



Parks and Open Space Planning Guidelines and Standards City of Peterborough

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Objectives of the Study / Scope

- 1. Recommend park planning, provision and design guidelines and standards for existing and new parks.
- 2. Evaluate Neighbourhood park quality and functionality, and identify high priority parks in need of rejuvenation.
- 3. Identify gaps in access to Neighbourhood parkland.
- 4. Evaluate City-owned (non-parkland) open space and recommend sites to be considered to officially become parkland.
- 5. Assess and recommend a strategy to improve Neighbourhood park equity.
- 6. Estimate the amount of tableland-quality Regional and Community parkland that the City will need as it grows.

Park Equity

Park Equity is a critical concept that underpinned much of the research, analysis and recommendations – and represents a new way of assessing a community's parks and recreation resources.

Park Equity = **Access** (to parkland) + **Quality** (of parks) + **Inclusivity** (the degree to which ALL residents can access Parkland)

For **Inclusivity**, we mapped a range of residential density and household income.

Key Deliverables

- An assessment of the parks and open space system (strengths and challenges)
- An assessment of the quality and functionality of Neighbourhood parks
- An assessment of access to and distribution of Neighbourhood parks
- Identification and evaluation of the 250 ha. (149 properties) of City-owned (non-parkland) open space and recommendations of candidate sites to become parkland
- An evaluation and a prioritized list of the Neighbourhood parks most in need of rejuvenation (based on Park Equity criteria)

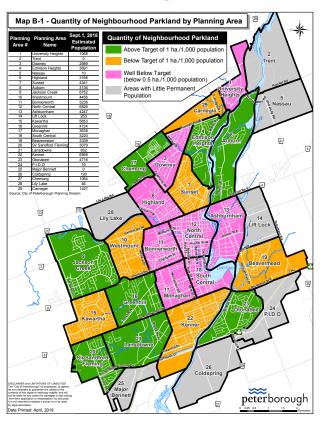
Key Deliverables (continued)

- For the developed and partially developed residential Planning Areas, a comprehensive strategy has been recommended to improve Neighbourhood parkland equity.
- Calculated the amount of tableland-quality Community and Regional parkland that will be required to meet the City's needs for major indoor and outdoor culture and recreation facilities as it fully develops.
- Prepared a new parks and open space classification aligned with the Draft Official Plan
- Prepared a Parks Development Standards document that will guide the design and development of new parkland and the rejuvenation of existing parks.

Key Findings

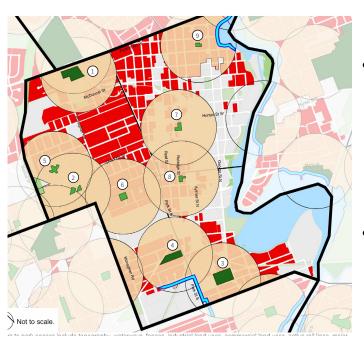


Key Findings (continued)



- The quantity of Neighbourhood parkland is below the recommended standard in 14 Planning Areas, with 8 Planning Areas well below the target.
- The City-wide, the ratio is 0.75 ha./1,000 population (Standard: 1 ha./1,000 population)
- As residential density increases, especially in built-up areas, the ratio will worsen.

Key Findings (continued)



- Many Neighbourhood parks do not meet the standard for quality and functionality that is being recommended for new parks (as outlined in the Parks Development Standards document).
- Many residential areas have gaps in access to Neighbourhood parkland, with Wards 2,3 and 5 being the most serious

Park Standards

The Park Standards Document is:

- A working document that is set out as a reference to assist City Staff,
 Landscape Architects, Park Planners, the development industry and the
 general public for moving forward with the planning and design of new and
 redeveloped parks in Peterborough.
- Represents current best practices for park planning & design
- It will be a **living document** that should be **updated as required** to address broader changes to standards or practices in park planning & design.
- Contains three sections :
 - 1) Planning for Parks
- 2) Design for Parks
- 3) Construction Details

Key Information from Part 1: Planning for Parks

- Contains a Classification of Parks that responds to future core area intensification.
 - 1. Regional Parks and Other Open Spaces
 - 2. Community Parks and Other Open Spaces
 - 3. Neighbourhood Parks and Other Open Spaces
 - Pocket Parks
 - 5. Urban Park Spaces a second tier of parks located within high density areas (including the downtown) comprising the following new types of parks:
 - Urban Community Parks
 - Urban Squares
 - Urban Pocket Parks

- Sliver Parks
- Courtyards
- Connecting Links

Key Information from Part 1: Planning for Parks

- Parks and Open Spaces are prioritized during Secondary Planning to help provide the opportunities for improving park and open space locations and linkages.
- Parks and Open spaces will better contribute to improved storm water
 Management.
- Parks and Open Spaces will be planned to **promote contiguous green space corridors** both **within and beyond** the **Boundary's** of Plans of Subdivision and Development Plans.

Key Information from Part 1: Planning Guidelines

- •A process is provided for the identification, integration and protection of Natural Heritage Features and open spaces with high ecological value.
- •Prepared prior to any development plans and will inform the spatial planning (arrangement) of Development and Subdivision Plans.



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Key Information from Part 2: Design for Parks

- A Structure of Responsibilities and Design Expectations for both City and Developer.
- Identifies recommended design features by Park Classification
- Lays out developer responsibilities for the condition of lands allocated for Parks from servicing to topsoil requirements
- Design and Construction may be carried out by City or the Developer (City's option)
- **Includes design criteria** for Accessibility, Sustainability, Grading, setback parameters, play and recreation facilities, shade provisions etc.
- Establishes a sequenced planning & design process

Sequenced Design Process

Official Plan

Secondary Plan

Facility Fit Plan

Conceptual Park Plan

Detailed Design

- Parks and Open Space policies
- Allocation of Park categories
- Park and Open Space Layout
- Relationships to other land uses and adjacent lands
- Identification of Natural Heritage Features
- Informs subdivision draft Plan

- Ensures land area accommodates proposed park facilities
- Ensures grading requirements are met
- Informs Final Draft Plan

- Identifies park layout alternatives
- Accommodates Community Engagement
- Establishes construction budgets
- Informs detailed design and construction

- Ensures park
 Standards are met
- Binds the contactors work
- Servicing Plan, Layout Plan, Planting Plan, etc.



Key Information from Part 3: Construction Details For Parks

- Ensures **Best Practices** and Consistency in **Design and Construction Details**.
- Details will be available to parks maintenance & planning staff, developers and consultants
- Provide minimum construction requirements to ensure safety, durability and flexibility
- Reviewed and updated on a regular basis
- Includes details for fencing, paving, furnishings, safety surfacing, play area edging, sports field layouts, yard hydrants, LID features etc.

