

# RECREATION PLAYBOOK

*Town of Newmarket*



# The Recreation Playbook



- Process to determine go forward services offered by the Town to meet community needs
- Will function as the 'Master Plan' for recreation services in Newmarket
- Employs an extensive community engagement process

# The Recreation Facility Study



- Prepared for the purposes of informing the Recreation Playbook
- Looks solely at recreation facility needs over the next ten years (to 2025)
- Considers local demographics, trends, benchmarking and generally accepted service levels for its assessments
- Provides 'Potential Directions' that must be verified with consultations undertaken separately through the Recreation Playbook

# Potential Directions



## Arenas

- Maintain a supply of 7 ice pads
- Subject to confirmation through the Recreation Playbook, the preferred strategy would be to:
  - Consider divesting of the Hollingsworth Arena and relocate pad to an alternative location deemed suitable by the Town

# Potential Directions

## Indoor Aquatic Centres

- Maintain a supply of 2 indoor aquatic centres

## Gymnasiums

- Explore the feasibility of adding a new gym to the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex
- Engage in reciprocal agreements to access gyms operated by the school boards

# Potential Directions



## Fitness Space

- Continue with the current model that focuses upon floor-based fitness programs
- Explore entry into introductory and family oriented equipment-based fitness at a selected community centre(s).
  - Pending core service delivery reviews and the Recreation Playbook outcomes

# Potential Directions



## Youth and Older Adult Spaces

- Continue to focus delivery of youth-oriented programming through a Recreation Youth Centre and Newmarket Seniors Centre
- Broaden outreach programming out of existing recreation facilities including the Magna Centre and the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex

# Potential Directions



## Sports Fields

- Existing supply of rectangular fields and ball diamonds is sufficient
- Engage sports field users to determine if specific field improvements
- While existing inventory is sufficient, consider an artificial turf field to:
  - Reduce maintenance on existing fields
  - Extended playable conditions during/following inclement weather
  - Increase service level in shoulder seasons



# Potential Directions

## Hard Surface Outdoor Courts

- Provide 2 new tennis courts
- Provide 2 new pickleball courts
- Provide 3 new basketball courts to balance geographic distribution

## Outdoor Aquatics

- Provide a minimum of 1 spray pad in each quadrant
- Continue to operate Gorman Pool over the next ten years

# Potential Directions



## Playgrounds

- Develop a minimum of one new fully inclusive, barrier-free playground suitable for persons with disabilities.
- Through playground replacement and renewal programs, as part of annual budget process, strive to integrate barrier-free components into other playgrounds

## Next Steps



- Receive input from Council On Recreation Facility Study
- Staff to consider findings in combination with other inputs, including community consultation, determined through the Recreation Playbook



# Thank You



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