

Vision 2025

A 10-Year Strategic Plan for Recreation, Parks, Arenas and Culture City of Peterborough

Progress Update

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About Vision 2025

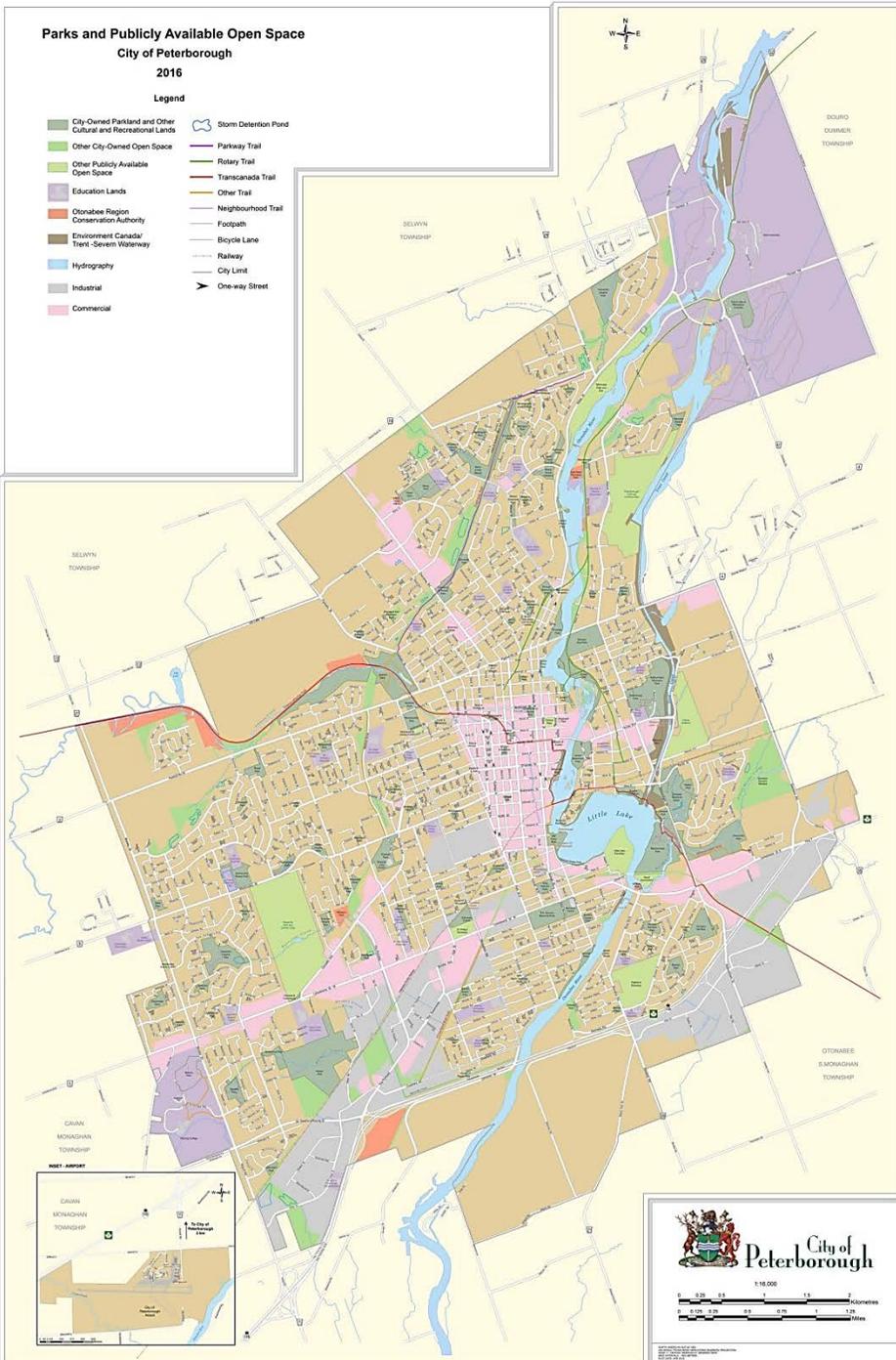
- **Key Outputs:**
 - a long-term **vision** (20-year) &
 - a ten-year **strategic plan** for recreation, parks, arenas & culture
- Focus on the **City of Peterborough** – but consider the region.
- Two areas of focus from the **Terms of Reference:**
 - explore opportunities for **increased collaboration, efficiency & effectiveness.**
 - prepare a strategy to **increase the strength & capacity of volunteers**

Progress to Date

- ✓ Community profile & population growth & change research & analysis
- ✓ Community & stakeholder consultation (the needs assessment phase)
- ✓ Assessment of:
 - how leisure services are provided
 - parks & open space + mapping
 - culture & recreation facilities, programming & events
 - demand (current & future)
- ✓ Strengths, assets & opportunities – to build on
- ✓ Challenges, issues & needs (current & future) – to address in Vision 2025

Parks and Publicly Available Open Space
City of Peterborough
2016

- Legend**
- City-Owned Parkland and Other Cultural and Recreational Lands
 - Other City-Owned Open Space
 - Other Publicly Available Open Space
 - Education Lands
 - Otonabee Region Conservation Authority
 - Environment Canada Trent-Severn Waterway
 - Hydrography
 - Industrial
 - Commercial
 - Storm Detention Pond
 - Parkway Trail
 - Rotary Trail
 - Transcanada Trail
 - Other Trail
 - Neighbourhood Trail
 - Footpath
 - Bicycle Lane
 - Railway
 - City Limit
 - One-way Street



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Determining Demand

Many layers of information & opinion were considered in determining demand.

- Characteristics of the community
- Anticipated population growth & change
- Community & stakeholder input
- Facility utilization & past patterns
- Program registration/event attendance & patterns
- National leisure trends & best practices
- Local/regional circumstances & trends

Community Consultation

- Approx. **2,300 individuals & organizations** have been consulted to date (3 surveys, 9 forums & workshops, 50+ key informant interviews & 2 sessions with 5 advisory committees).
- **Thousands of residents** were represented by groups, agencies & organizations that attended sessions & were interviewed.
- 900+ participated in the **2013 Arena Needs Assessment Study**
 - findings & recommendations have been incorporated into Vision 2025.

Top Consultation Themes

- Enhance opportunities for trail & on-road-based recreation & wellness activities
- Enhance parks & open space, esp. natural heritage resources - incl. open space corridors
- Improve accessibility, incl. affordability
- Strong support for more partnerships
- Improve opportunities for arts & culture
 - top items: more festivals & outdoor concerts, an arts centre & galleries
- Improve the integration of culture, recreation & related services – all major providers

Top Consultation Themes

- Improve public libraries, particularly branches
- Improve marketing of leisure opportunities
- Strong support for clustering facilities
- Enhance the downtown & Little Lake & environs – thro. parks, facilities & programs
- Toward an age-friendly community, incl. improved social & leisure opportunities for older adults
- Enhance volunteer services & resources
- Enhance museums, historic sites & built heritage
- Toward a healthier community

Strengths, Assets & Opportunities

- **The above-average array of providers** in the public, non-profit & commercial sectors – enhanced by strong & specialized college, university & Trent-Severn-Waterway roles:
 - land, facilities, programming & events
 - some are unique & above the norm
- The strong & strengthening **culture of co-operation & sharing** among providers – with an above average emphasis on **partnerships**.
 - across the City & into the region

Strengths, Assets & Opportunities

- The opportunity for **increased service integration** – particularly in the areas of:
 - culture & recreation planning – city & region,
 - information & marketing,
 - programming, services & facility provision,
 - volunteer engagement, &
 - scheduling (facility rental, programs, events).
- The large & crucial role played by **volunteer-based entities** – mostly in support of culture & recreation groups & programming.

Strengths, Assets & Opportunities

- The **above average number & type of providers** of parkland & other open space.
- **3,800+ ac. of publicly available open space.**
 - incl. almost 550 ac. of City parkland
 - & 600 ac. of other City-owned open space (a large portion of which could be designated as parkland).
- Current & future opportunities presented by **waterways & environs** (scenic & historic attributes, trails, natural & built environments, land & water-based activities & multiple providers to partner on initiatives).
- The emerging **trail & supportive open space network.**

Strengths, Assets & Opportunities

- **The range of facilities & the quantity & quality of most leisure facilities** is typical of a city the size & character of Peterborough.
- **Facility types that are above the norm:**
 - performing arts facilities (indoor & outdoor)
 - water-based facilities & features
 - outdoor rectangular fields
 - disc sports
- The opportunity for continued growth in **sport, culture, trails & waterway-based tourism.**

Issues, Challenges & Needs

- The request to improve **marketing of leisure opportunities**.
 - toward a single source of information, organized by market segment, rather than providers.
- The need to improve **accessibility** (access to & within leisure opportunities, affordability, reflective of all cultures).
- The **shortage of large table-land sites** - suitable for development of clusters of outdoor sports facilities & large culture/recreation complexes.

Issues, Challenges & Needs

- Although improving, the open space **linkage among parks & between other compatible land uses remains weak** (also presents an opportunity to encourage more trails & sidewalks).
- Using accepted assessment criteria, a number of residential areas have been identified as **under-serviced in Neighbourhood parkland**. However, there are opportunities to mitigate some of those deficiencies.
- One quarter of Neighbourhood parks have **inadequate street frontage**.

Issues, Challenges & Needs

- **Parkland & open space policies** require updating - through the update of Official Plan.
- **Planning for parks & open space** is not as **proactive** as it should be.
- We need to **more strongly advocate** for an adequate parks & open space system.
- There are challenges with **planning/co-ordinating the scheduling of major events.**

Issues, Challenges & Needs

Facilities that are below the norm and/or have significant shortfalls (* indicates demand is trending upward):

- quality & disbursed nature of creative arts facilities*
- quality of arenas
- quantity & quality of indoor aquatic facilities
- quantity of A & B-level ball diamonds
- quantity, quality & type of older adult facilities (& the delivery model)*
- quantity of pickleball courts*

Issues, Challenges & Needs

- size & quality of the Art Gallery of Peterborough & quantity of smaller galleries*
- quantity & quality of branch libraries
- quantity & size of indoor running tracks*
- quantity of beach volleyball courts*
- Sport & Wellness Centre is at capacity*
- increased protection is required for built heritage*
- number & composition of multi-facility complexes (indoor & outdoor)*

Next Steps

- Complete the **Background Report**.
- Develop the **long-term Vision & Strategic Priorities to 2025**.
- **Community-wide Review Forum** – June 22nd
- **Adjust the Vision**, based on input.
- Add detail to the **Strategic Priorities**.
- **Complete the draft reports** (Consultation, Background, Strategic Plan).
- **Final presentation to COW** – date TBD
- **Prepare the final reports**.