

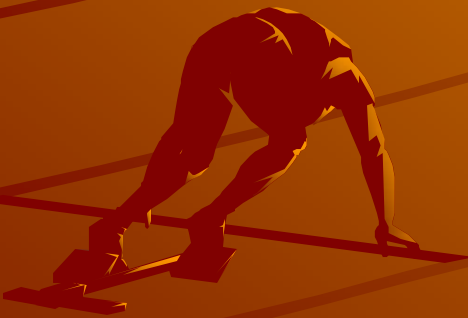
Parks, Recreation, Culture & Library Master Plan

Indoor Recreation Facilities Section

Presentation #2

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Key Trends Affecting Markham

- ◆ Significant population growth
- ◆ Compact development patterns
- ◆ Ethnically diverse population
- ◆ High median household income & well educated
- ◆ Growth from all population segments to 2016
- ◆ Aging society & more active

Key Trends Affecting Markham

- ◆ Stabilized demand/decline in traditional indoor ice markets
- ◆ Shift toward informal, self-scheduled & casual participation
- ◆ Walking - #1 unstructured activity on Ontario
- ◆ Municipal focus on Fiscal Responsibility & Efficiency
- ◆ Internet generation

Recommended Service Provision Standards

- ◆ Standards build on previous Master Plan & adjusted from public consultation process & expertise of project consultants
- ◆ Indoor Recreation Facility Provision Standards are:
 - Fitness centre – 1 per 80,000 residents
 - Gymnasium – 1 double per major CC
 - Indoor ice – 1 pad per 24,000 residents
 - Indoor swimming pool – 1 per 50,000 residents
 - Major multi-purpose CC – 1 per 50,000 residents
 - Seniors, youth & rec – with each major CC program space

Major Multi-Purpose CC

- ✦ Community desire full package services in larger recreation buildings (i.e. one stop shopping)
- ✦ Plan recommends enhancements at 3 existing (Thornhill, Centennial, Milliken) and providing 2 new community centres
- ✦ New community centres at Central East in short term (2009); Southeast in medium term (2014)

Fitness Space

- ◆ Widespread community support for provision of fitness services
- ◆ Fitness services will support & attract baby boom senior
- ◆ Fitness space recommended for each of two new multi-purpose community centres

Gymnasiums

- ✦ Offers flexibility for programming diverse activities meeting needs of all age groups
- ✦ Thornhill & Centennial enhancements include gym space
- ✦ Plan recommends double gymnasium in new community centre

Program Space – Children/Youth/Seniors

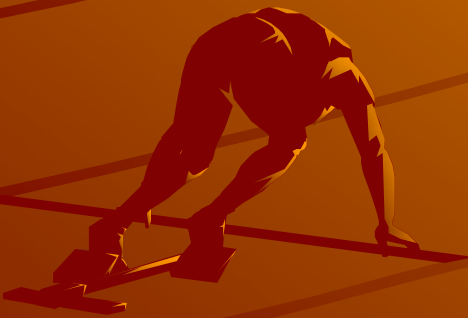
- ◆ Each new facility to include a multi-purpose recreation program space
- ◆ Devoted space as well to be committed to youth & seniors for new community centre

Indoor Ice/Arenas

- ✦ 2005 – 2021 plan recommends addition of two new ice pads in Southeast community centre (2014)
- ✦ Arena not in current mix of proposed uses for Central East community centre
- ✦ Continue ongoing assessments of aging infrastructure re: life cycle

Indoor Ice/Arenas cont'd

- Minimum standard twin pad for cost efficiency
- Monitor demand for ice ongoing



Indoor Swimming Pools

- ✦ Swimming continues as popular activity; life-long activity appeals to all age groups
- ✦ Plan proposes two additional pools at the two new community centres
- ✦ Recommend one of pools constructed to a standard for competitions / tournaments

Canadian Sports Institute

❖ CSI would include:

- Major aquatics centre
- Four hall field house
- Competition venue & community arenas
- High tech sports science training centre
- Office tower & residences

❖ CSI facility in Markham impacts indoor recreation facilities in the plan including arenas, indoor pool, fitness centre, gymnasiums

Canadian Sports Institute cont'd

- ❖ While CSI compliments/enhances PRCL-MP, changes/trade-offs are required
- ❖ CSI can provide the projected demand needs for indoor pool, arenas, gym, fitness centre at the proposed Southeast community centre
- ❖ Capital investment to CSI using DC funds slated for the future Southeast community centre is the major trade-off