



# City of London Parks & Recreation Master Plan

## Get Involved!

Your input will be used to inform the recommendations of the draft Master Plan.

### Things to Think About

- 1 How do parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities in the City of London **make a difference** in your life?
- 2 Over the past few years, has your **usage** of parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities changed? What would **increase your participation**?
- 3 What can be done to make parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities **even better**? Let us know your specific ideas for your neighbourhood or the City.
- 4 We need to ensure that our parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities continue to be affordable to residents. Let us know what **opportunities** or **strategies** should be considered.

Please email your answers to these questions to:  
[playourway@london.ca](mailto:playourway@london.ca)

**There will be many opportunities to participate throughout the engagement process, including:**

Online Community Survey	<a href="http://getinvolved.london.ca/playourway">getinvolved.london.ca/playourway</a>
Pop-Up Consultations	Spring & Summer 2018
Project Email	<a href="mailto:playourway@london.ca">playourway@london.ca</a>
Draft Master Plan Consultation	Fall & Winter 2018

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## Discussion Guide

Spring/Summer 2018

### Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The City of London offers high quality parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities that engage residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. We are undertaking a study to ensure that our services continue to respond to the community, now and into the future.

Through the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, we want to know more about how you use London's parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities.

This is your chance to influence how we deliver recreation programs and sport services, design parks and build facilities.

**We value your input!**

### How to Use This Guide

Use this Discussion Guide to **start a conversation** about the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The Guide explains what has been accomplished through previous Master Plans, what we are currently working on, and how to get involved.

Use the **"Things to Think About" Questions** on the back page of this Discussion Guide to start a conversation with friends, family, or groups that you work or volunteer with. Please send your answers to these questions to [playourway@london.ca](mailto:playourway@london.ca).

To learn more about the many ways that you can share your feedback, see the back page of this Discussion Guide or visit [getinvolved.london.ca/playourway](http://getinvolved.london.ca/playourway).



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## What we value about Parks, Recreation Programs, Sport Services and Facilities in London

**Participation.** The City's goal is to provide introductory level recreation programs. Participation improves health and quality of life.

**Diversity and inclusion.** The City is committed to providing a full range of opportunities that reduce barriers and support all Londoners to feel engaged and involved in our community.

**Accessibility.** The City is committed to providing access to programs and activities for persons of all ages and abilities.

**Quality.** The City is committed to providing parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities that meet the needs of all Londoners.

## What the City of London provides

**Recreation Programming.** City of London programs include affordable and accessible opportunities to try new activities that we hope will interest and engage you.



**Facilities.** This includes: arenas, community centres, pools, libraries, golf courses, community sites, as well as specialty parks and attractions.

**Parks, Civic Spaces, Trails & Natural Areas.** We offer parks to suit the interests of all residents including accessible playgrounds, sports parks, community gardens, woodlands and the Thames River Corridor.

**Investment in the Community.** The City is committed to making investments in our community and demonstrating support for residents. An example of this is our Neighbourhood Decision Making initiative.

## Parks, Sport & Recreation are good for all!

**Strong Neighbourhoods.** Parks make our communities vibrant and keep individuals connected and engaged.

**Healthy Lifestyles.** Increased access to parks and recreation services improves individual, social and economic wellbeing.

**Sustainable Environments.** Effective management, restoration and stewardship maintain the sustainability of our parks and natural areas.

## Look, it works!

Below is a list of accomplishments we have been able to implement through direction provided in previous Master Plans.



## Key accomplishments from past Master Plans

- Collaboration to improve and develop sport fields
- Development of Stoney Creek Community Centre, YMCA & Library
- Increased programming in neighbourhoods (i.e., Seniors' Satellites)
- Capital investment and repairs to facilities at the end of their lifecycles
- Parkland acquisition, design and management policies in the London Plan
- Southwest Community Centre, YMCA & Library (opening September 2018)
- Accessibility improvements and playground equipment replacement in parks throughout London.

## What we're working on

The City is committed to improving access to programs and supporting residents through participation in parks and recreation activities. Some upcoming projects include:

- Facility and park-specific upgrades
- One River Environmental Assessment
- East Community Centre
- East Lions Park redevelopment

## Why now?

### We need an Updated Plan to set a course for the future

As London grows and changes, the **interests** of residents also change.

We value **diversity and inclusion**. This plan aims to improve the quality of life for all Londoners through the provision of parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities that are welcoming and accessible for all.

We want to address **barriers to access** and align parks, recreation programs, sport services and facilities with the evolving **interests and requirements** of Londoners.

