Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

May / June 2018

Advisory Committees

Purpose of Connecting With You

Purpose:

1. To review the plan to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan this year.
2. Ask for your assistance in sharing the Community Survey with your networks and the public.
3. To request your Committee's input.

About the Master Plan

Creating a "Game Plan" for Parks, Recreation Programs, Sport Services and Facilities



- The Master Plan provides an overall vision and direction for making decisions. It is a high level/policy directive document.
- It is based on public input, participation trends and usage, best practices, demographic changes and growth forecasts.
- The Plan will be used by the City to guide investment in parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities over the next ten years and beyond.

Master Plan Overview

- The City has retained **Monteith Brown Planning Consultants**, **Tucker-Reid & Associates** and **Swerhun Facilitation** to assist in preparing the Update.

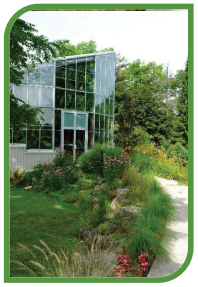
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Master Plan Building Blocks

1. Public and Stakeholder Input
2. Demographics and Growth
3. Trends and Usage Data
4. Existing Policies and Guidelines
5. Park, Program, and Facility Distribution
6. Facility Inventories and Asset Management Data



Project Scope

Items within Scope:

- **Recreation Programming**, such as aquatic, sport, wellness, arts/crafts, dance/music, and general interest programs provided by the City and other sectors
- **Recreation and Sport Facilities**, such as community centres, pools, sports fields, playgrounds and more
- **Parks & Civic Spaces**, such as major parks, neighbourhood parks, gardens and civic squares
- **Investment in the Community**, such as neighbourhood opportunities, public engagement, sport tourism and more

Project Scope

Items out of Scope:

- **Parkland Dedication Policies** (London Plan)
- **Cycling** (London Plan, Transportation and Cycling Master Plans)
- **Natural Heritage and Trails** (London Plan, Conservation Master Plans, ESA Master Plans)
- **Arts, Culture and Heritage** (Cultural Prosperity Plan and related reports)

Although these items are addressed in other studies, the Master Plan will ensure alignment

Guiding and Supporting Documents

The Master Plan is a Strategy that guides the provision and management of parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities. It is influenced by several Overarching Plans and informs several Technical Reports.

Key Overarching Plans	Key Strategies	Key Technical Reports
The London Plan	Age Friendly London Action Plan	Development Charges Background Study
Council's Strategic Plan	Child and Youth Agenda	Conservation Master Plans for Environmentally Sensitive Areas
Accessibility Plan	Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy	Park-specific Master Plans
Sector-specific guiding documents, such as the Framework for Recreation in Canada, Parks for All, and others	Transportation and Cycling Master Plans	Business Cases and Feasibility Studies
	Cultural Prosperity Plan	Various By-laws, Policies and Procedures
	Community Diversity and Inclusion Strategy	
	SHIFT: Rapid Transit Initiative	
	Back to the River / One River	
	Thames Valley Corridor Plan	

Deliverables and Timing

- **Background Research** March to June 2018
- **Engagement** May to July 2018
  - Community Survey (Opens May 23rd)
  - Stakeholder Sessions/Focus Groups/Interviews
- **Draft Plan #1** Sept / Oct 2018
- **Draft Plan #2** Oct / Nov
- **Final Plan** presented to the new Council January 2019

Community Survey

Purpose

- To establish a broad picture of usage, satisfaction, priorities, demographics

Timing

- Will be available May 23 until mid-July, hosted through getinvolved.london.ca

How can you help?

- Share the link to the survey with your networks
- Let us know if you would like posters or postcards to distribute



Advisory Committee Input

- Individuals can complete the Community Survey at getinvolved.london.ca
- Tell us about groups or organizations that we should invite to the Stakeholder sessions
- Committee can provide written responses to the Questions

  AND / OR
- Committee can provide comments on the last Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan (2009) and Interim Update (Jan. 2017)

Email to: PlayYourWay@london.ca

Advisory Committee Input

Guiding Questions

1. What are the most pressing **issues and priorities** for your Advisory Committee?
2. How can the City of London's parks, recreation and sport **services and facilities** continue to support the needs of your Committee? Please be specific.
3. How can your Committee, the City and others **work together** to meet future needs?
4. Are there any initiatives that are being contemplated, planned or are being implemented that could tie into these or other priorities for parks, recreation and sport services and facilities?

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Thank you!