



OAKVILLE

## REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC LANDS STUDY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

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**FROM:** Recreation and Culture Department

**DATE:** August 31, 2012

**SUBJECT:** **Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan Inputs to South Central Public Lands Study**

**LOCATION:**

**WARD:** Wards 2 and 3

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### RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report from the Recreation and Culture Department, dated August 31, 2012 entitled *Parks, Recreation and Culture Facilities Master Plan Inputs to South Central Public Lands Study*, be received.
2. That comments from the South Central Lands Study Council Sub-Committee be referred to staff as inputs into the Master Plan as it relates to the completion of the South Central Public Lands Study.

### KEY FACTS:

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

- A draft Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan – PRLFMP - (technical report) was presented to Council on November 21, 2012
- Council released the draft plan for public consultation
- Consultation took place during May – July 2012
- The PRLFMP has been revised to reflect community input
- The specific PRLFMP draft recommendations pertaining to south central Oakville include:
  - Provision of Ice – Oakville Arena/Trafalgar Park
  - Indoor pools
  - Community Centre
  - Dedicated Seniors' Facilities
  - Parkland
  - Library
- This report summarizes the draft conclusions/recommendations arising from the combination of the technical master report and the public consultation on the master plan to date.

- Staff are recommending that comments from the South Central Lands Study Council Sub-Committee be referred to staff as inputs into the Master Plan as it relates to the completion of the South Central Public Lands Study.

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 2011, Council received the draft Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan and released it for public consultation. The consultation took place during the months of May – July 2012.

While the consultation was broad-based, some of it was very specific to community recreation facilities in south central Oakville. The PRLFMP will be informing the SCPLS and consequently the two studies are linked as was the consultation process.

The purpose of this report is to present the findings of the consultation process for the Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan specifically as they relate to south central Oakville. Staff are recommending that comments from the South Central Lands Study Council Sub-Committee be referred to staff as inputs into the Master Plan as it relates to the completion of the South Central Public Lands Study. (SCPLS)

**COMMENT/OPTIONS:**

A presentation from the Recreation and Culture Department on the above subject matter has been scheduled for the September 11, 2012 Sub-Committee meeting. This presentation will include a review of the original recommendations contained in the technical report, community input pertaining to those recommendations and draft comments and updated recommendations.

Key findings arising from the consultation process for the PRLFMP specific to the SCPLS are as follows:

- Provision of Ice – Oakville Arena/Trafalgar Park  
The technical recommendation suggests that currently there is excess capacity for ice and given the age and condition of the Oakville Arena it should be closed and a twin pad arena be considered beyond 2021.

The community values the heritage of the Oakville Arena and along with other facilities (outdoor pool and lit ball diamonds) feels strongly that it is an integral part of community recreation facilities in the neighbourhood.

The draft recommendation arising from the consultation process is to retain ice at the Trafalgar Park and report back to the Community Services Committee with associated costs and options to retain ice at Trafalgar Park including but not

limited to capital and operating costs and implications. The report will come forward on the same night as the master plan report.

- Indoor pools

The technical recommendation suggests that if the Centennial Pool is repurposed that it not be replaced at the Centennial Square location.

The community wishes to retain an indoor pool within south central area as part of other community recreation facilities.

The draft conclusion is that staff plan and develop options for the replacement of the Centennial Pool in south central Oakville ideally co-located with other indoor community recreation facilities.

- Community Centre

Based on long term population growth a minor community centre in south central Oakville containing multi-use and activity space is recommended in the technical report.

The community is seeking the development of a full community centre similar to those that currently exist and which includes provisions for a future pool to replace Centennial Pool.

The draft recommendations arising from the public consultation process suggest that a new multi-use/multi-generational community centre for south central Oakville be developed with options to include a pool. The location of the community centre will be addressed as part of the SCPLS. Further consultation with residents on the detailed design will occur once the location and financial analysis for the community centre is completed.

- Dedicated Seniors' Facilities

The draft PRLFMP (technical report) suggests that consideration be given to the future replacement of the Kerr Street senior's facility within a new community facility on the Oakville Arena or OTMH lands.

The seniors' community supports a new seniors' facility attached to other indoor recreation community facilities to replace the current facility, but only if such facility is located within the Kerr Street corridor.

The draft conclusion is to consider options for replacing the Oakville Citizens' Recreation Centre on Kerr Street with a new facility possibility attached to a community facility within the Kerr Street corridor.

- Parkland

The PRLFMP recommends that the town maintain its active parkland provision of 2.2 ha per 1,000 population. The active parkland provision level is for table land parkland for active recreation uses including but not limited to active sports fields, (lit and unlit) parking provisions, tennis courts, playgrounds, splash pads, BMX/skateboard facilities, etc. It does not include lands within, schools, natural heritage areas, woodlots, or other environmental lands.

The community through the master plan process supports maintaining the above noted active parkland provision level but would like to see an equal distribution of 2.2 ha per 1,000 population, including revised mapping of active parkland in south central Oakville.

This provision level is a town wide service target and while it is supported by the community it is not be practical or achievable within every geographic area of the town. The town, for example, has pursued the development of community parks for active and lit sports fields in non-residential and on the fringe of future residential neighbourhoods, especially in the north with the future development of North Park, West Oakville Sports Park and Palermo Park. This strategy looks to minimize the impacts of existing residential neighbourhoods related to sports field lighting, noise, traffic, parking and other related active recreation activities.

A more detailed parks and open space analysis will come forward at the same time as the PRLFMP is presented to the Community Services Committee in late October.

- Library

The PRLFMP technical recommendation is a town wide standard of 0.58 sf/capita for library space and a service radius of 2.5 kilometers. It recommends that the current Central Library be retained as a branch and that the administrative and central technical functions be relocated to a new main library. Input received during the consultation process suggested that there is support for retaining it as a Central Library including administrative functions.

The draft conclusions are to retain administrative functions in the downtown Central Library but relocate technical functions that would be more suitably situated in another branch.

### Conclusions

Comments received from the South Central Council Sub-committee will be referred back to staff specifically as it relates to the South Central Public Lands Study. The comments along with comments received from the community to date will be summarized and be presented at public meeting in late September.

The final draft Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan will come forward at a Community Services Committee meeting in late October 2012. The financial, (capital and operating impacts), impacts of the master plan recommendations will then be considered, with all other town capital needs, as part of the 10 year capital forecast in early 2013.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

**(A) PUBLIC**

Citizens in south central Oakville were invited to participate in the consultation process.

**(B) FINANCIAL**

There are no financial implications relative to this presentation. Future facilities development plans arising from the PRLFMP and the SCPLS will be subject to a more detailed financial analysis and be considered as part of the 10 year capital forecast process scheduled for completion in early 2013.

**(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS**

All potential user groups have been consulted throughout the process. The Planning and Parks and Open Space departments and well as the Oakville Public Library are involved.

**(D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS**

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:  
To be accountable in everything we do  
To be innovative in everything we do  
To enhance our social environment  
To continuously improve our programs and services  
To be fiscally sustainable

**(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY**

The Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan addresses all four pillars of sustainability.

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