

# Parks & Open Space Master Plan

Public Open House - February 15, 2018



# Community Workshop

## Agenda

- 1. Presentation** **6:00 – 6:30pm**
- 2. Roundtable Discussions** **6:30 – 7:45pm**
  - a) Strengths, Opportunities
  - b) Issues, Concerns, Gaps
  - c) Vision, Ideas and Priorities
- 3. Summary & Next Steps** **7:45 – 8:00pm**
- 4. Adjournment** **8:00pm**

# Fort Erie Parks and Open Space System



Parks (34) 140 ha / 300 ac.



Sports Fields (28)



Playgrounds (16)



Water Play (4)



Recreation Trails (45km)



Water Access (26)



Natural Areas



Multi-Use Courts  
& Tennis Courts



Dog Park



Skate Park

## Also:

- Outdoor Pool
- Monuments
- Pavilions / Gazebos
- Other park features



# Recap of 2006 Parks & Open Space Master Plan

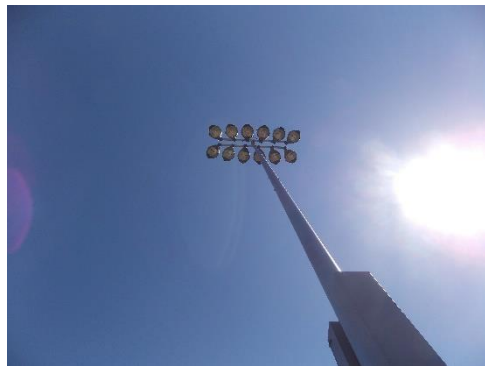


Long-range  
Budgeting

Skatepark



Ridgeway Village Square



Sports Field Improvements



Multi-use Courts



Stevensville Memorial Park

# Current Capital Park Projects



**Crystal Ridge Park Improvements**  
- construction 2018



**Bay Beach Site Improvements**  
- construction 2018

- **Douglas Park Master Plan & Playground**
- **Albert Street Master Plan & Playground**
- **Ferndale Park Multi-use Court**
- **Sugarbowl Park Path Replacement**
- **Park Accessibility Improvements**
- **Beaver Creek Park Playground**
- **Active Transportation Master Plan**

# Master Plan Overview

## Purpose / Objectives

- ❖ **Update to 2006 Master Plan**
- ❖ **Review Current Parks and Outdoor Recreation Assets**
  - Inventory and needs assessment to support future direction of recreation, parks, outdoor recreation facilities and trails
  - Strategies for managing existing and new assets
- ❖ **Plan for Change**
  - Significant population growth and change, tourism/visitors
  - Prepare for parks and recreation trends and needs
  - Align with Official Plan, Secondary Plans, Waterfront Strategy

# Master Plan Overview

## Purpose / Objectives

- ❖ **Plan for Parks and Outdoor Recreation Facilities and Services**
  - Future parks, outdoor recreation facility needs
  - Update recreational trails plan, integration with Active Transportation planning
  - Natural areas management
  - Trends analysis
  
- ❖ **Plan for Service Delivery, Implementation and Monitoring**
  - Partnership opportunities
  - 10-year action plan, timing, priorities and resources
  - Evaluate and measure performance, tracking progress
  - Asset management



# Work Plan & Consultation

## PHASE 1: BACKGROUND STUDY



## PHASE 2: DRAFT MASTER PLAN



## PHASE 3: FINAL MASTER PLAN





# Trends and Changes

## Demographics and Planning for Growth

- ❖ **2016 Census Population:** 30,710
- ❖ **Niagara 2041 Forecast Population:**
  - 37,780 (2031) ➔ 41,220 (2036) ➔ 43,940 (2041)
- ❖ **Ageing population**
- ❖ **Cultural diversity**
- ❖ **Urban focus, intensification, transit supportive**
- ❖ **Accessibility and active transportation**
- ❖ **Fair and balanced service delivery**

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# What We Heard...

*"Town has been undermarketed"*

*"Pickleball courts"*

*"Dog Park in Ridgeway / Crystal Beach please."*

*"Games and chess tables"*

*"Town parks offer diversity of experiences"*

*"Programs and activities for seniors"*

*"Provide smaller opportunities for skateboarding and extreme sports, spread out to more parks"*

*"Playgrounds are well-maintained and up to date"*



# Emerging Themes

## ❖ Parks:

- Update policies, strategies and guidelines
- Range of activities and facilities, active and passive, year-round, multi-use, multi-generational

## ❖ Waterfront:

- Implement recommendations of 2017 Waterfront Strategy

## ❖ Trails:

- Enhance the trails network (e.g. former rail corridor, unopened road allowances), active transportation
- Trail classifications and standards, accessibility, motorized and non-motorized uses

# Emerging Themes

## ❖ Natural Areas:

- Plan for continued acquisition, linkages and corridors
- Balanced recreational opportunities with conservation, management

## ❖ Engagement:

- Community involvement, volunteer support, stewardship, partnerships

## ❖ Tourism:

- Promotion, marketing of parks, events and activities, multi-day overnight opportunities, parks as destinations
- Develop supporting facilities for events and high-use areas, sport tournaments, cycling routes, etc.

# Roundtable Discussions



## ❖ At each table...

- Introduce yourselves
- Designate a group representative
- Discuss each question for approx. 15 minutes
- Write key points for each question on large note pad
- When the page is full, post it on the wall

## ❖ Report back / group summaries

# Discussion Question #1

Thinking of the parks and open space system in Fort Erie:

- 1) What are the current strengths and opportunities of the parks and open space system?



# Discussion Question #2

Thinking of the parks and open space system in Fort Erie:

- 2) What are your concerns, gaps and areas for improvement?

# Discussion Question #3

Thinking of the parks and open space system in Fort Erie:

- 3) What is your vision for the future of the Town's parks and open space system, and what should be the key priorities for the next 10 years?

# Summary



# Next Steps & Wrap-Up

- ❖ **Background Study** – consultation, research summary and results, themes
- ❖ **Draft Master Plan** – vision, recommended strategies
- ❖ **Implementation Plan** – projects, resources, actions
- ❖ **Community Input / Feedback** – workshop #2 – June 2018
- ❖ **Final Master Plan** – Summer 2018
- ❖ **Council Presentation** – Summer 2018



# Thank You.

Online Survey:  
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