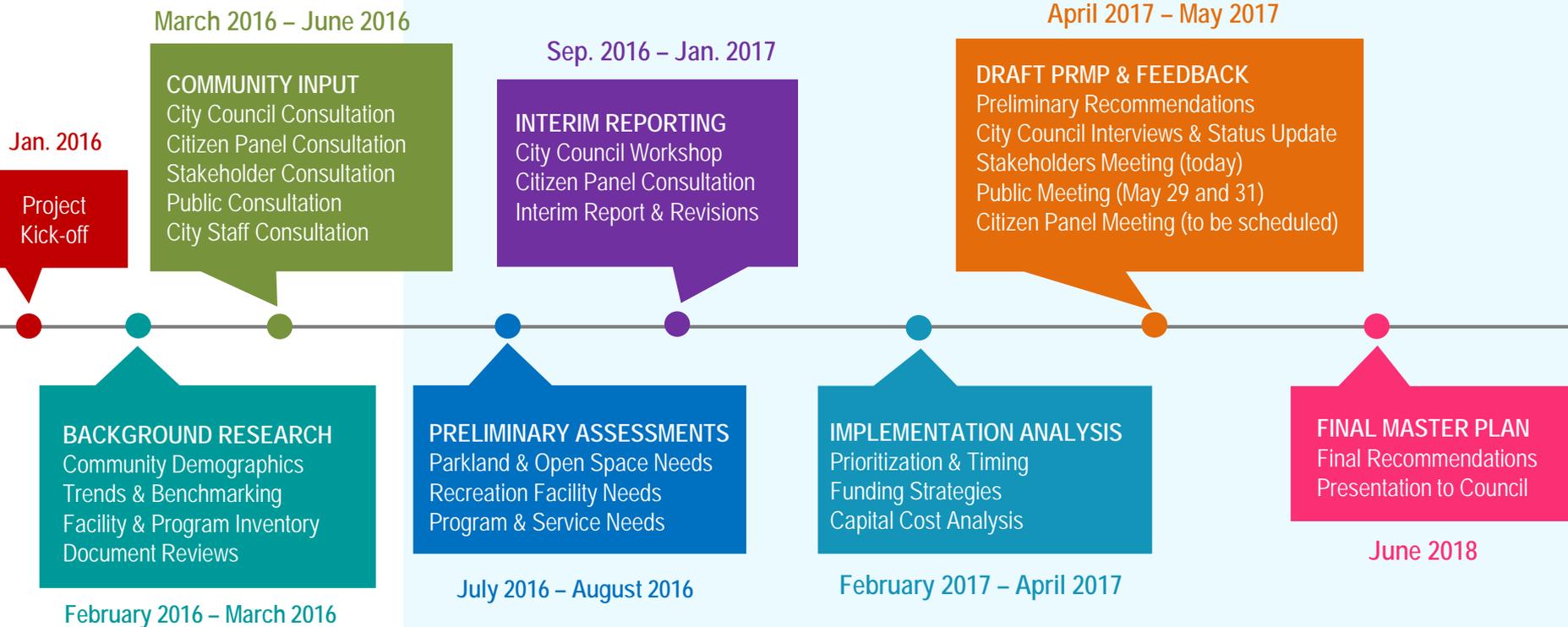
Employ a robust community consultation program

Consider community demographics, trends and best practices, alignment with other City objectives, and operational/financial sustainability



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# PRMP Targeted Timeline





# PRMP Methodology

In order to deliver on the RFP and related objectives specified by Council and City Staff, the PRMP must:

- Employ an 'Evidence-Based' Approach
- Consider a broad range of inputs to support assessments and recommendations
- Listen, Learn, Analyze and Listen Again

The following slides summarize findings from the first three Discussion Papers, including draft recommendations.

# Consultations Completed

Citizen Panel – meetings held in March, July and October

Launch Event – held in April with Mayor, Councillors and Community Leaders

Public Meeting – 40 in attendance

Online Survey – 1,122 responses

Stakeholder Survey – 35 responses

Stakeholder Workshops – 77 participants representing 25+ organizations

City Staff Roundtables – 150 staff participants

Council & Senior Management Interviews – 31 interviews

Written Submissions – 11 received through PRMP@Brampton.ca

Pop Up Booths – Bramalea Centre, Shoppers World, South Fletcher's SportsPlex, Gore Meadow's Library, and Garden Square



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# Themes from Consultations

- Ongoing Commitment to Inclusivity
- Multi-Use, Multi-Generational, Multi-Seasonal, Multicultural, Flexible Facilities
- Balancing Neighbourhood with City-wide Needs
- Unstructured, Self-Scheduled Opportunities
- Comfortable, Safe and Welcoming Atmosphere
- Pursuit of Partnerships
- High quality sports and recreation facilities
- Funding and costs are key issues



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# Upcoming Consultations

To test the Preliminary Directions from the PRMP, the following consultation activities have been scheduled

Interviews with Mayor & City Councillors – March and April 2017

Stakeholder Meeting – April 25, 2017

Public Meeting – May 29 and 31, 2017

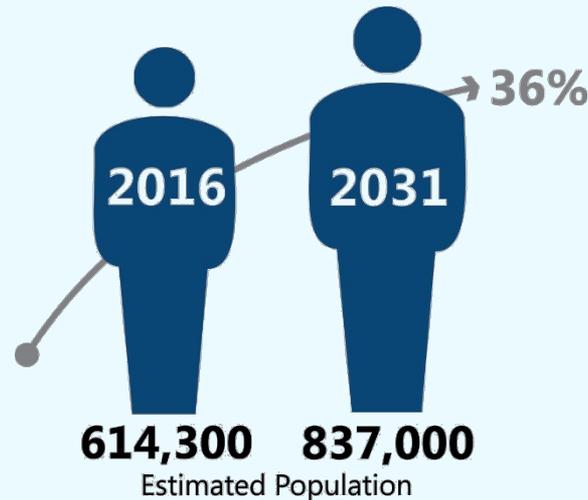
Citizen Panel Presentation – to be scheduled

City Council Presentation (Final PRMP) – to be scheduled



# Population at a Glance

- 36% population growth by 2031 (+223,000 persons)
- Median Age was 34.7 years in 2011 (Peel = 37, Ontario = 40)
- Median Income was \$78,000 in 2011 (Peel = \$78K, Ontario = \$66K)
- Largest immigrant populations come from India and Jamaica



Source: Preliminary Population Forecasts, Planning Policy and Growth Management, May 2015

# Balanced Distributional Analyses

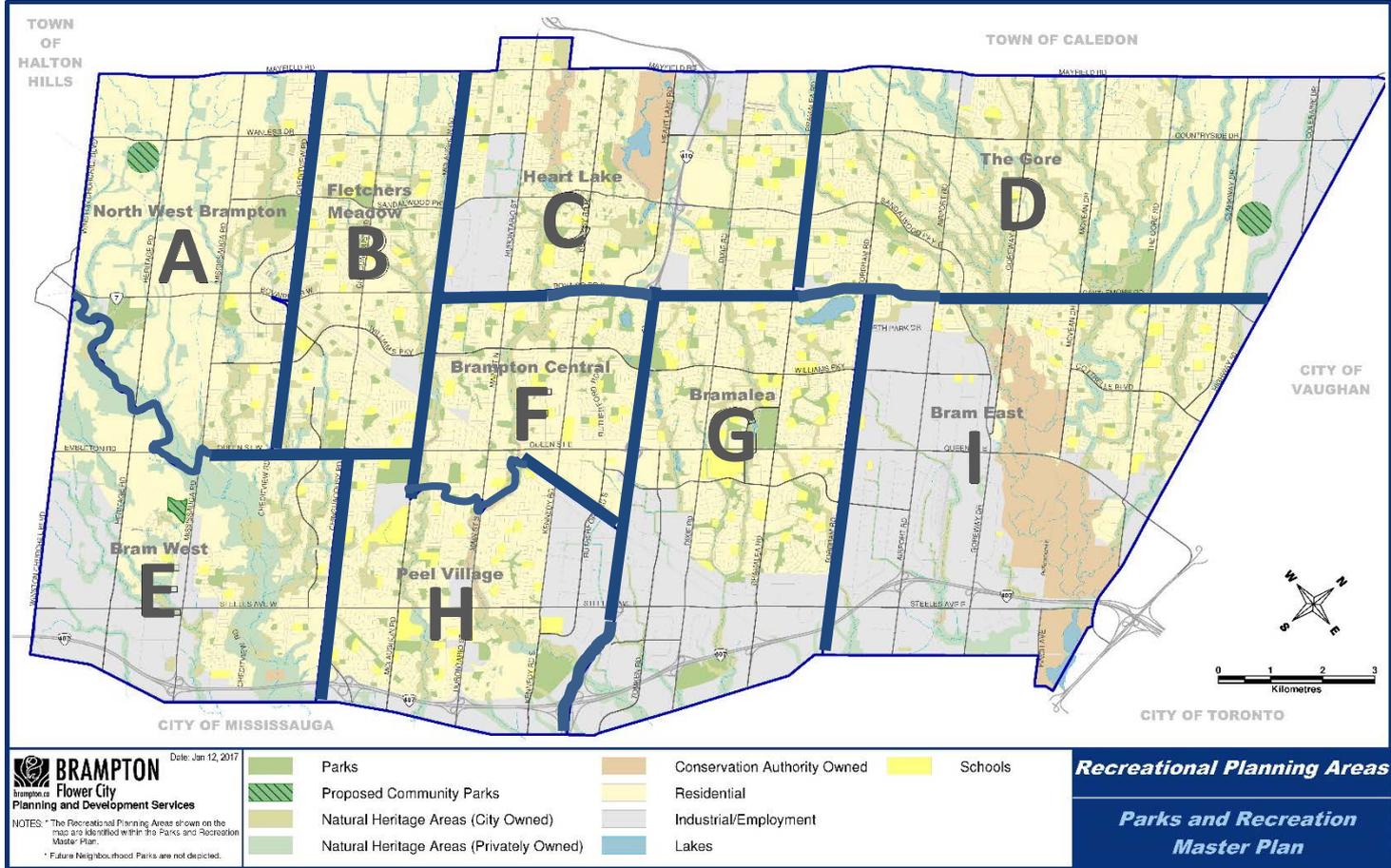
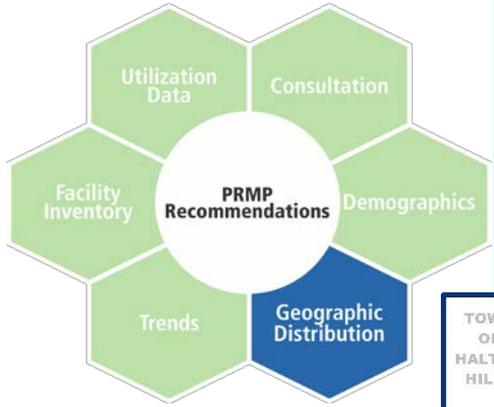
Recreation Planning Areas (RPAs) were created to evaluate the provision of parks and recreation facilities across Brampton

9 RPAs of comparable sizes and character with boundaries based on a number of factors, including:

- Access to at least one major park and/or recreation centre
- Comparable travel times to access major parks and recreation services
- Possessing relatively similar population projections to 2031
- Having discernable boundaries that create neighbourhoods by virtue of their location (e.g. major roads, valleys, etc.)
- Incorporating historical and identifiable neighbourhoods, as well as Census Tracts to allow for population projections
- Having regard to municipal operations boundaries



# Recreation Planning Area Boundaries



# Selected Parks and Recreational Trends Applicable to the PRMP

- Lack of Free Time, Rising Rates of Physical Inactivity
- Growing Demands for Unstructured, Spontaneous Activities
- Aging Parks & Recreation Infrastructure
- Multi-Use, Multi-Generational, Multi-Seasonal and Multicultural
- Demands for Safe and Comfortable Parks, Rise of 'Urban Parks'
- Using Parks to Promote Environmental Sustainability, Stewardship and Reconnect with Nature
- Funding Constraints – Capital & Operating
- Community Development, Volunteerism and Partnerships



## Key Inventory Statistics

- 1,100 hectares across 381 parks
- 13 Indoor Aquatic Centres
- 20 Ice Rinks at 11 Arenas
- 7 Full Service Fitness Centres and 13 squash/racquetball courts
- 4 indoor soccer fields and 16 gymnasiums
- 2 Seniors' Centres (FCSC and Knightsbridge)
- 129 Natural Grass Soccer Fields,
- 5 Artificial Turf Fields
- 87 Ball Diamonds
- 2 Rugby Fields, 2 Football Fields, and 2 Lacrosse Fields
- 18 Cricket Pitches and 1 Kabaddi Field
- 52 Outdoor Tennis Courts and 6 Indoor Tennis Courts
- 24 Basketball/Multi-Use Courts
- 6 Skateboard Parks
- Multiple playgrounds, splash pads, outdoor pools, etc.

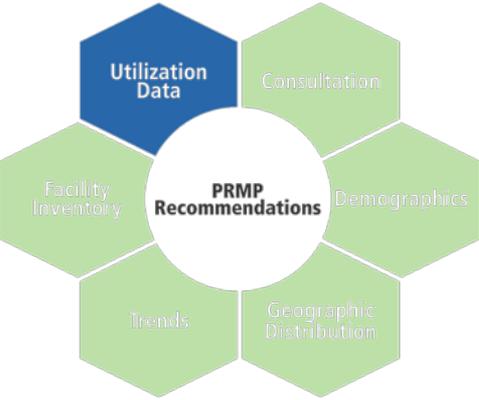


# Assessing Operating Capacities

A number of performance indicators have been reviewed based on data that City Staff compile including:

- Use of facilities during prime/peak times and off-peak times
- Usage during weekdays versus weekends
- Program capacities and 'fill rates'
- Registration/membership data among organized sports organizations using parks and facilities

Such data is used to assess whether existing facilities and programs can accommodate more use, or whether new services can be supported



# Phase 3 Interim Assessments

A Phase 3 Discussion Paper is available for review at [www.Brampton.ca/PRMP](http://www.Brampton.ca/PRMP)

Preliminary directions from the Paper are presented on the following slides as information and are intended to be 'tested' with stakeholders tonight

Preliminary directions are subject to change as the Draft PRMP is currently being prepared



# Preliminary Directions



## Services and Programs



- **Physical Activity** - aim to improve resident's physical activity levels - frequency, duration and intensity
- **Getting Outdoors** – recognize the critical importance to the health of individuals and the community as a whole to be outdoors in natural settings
- **Water Safety** - every resident should have the opportunity to learn how to swim; every family should know the importance of being safe in and around water
- **Aging Population** – ensure that Brampton’s older adults and senior citizens are active and engaged in leisure pursuits
- **Diverse and Marginalized Populations** – place efforts on including all residents to enhance the overall health and vibrancy of the community
- **Sport Development** – every resident has the choice to participate in sport opportunities

# Preliminary Directions



## Indoor Recreation Facilities

### New Community Centre at Mississauga/Embleton Community Park

Aquatic centre, fitness centre, gymnasium, dedicated youth space, and program rooms; with long-term expansion potential to add a twin pad arena

- The site ideally would integrate a skateboard park, club-quality tennis courts and/or full basketball court (space permitting)

### Therapeutic Pool Pilot Project

Retrofit 2 smaller indoor pools to offer a therapeutic and/or rehabilitative experience along with provision of gym and group fitness studio space

- To support “Aging in Place” and neighbourhood-based opportunities (if successful, the program could be expanded to other facilities)

### Repurpose a Neighbourhood Pool

Repurpose an aging, underutilized pool(s) for dry floor uses - e.g. sports, fitness, arts and culture - to diversify the range of neighbourhood-based services



# Preliminary Directions



## Indoor Recreation Facilities

### Senior's Centre

Develop a seniors' centre in the east end of Brampton using a community-hub model involving prospective partners to complement City recreation services

### Program Rooms

Undertake a strategy to prioritize improvements required to enhance the programming capacity of multi-purpose rooms located in older community centres

### Arenas

Target 19 indoor ice pads (Victoria Park Arena to remain closed for ice)

### Indoor Turf

Undertake an Indoor Turf Study to determine the feasibility of investing in a second indoor turf facility based on market conditions, user group input, costs, and potential impacts



# Preliminary Directions



## Outdoor Recreation Facilities

### Artificial Turf

1 new artificial turf field for use by a broad range of field sports

### Sports Fields

9 new rectangular sports fields, designed based on the Long Term Player Development model

### Ball Diamonds

Constructed to address geographic gaps and/or through shared-use agreements with School Boards

### Cricket Pitches

New pitches at McCandless Park, Gore Meadows Community Park and in southwest Brampton

### Tennis Courts

Public courts to serve new residential areas along with club-quality courts at Gore Meadows Community Park and/or Mississauga/Embleton Community Park



# Preliminary Directions



## Outdoor Recreation Facilities

### Basketball Courts

Casual courts within 10-15 minute walk of new residential and existing under-supplied gap areas, while striving to provide a high quality, sport-focused full court in each RPA



### Skateboard Parks

construct skateboard parks in southwest and northwest Brampton, strategic renewal/replacement of existing aging skateparks, and bolster geographic distribution using small 'skate zones'

### Splash Pads

4 new splash pads, preferably at Community/City level parks or in tandem with a community centre

### Outdoor Pools

convert the Gage Park wading pool to a major splash pad and undertake a study to determine ways to increase Eldorado Pool's 'fun factor'

# Preliminary Directions



## Parks and Open Space

### Parkland Classification

Integrate Urban Park and Linear Park classifications into the City's Official Plan parkland hierarchy

### Parkland Target

Proactively acquire parks at a ratio of 1.6 hectares per 1,000 population which will require around 240 hectares of new parkland by 2031

### Parkland Acquisition

Utilize the Planning Act, pursuit of any surplus school properties and joint planning with new schools, and other available means to acquire needed parkland

### Parkland Renewal

As parks age and community demographics around them evolve, plan renewals to reposition parks and their facilities





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## General Discussion

1. What do you like about the preliminary directions presented tonight?
2. Is there anything missing from the preliminary directions that you think should be considered in the PRMP?
3. Do you have any other advice for the Team at this stage?



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## Next Steps

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| May  | Draft PRMP<br>Public Meeting          |
| June | Final PRMP<br>Presentation to Council |

### Project Portal

Project Website: [www.brampton.ca/PRMP](http://www.brampton.ca/PRMP)

Project Email: [PRMP@brampton.ca](mailto:PRMP@brampton.ca)

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