

# Future Directions



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# Future Directions Overview

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

Each plan includes recommendations that address current and future needs. Some of the common themes within the Plans include:

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





# Engagement and Consultation

The consultation phase initiated with staff meetings and focus groups in October 2022, followed by the launch of the online public survey in November 2022. The survey garnered **7021** responses. Throughout October to March 2023, the following groups were engaged:

- Sport Groups (over 220 invitees)
- Community Agencies (over 70 invitees)
- Region of Peel
- Six Nations of the Grand River
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations
- School Boards
- Resident Associations
- BIAs
- Older Adult Groups
- Youth Groups
- Outdoor Community User Groups
- City of Mississauga Staff
- Members of Council
- Accessibility Advisory Committee

# Recreation



# Recreation Draft Plan

- Guides the delivery of indoor recreation facilities, programs and services.
- Informs future provision, asset management and the capital budget process.
- Addresses the changing needs for recreation in Mississauga, that reflect a growing, dynamic population.
- Considers new ideas for the current and anticipated population, particularly in areas of intensification, along with trends and best practices in the recreation sector.





# Strategic Priorities

- 1. Maintain Recreation Facility Needs:** Infrastructure renewal and redevelopment activities are key priorities to ensure optimization of the supply and condition of facilities for current market and operation conditions.
- 2. Promote Access and Inclusion:** Through targeted and focused efforts to include equity deserving groups, and further identify opportunities, understand barriers and remove those barriers to increase participation.
- 3. Increase Service Delivery for Youth and Older Adults:** While all age groups benefit from participating in recreational activities, youth and older adults are a priority.
- 4. Strengthen our Programs and Services:** Continued quality assurance in program delivery and dedication to ensure the cost recovery model is fiscally aligned to services provided.





## Key Recommendations

- Construct a new community centre in Service Area E (Cooksville).
- Redevelop the Small Arms Inspection Building (North Building).
- Prioritize redevelopment of the aging Mississauga Valley Community Centre.
- Conduct a review of the ActiveAssist fee assistance program.
- Engage the City's affiliated groups to share resources and best practices for supporting residents experiencing low income through service delivery.
- Explore the potential of low-cost programming for older adults, multi-generational opportunities and families through sponsorship.





## Key Recommendations

- Identify equity-deserving populations in Mississauga and work with representative groups to assess needed supports, gaps in service delivery and co-develop appropriate programs and services.
- Support the creation of the City's Reconciliation Plan and actively explore the creation of a Community Circle with our Indigenous partners which will inform and guide programming and initiatives across the City.
- Monitor the capacity and the use of recreation and culture spaces to identify under represented users. Support equity deserving groups by addressing gaps and prioritizing access in alignment with divisional objectives and applicable allocation policies.

