



## City of London Parks and Recreation Master Plan

April 2019

# Cycling Advisory Committee



## 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 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.



## Project 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** (guided by the London Plan and Parkland Conveyance & Levy By-Law)
- **Cycling and Bike Lanes** (addressed in the London Plan and Cycling Master Plan)
- **Environmentally Significant Areas** (guided by the London Plan policies and technical recommendations within individual Conservation Master Plans)
- **Arts, Culture and Heritage** (guided by the Cultural Prosperity Plan and related reports)

Although these items are addressed in other studies, the Master Plan will ensure [alignment](#)



## Project Overview



### Phase One

Research and Consultation



### Phase Two

Development of Recommendations and Strategies



### Phase Three

Testing the Master Plan and Project Finalization

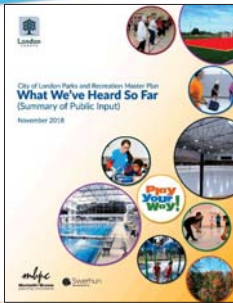


## What We've Heard So Far (Background report)

### Consultation Summary



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### PARTICIPATION IN PARKS, RECREATION AND SPORT ACTIVITIES – TOP 3:

- 1 - Walking for leisure - 72%
- 2 - Hiking on Nature trails – 54%
- 3 - Cycling – 50%

## What the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan says....

- Did we miss anything?
- Is there anything else you would like to add?

## VISION

- *In London, all residents – regardless of age, ability, culture, gender, income, or where they live – have opportunity to participate and share in meaningful and accessible parks, recreation and sport experiences.*

	<b>Goal 1: ACTIVE LIVING</b>	We will support and promote opportunities for active living. This will be achieved through unstructured and structured experiences that encourage regular physical activity and healthy aging.
	<b>Goal 2: INCLUSION &amp; ACCESS</b>	We will remove barriers to participation by adopting a model of "access for all". This will be achieved by welcoming and including all residents.
	<b>Goal 3: CONNECTING PEOPLE &amp; NATURE</b>	We will strengthen residents' connections with their neighbourhoods and nature. This will be achieved through public awareness, neighbourhood-driven activities and decision making, and opportunities to estimate and enjoy London's outdoor spaces and places.
	<b>Goal 4: SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS</b>	We will invest strategically in parks, recreation, and sport infrastructure to support the Master Plan goals. This will be achieved by responding to demonstrated community needs through the thoughtful design, provision, and management of parks, facilities, and spaces.
	<b>Goal 5: RECREATION CAPACITY</b>	We will deliver exceptional parks, recreation, and sport services. This will be achieved through the use of effective and responsive practices, partnerships, innovation, leadership, and accountability at all levels.

Note: The goals of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan are aligned with the Framework for Recreation in Canada (2015).

## Active Living

**Strategic Direction:** Make parks and facilities walkable and accessible by residents through active transportation and connections to public transit.

### Recommendations:

- Emphasis on physical activity and physical literacy
- Expansion of drop in programming – respond to changing demographics & diversity, offering at non-traditional sites, more accessible locations etc.
- More family recreation opportunities... to foster lifelong participation
- Working together with other service providers and stakeholders to understand participation rates and gaps

## Inclusion and Access

**Goal:** We will remove barriers to participation by adopting a model of "access for all". This will be achieved by welcoming and including all residents.

### Recommendations:

- Work with under-represented populations to identify participation rates in parks, recreation, and sport; remove barriers to participation and establish appropriate participation targets.
- Expand programs and services for the special needs population, with a focus on increasing physical activity options for school-aged children with special needs.
- Expand staff training around accessibility, including sensitivity training.
- Increase awareness



## Connecting People and Nature

- Support efforts to expand active transportation networks, including trails and pathways within and connecting to parks and open spaces.

### Recommendations

- Education and awareness
- Enhance Thames shoreline access
- Address gaps in the recreational trail and pathway networks and extending the system into new growth areas
- Enhance safety and convenience of the recreational pathway system through urban design, active transportation, and park renewal (i.e., bike racks, signage, access points, education, separation of users in high traffic areas, winter maintenance in select locations)



## Connecting People and Nature

### Recommendations

- Align with Cycling Master Plan and link with Provincial Cycling Routes (CycleON). Update technical standard to reflect Provincial planning guidelines, as revised from time to time.
- Outdoor Play Strategy



MAP 4 - ACTIVE MOBILITY NETWORK

MAP SUBJECT TO LUMP ANNUAL PLATINGS



MAP 5 - NATURAL HERITAGE

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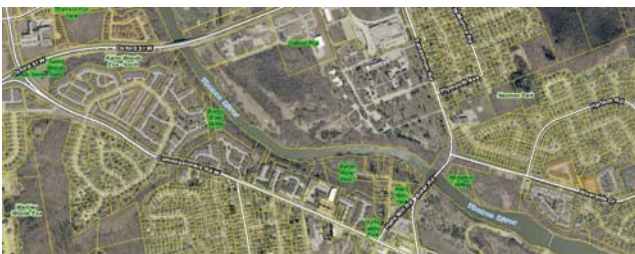
## Lambeth Link



## Lambeth Link - 2014







Other recommendations cover the main Goals of the Plan in the Areas of:

Supportive Environments  
Recreation Capacity



## Stay Involved!

### You may still provide input:

1. Any questions or comments to until April 23:  
[dbaxter@london.ca](mailto:dbaxter@london.ca)
2. You are encouraged to read through all of the recommendations online and provide comments online:  
[getinvolved.london.ca/playyourway](http://getinvolved.london.ca/playyourway)



**Parks and Recreation**  
**MASTER PLAN**

**We want your feedback**  
on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan  
draft recommendations

Visit [getinvolved.london.ca](http://getinvolved.london.ca) to review  
the recommendations and provide feedback.

Or if you would prefer to provide input in person  
please visit one of our **Open Houses**:

- Kinsmen Recreation Centre, 20 Granville St.  
- Wednesday, April 3 | 1 - 3 p.m.
- Kiwanis Seniors' Community Centre, 78 Riverside Dr.  
- Wednesday, April 3 | 6 - 8 p.m.

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