

2018 Integrated Leisure Master Plan Update OVERVIEW & UPDATE

**Presentation to
City of Markham General Committee
May 7, 2018**

About the ILMP

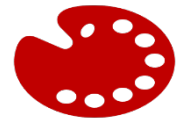
- The Integrated Leisure Master Plan (ILMP) guides decision-making for Recreation, Culture, Parks and Libraries.
- The first ILMP was prepared in 2010.
- The 2018 Update will examine changes since 2010 and identify needs to 2031.



About the ILMP

The ILMP guides service delivery and facility development for:

- public libraries
- community centres, pools and arenas
- recreation services
- arts and culture facilities and services
- sports fields, playgrounds, splash pads, courts and more
- parkland and trails



Project Consultants: Monteith Brown Planning Consultants

Key City Departments: Community Recreation

Parks and Open Space Development

Parks Operations

Markham Public Library

Updating the ILMP

The 2018 Update is targeted, with a focus on facility needs in key areas:

- library facilities
- ice pads
- cricket pitches
- pickleball courts
- baseball diamonds
- park programming/design

Key Building Blocks:

- Inventories and Distribution
- Internal and External Input
- Trends and Usage Data
- Demographics and Growth

Work Completed to Date

1. Reviews & Updates:

- a. Alignment with Background Documents
- b. 2010 ILMP Status Update
- c. Population Growth and Socio-Demographic Data
- d. Parks and Facilities Inventory

2. Consultation:

- a. Staff Workshops – Recreation/Parks and Library (January)
- b. Stakeholder Workshops (3) – Sports Groups (January, February)
- c. ILMP Update Webpage
- d. Community Survey (April)
- e. Library Board Consultation (April 23)
- f. Councillor interviews (March/April) and General Committee (May 7)

3. Draft Master Plan Update (in progress)

Key Accomplishments – 2010 ILMP

The 2010 ILMP helped to guide:

New Facility Development, such as:

- Cornell CC & Library
- Aaniin CC & Library
- Markham Pan Am Centre
- New parks and trails

Park Policy Development, such as:

- Parks Renaissance Program
- Parkland Acquisition Study

Service Delivery, such as:

- Older Adult Strategy
- Library Strategic Plan (2015-2019)
- Public Realm Strategy
- Public Art Policy

The 2010 ILMP contained over 200 recommendations, including project/time-specific actions and best practices.

Of the project-specific recommendations, 77% have been completed or are in progress.

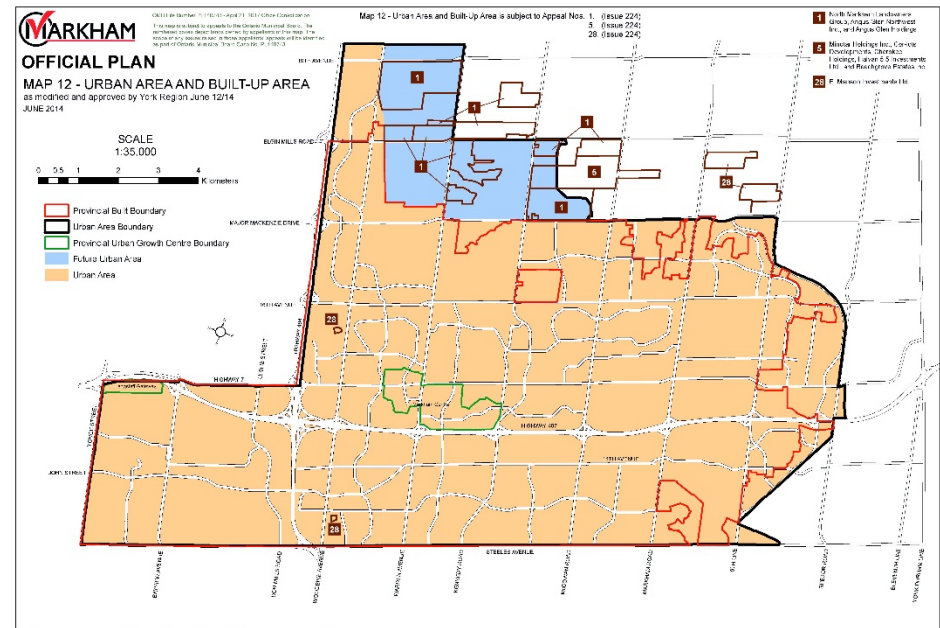
Key Themes for ILMP Update – Slide 1

Population & Growth

Provision & Design

Evolving Interests

1. **Greenfield Growth** – Addressing needs in the Future Urban Area
2. **Intensification** – Keeping pace and considering new models of provision
3. **Changing Demographics** – Aging, Diversity, Low Income
4. **Unique Communities with Unique Needs**



Source: City of Markham Official Plan (June 2014),
Map 12 – Urban Area and Built-up Area

Key Themes for ILMP Update – Slide 2

Population & Growth

Provision & Design

Evolving Interests

1. **Parkland Acquisition** – Changing policies, park models and costs; aligning ILMP with related studies
2. **Community Hubs** – Positioning Community Centres and Libraries, and working with others
3. **Aging Infrastructure** – Reinvestment and Updates (accessibility, efficiency)
4. **101-acre Sports Park** – Field needs are growing but park has an uncertain future
5. **Partnerships** – Fostering relationships with others (e.g., schools and post-secondary)
6. **Funding** – Indoor Recreation DCs are oversubscribed; new implementation strategies are needed/Need to manage public expectations for costly infrastructure park

Key Themes for ILMP Update – Slide 3

Population & Growth

Provision & Design

Evolving Interests

1. **Growing Expectations** – e.g., Prime Time hours for Older Adults
2. **The Evolving Library** – From Consumption to Creation; Digital; Outreach; Flexible
3. **Casual Use of Parks** – Growing demand for pavilions, washrooms, age-friendly spaces
4. **Emerging Activities** – e.g., cricket, pickleball, drop-in, indoor sports, etc.
5. **Sport Development** – Year-round demand; Sport Tourism; alignment with Sport Plan

Next Steps

1. Analysis of Online Survey Results
2. Complete Draft ILMP and Recommendations
3. Internal Review
4. Present ILMP to City Council – June 12, 2018

Questions & Comments?

Thank you



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