

# Future Directions



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## FUTURE DIRECTIONS OVERVIEW

The Future Directions Plans guide the strategic direction for the Recreation, Parks, Forestry & Environment, Library, Culture and Fire & Emergency Services Divisions for both the short and long term.

Each plan includes recommendations that address current and future needs.



## COMMON THEMES

- Capital and Service Delivery Needs
- Areas of Intensification
- Covid-19 Impact
- Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability

A photograph of four women of different ages practicing yoga in a studio. They are all in the Bhujangasana (Cobra) pose, with their hands on the floor and heads tilted back. The studio has large windows in the background and a wooden floor. The image has a reddish-pink tint.

# Recreation



# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## RECREATION

Category	Recommendation
Subsidized Programming	Conduct a review of the Active Assist fee assistance program.
	Engage the city's affiliated groups to share resources and best practices for supporting low income residents through service delivery.
	Explore potential of low cost programming for older adults, multi-generational and families through sponsorship.





# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## RECREATION

Category	Recommendation
Access and Inclusion	<p>Identify equity deserving populations and work with representative groups to articulate needed supports, gaps in service delivery and co-develop appropriate programs and services.</p> <p>Develop an Equity and Diversity Tool Kit to increase engagement of equity deserving populations at the local recreation planning area level.</p>



# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## RECREATION

Category	Recommendation
Access and Inclusion	Work with leading sport advocacy groups and/or educational institutions to audit participation by girls and women in sport and recreation in Mississauga, to address participation trends and gaps.



# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## RECREATION

Category	Recommendation
Space Use and Allocation	Monitor the capacity and the use of recreation spaces in alignment with Divisional allocation priorities.



A photograph of a park scene. In the foreground, a paved path curves along a body of water. Several people are walking on the path: a man in a dark jacket, a woman in a light-colored top, a person pushing a stroller, and a small child in a light-colored outfit. The path is bordered by tall grass and reeds. In the background, there are trees and a cloudy sky. A dark blue rounded rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title text in white.

# Parks, Forestry & Environment



# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## PARKS, FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENT

Category	Recommendation
Improving Access	<p>Improve access to park facilities through increasing the number of amenities at targeted locations across the City.</p> <p>Prioritize access to greenlands, where appropriate, in areas with parkland deficits.</p> <p>Create a standards document for POPS, Strata Parks, and other non-standard park typologies to ensure these parks can be designed to meet City Standards.</p>



# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## PARKS, FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENT

Category	Recommendation
Reduce Barriers	Prioritize identified facility investments and future parkland provision within/adjacent to ‘equity opportunity areas’ and Strategic Growth Areas.



# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## PARKS, FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENT

Category	Recommendation
Enhancing Parks	<p>Incorporate design features to support greater accessibility including wide pathways, technology in parks, improved signage, inclusive programming (inc. library and recreation) and support for multi-modal access.</p> <p>Provide lighting, seating, shade, washrooms and other comfort amenities where appropriate.</p>



A young girl with dark hair in pigtails is looking at books on a library shelf. She is wearing a light-colored t-shirt. The shelves are filled with books, and the scene is bathed in a warm, reddish-pink light. A dark blue rounded rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing the word "Library" in white text.

# Library



# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## LIBRARY

Category	Recommendation
Be Future-Ready and Resilient	<p>Invest in Flexible Facilities.</p> <p>Specific Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Conduct accessibility audits and reconfirm accessibility plans for each location</li><li>2. Purchase furniture and equipment that lend themselves to flexibility</li></ol>





# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## LIBRARY

Category	Recommendation
Enhance Customer-Centered Service	Explore offering increased hours of operation through an extended access or self-serve hours model.
Be Future-Ready and Resilient	Invest in essential technology services to help bridge the digital divide.



# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## LIBRARY

Category	Recommendation
Advance Community Cohesion	Expand equitable Library access for underserved and vulnerable residents.



# Culture







# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## CULTURE

Category	Recommendation
1. Advance affordable, sustainable and vibrant cultural infrastructure and creative spaces	<p>Increase support for and access to cultural infrastructure and creative spaces across the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Analyze needs, trends and market realities, and create a strategy to address gaps</li><li>➤ Engage School Boards to increase access to surplus school spaces</li></ul>



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## CULTURE

Category	Recommendation
2. Foster thriving, sustainable and connected cultural and creative sectors	<p>Create a sustainable and equitable environment and build capacity in the cultural and creative sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Develop provision and utilization standards for the City's culture venues, programs and services</li><li>➤ Create a culture incubator strategy to support career development pathways</li></ul>



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## CULTURE

Category	Recommendation
3. Expand vibrant public spaces across the city	<p>Use public spaces and infrastructure to support more arts, culture and heritage experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Incorporate more underrepresented stories and art forms into Culture programming and events</li><li>➤ Create at least one new service public space in each Service Area to increase cultural use</li><li>➤ Review opportunities to expand planning tools and reduce regulatory barriers to support activities</li></ul>





# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## CULTURE

Category	Recommendation
4. Support accessible and inclusive cultural experiences for all	<p>Prioritize equity, access, affordability and inclusivity, and advance Truth and Reconciliation work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Investigate opportunities for fee subsidies, and associated financial implications, to increase access to culture venues, programs and events</li><li>➤ Investigate solutions for a centralized platform to promote community hosted programs and events</li></ul>

A firefighter in full protective gear, including a helmet and a tank labeled 'MSA', is shown from the side, spraying a powerful stream of water from a hose. The scene is filled with steam or smoke, and the background is dark. The entire image has a reddish-pink color overlay.

# Fire & Emergency Services



# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Category	Recommendation
Improving Access & Inclusion	<p>Complete the Fire Station Infrastructure plan including the construction of new fire stations and renovation of existing stations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 8 stations that do not have female washrooms/change facilities</li><li>➤ Renovate 17 stations to include universal washroom facilities</li><li>➤ Areas of fire stations that are likely to be used by the public, including the apparatus bays will be made accessible.</li></ul>



# HIGHLIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

## FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Category	Recommendation
Community Safety & Access	<p>Reinforce and consistently apply all available enforcement strategies to ensure compliance to Ontario Building Code, Fire Code and other legislative requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ All vulnerable occupancies (retirement homes and care/treatment facilities) within Mississauga are fully inspected annually as per provincial legislation to ensure successful evacuation of residents who may not be able to assist themselves</li><li>➤ Vulnerable Persons Registry is a service that is designed to provide pertinent information to our crews on residents who have mobility limitations, visual &amp; hearing impairment, oxygen use and/or other requirements have that may assist our responding crews in the event of an emergency.</li></ul>



# PROJECT TIMELINE

