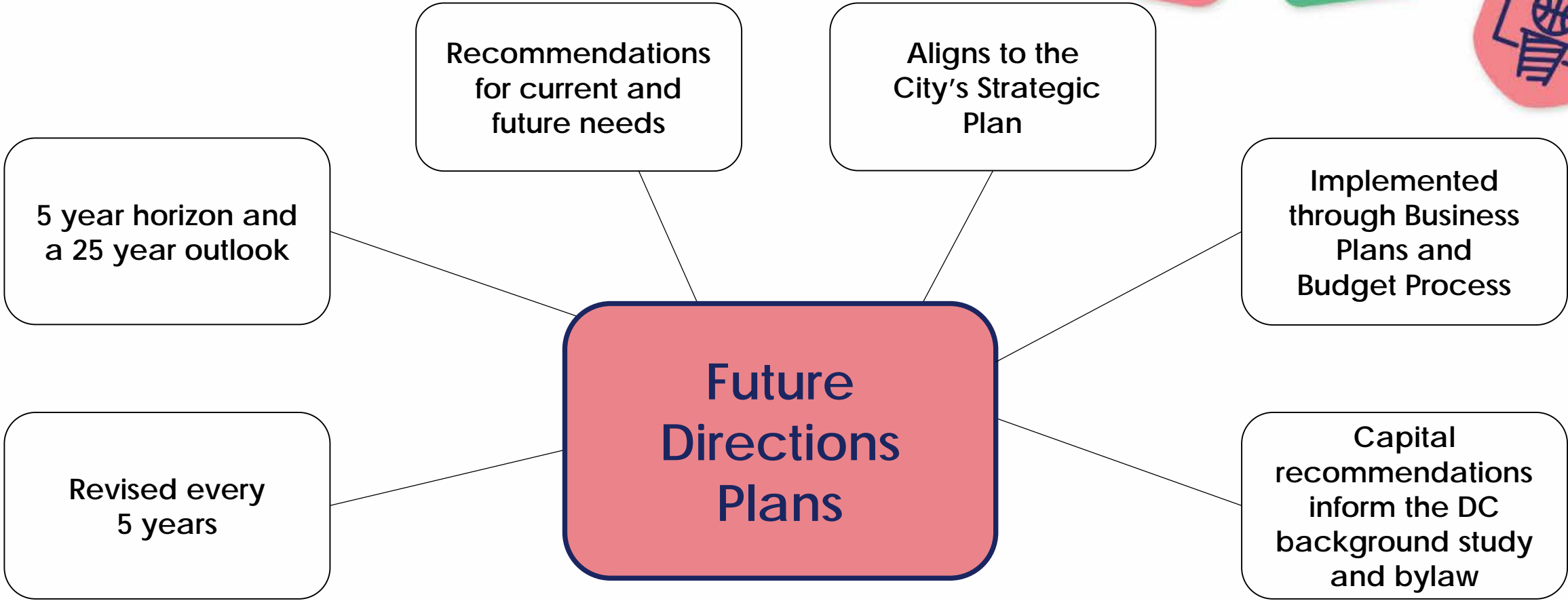


Future Directions



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PROJECT OVERVIEW





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The Future Directions Plans guide the strategic direction for the Community Services Divisions in both the short and long term.

Each plan is expected to recommend actions to address current and future needs of those who live, work and play in Mississauga.

COMMON THEMES

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

PROJECT TIMELINE



Oct 2022 -
Mar 2023

Oct 2022 -
Mar 2023

Apr - Oct
2023

Nov
2023

Nov-Jan
2024

Feb-Mar
2024

Develop Background
Reports

Consultation

Develop Draft
Plans

Present Draft
Plans to Council

Public Feedback on
Draft Plans

Council
Endorsement

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

PARKS, FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENT



Strategic Priority	Recommendation
Growing, Connecting and Developing Parkland	<p>Update the 2022 Parks Plan ahead of the scheduled refresh to enable the City to more effectively respond to changes in Provincial Legislation.</p> <p>Create an easy-to-apply standards document for POPS, Strata Parks, and other non-standard park typologies to elevate criteria for what would be accepted by the City.</p> <p>Within the framework of the Balance of Parkland Study, prioritize the delivery of complimentary and appropriate park uses like trails, and unprogrammed open space within Greenlands to increase access to parkland in areas that have a parkland deficit.</p> <p>Develop a Marina in Port Credit to maintain the character of the area, provide residents access to the waterfront, and to improve the natural environment.</p>
Development, Maintenance, and Operations of Parkland	<p>Support volunteerism and stewardship by expanding awareness of opportunities and identifying strategies to make it easier to become a volunteer.</p> <p>Various facility specific recommendations to increase capacity without increasing supply that would occupy land that could be used for other purposes like naturalization, open space and/or other facilities.</p>

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Apply a priority and balanced approach to the protection and Enhancement of the Natural Environment	<p>Formalize Unprogrammed Space as a park amenity with a standard level of service within the context of the protection and enhancement of the natural environment and climate change resiliency; and undertake measures to promote and communicate the value of Unprogrammed Space.</p> <p>Expand naturalization initiatives and increase tree canopy.</p> <p>Build on existing Partnerships with community groups to expand educational programming focused on conservation, promoting biodiversity, and parks' role in addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation.</p> <p>Enhance the protection, restoration, and expansion of natural heritage features and natural areas as part of current and future parkland development and investments.</p> <p>Update existing forestry and natural heritage strategies and plans to refine and adapt management to recent legislative changes and growing pressures and threats.</p>

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Efficient Delivery of Park Facilities	<p>A general principle to provide higher levels of service for park facilities that align with the City’s Forestry and Environmental goals and objectives. Eg. unprogrammed open space.</p> <p>New community garden locations will be driven by community interest and demand through public engagement processes and balanced with the capacity to provide adequate staffing at each garden location. Existing garden locations will continue to be reviewed to ensure they are updated as required and have access to shade structures (and/or trees) and seating and explore whether access to washrooms can be improved in a feasible manner that aligns with the City’s Washroom Plan.</p>

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Enhancing Park Experiences	Various recommendations that support incorporating environmental awareness and education through public art and interpretive features.

Climate Change	<p>Install EV chargers at select Destination or highly-visited community parks where appropriate.</p> <p>The City should review its finding from the pilot program for dog waste energy production to consider if a permanent program is feasible.</p> <p>Various recommendations that support increased multi modal access to park facilities and revisions to the City's Service Area Boundaries to support the access based approach.</p>
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