



OAKVILLE

REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: November 29, 2011

FROM: Department of Recreation and Culture, Department of Parks and Open Space, Oakville Public Library

DATE: November 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Draft Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan (PRLFMP), 2011

LOCATION: NA

WARD: Town wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report from the Department of Recreation and Culture, Department of Parks and Open Space and the Oakville Public Library, dated November 20, 2011, be received;
2. That the draft Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan, (PRLFMP) 2011 attached as Appendix A be received and released for public consultation; and
3. That staff report back on the results of the consultation in the third quarter of 2012 and that the candidate site assessment form the basis of a comprehensive interdepartmental land use study for recreation facilities south of the QEW, led by the Planning Department.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- In June 2006, Council approved the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Library Master Plan;
- The 2006 plan recommended that the plan be reviewed every five years;
- The draft Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan (PRLFMP) takes into account the impact of recent planning documents, new legislation, changes in trends and demographics, new facilities that have come on line and aging facilities;
- The PRLMFP makes recommendations on facility needs to build-out;
- Public consultation is recommended as the next phase of the draft PRLFMP;

- As part of the public consultation process, staff will review and assess candidate sites for recreation facilities south of the QEW from a programmatic point of view;
- The site assessment will provide input to a comprehensive land use study on lands south of the QEW to be led by the Planning Department.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, Council approved the Parks, Recreation Culture and Library Master Plan. This plan set out guiding principles for service provision and identified infrastructure needs to the town's build-out. To ensure that the Master Plan remained pertinent over that period of time, it was recommended that it be reviewed every five years. As there had been significant changes since the approval of the plan it was determined that the update should take the form of a new Facilities Master Plan.

Since the plan was approved, there have been a number of developments that would impact future needs. These include, the Livable Oakville Plan, the Places to Grow legislation, the Downtown Oakville Strategic Review, Mid-town Core Study and the Town's aggressive and successful efforts to address facility deficiencies as well as changes in demographics and recreation trends. In addition, the Halton Public School Board declared a number of schools and lands as surplus. Consequently, it was determined that a new Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan was required. The draft plan is now complete (Appendix A) and the purpose of this report is to have it received by Council and initiate a public consultation process to received feedback from the community and stakeholders.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:**Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan Content**

The Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan focuses primarily on future facility needs to the town's ultimate build-out, taking into account the impacts of the various studies noted above, changes in facility inventory and changes in demographics, growth projections and trends. The Master Plan also takes into account the possible impact of aging facilities such as Oakville Arena.

The Guiding Principles in the 2006 plan were reviewed for current relevance and for the most part remain the same.

It should be noted that although the original 2006 Master Plan included culture, this component was excluded in the PRLMFP as a separate Cultural Plan was created and approved in 2009.

Next Steps

Community Consultation for the Draft PRLFMP

Community consultation was not undertaken in the first phase of the plan. It was intended that a draft Master Plan be created for Council's review with community consultation to take place upon receipt of the draft.

It is recommended that community consultation take a number of forms including broad-based consultation through community forums as well as targeted consultation with sport user groups and stakeholders. A web site will also be established for general public comments.

It is anticipated that the community consultation process will be completed by June 2012 with a report back to the Community Services Committee by the third quarter of 2012.

As noted above, the primary goal of the PRLMFP was to identify the parks, recreation and library infrastructure needs. How, when and where facilities will be expanded or built to meet these needs will be subject to further analysis.

Along these lines there are a number of sites and facilities within south Oakville (south of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW), that require more detailed examination and collective consideration. This includes (but may not be limited to) Oakville Arena site, Trafalgar Park, Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital Lands and the Oakville Senior Citizens' Recreation Centre on Kerr St and the surplus school sites in south east Oakville. While the PRLMFP has assessed facility needs, the manner through which these needs will be implemented requires further study and the benefit of a public-input process.

As part of the PRLFMP consultation process, staff will be identify potential sites for recreation facilities south of the QEW. As the Master Plan recommends a minor community centre in south Oakville and also recommends that the Oakville Arena be taken out of service and not replaced on the site as an arena, it is essential that all potential sites for facilities be examined from a programmatic perspective.

The candidate site options developed by staff, through the consultation process will form the basis for an interdepartmental land use study lead by the Planning Department. The study will address the recommended location of the recreation facilities through a comprehensive evaluation of all the candidate sites recommended in the final PRLFMP.

The land use study as noted above is the subject of a separate report entitled Comprehensive Land use Study of Surplus Sites and Accommodation of

Recreation Needs in South Oakville on the November 29, 2011 Community Services Committee agenda.

Implementation and Financing

The financing of the plans' recommendations will be addressed in the land use study.

In addition, the PRLFMP will guide staff in the development of the town's development charges study as well as assist staff in the development of the ten year capital forecast.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

Upon Council approval, the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Master Plan will be released for public consultation. The consultation process will also include but not be limited to consultation with specific sports groups, special interest groups, local residents and in the case of the Oakville Arena, the Kinsmen Club.

(B) FINANCIAL

There are no funding implications at this time,

The results of the PRLFMP will guide staff in the development of the town's development charges study as well as assist staff in the development of the ten year capital forecast.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

The development of the PRLFMP involved the following departments: Recreation and Culture, Parks and Open Space, Finance, Planning and Development as well as the Oakville Public library. User groups will be consulted upon Council approval.

(D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:

- continuously improve our programs and services
- enhance our social environment

(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

The Facilities Master Plan is intended to address all four pillars of sustainability.

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APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Draft Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan

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