



Town of Hawkesbury

# Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Background Report | December 2025 (Updated April 2026)

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# 1.0 Introduction

This section outlines the purpose of the Background Report and provides an overview of the project's scope and process.

# 1.1 Purpose of the Background Report

## Intent of the Report

This Background Report is intended to provide the basis of evidence, research, and analysis, as we understand it, necessary to provide a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) for the Town of Hawkesbury. It highlights the strategic issues and potential options identified during the initial phase of work that warrant further study as the project advances. Together with insights gathered through early engagement activities, these issues and options will shape the guiding principles and strategic directions of the PRMP. Once the guiding principles and strategic directions are confirmed, detailed recommendations will be developed and incorporated into the final Master Plan.

## Project Process

The development of the PRMP will follow a four-phase framework. The Plan will be shaped through a robust public engagement process, supported by detailed analysis of current and future community needs, as well as best practices in recreation facilities, programs, services, and parkland management.



# 1.2 Master Plan Scope

## What's Included

### Service Delivery

- Internal Organization & Resources
- Partnerships
- Programming & Events

### Indoor Facilities

- Robert Hartley Sports Complex (RHSC)
- Annexe Building
- La Maison de l'île

### Parks & Outdoor Facilities

- Parks
- Sports Fields
- Sport Courts
- Playgrounds
- Splash Pads
- Dog Parks
- Boat Launches & Water Access
- Linkages & Connections

## Lens of Assessment

For each facility/asset type included in the scope of the Master Plan, several metrics of assessment are undertaken to gain a full understanding of the future needs, opportunities, and implications for future planning purposes. This includes:

- Supply and inventory details, including geographic distribution;
- Standard of provision / level of service;
- Facility usage;
- Facility condition and capital requirements;
- Participation trends; and
- Any future planning already in place.

These metrics are considered in conjunction with community and stakeholder input garnered from engagement activities undertaken to date and will be used to develop the strategic directions and detailed recommendations within the PRMP.



## 2.0 Planning Context

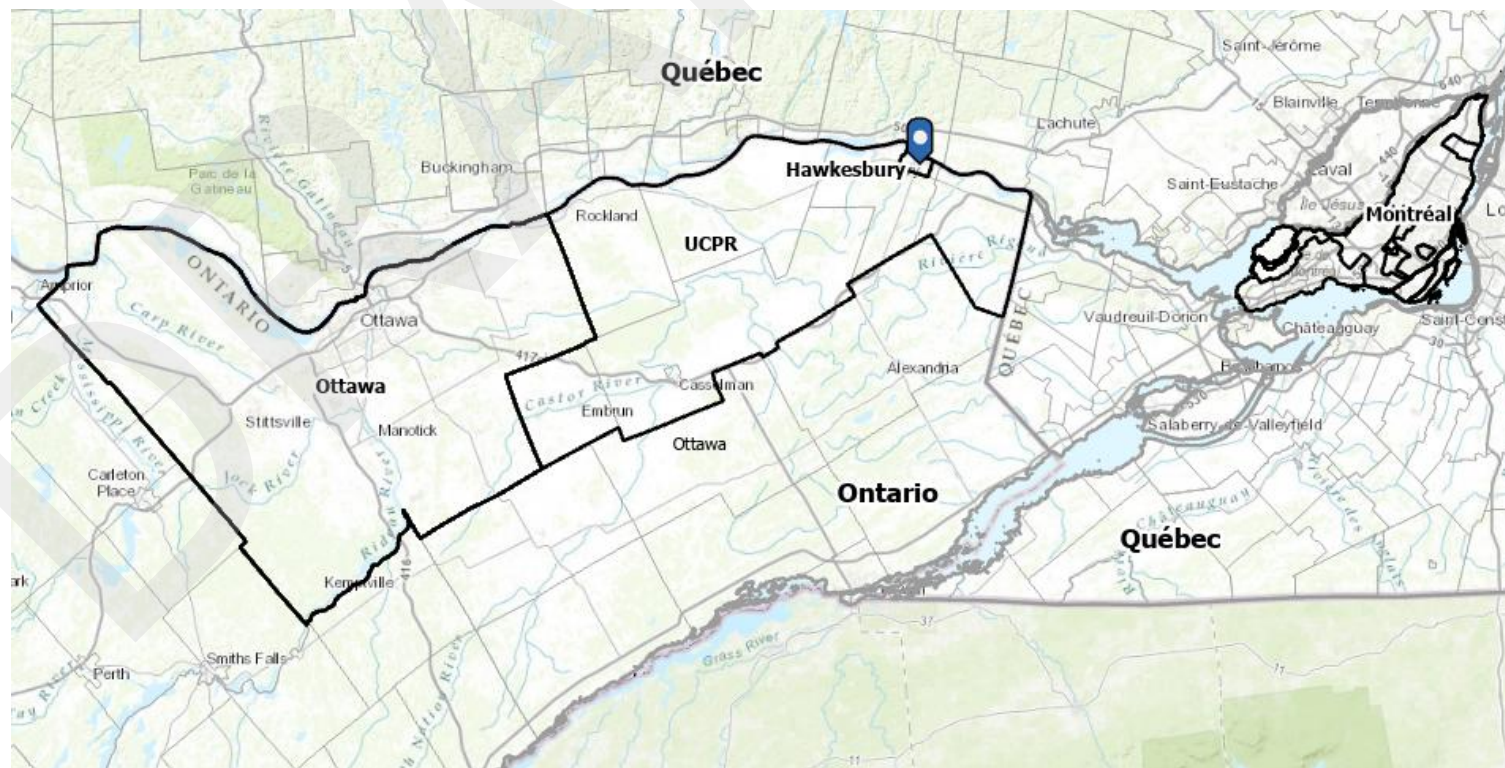
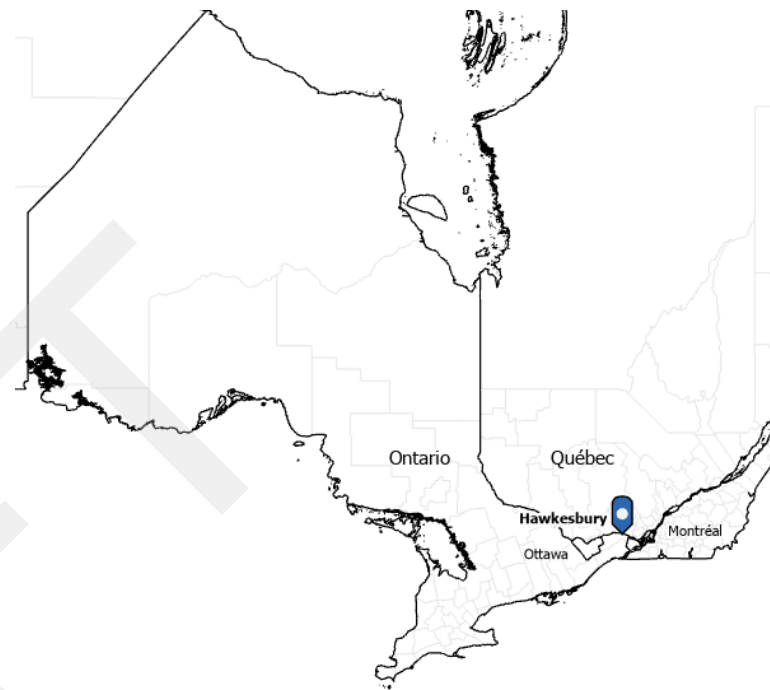
This section describes the context within which the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is developed.

## 2.1 Locational Context

The Town of Hawkesbury is located in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) in eastern Ontario, positioned directly along the Ottawa River at the provincial border between Ontario and Québec. Its strategic location places the Town roughly midway between Ottawa and Montréal, providing convenient access to both metropolitan regions.

Hawkesbury is recognized for its riverfront setting, its historic industrial base, and its role as a regional service centre for surrounding rural communities.

A defining feature of Hawkesbury is its strong Francophone presence. The community is officially designated under Ontario's French Language Services Act, ensuring that provincial services are available in both French and English. This bilingual character, combined with its immediate proximity to Québec across the Long-Sault Bridge, contributes to a cultural landscape where Francophone and Anglophone communities coexist and interact closely. Today, Hawkesbury continues to serve as an important economic and cultural link between the two provinces.



## 2.2 Relevant Policies & Plans

### United Counties of Prescott and Russell Official Plan

The United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) Official Plan (OP) (2022) establishes a supportive policy framework for parks, recreation, trails, and open space that directly informs the Town of Hawkesbury's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Official Plan (2.3.3 Residential Policies) guides local Councils to regulate the development of residential neighbourhoods through municipal zoning by-laws and site plan control (as required), including providing for "open space and parkland and the protection of natural heritage features." (Section 2.3.3. Subsection 7(i)).

The OP places strong emphasis on connectivity and active recreation through its active transportation policies. Section 3.3.12 (Active Transportation) states that "The Counties and local municipalities will pursue the connection of existing and future trails, sidewalks, and paved shoulders throughout the Counties that integrates with the complete transportation system" and further directs that the active transportation system be designed to "connect between community facilities, public beaches/shorelines, open space areas, schools, recreational areas, tourist attractions, and parks" (Section 3.3.12). These policies reinforce the role of parks and trails as essential components of a broader, interconnected community network that supports active transportation, health and wellbeing, and tourism.

The OP clearly recognizes parks, open space, and recreation as appropriate and permitted land uses within settlement areas. Policies 2.3.5 (Urban Policy Areas) and 2.4.5 (Community Policy Areas) support the integration of parks and recreational facilities within built-up areas and alongside commercial and mixed-use development, enabling municipalities such as Hawkesbury to provide accessible recreational amenities close to where residents live, work, and gather.

Finally, the Plan permits recreational use within natural and woodland areas where appropriate. Section 5.6 allows for "the establishment of new recreational trails for non-motorized and motorized vehicles on existing roads or logging trails" in woodlands, recognizing these as appropriate activities when carried out in an environmentally sensitive manner.

**Relevance to PRMP:** Collectively, these OP policies affirm the importance of parks, recreation, trails, and open space in supporting healthy communities, environmental stewardship, tourism, and quality of life, and they provide a strong policy foundation for the implementation of Hawkesbury's Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

## 2.2 Relevant Policies & Plans

### Prescott-Russell Economic Development Strategy

The Prescott-Russell 2024–2029 Economic Development Strategy emphasizes the importance of leveraging cultural, recreational, and tourism assets as drivers of regional prosperity. With Hawkesbury positioned along the Ottawa River and within a bilingual, culturally rich environment, the plan highlights opportunities to strengthen tourism infrastructure, expand recreational offerings, and integrate placemaking initiatives that enhance quality of life. Parks, waterfronts, and community facilities are recognized as key components of the region’s value proposition, supporting both resident attraction and visitor engagement.

For Hawkesbury, this means aligning parks and recreation planning with broader economic goals—investing in serviceable land and infrastructure, developing tourism-ready assets, and fostering partnerships that connect recreation with workforce and business development.

**Relevance to PRMP:** By enhancing recreational spaces, integrating cultural programming, and promoting public art and events, Hawkesbury can contribute to the region’s objectives of attracting new residents, supporting local businesses, and positioning itself as a vibrant destination within Prescott-Russell.

### Town of Hawkesbury Strategic Plan

The Town of Hawkesbury’s 2025–2030 Strategic Plan establishes a clear vision of Hawkesbury as a “hub for growth in Eastern Ontario,” with parks and recreation positioned as essential to community well-being, economic development, and local identity. The plan emphasizes values of resilience, inclusion, innovation, and fiscal responsibility, ensuring that recreation services are delivered sustainably and equitably.

Strategic directions highlight the importance of maintaining and reinvesting in municipal infrastructure, including parks, trails, and facilities, while leveraging the Ottawa River waterfront as a signature destination. Recreation is also framed as a catalyst for growth, attracting residents and businesses through quality green spaces and cultural amenities. At the same time, it is recognized as a tool to address community issues by fostering inclusion, youth engagement, and partnerships with schools, organizations, and regional stakeholders.

**Relevance to PRMP:** The PRMP can support the Strategic directions by prioritizing reinvestment in existing assets, expanding diverse programming for all ages, embedding collaboration as a core delivery mechanism, and using recreation as both a branding and economic development tool.

## 2.2 Relevant Policies & Plans

### Town of Hawkesbury Official Plan

**Note: the Town is currently undergoing a comprehensive review and update of the Official Plan.**

The Town of Hawkesbury's Official Plan (2010) sets out a vision of "balanced and sustainable growth to achieve a sense of place respectful of our municipality's unique historical, cultural and natural heritage where citizens can enjoy an unparalleled quality of life." This vision is supported by guiding principles that emphasize sustainable neighbourhoods, protection of the waterfront, and preservation of cultural heritage. For recreation planning, the Plan highlights the downtown core as "a vibrant, high density, year-round, mixed-use neighbourhood linked to an active waterfront where people live, work and play," with objectives to enhance pedestrian circulation, cultural activities, and urban street trees. These directions reinforce the importance of integrating parks, trails, and cultural facilities into both the downtown and waterfront areas.

Equally significant are the waterfront policies, which commit the Town to "protect and value our waterfront lands as we provide for appropriate development to generate residential, recreational, environmental and economic opportunities." The Waterfront Masterplan calls for zoning regulations, infrastructure investment, and public access provisions, ensuring recreation is balanced with environmental stewardship. Residential neighbourhood policies also stress compatibility, infill, and energy efficiency, while infrastructure policies promote bicycle pathways and recreational linkages.

**Relevance to PRMP:** The Official Plan provides a framework for parks and recreation by protecting the Town's natural heritage network, embedding recreation into neighbourhood design, and leveraging community improvement tools to enhance public spaces and cultural amenities.



*View of Downtown Hawkesbury*

## 2.2 Relevant Policies & Plans

### Asset Management Plan

The Town of Hawkesbury has established a comprehensive framework for asset management that guides the stewardship of municipal infrastructure, including facilities and recreational assets. The 2024 Asset Management Plan (AMP) provides a detailed overview of the Town's asset portfolio, and highlights both current conditions and long-term financial requirements. The AMP identifies an annual capital requirement of \$9.9 million against current funding of \$3.1 million, resulting in a \$6.8 million annual deficit. To address this, the plan recommends proactive lifecycle strategies, regular condition assessments, and continuous refinement of financial planning to ensure sustainable service delivery.

The AMP indicates that Facilities, including Transportation, the Sports Complex, Parks, General Government, and Fire, have an overall replacement cost of \$34.5 million and are rated as very poor condition. Additional details of the AMP as it relates to the sports complex are provided in Section 4.4.

### Strategic Asset Management Policy

Complementing this, the Strategic Asset Management Policy (2019) establishes the principles and governance structure underpinning Hawkesbury's asset management program. It emphasizes fiscal responsibility, transparency, environmental consciousness, and community focus, ensuring that infrastructure decisions balance costs, risks, and long-term benefits. The policy mandates integration with other municipal plans, regular updates, and council oversight, while embedding climate change considerations and stakeholder engagement into asset management practices.

**Relevance to PRMP:** Together, these documents provide a strong foundation for continuous investment in parks and recreation planning. They underscore the importance of maintaining recreational facilities within the broader municipal asset portfolio and highlight the need for sustainable funding strategies.

## 2.2 Relevant Policies & Plans

### Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan

The Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan (2019–2024) sets out Hawkesbury’s strategy to reduce energy use, operating costs, and greenhouse gas emissions across municipal facilities. It highlights the Robert Hartley Sports Complex as the largest energy consumer and least efficient building, making it the top priority for retrofits such as refrigeration plant modernization, LED lighting upgrades, and potential rooftop solar generation. Other recreation and cultural facilities—including Club Âge d’or, Maison de l’île, and small park structures—are identified for smaller-scale improvements like efficient ventilation units, lighting retrofits, and modest solar installations.

Beyond individual projects, the plan emphasizes a broader framework: conducting energy audits, reinvesting savings through a revolving green fund, and leveraging external funding programs (e.g., FCM’s Green Municipal Fund, Save On Energy).

**Relevance to PRMP:** The measures identified aim to embed energy efficiency into municipal operations, enhance sustainability, and position Hawkesbury to achieve long-term reductions in both energy demand and environmental impact.

### Recreation Facilities Policy

The Town of Hawkesbury’s Recreational Facilities Policy sets out how municipal facilities are allocated, rented, and used to ensure fairness, cost-effectiveness, and safety. The Town has priority use of its facilities and may cancel external bookings if required. Users are classified as regular (three or more reservations per month), casual (fewer than three), or special event organizers. Allocation is based on demand, availability, and deadlines, with regular users given priority before casual or special event requests.

Facility contracts require deposits and timely payments, with rental rates set by by-law. Cancellations must be made in writing at least 48 hours in advance, subject to a 20% administration fee, and no refunds are issued for late cancellations except in cases of inclement weather. Users must carry liability insurance naming the Town as an additional insured.

**Relevance to PRMP:** Overall, the policy aims ensures equitable access, financial accountability, and respectful conduct, while giving the Town flexibility to adjust allocations and update standards as needed.

## 2.2 Relevant Policies & Plans

### Organization Recognition and Support Policies

The Town of Hawkesbury has established a clear framework to recognize and support community organizations that contribute to the social, cultural, recreational, and sporting life of the municipality. These policies affirm the Town's belief that strong partnerships with local organizations enhance community well-being and ensure equitable access to services.

#### Recognition Policy (SL-P-2021-01)

Recognition is the formal mechanism by which the Town acknowledges organizations that provide inclusive, accessible, and non-profit services to residents. Eligible organizations include cultural, social development, recreational, and sports groups, as well as local schools. Recognition is contingent on meeting criteria such as open membership, compliance with human rights standards, and alignment with municipal values. Once recognized, organizations gain access to administrative, financial, and physical supports, subject to annual reporting and accountability requirements.

#### Support Program Policy (SL-P-2021-02)

Building on recognition, the Support Program provides tangible assistance to organizations through grants, services, and facility access. Support is offered in three forms:

- Administrative support (coordination, promotion, insurance facilitation)
- Financial support (start-up assistance, operational support for priority files, and special event funding)

- Physical support (preferential facility use, equipment loans, and storage space)

The Support Program Policy emphasizes transparency, fiscal responsibility, and equitable distribution of public funds. Requests are assessed against municipal objectives such as fostering community participation, stimulating cultural and economic activity, and reinforcing a sense of belonging. Council allocates funding annually, with smaller requests delegated to department heads for efficiency.

Both policies outline structured application, assessment, and reporting processes to ensure accountability. Organizations must demonstrate ongoing compliance to maintain recognition and support, while the Town reserves the right to withdraw privileges if standards are not met.

**Relevance to PRMP:** Together, these policies embed community partnerships into the Town's recreation and tourism strategy. They formalize collaboration with local organizations, leverage volunteer capacity, and ensure that municipal resources are used to strengthen inclusive programming and events. By linking recognition with support, Hawkesbury fosters a resilient network of organizations that enrich the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

## 2.2 Relevant Policies & Plans

### Volunteer Management Policy

The Town of Hawkesbury views volunteers as vital partners in building a healthy and inclusive community. Volunteerism fosters civic responsibility and participation, while benefiting both the Town and the volunteers themselves. Volunteers gain opportunities to develop skills and contribute meaningfully, while the Town increases its capacity to deliver programs and events.

The Volunteer Management Policy (DG-P-2016-01) provides a framework to recruit, train, and support volunteers in ways that enhance recreation services while ensuring the safety of participants, staff, and the public. Volunteers complement, but do not replace, paid staff, and their involvement is meant to strengthen program delivery and community wellness.

Volunteers are valued as representatives of the community and are consulted on programs and organizational concerns. They receive training and supervision to ensure they understand their roles, and their contributions are recognized through awards, certificates, and public acknowledgments.

**Relevance to PRMP:** For Parks and Recreation, this policy ensures that programs and events are supported by a diverse, well-trained volunteer base. By recognizing and supporting volunteers, the Town ensures recreation services remain safe, inclusive, and responsive to community needs.

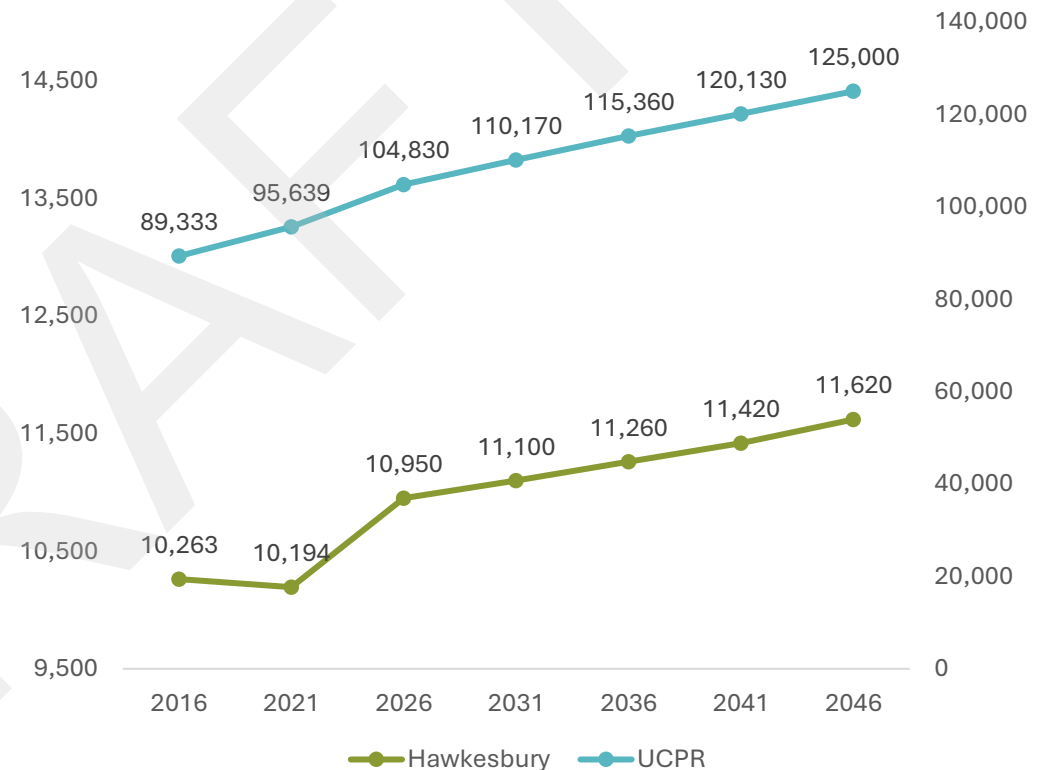


## 2.3 Town Dynamics

### Population Change

Between 2016 and 2046, Hawkesbury’s population is projected to grow modestly from 10,263 to 11,620, reflecting an overall increase of approximately 13%. There was a slight dip between 2016 and 2021, with the population declining to 10,194 before rebounding in subsequent years.

In contrast, the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) are expected to experience more substantial growth, rising from 89,333 in 2016 to 125,000 by 2046—an increase of nearly 40%. This steady upward trend in UCPR suggests broader regional growth that may influence planning priorities for Hawkesbury, including those related to community services.



**Exhibit 2-1: Population Change 2011 – 2021 & Projections 2026-2046**

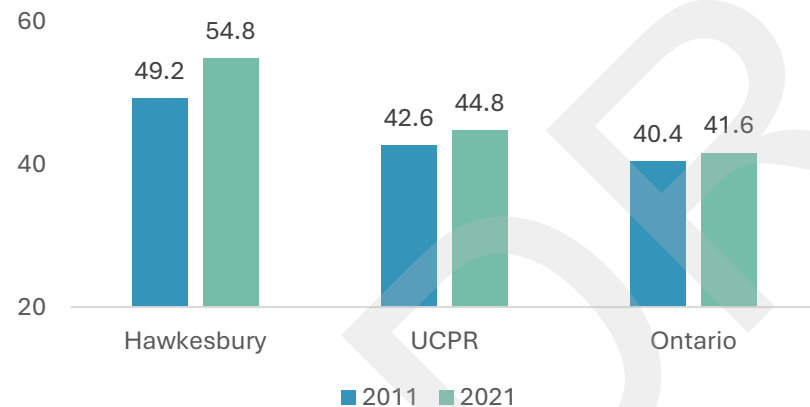
Source: SPM based on Statistics Canada Census (2011-2021), Projections: UCPR Growth Management Strategy Update March 30, 2022. Table 9: Population by census period by municipality, 2021-2046, p. 36.

## 2.3 Town Dynamics

### Age Characteristics

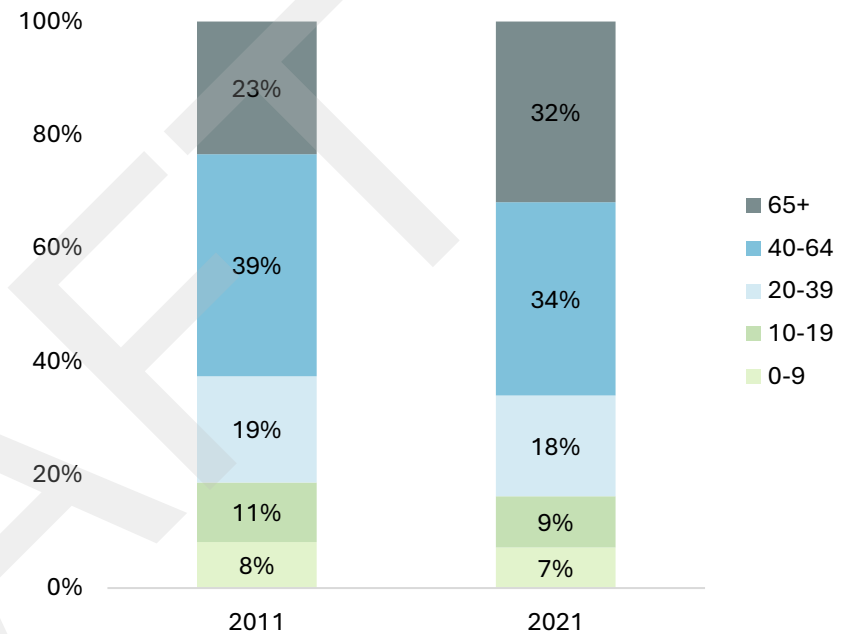
The Town of Hawkesbury is aging. In 2021, median age of Hawkesbury population (54.8) was significantly higher than in the United Counties (44.8) and Ontario (41.6).

Between 2011 and 2021 all but one age group have decreased, based on estimates both as percentage of total population and as numbers of persons. The exception was the Senior Adult age cohort (age 65+), which increased by 8% or 775 persons over this ten-year period.



**Exhibit 2-2: Population Median Age: Change 2011 - 2021**

Source: SPM based on Statistics Canada Census (2011-2021), Projections: UCPR Growth Management Strategy Update March 30, 2022; Ontario Ministry of Finance Projections 2023-2051.



Age Groups	2011 Pop.	2011 %	2021 Pop.	2021%	Change, Counts	Trend
0-9	860	8%	730	7%	-130	Decreased
10-19	1,110	11%	920	9%	-190	Decreased
20-39	1,980	19%	1,815	18%	-165	Decreased
40-64	4,135	39%	3,475	34%	-660	Decreased
65+	2,475	23%	3,250	32%	775	Increased
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,560</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,190</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>-370</b>	Decreased

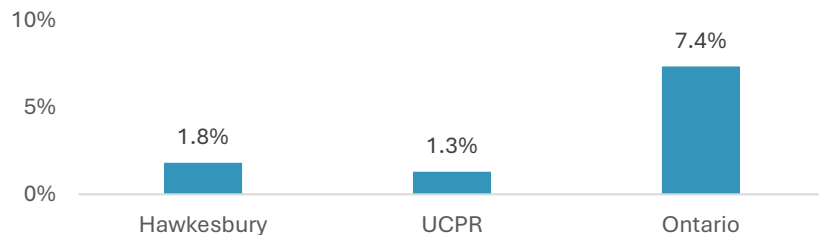
**Exhibit 2-3: Population Age Groups: Change 2016 - 2021**

Source: SPM based on Statistics Canada Census (2011-2021).

## 2.3 Town Dynamics

### Ethnicity & Immigration

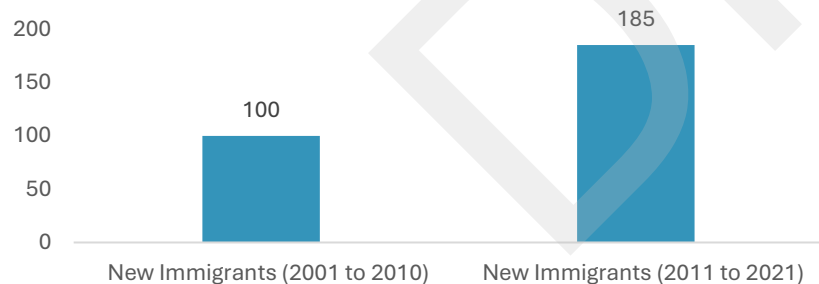
In 2011-2021, Hawkesbury welcomed 185 new immigrants. The prevalence of Hawkesbury's recent immigrant population is similar to UCPR and significantly lower than Ontario.



**Exhibit 2-4: Immigrants as Percent of Total Population, 2021**

Source: SPM based on Statistics Canada Census (2021).

The number of recent immigrants nearly doubled, compared to 2001-2010 (100 persons). The majority of recent immigrants (62% or 115 persons) arrived in 2016-2021 from countries including Hong Kong, Philippines, Morocco and the USA.

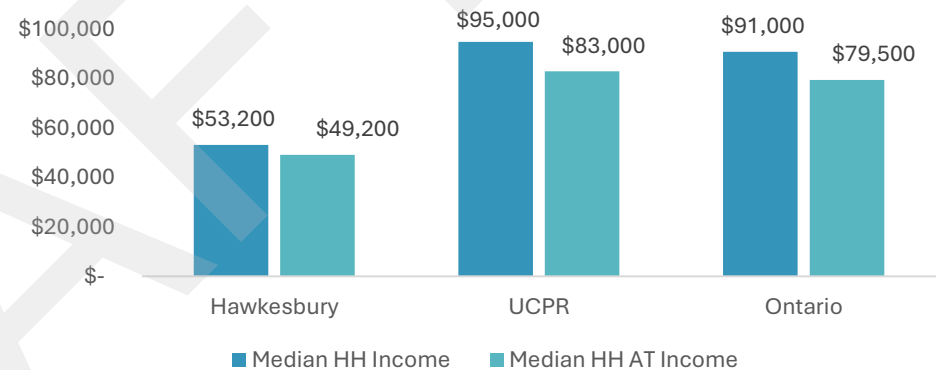


**Exhibit 2-5: New Immigrants Comparison: 2001-2010 and 2011-2021**

Source: SPM based on Statistics Canada Census (2021).

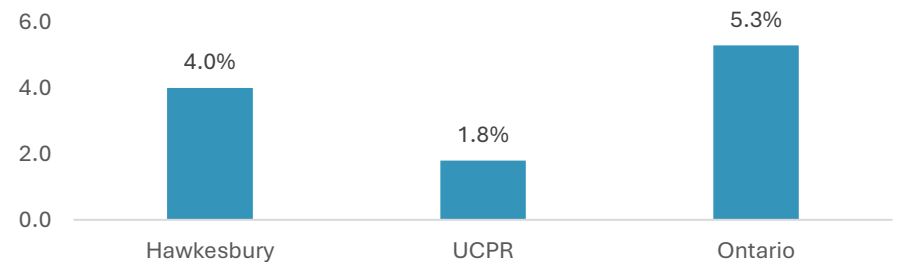
### Household Income Levels

Total Household income in Hawkesbury is lower, compared to UCPR and Ontario. Low Income Cut-off Prevalence After Tax (LICO-AT) is higher than in UCPR and lower than in Ontario.



**Exhibit 2-6: Median Household Income Comparison, 2021**

Source: SPM based on Statistics Canada Census (2021).



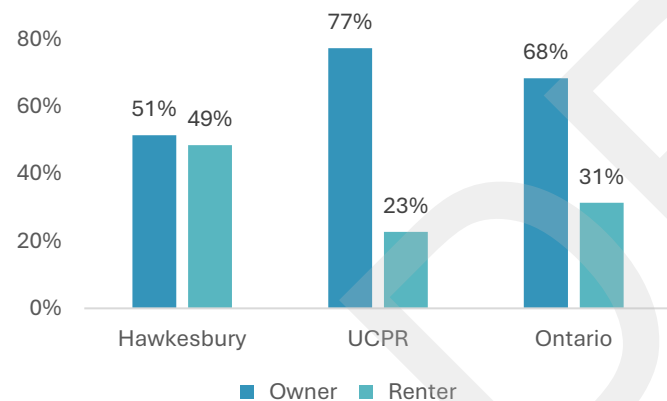
**Exhibit 2-7: LICO-AT % of Population, 2021**

Source: SPM based on Statistics Canada Census (2021).

## 2.3 Town Dynamics

### Housing Tenure

In 2021, the number of Hawkesbury households was 5,080. The 2022 UCPR Growth Management Strategy projected the number of households to increase by 0.4% (+570 units) reaching 5,650 households by 2046. However, the development application statistics (summarized in the adjacent table) suggests that the growth may be more significant. The current total number of applications is 1,011 units. The share of renters in Hawkesbury (49%) was higher than in UCPR (23%) and Ontario (31%), as demonstrated below.



**Exhibit 2-8: Housing Tenure Comparison, 2021**

Source: SPM based on Statistics Canada Census (2021).

### Future Development

The Town has identified development applications which are currently on file (status unknown) and associated parkland dedication. The buildout implications of this may be 3,000 people or more, however the timeframe is unknown at present. Going forward, it is important to know what has been discussed in terms of parkland dedication and where it will be as we plan for parkland as part of the PRMP.

Location / Address	Units	Parkland dedication
Mosselaer Phase IV	16	5% of land
Le Mont Roc Subdivision	127	Previous owner provided equivalent of 5% of land for Sidney Park (By-law No 13-2022)
102 Industriel	29	Unknown at this time
<i>Place de la Station (2 phases):</i>		
1. Phase I - 18 townhouses and 18 ADUs	36	Unknown at this time
2. Phase II – Block A (apartments)	65	Unknown at this time
394-406 Regent	14	Unknown at this time
545 Industriel Boulevard	740	5% of land, or CIL
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,011</b>	

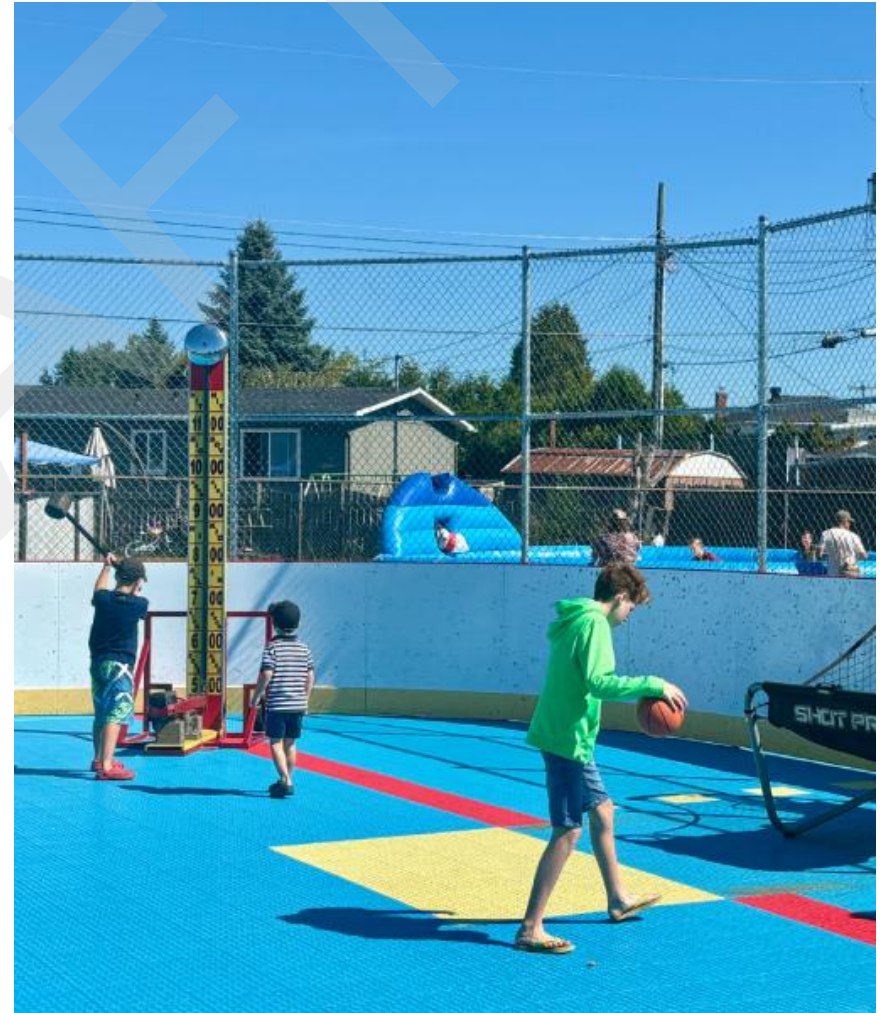
**Exhibit 2-9: Current Residential Development Applications**

Source: SPM based on Town of Hawkesbury

## 2.4 Key Issues & Implications

Hawkesbury's demographic and policy landscape establishes the foundation for how the Parks and Recreation Master Plan must respond to community needs. An aging population and diversity of household types shape how residents rely on public parks and recreation services, while municipal and provincial policies set expectations for accessibility, environmental stewardship, and long-term financial sustainability. Key issues and their implications for parks and recreation planning include:

- **Aging and shifting population** requires parks and recreation spaces that are age-friendly, accessible, and supportive of both active aging and continued youth/family use.
- **Socio-economic conditions**, including lower household incomes and higher rental populations, create a strong need for affordable programming and passive outdoor recreation spaces that serve as essential community resources.
- **Cultural diversity and bilingualism** highlight the need for inclusive design, multilingual communication, and programming that reflects community identity and fosters belonging.
- **Policy requirements for accessibility, environmental resilience, and lifecycle management** mean that future investments must prioritize AODA compliance, sustainable design, and long-term financial stewardship.
- **Climate and environmental considerations**, including shoreline protection and tree canopy expansion, have direct implications for park safety, usability, and resilience over time.



A high-angle photograph of a group of about seven people sitting in a circle on a grey carpeted floor in a library. They are surrounded by tall bookshelves filled with books. The scene is brightly lit, and the overall atmosphere is one of a community meeting or a group discussion. A large, faint watermark of the letters 'PREF' is visible across the center of the image.

# 3.0 Service Delivery

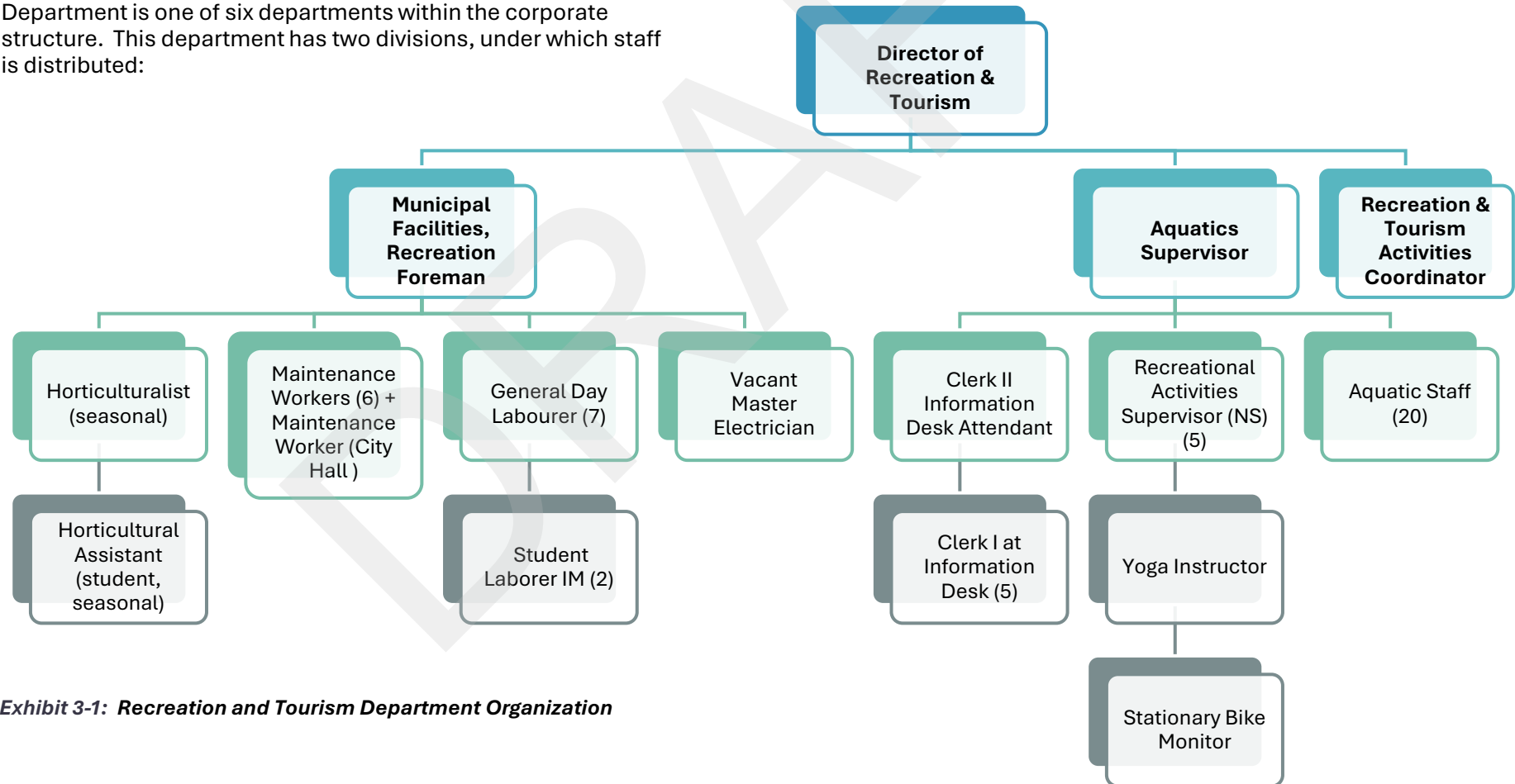
This section provides a description of the current model of delivery for parks and recreation services in the Town.

# 3.1 Corporate Organization

The Town currently employs a Two-Tiered Model of Service Delivery, whereby the Town (a) directly delivers programming within its facilities, and (b) enables community groups to deliver more specialized programming that the Town does not offer, through facility rentals, partnerships and other agreements.

It is understood that the Town’s Recreation and Tourism Department is one of six departments within the corporate structure. This department has two divisions, under which staff is distributed:

- Activities division: oversees facility bookings, delivering recreation and aquatic programs and events, and providing customer service at the RHSC.
- Municipal Facilities division: oversees the operations and maintenance of indoor recreation facilities, outdoor recreation facilities, horticultural aspects, and parks in general.



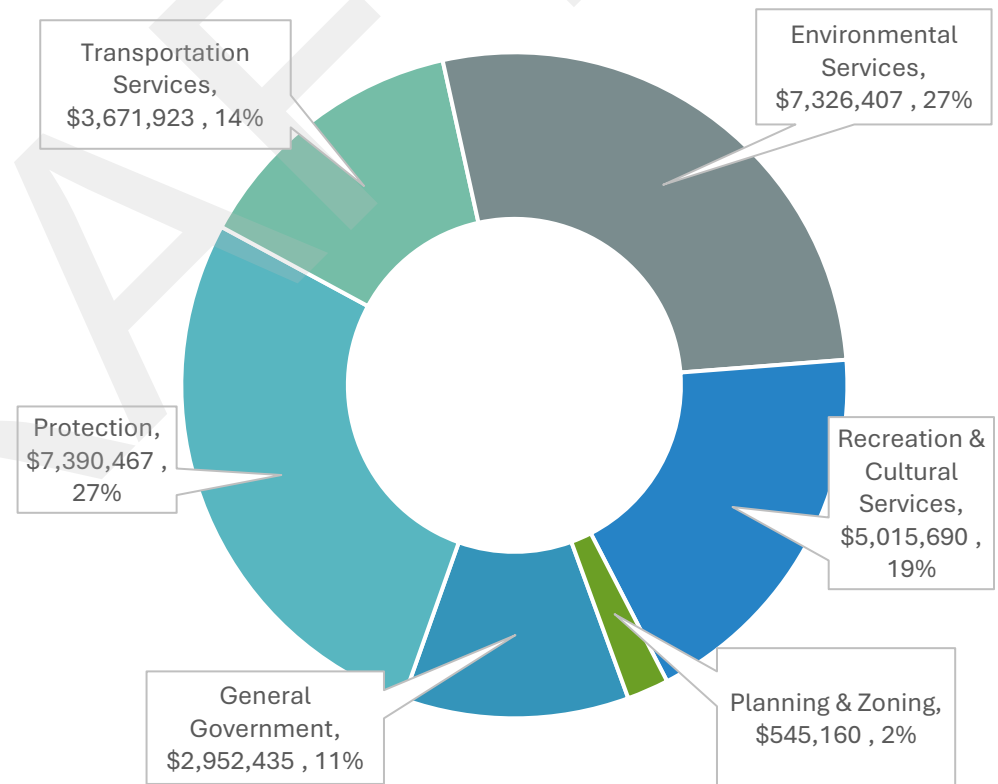
**Exhibit 3-1: Recreation and Tourism Department Organization**

## 3.2 Investing In Recreation

### Recreation as a Core Town Service

Recreation and Cultural Services account for 19% of the Town of Hawkesbury’s total operating budget, representing a significant investment of \$5,015,690. It is important to note that this allocation includes not only recreation and cultural services, but operating budget for all facilities (beyond recreation), as well as salaries associated with the Town Hall. Details are provided on the following page.

This allocation underscores the municipality’s recognition of recreation as a cornerstone of community health and wellbeing. By dedicating a good portion of its financial resources to recreational programming, cultural initiatives, and facility maintenance in general, the town affirms its commitment to fostering inclusive, active, and socially connected environments.



**Exhibit 3-2: 2025 Operating Budget: Departmental Breakdown**

*Note: Recreation and Cultural Services budget includes operating costs for all facilities as well as salaries associated with Town Hall.*

## 3.2 Investing In Recreation

### Departmental Portfolio

The Recreation & Cultural Services portfolio reflects a diversity of community-oriented facilities and services, with an overall cost recovery rate of approximately 14%. While some areas—like the arena and aquatic programs—demonstrate strong or moderate revenue generation, most services operate at a net loss. Parks, for example, recover only 4% of their costs, and facilities such as the Town Hall, tennis courts, and the Annexe Buildings operate without any direct revenue. This financial structure highlights the municipality’s prioritization of inclusive programming, cultural enrichment, and recreational infrastructure as essential components of community wellbeing, even when full cost recovery is not feasible.

Based on the 2021 Census, the Town spends an average of \$421 per capita (net) on recreation and cultural services and facilities, parks and libraries. When considered against other comparable communities in Ontario, this is a higher spend per capita than the average of \$189. However, these figures are largely dependent on a variety of factors, including types of facilities offered, service delivery models, etc.

Parks	Revenues	Expenses	NOI	% Cost Recovery
Parks Admin & Overhead	\$ 18,000	\$ 280,900	-\$ 262,900	6%
Cadieux	\$ -	\$ 16,800	-\$ 16,800	0%
Confederation	\$ -	\$ 27,700	-\$ 27,700	0%
Cyr-de-Lasalle	\$ -	\$ 38,000	-\$ 38,000	0%
Laroque	\$ -	\$ 14,400	-\$ 14,400	0%
Old Mills	\$ -	\$ 19,500	-\$ 19,500	0%
Sidney	\$ -	\$ 3,500	-\$ 3,500	0%
Pioneers	\$ -	\$ 43,450	-\$ 43,450	0%
Municipal Docks	\$ -	\$ 29,500	-\$ 29,500	0%
<b>Total Parks</b>	<b>\$ 18,000</b>	<b>\$ 473,750</b>	<b>-\$ 455,750</b>	<b>4%</b>
Recreation	Revenues	Expenses	NOI	% Cost Recovery
Rec Admin & Overhead	\$ 89,000	\$ 415,050	-\$ 326,050	21%
Information Desk	\$ 500	\$ 163,000	-\$ 162,500	0%
Events	\$ 47,000	\$ 165,000	-\$ 118,000	28%
Park Activities	\$ -	\$ 6,000	-\$ 6,000	0%
<b>Total Recreation</b>	<b>\$ 136,500</b>	<b>\$ 749,050</b>	<b>-\$ 612,550</b>	<b>18%</b>
Facilities	Revenues	Expenses	NOI	% Cost Recovery
Facilities Admin & Overhead	\$ -	\$ 1,895,910	-\$ 1,895,910	0%
Arena	\$ 280,000	\$ 200,400	\$ 79,600	140%
Pool	\$ -	\$ 190,200	-\$ 190,200	0%
Multi Room	\$ 56,000	\$ 57,600	-\$ 1,600	97%
Community Hall & Common Areas	\$ 15,000	\$ 82,600	-\$ 67,600	18%
Exterior Tennis Court	\$ -	\$ 5,000	-\$ 5,000	0%
421 Cartier	\$ -	\$ 40,300	-\$ 40,300	0%
Maison de l'Ile	\$ -	\$ 34,200	-\$ 34,200	0%
419 Cartier	\$ -	\$ 70,900	-\$ 70,900	0%
Aquatic Program	\$ 175,000	\$ 310,480	-\$ 135,480	56%
Town Hall	\$ -	\$ 269,500	-\$ 269,500	0%
<b>Total Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 526,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,157,090</b>	<b>-\$ 2,631,090</b>	<b>17%</b>
Other	Revenues	Expenses	NOI	% Cost Recovery
Library	\$ 36,000	\$ 635,800	-\$ 599,800	6%
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$ 36,000</b>	<b>\$ 635,800</b>	<b>-\$ 599,800</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Total Recreation &amp; Cultural Services</b>	<b>\$ 716,500</b>	<b>\$ 5,015,690</b>	<b>-\$ 4,299,190</b>	<b>14%</b>

Exhibit 3-3: 2025 Operating Budget Details: Recreation & Cultural Services

## 3.3 User Fees for Recreation

The Town of Hawkesbury's By-law No. 36-2023 (consolidated with By-laws No. 48-2023 and No. 41-2024) establishes a comprehensive schedule of fees for recreation and tourism services. Schedule E outlines charges for the use of municipal facilities such as the Robert Hartley Sports Complex pool, multi-room, community hall, and ice rink, as well as outdoor amenities including parks, baseball fields, kiosks, gazebos, boat launches, and mooring spaces. Fees vary by user group and activity type—for example, exclusive pool rentals with lifeguards, drop-in rates for residents and non-residents, school and association ice rentals, and seasonal boat launch passes. The schedule also includes differentiated rates for private rentals, tournaments, and special events, with certain charges inclusive of taxes.

While the by-law provides clear direction on the amounts charged for specific services, it is important to note that the Town does not currently have a formal user fee policy or allocation policy to guide decisions about appropriate levels of subsidization. As a result, the fee schedule reflects set charges without an overarching framework to determine how costs are shared between taxpayers and direct users, or how subsidies should be applied to different groups (e.g., residents vs. non-residents, youth vs. adult organizations, or community vs. private events). The absence of such policies means that subsidization levels are not explicitly defined, and the rationale for fee differentiation remains embedded in the by-law rather than in a broader strategic approach.



*Dry Pad at Robert Hartley Sports Complex*

## 3.4 Partnerships

The Town has a number of diverse partnerships in place that leverage municipal assets in support of cultural vitality, active living, youth development, and local entrepreneurship. Each agreement reflects a tailored, mutually beneficial relationship grounded in community needs that not only optimize facility use and operational efficiency but also reinforce the Town's broader vision for a vibrant and resilient parks and recreation system. Existing partnerships are summarized below.

### **Le Chenail Inc.**

the Town of Hawkesbury has maintained a long-term lease partnership with Le Chenail Inc. for the use of La Maison de l'île and surrounding lands at 2 John Street. Originally signed in 2011 and amended in 2014, 2024, and most recently in 2025, the lease outlines the organization's exclusive use of the premises for non-profit cultural activities. The current agreement, effective through April 30, 2027, provides for a nominal annual rent of \$10, with Le Chenail Inc. responsible for utilities, maintenance, and liability insurance coverage. The Town retains ownership and structural insurance responsibilities, while ensuring the site remains accessible and aligned with community interests. This partnership reflects the Town's commitment to heritage preservation, arts programming, and the adaptive reuse of civic assets for public benefit.



*La Maison de l'île / Cultural Centre*

## 3.4 Partnerships

### **Club de l'Âge d'Or 50+**

As part of the Town of Hawkesbury's commitment to supporting active aging and community engagement, the municipality formalized an agreement in 2011 with the Club de l'Âge d'Or 50+ for the continued use of the facility located at 421 Boulevard Cartier. Under this arrangement, the club is granted rent-free access to the space, with responsibilities for interior housekeeping and maintaining liability insurance coverage. The agreement prohibits subletting without municipal approval and outlines shared use of parking facilities, with snow removal provided by public works. The initial term of the agreement is five years, with automatic annual renewals.

### **Hawkesbury Hawks Junior A Hockey Club**

The Town of Hawkesbury entered into a five-year agreement on July 1, 2024, with the Hawkesbury Hawks Junior A Hockey Club. This agreement governs the rental of ice time and designated facilities at the Robert Hartley Sports Complex, as well as the Club's rights to sell advertising in specific areas of the arena. The Club pays rental fees based on municipal by-law rates and is responsible for maintaining appropriate insurance coverage. The Town retains authority over scheduling, maintenance standards, and advertising approvals, while the Club is accountable for any damage to the facilities and must comply with all municipal regulations. The agreement includes detailed provisions for cancellation, dispute resolution, and termination, ensuring operational clarity and mutual accountability.

The Town has an additional agreement in place (March 4, 2022) with the Hawkesbury Hawks Junior A Hockey Club for the management of the second-floor bar and canteen at the Robert Hartley Sports Complex. The agreement outlines a monthly rental fee of \$250 and grants the tenant full operational, financial, and legal responsibility for the bar.

### **Food Truck Rental Space**

To support seasonal food service initiatives and enhance public use of municipal parks, the Town of Hawkesbury facilitates a seasonal lease agreement with food truck vendors (changes annually). The agreement permits the operation of the food truck at Confederation Park from May 15 to October 15, 2025. In exchange for a monthly rental fee of \$500, the Town provides access to electricity, potable water, and sanitary facilities. The lessee is responsible for maintaining cleanliness, managing waste appropriately, and adhering to all relevant municipal and provincial regulations.

## 3.5 Programs & Events

### Current Program Offer

The Town offers registered and drop-in recreation programs at the recreation centre, special events, and cultural programs at the library for residents of all ages.

Recreational programs include aquatic programs, such as aquatic fitness programs, swim lessons, and lane and leisure swims. At the arena, programs include public skating, pick-up hockey and, recently added, skating for newcomers as an introduction to winter activities. At the multi-purpose gym, drop-in activities including pickleball, tennis, badminton, walking, and an indoor playground, while yoga and spinning occurs in the spinning room.

Cultural programs, offered at the Library, include reading clubs, games (e.g. bridge, scrabble, lego, etc.), movies, art introduction and painting and other events for different ages. The programs also include the Youth Club and multicultural activities.

Since 2025, the Town, with support of the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility of Ontario, has been offering a program for older adults - Seniors in Step Program. The program includes a number of free recreational and social activities and participation in Yoga and Spinning classes with discounts.

### Existing Special Events

Throughout the year, the Town organizes special programs and events. Based on the Consultation, events that the most survey participant attended included Multicultural Festival, Christmas Parade and Market, and Halloween on Main Street.

### Recreation Programs

#### Aquatic

- Aqua Bike
- Aquafit Classes
- Public Swim
- Lap Swims
- Swimming Lessons

#### Arena

- Public Skating
- Pick-up Hockey
- Skating for Newcomers

#### Community Centre/Gym

- Indoor Badminton / Pickleball /Tennis
- Outdoor Tennis / Pickleball (Free)
- Indoor Walking Track (Free)
- Nordic Walk (Free)
- Spinning Classes
- Yoga Classes
- Playgroup

#### Seniors in Step Program

- Discounts for Yoga and Spinning programs
- Pickleball classes (free)
- Nordic Walk/Chair Yoga (free)
- Coffee Connect (a series of free social gatherings – New year, Valentine, Day, Christmas, etc.)

### Cultural Programs

- Book Club
- Bridge Thursday
- Lego Monday
- Scrabble
- Youth Club
- Cinema Friday/Saturday
- Story Time
- Painting at the Library

### Special Events

- March Break Week
- Fun Day
- Blues-Country Festival
- Family Day
- Christmas Market
- Hawkesbury Expo
- Halloween on Main Street
- Christmas Parade
- Multicultural Festival

## 3.5 Programs & Events

### Current Program Participation

Municipal programs are understood to be well-attended, based on what we heard from the community in terms of participation (per the results of engagement activities included in the Engagement Outcomes report) and program attendance data provided by the Town, as available. Participation data for aquafit programs, swimming classes, yoga and spinning demonstrate steady participation during the months when the programs are offered.

In total, over 670 registered participants attended different Aqua fitness programs in 2024. Aquafit is offered all four seasons with multiple sessions per week and has the largest number of participants (308) (including those registered and drop-in). Swimming classes had a total of 289 registrations in 2024, including 156 participants in the spring swimming classes.

Program	Total	Winter	Spring	Fall
Cardio vélo / Spinning	59	13	15	31
Cardio vélo léger / Light Spin	26		12	14
<b>Spinning Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>45</b>
Yoga Flow	7			7
Yoga débutant 1 / Beginner 1	37	23	14	
Yoga débutant 2 / Beginner 2	32	19	13	
<b>Yoga Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>

**Exhibit 3-4: Participation in Spinning & Yoga Programs, 2024**

Data Source: Town of Hawkesbury

Note: Programs not offered during summer months.

Program: Aqua Fit	Total	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Aqua Jogging (1/week)	93	21	21	21	30
Aqua Swim (1/week)	46	15	12		19
Aqua Tone (2/week)	124	50	47	27	
Aquafit (4/week; summer 2/week)	308	83	76	51	98
Aqua Therapy (2/week)	59	19	21		19
Intensity Aqua Fit (1/week)	19		19		
Aqua Boost (1/week)	23				23
<b>Total</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>189</b>

Program: Swimming Classes	Total	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Cours privé	2	1			1
Cours privé	6	3			3
Semi-privé	2				2
Nageur 1 - Swimmer 1	10	4			6
Nageur 1 - Swimmer 1	12	6			6
Nageur 2 - Swimmer 2	12	6			6
Nageur 3 - Swimmer 3	13	6			7
Nageur 4 - Swimmer 4	19	10			9
Précolaire 1 - Preschool 1	8	4			4
Précolaire 2 - Preschool 2	8	4			4
Précolaire 3 - Preschool 3	8	4			4
Précolaire 4 - Preschool 4	8	4			4
Précolaire 4-5 - Preschool 4-5	8	4			4
Précolaire 5 - Preschool 5	8	4			4
Printemps / Spring Swim Class	156		156		
Cours aquatiques avancés	9				
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64</b>

**Exhibit 3-5: Participation in Aquatic Programs, 2024**

Data Source: Town of Hawkesbury

## 3.6 Key Issues & Implications

This section outlines how parks and recreation services are currently delivered in the Town of Hawkesbury. Understanding the delivery model—how services are organized, staffed, programmed, and supported—is essential to identifying operational strengths and gaps that influence the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of the system. The service delivery context shapes what the Town can offer today and what will be required to meet future community needs. Key issues and their implications going forward include:

- **Operational capacity constraints** (staffing, resources, partnerships) may limit the Town’s ability to expand or adapt programming to meet emerging needs. This has implications for both service quality and long-term sustainability.
- **Continued need for strong partnerships** with community groups, schools, cultural organizations, and regional partners to broaden program reach, reduce duplication, and enhance service efficiency.
- **Program reach and participation may be uneven**, with some segments of the community (e.g., seniors, newcomers, low-income households) potentially under-represented in current offerings, indicating a need for more inclusive and targeted programming.
- With the pool being a regional draw, there are **opportunities to increase revenues from non-residents**. The Town has researched the idea of a membership platform for various programs recently; this should be investigated further.








# 4.0 Indoor Facilities

This section provides a comprehensive review of the existing supply of indoor facilities, including the standard of provision, usage and condition.

# 4.1 Supply

## Local Supply of Recreation Facilities

The Town of Hawkesbury offers a strong supply of indoor recreation facilities anchored by a major recreation centre, the Robert Hartley Sports Complex. In conjunction with two other specialized facilities, indoor recreation spaces support year-round programming, drop-in use, and community events, ensuring residents have access to diverse recreational opportunities regardless of season.

Facility	Description / Amenities	Image
<b>Robert Hartley Sports Complex (RHSC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Built in 1979, with an addition in 2009</li> <li>• One NHL-size ice pad</li> <li>• One swimming pool (25m L-shaped single tank)</li> <li>• Multi-functional Room (converted from an ice pad)</li> <li>• Indoor running track (around gym)</li> <li>• Community hall (second floor)</li> <li>• Several change rooms, utility and mechanical spaces, offices, concessions, other ancillary spaces</li> </ul>	
<b>Annexe Building (419 &amp; 421 Cartier Boulevard)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two single-storey facilities - adjoined to each other</li> <li>• Facility provides a food bank (419 building) and a senior centre and community hall (421 building).</li> <li>• Total building size of 17,000 sq. ft.</li> <li>• Includes washrooms, storage rooms, kitchens, service rooms and offices</li> </ul>	
<b>La Maison de l'île</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Originally constructed in 1835, major renovations in 2011</li> <li>• Three-storey building (including basement)</li> <li>• Cafeteria, washrooms, service areas and offices</li> </ul>	

# 4.1 Supply

## Regional Supply of Recreation Facilities

The Town’s recreation facilities, including the Robert Hartley Sports Complex, serve not only local residents but also a broader regional population. For analysis purposes, a regional catchment area is defined by a 30-minute drive time, which features the following municipal indoor recreation facilities:

### 2 indoor aquatic facilities:



- 1 in Hawkesbury, Ontario; and
- 1 in Lachute, Quebec (partnership with school, therefore counted as 0.5 pools due to community use limited to outside of school hours).

### 5 ice pads:



- 3 in Ontario – Hawkesbury, Vankleek Hill and St-Isidore; and
- 2 in Quebec – Lachute and Brownsburg-Chatham.

### 1 multi-functional space/gymnasium:



- 1 municipal class gymnasium in Hawkesbury, Ontario; and



**Exhibit 4-1: Regional Facility Supply**

Note: Not included in this inventory are College Bourget’s sport facilities - an indoor pool, three gymnasiums and an arena. While these facilities are located within 30 minutes drive from Hawkesbury in Rigaud Quebec, these facilities are primarily for College use.

## 4.2 Standard of Provision

### Regional Facilities

With amenities such as an arena, pool, and gymnasium, the standard of provision for its major components are assessed based on a regional catchment area defined by a 30-minute drive time. While this service radius captures a wide user base, it is acknowledged that some residents within the outer edges of this area may opt for alternative facilities based on proximity and convenience (e.g., Clarence-Rockland, Ottawa, Montreal, etc.).

The service radius includes the areas in both Ontario and Quebec. The total 2025 service area population is estimated at 75,900 (based on the ESRI Business Analyst data). This population is used to calculate the current regional standard for major indoor recreation facilities, including arenas, indoor pools, and gymnasiums.

Regional Facility Type	Current Supply (Regional)	Current Standard of Provision (Regional)	Standard of Provision Observed Elsewhere	Notes
Aquatic Facility	1.5	1:50,600 residents	1:35,000 – 50,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate service level.</li> <li>If additional facilities are required, they would be provided elsewhere.</li> </ul>
Ice Pad	5	1:15,180 residents	1:12,500 to 17,500 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good level of service regionally, with a circuit of rinks that are used by the local teams.</li> </ul>
Gymnasium	1	1:75,900 residents	1:35,000 – 50,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The multi-functional space is a unique and important facility within the region.</li> <li>These types of facilities are most often provided in major urban areas (e.g., Ottawa, Montreal).</li> </ul>

**Exhibit 4-2: Regional Facilities Standard of Provision Assessment**

## 4.2 Standard of Provision

### Local Facilities

The Town's population is used to calculate the standard of provision for the more local and/or unique components of the recreation facility supply, even though they may be used by people who reside elsewhere.

These facilities are not measured through population-based level of service standards, but are community amenities that support social, cultural and overall quality of life.

Local Facility Type	Current Supply (Town)	Current Standard of Provision (Town)	Standard of Provision Observed Elsewhere	Notes
Indoor Walking Track	1	1: 10,194 residents	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community amenity that supports health, wellbeing and accessible year-round activities.</li> <li>Likely attracts a regional population as a year-round space for activity.</li> </ul>
Community Hall	2	1: 5,097 residents	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides flexible community space for gathering, events and social connections.</li> </ul>
Senior Centre	1	1: 3,250 residents (age 65+)	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides dedicated space for socialization, learning, and programs that support healthy aging.</li> </ul>
Cultural Centre	1	1: 10,194 residents	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Value lies in its role as a community amenity that enhances cultural life and local identity.</li> </ul>

**Exhibit 4-3: Local Facilities Standard of Provision Assessment**

## 4.3 Utilization

Data provided by the Town indicates that usage of the facilities at the RHSC varies across programmed spaces, with the ice pad showing moderate utilization and dry-floor spaces revealing opportunities for expanded programming. Utilization rates were calculated based on seasonal availability and prime-time definitions aligned with typical recreation scheduling (per below).

### Ice Pad Utilization

The ice pad operates during a defined ice season from early September to the end of April. For the purposes of analysis, prime time is considered 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekends, totaling approximately 2,057 prime-time hours per season. Of these, 1,073.16 hours were booked, resulting in a prime-time utilization rate of 52.2%. This indicates consistent demand but also highlights capacity for additional programming, rentals, or community access during underused prime slots.

With several other rinks in proximity to the RHSC and considering the conversion of the second ice pad to a multi-functional space, ice utilization is where it is expected to be.

### Dry-Floor Space Utilization

The multi-functional room functions as a gymnasium space, that can be used/booked as one large space or used/booked based on the components that comprise the space. This includes three courts and a walking track. For the purposes of analysis, it is assumed that these facilities are available 12 hours per day, seven days a week, for approximately 40 weeks annually. This equates to 3,360 available hours per space.

While the multi-functional room and its courts are bookable, there is also significant drop-in usage of this space which is reflected in the utilization rates.

Facility	Prime Time Booked Hours	Prime Time Available Hours	% Used
Ice Pad	1,073.16	2,057.00	52.2%

**Exhibit 4-4: Ice Pad Utilization, 2024**

Facility	Booked Hours	Available Hours	% Used
Walking Track	11.50	3,360.00	0.3%
Multi-functional Room	266.75	3,360.00	7.9%
Court 1	504.50	3,360.00	15.0%
Court 2 (Tennis)	860.25	3,360.00	25.6%
Court 3	350.00	3,360.00	10.4%

**Exhibit 4-5: Multi-Functional Room Utilization, 2024**

## 4.3 Utilization

### Pool Utilization

Pool usage is more accurately measured through annual person-visits than hours used, which capture the true scale of operational capacity and participation across programs, rentals, and drop-in activities. Annual person visits have been estimated in two ways, based on two sets of data provided by the Town, per Estimates A and B in the adjacent tables).

Pool usage in Hawkesbury has grown steadily from 2023 through mid-2025, demonstrating strong and consistent community demand. Total annual person-visits increased year over year in both datasets provided, with mid-2025 figures already tracking close to or above half of the previous full-year totals.

Drop-in swims continue to generate the highest participation, followed by recreational and instructional programs, all of which show stable or increasing use. Rentals have also grown, indicating rising interest from community groups and private users. Camp participation remains steady, with most annual volume achieved by mid-year.

Annual person visits of 30,000 to 35,000 is reasonable for this facility given the population and distance from other markets. Compared to the aquatic facility in Clarence-Rockland (smaller pool and larger population), the pool in Hawkesbury is generally performing well.

Overall, the data confirms that aquatic services are well used and valued, reinforcing the need to maintain capacity, support a mix of structured and drop-in opportunities, and ensure the facility can continue meeting demand.

Usage Type	2023	2024	2025 (Jan-June)
Recreational Programs	4,805	6,105	4,594
Instructional Programs	4,350	4,580	1,830
Drop-In Programs	10,905	10,210	5,850
Rentals	6,423	7,023	4,503
Camps	1,000	1,000	940
<b>Total Annual Person Visits</b>	<b>27,483</b>	<b>28,918</b>	<b>17,717</b>

*Exhibit 4-6: Aquatic Facility Annual Person Visits (Estimates A)  
SPM based on Town of Hawkesbury data (Pool Usage Spreadsheet)*

Usage Type	2023	2024	2025 (Jan-June)
Recreational Programs	6,180	7,006	5,386
Instructional Programs	4,350	4,540	1,600
Drop-In Programs	16,515	16,638	9,325
Rentals	7,982	9,090	5,835
Camps	(included above)		
<b>Total Annual Person Visits</b>	<b>35,027</b>	<b>37,274</b>	<b>22,146</b>

*Exhibit 4-7: Aquatic Facility Annual Person Visits (Estimates B)  
SPM based on Town of Hawkesbury data (Activités de piscine)*

## 4.4 Condition

The Town conducted Building Condition Assessments in 2021 for the RHSC, and 2024 for the Annexe Building and La Maison de l'île.

The adjacent exhibit highlights the building construction and renovation history, gross floor area (GFA), current assessed condition, and forecasted capital costs over a ten-year period. Within these forecasted capital costs, the more major items that will be required for each facility are detailed on the following page.

It is important to note here that the forecasted capital requirements included in the BCA differ from those identified in the AMP; with the AMP noting \$11.1 million should be allocated to fund rehabilitation and replacement needs at the RHSC between 2028 and 2032 alone.

Facility	Year Built	Reno/ Upgrades	GFA (sq. ft)	Condition	Forecast Costs		
					Years 1-5	Years 6-10	Cost/GFA
Robert Hartley Sports Complex	1979	2009 (Addition)	73,600	Good	\$2,366,000	\$515,000	\$ 39.14
<b>Total</b>			<b>73,600</b>		<b>\$2,366,000</b>	<b>\$515,000</b>	<b>\$2,881,000</b>

Source: 2021 BCA

Facility	Year Built	Reno/ Upgrades	GFA (sq. ft)	Condition	Forecast Costs		
					Years 1-5	Years 6-10	Cost/GFA
Annexe Building	963/1985		17,620	Fair	\$1,623,135	\$794,870	\$ 137.23
<b>Total</b>			<b>17,620</b>		<b>\$1,623,135</b>	<b>\$794,870</b>	<b>\$2,418,005</b>

Source: 2024 BCA

Facility	Year Built	Reno/ Upgrades	GFA (sq. ft)	Condition	Forecast Costs		
					Years 1-5	Years 6-10	Cost/GFA
La Maison de l'île Cultural Centre	1835	2011	4,610	Good - Fair	\$ 201,635	\$146,850	\$ 75.59
<b>Total</b>			<b>4,610</b>		<b>\$ 201,635</b>	<b>\$146,850</b>	<b>\$ 348,485</b>

Source: 2024 BCA

	Good Condition
	Fair Condition
	Poor Condition
	Critical Condition

**Exhibit 4-7: Building Condition & Forecast Cost Details**

## 4.4 Condition

### Facility Major Items Identified

- Robert Hartley Sports Complex
- Ice rink refrigeration system (\$2,275,000) (Completed)
  - Restaurant exhaust hood fan louvers (\$1,000)
  - Arena Dehumidification Unit components (\$20,000)
  - 3 tons 'York' Roof Top Unit (\$25,000)
  - Electrical Panel D and E (\$15,000 each)

The BCA also identifies some equipment that is past its service life but is still in good operating condition (not included in the costs identified) and therefore will need to be closely monitored. This includes:

- Domestic water piping
- Hydronic heating, cooling, and ventilation systems:
  - "CDI" 417 MBH gas-fired dehumidification unit
  - Electrical Panels, switchgears and various disconnect switches

### Facility Major Items Identified

- Annexe Building
- Roofing coverings, including EPDM roof on 419 and BUR roof on 421. Roofing covering replacement costs total \$949,950 over the 10-year period and equate to 39% of the total capital cost requirements.
  - Exterior metal siding (\$199,750)
  - Asphalt paving and surfacing (\$188,240)
  - Resilient flooring – vinyl composite tiles (\$133,550)
  - Concrete curbs (\$115,000)
- La Maison de l'île
- Metal roof (\$133,875)
  - Exterior wood trim (\$22,275)
  - Roofing – modified bitumen (\$21,600)
  - Exterior stone block wall (\$20,000)
  - Pedestrian ramp (\$20,000)

## 4.5 Aquatics-Specific Assessment

### Summary of Pool Issues at Robert Hartley Sports Complex

The Robert Hartley Sports Complex pool is a cornerstone of Hawkesbury's recreation campus, but its age and design limitations have created mounting challenges for both operations and programming. A recent report completed by Sodem in 2024 (Report of Recommendations on the Redevelopment and Revitalization of the Aquatic Sector of the Robert Hartley Sports Complex) highlights a mix of structural deficiencies, outdated features, and costly maintenance realities that must be addressed to ensure long-term viability.

The pool facility is over 45 years old and requires significant investment to remain functional and compliant.

#### Structural and Mechanical Deficiencies:

- The jet bath/spa is out of service due to deteriorating concrete and plumbing issues.
- The spiral slide is non-operational due to non-compliance.
- Rust on trusses above the pool needs remediation (painting or sandblasting) (capital project to be completed in 2026).
- The mechanical room is located on the pool deck, complicating maintenance access.
- Filtration and disinfection systems are aging, though one new power filtration unit was installed recently.



*Non-Operational Aquatic Amenities : Water Slide & Hot Tub*

## 4.5 Aquatics-Specific Assessment

### **Design Limitations:**

- The current pool is a single L-shaped tank with three depth zones, which limits programming flexibility.
- The pool is dug into the ground, making external repairs costly and disruptive.
- There is no universal change room, though space exists to retrofit between male and female change rooms.

### **Unused and Underutilized Features:**

- The spa is currently unused (non-compliant) and requires decisions on removal or replacement.
- The decking is substantial but underleveraged for programming or spectator use.

### **Operational and Financial Considerations:**

- Maintenance is constrained by limited staffing within the City's Infrastructure and Public Works Department.
- Renovation is strongly preferred over replacement due to cost efficiency and integration with the broader recreation campus.
- Twin-tank redevelopment options have been proposed to improve operational flexibility and reduce long-term costs.

Evident from the above, the Robert Hartley Sports Complex pool faces a combination of aging infrastructure, unused features, and costly maintenance challenges, underscoring the need for a strategic redevelopment plan to secure its long-term role as a vital community asset.

### **Proposed Improvements**

The Sodem Report highlights the urgent need to modernize and diversify the aquatic facilities at the Robert Hartley Sports Complex. The report identifies several priority improvements to ensure the facility remains safe, attractive, and regionally competitive. These include:

- Removal of non-compliant structures such as the deteriorated spa.
- Addition of new recreational water features such as a family-friendly leisure pool, water games, and enhanced changing facilities.
- Upgrades to insulation, ceramic finishes, and painting to improve the overall condition and user experience.

## 4.5 Aquatics-Specific Assessment



*Recommended Improvements to Aquatic Facility at RHSC*

Beyond physical upgrades, the report emphasizes the importance of diversifying programming to meet changing community needs. Proposed enhancements include:

- Expanded aquatic fitness and training opportunities, themed activities, and innovative offerings such as aquatic yoga, aquazumba, and circuit training.
- Improved marketing and communications to strengthen Hawkesbury's role as a regional hub for aquatic services, supported by partnerships with local sports personalities and community organizations.

The recommendations also call for operational improvements including better scheduling to maximize accessibility, strategies to manage operating costs, and initiatives to embed energy efficiency and sustainable development into facility operations.

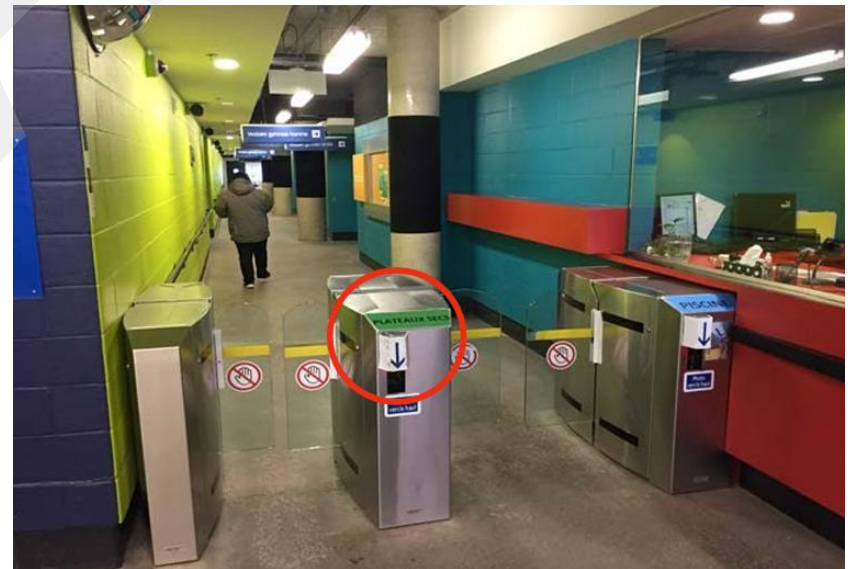
## 4.6 RHSC Operations Analysis

The Town undertook an operational analysis of the Robert Hartley Sports Complex in 2020, completed by RTSCMS. Key findings were generally centered around safety and security at the RHSC, with several key recommendations identified, as summarized below:

- Develop emergency and evacuation plan – including training and processes;
- Installation of entrance gates to provide entry and exit control. This may prove difficult with the variety of events occurring at one time, equipment requirements (e.g., hockey bags), etc., and will need to be carefully considered;
- Modernization of pool filtration equipment and chlorine systems;
- Improve swimmer and employee safety in and around the pool (beam painting for swimmer indicators, removal of movable ladder, etc.);
- Relocate / improve security and employee safety at reception desk;
- Relocate storage within the multi-functional hall/gymnasium;
- Maintain a detailed inventory of equipment and materials at RHSC;
- Improve maintenance processes; and
- Improve facility aesthetics, branding and signage.

The operational analysis identifies a number of discreet projects that should be implemented at the RHSC to improve safety and security for employees and users, contributing to a more positive user experience.

The issues of traffic flow within the building is a major one, and if a new resident/non-resident membership card were to be implemented, the Town must have control over who is entering and exiting (in additional to knowing how many people are in the building at any given time).



*Potential Entry/Exit Controls to be implemented at RHSC*

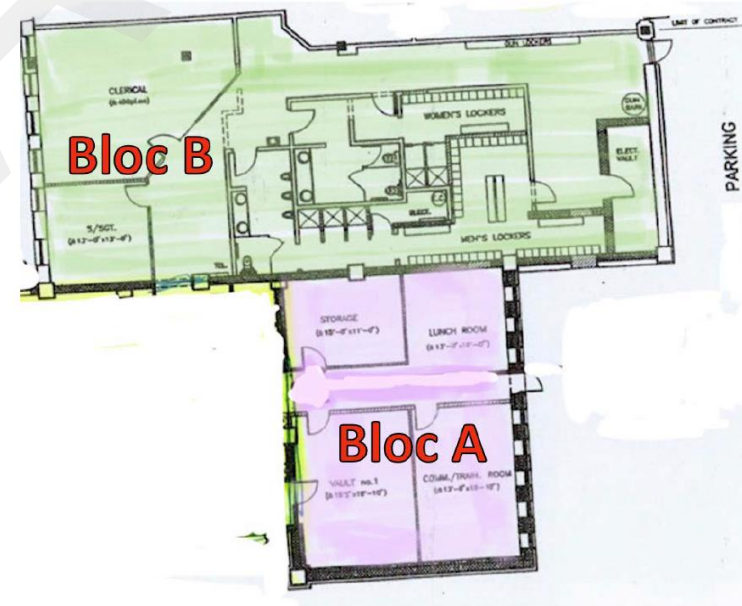
## 4.7 Annexe Future Use Assessment

The Town undertook a review to assess the future use potential of the Annexe Building in 2021 (completed by RTSCMS), specifically potential reuse of the former Ontario Provincial Police facilities. The analysis was focused on Block A for leisure activities and Block B for storage.

The analysis highlights that the building was originally designed for administrative purposes, which imposes significant limitations on its conversion. Block A offers potential for small-scale leisure programming such as meetings, training, and light activities like yoga or meditation. However, the absence of sanitary facilities and outdated mechanical systems significantly restrict its suitability for sustained recreation. Block B is better positioned for storage, with the possibility of consolidating spaces into a larger warehouse to house municipal equipment and supplies.

Immediate priorities, some of which the Town has completed (e.g., BCA), include professional audits of the building envelope and systems, removal of unsafe flooring, cleanup of exposed cabling, and securing access. Medium-term actions should focus on budgeting for deconstruction, reconfiguration, and acquisition of storage equipment. Long-term renovations would enable the facility to open officially as a supportive site for leisure and storage.

The report concluded that the site should be integrated into Hawkesbury's parks and recreation plan as a secondary, supportive facility. Block A's role in recreation will remain limited unless sanitary upgrades are funded, while Block B provides strong potential for organized, safe storage. The report indicated that the emphasis should be on incremental adaptation, safety, and alignment with broader recreation strategies rather than positioning the site as a primary hub.



Potential Future Use Assessment Blocks

## 4.8 Key Issues & Implications

Hawkesbury’s indoor recreation system is anchored by the Robert Hartley Sports Complex (RHSC), supported by the Annexe Building and La Maison de l’île. Together, these facilities offer a mix of structured and flexible spaces for year-round programming, drop-in use, and community events. While the supply is strong, several challenges affect long-term functionality and alignment with community needs. Key issues can be summarized as follows:

- The RHSC is aging, with core infrastructure dating back to 1979. Mechanical systems, change rooms, and ancillary spaces may require renewal to maintain a high-quality user experience.
- Accessibility and compliance gaps across multiple buildings—particularly in washrooms, entrances, and circulation areas—limit the ability to use spaces fully and flexibly for all residents.
- The specialized nature of some facilities (e.g., senior centre) reduces the ability to adapt these spaces for broader recreation use.
- Indoor spaces support seasonal and drop-in activity, but programming may be constrained by layout, staffing, or operational limitations.

Specific to aquatics, the RHSC pool is a key component of the Town’s indoor recreation system. Both the Operational Analysis and Aquatics reports present a series of recommendations to improve user experience and operational efficiency. The next step is to develop a targeted operational and programming approach for the aquatic component, including implementation of select recommendations.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will integrate community engagement findings with utilization data to assess whether the RHSC pool is underperforming. If reinvestment is pursued, the analysis will identify where demand needs to be focused and what benefits can be expected. These benefits, particularly in terms of health, inclusion, and year-round access, are anticipated to be considerable.

### Implications

- Capital planning should prioritize lifecycle renewal and accessibility upgrades, especially at RHSC and the Annexe.
- A clear operational strategy for the RHSC pool is needed to guide programming, staffing, and investment decisions.
- Facility roles should be clarified to ensure each space supports its intended user groups while maximizing flexibility.
- Investment in inclusive, adaptable indoor spaces will be key to meeting evolving community needs.



# 5.0 Parks & Connections

This section presents the existing supply and standard of provision for parkland provided within the Town. Existing connections are also detailed.

# 5.1 Parkland Supply

## Municipally-Owned Parkland Supply

The Town of Hawkesbury’s parks and open space inventory comprises a diverse range of municipally-owned parkland that collectively supports neighbourhood, community, and destination-level recreation needs. The inventory identifies eight municipal parks under Town ownership, totaling approximately 20.84 hectares (ha). These facilities include four neighbourhood parks (Cadieux Park, Larocque Park, Old Mill Park, and Sidney Park), three community parks (Cyr-de-LaSalle Park & Dog Park, Memorial Park, and Pioneers’ Place), and one destination park (Confederation Park).

Park sizes vary significantly, ranging from smaller neighbourhood parks (under 2 ha) to larger destination and community parks, with Confederation Park being the largest at approximately 8.37 ha. Waterfront access is provided at select key sites, most notably Confederation Park and Cyr-de-LaSalle Park & Dog Park, reinforcing the importance of the Ottawa River and associated water-based recreation within the municipal parks system.

## Non-Municipal Parkland Supply

In addition to municipally-owned parks, the inventory recognizes school properties operated by local school boards, which represent complementary recreational assets within the community, although these sites are not municipally-owned and are not included in the total parkland area. Collectively, this inventory highlights a balanced distribution of park types that supports both local neighbourhood needs and broader community-wide recreational opportunities.

Details of the municipal and non-municipal parkland and open space are provided on the following page. Detailed park assessments were completed for each municipal park property, and are provided in Appendix A.



*Cadieux Park*



*Confederation Park*

# 5.1 Parkland Supply

FACILITY DETAILS							
	NAME	ADDRESS	CLASSIFICATION	OWNERSHIP	WATER ACCESS	PARK SIZE (ACRES)	PARK SIZE (HECTARES)
1	Cadieux Park	420 Kitchener Street	Neighborhood Park	Town of Hawkesbury	No	3.40	1.38
2	Confederation Park	1 John Street	Destination Park	Town of Hawkesbury	Yes	20.68	8.37
3	Cyr-de-LaSalle Park & Dog Park	571 Main Street E	Community Park	Town of Hawkesbury	Yes	10.72	4.34
4	Larocque Park	470 Abbott Street	Neighborhood Park	Town of Hawkesbury	No	1.98	0.80
5	Memorial Park / RHSC	610 Higginson Street	Community Park	Town of Hawkesbury	No	5.32	2.15
6	Old Mill Park	527 James Street	Neighborhood Park	Town of Hawkesbury	No	4.30	1.74
7	Pioneers' Place	351 Main Street E	Community Park	Town of Hawkesbury	No	3.92	1.59
8	Sidney Park	906 Sidney Street	Neighborhood Park	Town of Hawkesbury	No	1.18	0.48
9	École élémentaire catholique Paul VI:	500 Main Street E	Elementary School	CSDCEO	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	École élémentaire publique Nouvel-Horizon:	433 Cartier Blvd.	Elementary School	CEPEO	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	École secondaire catholique régionale de Hawkesbury	572 Kitchener Street	Secondary School	CSDCEO	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	École secondaire publique Le Sommet	894 Cecile Blvd.	Secondary School	CEPEO	N/A	N/A	N/A
						<b>51.50</b>	<b>20.84</b>

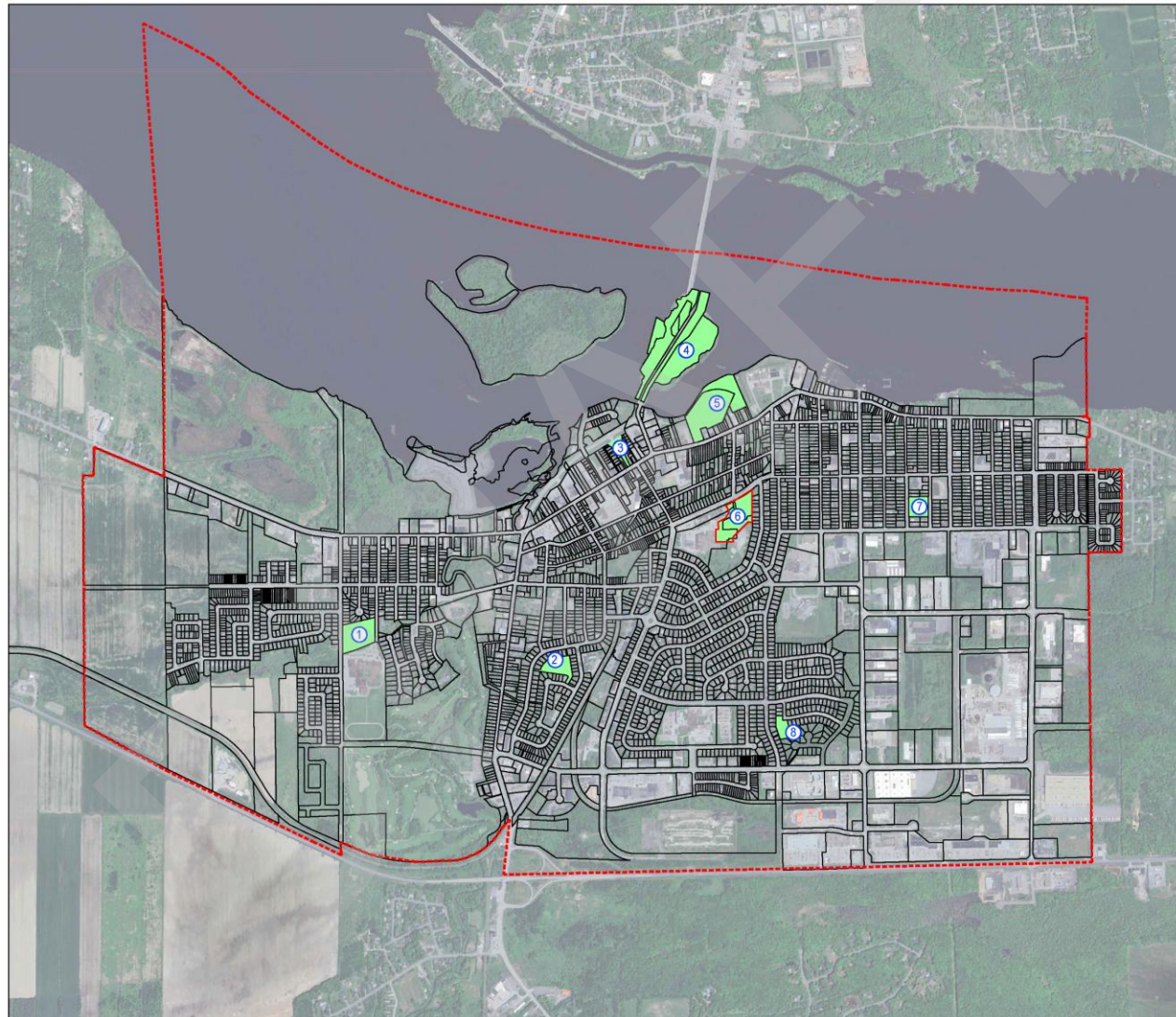
Exhibit 5-1: Parks & Open Space Supply Detail Matrix

# 5.1 Parkland Supply

## EXISTING PARKS -

1. Parc Cadieux
2. Parc Old Mill
3. Place des Pionniers
4. Parc De La Confederation
5. Parc Cyr-de-LaSalle
6. Parc Memorial/RHSC
7. Parc Larocque
8. Parc Sidney Park

*Note: The Parc Memorial / RHSC site will be reconfigured upon finalization of the land swap with CEPEO (see Section 5.5 for further details).*



**Exhibit 5-2: Parks & Open Space Distribution Map**

**REFERENCE PLAN**

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**LEGEND**

- MUNICIPAL LIMITS
- PARK

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PARKS & RECREATION  
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 FIGURE 1.0

PARKS & OPEN SPACE  
 TOWN OF HAWKESBURY DISTRIBUTION

## 5.2 Standard of Provision

### Existing Parkland Standard of Provision

The Town currently maintains 20.94 hectares of parkland. When measured against the 2021 Census population of 10,194, this represents 2.04 hectares of parkland for every 1,000 residents. This supply is consistent with provision levels in comparable municipalities, where the standard typically falls between 2.0 and 4.0 hectares per 1,000 residents.

### Future Parkland Needs

To maintain the current standard of parkland provision and using the UCPR population projections included in the Official Plan, the Town will require an additional 2.9 hectares of parkland by 2046. Refer to the adjacent exhibit for details.

### Parkland Walkability Assessment

A walkability assessment conducted as part of the baseline assessment indicates that Hawkesbury is well-served by parkland. All major residential areas in the Town are within a reasonable walk (500 to 800 metres) of a municipal park. It is noted that Parc Desjardins-Laurentian Park (within the Township of Champlain) is located directly adjacent to the residential areas on the eastern edge of Hawkesbury.

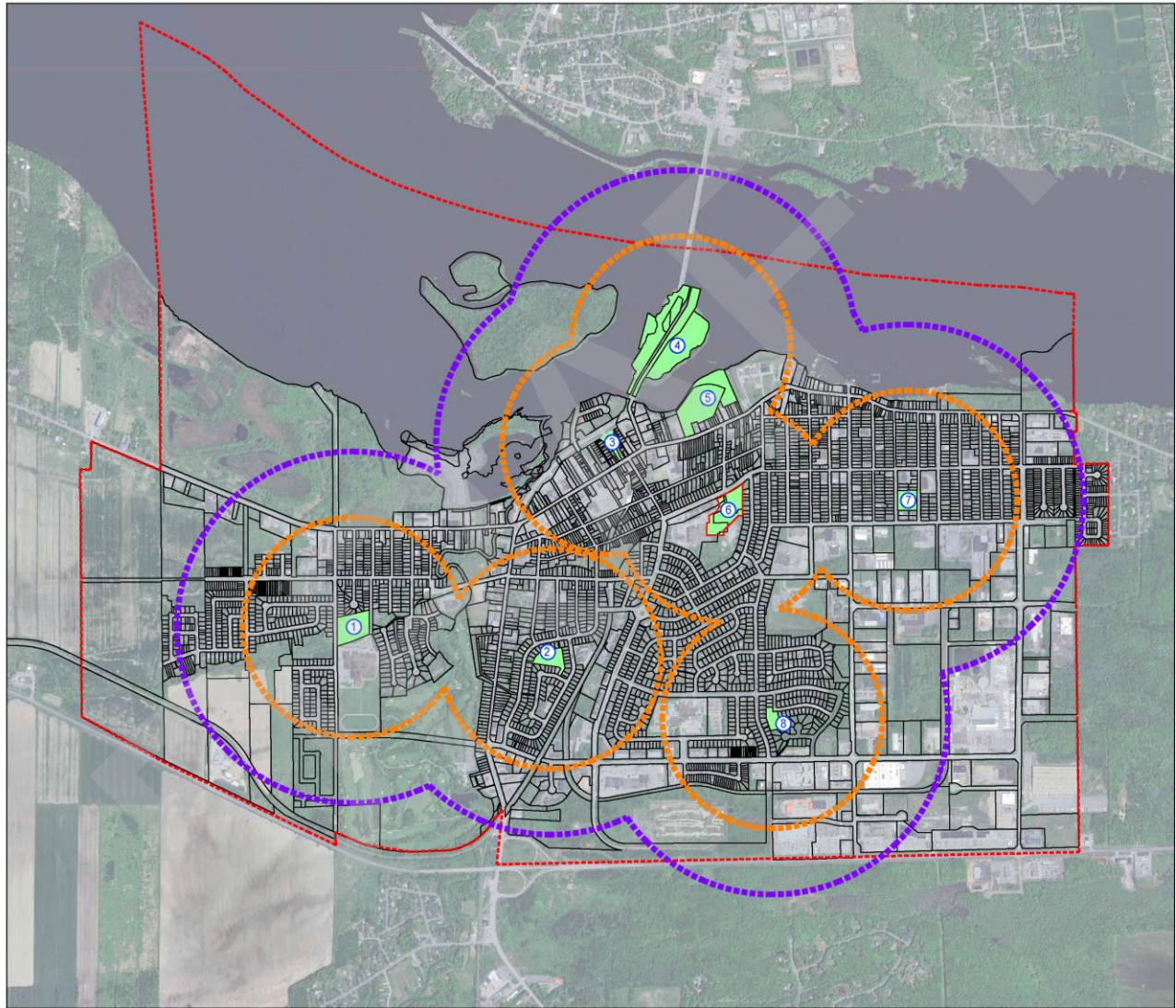
Parkland walkability is shown on the exhibit on the following page.

	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
	<i>Census</i>	<i>Estimated</i>				
<b>Population</b>	10,194	10,950	11,100	11,260	11,420	11,620
Population Added from 2021	-	756	906	1,066	1,226	1,426
Parkland Provision (Existing Standard)	2.0 ha / 1,000 new population					
<b>Additional Parkland Required</b>	-	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>

*Exhibit 5-3: Additional Parkland Requirements to 2046*

# 5.2 Standard of Provision

- EXISTING PARKS -**
1. Parc Cadieux
  2. Parc Old Mill
  3. Place des Pionniers
  4. Parc De La Confederation
  5. Parc Cyr-de-LaSalle
  6. Parc Memorial
  7. Parc Larocque
  8. Parc Sidney Park



**Exhibit 5-4: Parks & Open Space Walkability Assessment**

**REFERENCE PLAN**

N.T.S.

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**LEGEND**

- - - MUNICIPAL LIMITS
- - - 30M WALKABILITY
- - - 60M WALKABILITY
- PARK

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 TOWN OF HAWKESBURY DISTRIBUTION

## 5.3 Parkland Dedication

### Dedication Policies

The United Counties of Prescott and Russell's Official Plan establishes the parkland dedication and acquisition process in accordance with the minimum standards of the Ontario Planning Act. These provisions support the creation of new parks within developments and areas of intensification or redevelopment. Under the Act, municipalities may require the conveyance of land for parks or other public recreational purposes as a condition of land division or development. Alternatively, municipalities may accept Cash-in-Lieu (CIL) of parkland dedication, particularly where the land offered is too small to accommodate meaningful recreational facilities.

Recent amendments to the Act through Bill 23 have reduced municipalities' ability to secure parkland and lowered the maximum CIL that can be collected. Specifically:

- The maximum alternative dedication rate for land conveyed has been reduced from 1 ha per 300 units to 1 ha per 600 units.
- The maximum alternative dedication rate for CIL has been reduced from the equivalent of 1 ha per 500 units to 1 ha per 1,000 units.
- The maximum amount of land conveyed or paid in lieu is capped at 10% of the land or its value for sites under 5 ha, and 15% for sites over 5 ha.

As outlined in Section 2.3 of this report, the Town has reviewed active development applications in Hawkesbury and, in certain cases, determined that land dedication from the developer will be secured.



*Sidney Park was secured through parkland dedication*

## 5.4 Confederation Park as a Destination

At 8.37 hectares, Confederation Park is Hawkesbury's largest green space and is envisioned as a regional hub for recreation and community life. A concept plan was developed in 2020, establishing the framework for future investment.

The plan proposes a balance of active amenities and passive areas, including upgraded sports fields, a modern play and splash zone, and a flexible event lawn for festivals and gatherings. A looped pathway system is envisioned to connect features across the park (recognizing existing conflicts between cars and pedestrians), while naturalized buffers enhance habitat and shoreline protection. Social spaces such as picnic areas, a central pavilion, and improved support infrastructure (parking, washrooms, signage) will strengthen accessibility and comfort.

Together, these improvements position Confederation Park as a signature destination that supports both programmed activities and informal community use, while reflecting the priorities identified by residents during engagement.

It is understood that to date, the Town has undertaken some shoreline stability improvements and has implemented some seasonal improvements to the park (e.g., Muskoka chairs, seasonal rentals, etc.).



**Exhibit 5-5: Confederation Park Concept Plan**

## 5.5 Sierra Review of RHSC Campus

The CEPEO (Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario) and the Town have agreed that the school entrance and parking must be separated from the RHSC entrance to improve safety and increase parking (due to increased traffic to school and RHSC).

Through a 2024 Bylaw, Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign an amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the CEPEO and the Town to allow both administrations to negotiate an agreement for the transfer of equal parts of lands, ultimately resulting in official transfer of titles through the Land Registry of Ontario.

The proposed land transfer plan is shown in the adjacent exhibit, with orange representing the proposed CEPEO property and pink representing the Town's property. The maps shows the proposed changes in property lines.

The proposed changes resulting from land transfer and property line revisions will include the Memorial Park ball diamond and skate park becoming part of the school parcel (to be redeveloped into the school entrance and parking). Implications for the Town include whether they need to relocate the ball diamond and the skate park, and if so, where?

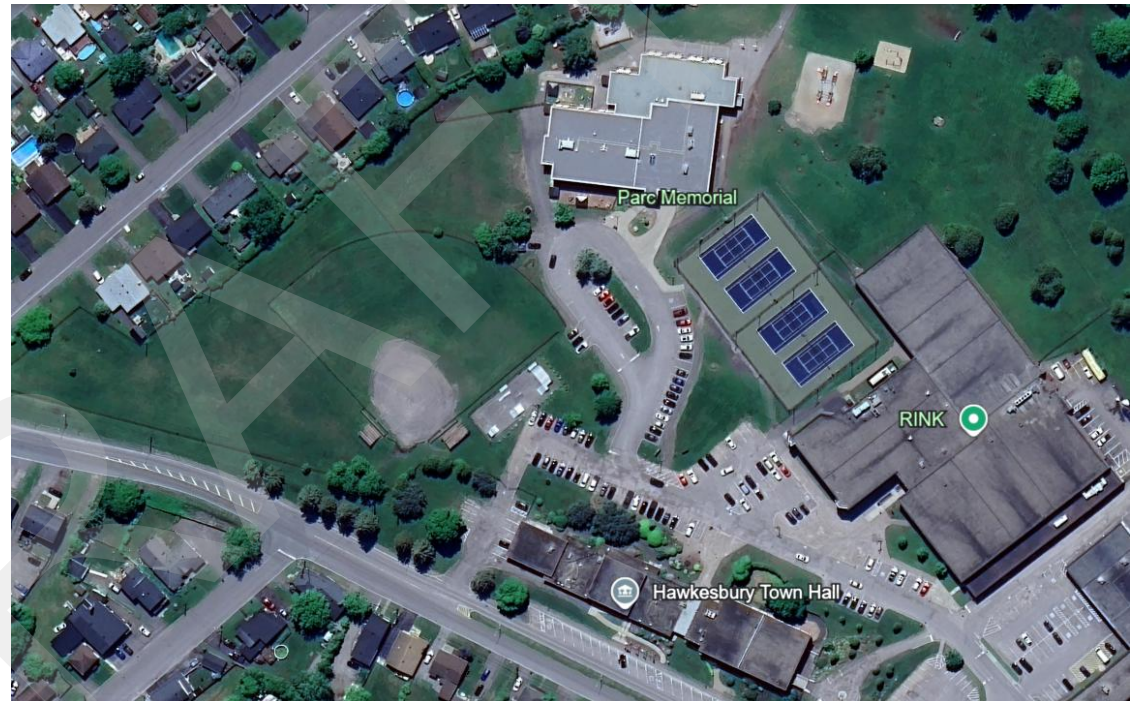


**Exhibit 5-6: Proposed Land Swap at Parc Memorial / RHSC**

## 5.5 Review of RHSC Campus

Sierra has undertaken a review of the diagrams and recognize that plans have not been finalized; however, there are some concerns with respect to the value that the Town is receiving based on this land swap. It is recognized that the intent is for a swap of land in equal measure (land area) but that does not necessarily equate to equal value in terms of long-term useability of the lands by the Town for advancing the recreational use of the lands. In short, there is a far better solution to the land parcels the Town should receive and this may or may not include a marginal additional purchase.

Additionally, a land locked Town site by virtue of the new road access to the school would necessitate easements granted to the Town and shared parking provisions to enable best use of these lands.



## 5.6 Trails & Connections

Hawkesbury's trail network is an important asset for recreation and active transportation, but it remains fragmented and inconsistent across the community. While several parks and neighbourhoods are served by informal walking routes or local sidewalks, many sites lack internal pathways, limiting accessibility—particularly for users with mobility challenges. Strengthening these connections is essential to improving park access, supporting year-round use, and creating a more cohesive recreation system.

A major strength is the Discovery Trail, which provides a regional east–west spine along the Ottawa River and links Hawkesbury to the broader Prescott–Russell trail network. Within the Town, the Discovery Trail intersects with key waterfront parks such as Confederation Park and Cyr-de-LaSalle Park, offering a strong foundation for a more connected local system. However, linkages between neighbourhood parks, residential areas, schools, and the Discovery Trail are limited, reducing the potential for seamless movement across the community.

Enhancing trails and connections presents a significant opportunity. Adding internal pathways within parks, improving wayfinding, and formalizing links to the Discovery Trail would support active transportation goals, increase accessibility, and create new recreational loops between parks. Strengthening these connections would also improve visibility and use of smaller neighbourhood parks while drawing more residents and visitors to the waterfront.



## 5.7 Key Issues & Implications

The assessment of Hawkesbury's parks and trails highlights a system facing both opportunities and challenges. Across neighbourhood, community, and destination parks, several recurring themes emerge that will be considered in the development of the PRMP.

### Accessibility & Connectivity

- Lack of internal pathway systems in several parks limits accessibility and inclusivity.
- Support buildings often non-compliant with AODA and Ontario Building Code standards.

### Aging Infrastructure

- Park support buildings, fencing, and ball diamonds nearing end of lifecycle.
- Safety risks from cracked concrete slabs, and outdated lighting systems.
- Renovation may not be financially prudent; new construction should be considered.

### Programming & Layout

- Large unprogrammed spaces (e.g., former sports fields) remain underutilized.
- Bleacher placements and field configurations misaligned with current programming.
- Opportunities exist for small-scale programming elements and realignment of facilities.

### Environmental Resilience

- Seasonal flooding, and geese presence affect usability and safety.
- Tree canopy coverage is low across most sites, reducing shade and ecological benefits.

### Maintenance & Asset Management

- Need for continuous condition assessments and proactive lifecycle planning.
- Current approach is reactive, leading to escalating costs and deferred maintenance.

### Visibility & Access

- Some parks have poor street visibility.
- Event and high-season access is constrained without formalized parking and circulation.

### Strategic Implications

- Short-term focus: safety fixes, compliance interventions, and accessibility audits.
- Long-term strategy: regeneration of waterfront parks (bring back the plan developed for Confederation Park and use intel that's been developed already), new construction for aging facilities, and expanded programming in unprogrammed spaces.
- Position waterfront and community parks as anchors, with neighbourhood parks providing everyday recreation.
- Need for a coordinated trail and connectivity strategy to identify missing links and opportunities to integrate parks into the active transportation network.



# 6.0 Outdoor Facilities

This section provides a comprehensive review of the existing supply of outdoor facilities, including the standard of provision, usage and condition.

## 6.1 Supply

### Outdoor Recreation Facility Supply in Hawkesbury

The Town of Hawkesbury's park assets offer a mix of active and passive recreation opportunities that support community health, social connection, and seasonal programming. The municipal supply of outdoor recreation facilities includes the following:

- **Sports Fields:** 3 junior soccer fields. The municipal supply is supplemented by sports fields provided at school sites in Hawkesbury, which provide 4 senior fields, 1 multi-use sports field, and 2 informal-use fields (at the elementary schools). These fields support organized and casual play across age groups and are important inclusions to the supply.
- **Ball Diamonds:** 1 senior diamond accommodate league play and community tournaments.
- **Courts and Rinks:** Facilities include 4 shared use courts (tennis and pickleball), 1 basketball court, 1 sand volleyball court, and 3 outdoor rinks (for ball or ice hockey) enabling year-round activity.
- **Play and Leisure Amenities:** 4 playgrounds, 3 splash pads, 1 skatepark, 11 pétanque lanes, and 1 off-leash dog area provide inclusive, family-friendly spaces.
- **Passive and Social Spaces:** 5 picnic/gathering areas, 2 outdoor event spaces, and 1 outdoor fitness zone support informal use and community events.

- **Support Infrastructure:** Several parks feature heritage buildings, park support buildings, snack shacks or gazebos, and internal parking to enhance accessibility and comfort.

This supply reflects a balanced approach to recreation planning, with amenities that cater to structured sports, informal play, and social gathering. While some parks are highly programmed, others offer flexible green space for spontaneous use. The inclusion of school sites further extends access to outdoor amenities, particularly for youth and families.



*Cadieux Park Outdoor Rink/Court*

# 6.1 Supply

		PARK AMENITIES																								
NAME	PARK SIZE (HECTARES)	Multi-Use Sports Field	Senior Soccer Field	Junior Soccer Field	Sports Field (General / Informal Use)	Hardball Diamond	Softball Diamond	Skatepark	Basketball Court	Tennis Court	Pickleball Courts	Outdoor Rink (Ball / Ice Hockey)	Volleyball Court (Sand)	Pétanque Lanes	Playground Equipment	Splash Pad	Off-Leash Dog Area	Community Garden	Green Space / Open Lawn	Picnic / Gathering Area	Outdoor Events Space	Heritage Building	Park Support Building	Shade Structure / Gazebo	Parking (Internal)	
1	Cadieux Park	1.38		1								1			1	1			1	1			1			
2	Confederation Park	8.37											1	11					1	1	1	1	1	2	1	
3	Cyr-de-LaSalle Park & Dog Park	4.34				1											1		1				2	1		
4	Larocque Park	0.80		1					1			1			1	1			1	1			1			
5	Memorial Park / RHSC	2.15					1	1		4	4								1							
6	Old Mill Park	1.74										1			1	1		1	1				2			
7	Pioneers' Place	1.59																	1	1	1			1	1	
8	Sidney Park	0.48		1											1					1						
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11	École secondaire catholique régionale de Hawkesbury	N/A	1	2																						
12	École secondaire publique Le Sommet	N/A		2																						
		<b>20.84</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

Indicates a shared use amenity (dual use)  
 Indicates amenity on non-municipal property that supports municipal programming

Exhibit 6-1: Outdoor Facilities Supply Detail Matrix

## 6.2 Standard of Provision

Facility Type	Current Supply	Observed Service Level	Comparable Service Level (Guidance Only)	Notes
Rectangular Field	6.5*	1:1,568 residents	1:2,000-3,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School supply supplements the municipal supply.</li> <li>Understand CEPEO is planning a domed turf field.</li> </ul>
Ball Field	2.5*	1:4,078 residents	1:3,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand there are increasing levels of baseball participation, while removal of the softball diamond indicates a decline in that sport.</li> </ul>
Tennis Court	4	1:2,549 residents	1:4,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community demand based.</li> </ul>
Pickleball Court	4	1:2,549 residents	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply should be based on demonstrated demand and high utilization.</li> </ul>
Basketball Court	1	1: 968 youth (10-19 yrs)	1:800 youth (10-19 yrs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball courts on school properties supplement the municipal supply.</li> </ul>
Skatepark	1	1:968 youth (10-19 yrs)	1:1,000 – 2,000 youth (10-19 yrs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate service level at present.</li> </ul>
Playground	4	Not Applicable	Walking distance of residential areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per new park development</li> </ul>
Splash Pad	3	1: 243 children (0-9 yrs)	1:1,000- 2,000 children (0-9 yrs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High standard of provision at present</li> </ul>
Outdoor Rink	3	1:3,398 residents	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community demand based</li> </ul>
Volleyball Court	1	1:10,194 residents	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community demand based</li> </ul>
Petanque Lane	11	1:927 residents	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community demand based</li> </ul>
Off-Leash Dog Park	1	1:10,194 residents	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community demand based</li> </ul>

\*Based on 'effective' supply of unlit field equivalent (FE) (where lit fields are counted as 1.5 unlit equivalents due to increased playing time in the evening), and junior fields are counted as 0.5 senior equivalents due to limited versatility in usage. Includes rectangular fields on school board property.

## 6.3 Utilization

Hawkesbury’s outdoor recreation facilities show a mix of active use, seasonal programming, and underutilized spaces across the park system. In the absence of formal booking data, utilization of outdoor amenities is provided based on observations from site investigations.

**Soccer fields** - are actively used by a local minor soccer association, with evidence of regular practices and small-sided play. The junior field at Cadieux Park is appropriately sized for U10–U11 programming, and adjacent open turf areas support informal training. Spectator bleachers are present but no longer aligned with current field layouts, suggesting that field use patterns have shifted over time.

**Ball diamonds** –appear to have active use, supported by lighting, dugouts, and multiple bleachers. However, the removal of the former softball diamond indicates a decline in overall diamond demand. The remaining hardball diamond is still programmed but faces operational challenges, including aging fencing, shared boundaries with the dog park, and environmental issues such as shoreline erosion and seasonal flooding.

**Outdoor rinks**—such as the ball/ice hockey rink at Cadieux Park—support year-round use, functioning as a ball hockey surface in warm months and a natural-ice rink in winter. Lighting and dasher boards support evening and seasonal programming. Recent improvements indicate community demand.

**Boat launches and docks** - located at Confederation Park and Cyr-de-LaSalle Park—are understood to be heavily used during boating season, with large unlined parking areas designed to accommodate trailers. These facilities support both recreational boating and seasonal tourism.

**Dog park facilities** - at Cyr-de-LaSalle Park - are actively used, with dedicated small- and large-dog areas, shade structures, and seating. Recent improvements suggest strong and sustained community demand.

## 6.4 Condition

Based on conditions observed on site, Hawkesbury’s outdoor recreation facilities range from fair to excellent, but many assets are aging, inconsistent in quality, and in need of targeted renewal. Several neighbourhood parks—such as Cadieux and Larocque—feature relatively new or recently upgraded amenities like playgrounds, splash pads, and outdoor rinks, which are generally in good condition. However, these same parks often lack accessible pathways and include support buildings that do not meet current AODA or OBC standards, indicating significant accessibility and compliance gaps.

Waterfront parks, including Confederation Park and Cyr-de-LaSalle Park, show a wider range of conditions. While many amenities—such as boat launches, docks, pétanque lanes, and cultural features—remain functional, the assessments identify notable structural issues, including cracked concrete slabs, deteriorating stairs, aging fencing, and shoreline erosion. Seasonal flooding and geese activity further impact turf quality and user experience. Parking areas in these parks are largely unlined and informal, contributing to circulation challenges during peak seasons.

Sports facilities also reflect mixed conditions. The junior soccer field at Cadieux Park is in fair condition, with no major structural concerns, though spectator infrastructure is poorly aligned with current field use. The hardball diamond at Cyr-de-LaSalle Park is actively used but shows clear signs of aging, including fencing at the end of its lifecycle, outdated lighting infrastructure, and safety concerns where the diamond borders the dog park.

Across the system, maintenance and lifecycle issues are recurring themes. Many assets—fencing, lighting, support buildings, and shoreline structures—are approaching or beyond their expected lifespan. Several parks lack internal pathways, limiting accessibility and creating inconsistent user experiences. Tree canopy coverage is low in most locations, reducing shade and environmental resilience.

Per provincial legislation, Asset Management Plans must now include non-core assets, such as land improvements - including parks assets for outdoor recreational areas. The Town’s 2024 AMP indicates that 31% of all park assets are in very poor condition, while 56% are in poor condition. Only 6% are in good or very good condition, based on AMP lifecycle analysis with nearly \$1 million in backlogged capital cost requirements.

In summary, Hawkesbury’s outdoor facilities remain highly functional and well-used, but many components require renewal, accessibility upgrades, and proactive asset management to ensure long-term safety, compliance, and quality.

## 6.5 Key Issues & Implications

The key issues and implications overlap with those identified in the previous section on parks and connections, as the outdoor recreation facilities are provided within the park network. These issues underscore the need for strategic reinvestment in recreation infrastructure, with a focus on accessibility, lifecycle renewal, and alignment with evolving community needs. - Aging and non-compliant support buildings limit functionality and pose barriers to inclusive programming. Many structures do not meet current AODA or Ontario Building Code standards, restricting access and use.

- Ball diamonds and fencing infrastructure are nearing the end of their lifecycle, with safety concerns such as shared boundaries with other amenities and deteriorating components requiring replacement.
- Playgrounds and splash pads are generally in good condition, but some lack containment curbs or accessible surfacing, reducing safety and inclusivity.
- Outdoor rinks and courts support seasonal and multi-use programming but rely on natural ice limiting reliability and year-round use.
- Spectator infrastructure such as bleachers is inconsistently placed or misaligned with current field layouts, suggesting a need for site-level reconfiguration.
- Limited lighting and shade structures reduce evening usability and comfort, especially in high-use areas like courts, rinks, and play zones.

### Key Implications

- Significant lifecycle investment is required as many recreation facilities are aging and approaching end-of-life, creating pressure for coordinated capital planning.
- Accessibility upgrades must be prioritized, as several support buildings and play areas do not meet AODA standards, limiting inclusive participation and independent use.
- Underutilized recreation zones present opportunities to introduce new amenities or reconfigure existing ones to better reflect current demand.
- Facility renewal should align with current and emerging demand, particularly where amenities (e.g., bleachers, field layouts, former diamonds) no longer match how spaces are actually being used.
- Leveraging partnerships for forward planning will be important going forward. For example, it is understood that the CEPEO is planning a domed turf facility and that Champlain has land available to accommodate such a facility.

Overall, future planning will need to prioritize facility upgrades, inclusive design, and flexible programming capacity across the system.

# Appendix A: Detailed Park Assessments



## Cadieux Park

### PARK STATISTICS

<b>Park Type</b>	Neighbourhood Park
<b>Address / Location</b>	420 Kitchener Street
<b>Ownership</b>	Town of Hawkesbury
<b>Construction Date</b>	Unknown
<b>Park Size</b>	1.38 hectares (3.40 acres)
<b>Street Frontage</b>	Kitchener Street / West Street / Salisbury Street (walkway block)
<b>Visibility from Street</b>	Good
<b>Points of Entry</b>	<b>Pedestrian:</b> Kitchener St. and West St. (sidewalks) / Salisbury St. (walkway) <b>Vehicular:</b> Maintenance access from Kitchener St. (gated)
<b>Vehicular Parking</b>	<b>Internal:</b> No <b>Adjacent:</b> Municipal Roads (as posted)
<b>Tree Canopy</b>	Less than 20%
<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>	Residential / Institutional / Natural

### EXISTING PARK FEATURES:

1	Entry Drive – located along Kitchener Street frontage (flush curb); supports access by maintenance and operations vehicles; includes sliding gate (no unauthorized access); includes small asphalt drive.
2	Entry Access – located along West Street frontage (flush curb); supports access by maintenance and operations vehicles; includes double gate in chain link perimeter fence (no unauthorized access).
3	Pedestrian Pathways – park features are not connected by an internal pathway system.
4	Park Support Building – single-storey structure; flat roof; wood siding; steel doors (x3) c/w concrete thresholds (exterior); aluminum windows c/w metal security grates; building program – washrooms / changerooms / storage / MEP; small, fenced outdoor maintenance area located at the rear of the building; houses splash pad infrastructure; security system present; power / water / gas / sanitary present; heated seasonally.
5	Playground Area (Main) – prefabricated senior/junior play structure; wood fibre safety surfacing with prefabricated plastic containment curb.
6	Playground Area (Swings) – prefabricated swing bays (x3); belt swings (x4) / tot-swings (x2); wood fibre safety surfacing; no containment curb present.
7	Splash Pad – textured concrete pad complete with concrete apron and drainage structure; multiple play elements / features (nature theme).
8	Outdoor Rink (Ball / Ice Hockey) – concrete pad; prefabricated dasher board system c/w entry gates; integrated chain link fence ball / puck containment at goal ends; interlocking ball hockey surface system on the interior of the rink; hockey nets (x2); illuminated; supports natural ice surface in the winter months.

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9	Junior Soccer Field – natural turf surface; approximately 45m long x 35m wide – supports up to 7v7 (U10-U11) play (based on Canada Soccer Grass Roots Standards); fixed soccer goals (x2); adjacent open areas could support additional small-sided game formats / programming / practices.
10	Picnic Area – both informal (open lawn) and formal (picnic table) areas provided.
11	Park Signage (Feature) – gateway feature complete with masonry columns (x2) and steel posts / archway; steel letter reading “Parc Cadieux Park” and “Bienvenue / Welcome”; located at the maintenance / operation entry drive along Kitchener Street.
12	Park Signage (General) – regulatory/by-law signs; rules and regulations signs.
13	Site Furniture – benches (x6 – on concrete pads); picnic tables (x3 – on concrete pads; accessible models); waste receptacles (x4 – on concrete pad); spectator bleachers (x4 – 6 tiers; steel frame with wood seats; on turf).
14	Site Fencing – galvanized chain link fencing present along park frontage, residential rear yards, and natural area / watercourse limits.
15	General Landscape – open lawn areas (mowed turf); individual tree scattered across the site (primarily deciduous).

**RENOVATIONS / IMPROVEMENTS:**

1	Perimeter Fencing – Kitchener Street frontage	2025
2	Asphalt Maintenance Drive – at park entry sign along Kitchener Street; includes pathway to park support building.	2025
3	Outdoor Rink (Ball / Ice Hockey)	Recent
4	Playground Relocation / Replacement	2018

**CONDITION:**

1	Fair to Excellent
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**COMMENTS:**

1	Adjacent to Regional Catholic Secondary School (La Cite).
2	Natural watercourse located along the south side of the park – wooded area with steep slopes and running water.
3	Park features are not connected by an internal pathway system – limits connectivity / accessibility within the park.
4	Park support building is not compliant with current AODA and OBC standards.
5	Perimeter fence replacement along Kitchener Street was ongoing at the time of the site review.
6	Grading issue noted along the West Street frontage – wood boards are integrated into the base of the chain link fence to retain grade on the street side of the fence; sufficient space exists within the park to eliminate this condition.
7	Concrete pad c/w steel anchors (inset) observed – potential park sign location.

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8	Soccer field appears to support a local minor soccer association / club – dedicated soccer equipment storage area in the park support building.
9	Spectator bleacher location (near soccer field) suggests a change in filed layout / programming has occurred. Current bleacher locations appear disconnected from current programming / use.
10	Recent tree plantings observed.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1	<p>Undertake annual Conditions Assessments for municipal buildings / structures – undertake repairs / maintenance as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: Any future renovation / major repair to the Park Support Building may not be financially prudent given the age/condition of the structure and AODA / OBC compliance issues that exist. New construction should be considered as an alternative to renovation.</li> </ul>
2	Undertake ongoing inspections and repairs including planning for asset replacement at end of useful lifecycle (asset management).
3	Undertake an Accessibility Audit of the park to identify opportunities for improving site accessibility / inclusivity.
4	<p>Undertake the replacement of the perimeter chain link fencing located along West Street is at the end of its lifecycle – short term replacement item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: Fence replacement provides an opportunity for the resolution of grade differential along the property line.</li> </ul>
5	Consider the additional of a pedestrian pathway system that connects park amenities and increases accessibility / inclusivity. Refer to Item 3 (above).
6	Consider opportunities for increasing tree canopy within unprogrammed park spaces.
7	Review the existing spectator bleacher layout to determine if relocation of the bleachers is appropriate based on current soccer programming / use.
8	Review opportunities for the introduction of additional, small scale programming elements within unprogrammed park spaces – review in conjunction with needs identified in municipal-wide levels of service recommendations.

**DATA COLLECTION:**

Description	Yes	No
City Documents	X	
Aerial Photos / Imagery	X	
Internet Search	X	
Discussions with City Representatives	X	
Visual Inspection - Partial		X
Visual Inspection – Full	X	

**REFERENCE PLAN:**



## Confederation Park

### PARK STATISTICS

<b>Park Type</b>	Destination Park (Waterfront)
<b>Address / Location</b>	1 John Street
<b>Ownership</b>	Town of Hawkesbury
<b>Construction Date</b>	1967
<b>Park Size</b>	8.37 hectares (20.68 acres)
<b>Street Frontage</b>	John Street
<b>Visibility from Street</b>	Fair
<b>Points of Entry</b>	<b>Pedestrian:</b> From John Street <b>Vehicular:</b> From John Street (x2)
<b>Vehicular Parking</b>	<b>Internal:</b> Yes – multiple parking areas present <b>Adjacent:</b> None
<b>Tree Canopy</b>	Less than 20%
<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>	Natural – located on Ile du Chenail within the Ottawa River

### EXISTING PARK FEATURES:

1	Entry Drive and Parking Lot (East) – access from John Street via northbound and southbound lanes; stone entry markers located on either side of entry drive; paved driveway and parking areas (asphalt) transition into granular driveway and parking areas; approximately 90 spaces (unlined); accessible parking (1 dedicated space) located at Park Support Building; no containment curb / curb stops; containment achieved selectively through use of vehicular bollards and chain; maintenance / operations access via sliding gate (located at northeast corner of the parking area; driveway underpass connects east to west.
2	Entry Drive and Parking Lot (West) – access from John Street via northbound and southbound lanes; paved driveway and parking areas (asphalt) transition into granular driveway and parking areas; approximately 70 spaces (unlined – designated areas designed to accommodate boat trailers); designated pétanque parking; curb stops used for containment in some areas; vehicular bollards and chain used for containment in some areas; driveway underpass connects west to east.
3	Pedestrian Pathways – provided in limited locations; granular surface within general park areas; precast concrete unit pavers used in monument areas; flagstone used at information sign.
4	Maison de L’Ile / The Chenail Cultural Center – Francophone cultural centre; designated as a heritage building (c. 1835); stone structure with steel roof; supports a variety of artistic and literary activities; includes a café / bistro; includes washrooms; building has been upgraded to be accessible.
5	Park Support Building – single-storey structure; gable roof with asphalt shingles; combination of masonry walls, wood siding, and cedar shake shingles; steel doors (x3) c/w concrete thresholds (exterior); aluminum windows c/w metal security glass; building program – washrooms / MEP with storage; small, security system present; power / water / gas / sanitary present; heated seasonally; “Hawkesbury” signage mounted to front and rear face.

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6	Richelieu Gazebo – octagonal wood structure (20m width +/-); 2 tier roof with asphalt shingles; integrates information signs related to the Hamilton Sawmill; perimeter concrete stairs or ramp (c/w steel railing) provides access to raised main level (concrete surface); internal stairs (within the gazebo) provide access to an upper level (informal stage/speaking area); electrical service present.
7	Support Structure 1 – shipping container located on east side of park; storage for water sports program / rentals; standard door (x1); roll-up door (x1).
8	Support Structure 2 – small, wood structure with wood siding; gable roof (steel); boat launch / boat ramp support - located on the west side of the park at boat trailer parking area.
9	Shade Structure – small, prefabricated structure locate adjacent to pétanque lanes; on concrete pad.
10	Trellis Structure – small, wood structure; gateway to the boat ramp.
11	Boat Launch (x1) – accessed from the west entry drive / parking lot; asphalt drive that transitions to concrete as it enters the water; engineered shore containment on both sides.
12	Boat Dock (x1) - accessed from the west entry drive / parking lot; metal structure (landing, ramp, dock, and rails); provides access to the water; extension docks stored on site for seasonal use; overnight docking permitted for a fee.
13	Shoreline – edge treatment and conditions vary; natural shoreline, rip-rap/ stone, engineered walls / structures all present.
14	Volleyball Court – sand surface with wood timber perimeter; net [posts (x2).
15	Pétanque Lanes (x11) – packed and level granular surface with wood timber containment curbs; grouping of 8 lanes (east-west orientation); grouping of 3 lanes (north-south orientation); scoreboards provided at each lane; seating areas adjacent to lanes; lit (LED
16	Picnic Area – both informal (open lawn) and formal (picnic table) areas provided.
17	Art Garden – a variety of public art installations (12 to 15 +/-) located within an open lawn area; includes art/artist information signs; integrated with a variety of seating areas including benches, picnic tables, and portable Adirondack chairs.
18	Monuments / Historic Signs – ‘The Syne’ monument stone (2009); Hawkesbury’s Monument de la Francophonie (2014); Hawkesbury Mills Ontario Heritage Sign; ‘Blacksmith Shop’ – heritage architectural features sign.
19	Information Sign – wood posts and frame with mono-slope roof; posts extend from low masonry columns; variety of local historic information associated with lumber and power generation.
20	Site Furniture – benches (10 +/-; on concrete pads / footings); wood planters / benches (x4); picnic table (40 +/-; combination of on concrete pad and in lawn; standard and accessible models); Adirondack chairs (15 +/-; portable / in lawn); standard waste receptacle (22 +/-); 2-stream waste receptacles (x1); power pedestals (x3); flag poles (x5); steel bollards (at pay stations); concrete vehicular bollards (in parking areas); natural stone boulders (parking control).
21	Park Signage –municipal identification sign (x1 – west side of park at John Street); municipal bylaws; permitting rules / regulations; pay station information; parking and traffic control; Snye Fishing Club.
22	General Landscape – open lawn areas (used for events and passive recreation); scattered mature tree plantings (primarily deciduous); ornamental planting beds (adjacent to buildings and monuments).

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**RENOVATIONS / IMPROVEMENTS:**

1	Sand Volleyball Court - constructed	2018
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**CONDITION:**

1	Poor to Good
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**COMMENTS:**

1	City-de-LaSalle Park is visible from the open lawn on the east side of the park (visual connection).
2	Regular presence of Canadian Geese expected due to short grass and water access - excessive droppings observed in the open lawn areas on the east side of the park.
3	Significant cracking observed in the concrete slab / stairs located under the gazebo.
4	Concrete issues observed at the boat launch (settlement / cracking issues) – trip hazards spray painted.
5	Information sign is decline – older structure; issues with masonry columns observed; information panels are quite faded.
6	Recent tree plantings observed.
7	Formalization of parking area could improve high-season and events access/use.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1	<p>Undertake annual Conditions Assessments for municipal buildings / structures – undertake repairs / maintenance as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: Several structural issues were observed in the concrete structure / pad under the gazebo – priority item repaired in the short term.</li> </ul>
2	Undertake ongoing inspections and repairs including planning for asset replacement at end of useful lifecycle (asset management).
3	<p>Undertake a Master Plan to review the suitability of the existing park program / uses and assess opportunities for regeneration or enhancement. A strategic review of opportunities should be done in relation to municipality-wide objectives for parks and opens spaces. The Master Plan should specifically review and address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conditions assessment for existing infrastructure.</li> <li>Conditions assessment of exiting shoreline - identify current issues, identify risks, prioritize repairs, and include recommendations for ongoing (regular) monitoring.</li> <li>Program / amenities review.</li> <li>Accessibility Audit - identify opportunities for improving site accessibility / inclusivity.</li> <li>Review of events infrastructure.</li> <li>Establishing design and materials standards.</li> </ul>

**DATA COLLECTION:**

Description	Yes	No
City Documents	X	
Aerial Photos / Imagery	X	
Internet Search	X	
Discussions with City Representatives	X	
Visual Inspection - Partial		X
Visual Inspection – Full	X	

**REFERENCE PLAN:**



## Cyr-de-LaSalle Park & Dog Park

### PARK STATISTICS

<b>Park Type</b>	Community Park (Waterfront)
<b>Address / Location</b>	571 Main Street East
<b>Ownership</b>	Town of Hawkesbury
<b>Construction Date</b>	Unknown
<b>Park Size</b>	4.34 hectares (10.72 acres)
<b>Street Frontage</b>	Main Street East / Philippe Street (parking lot entry)
<b>Visibility from Street</b>	Poor
<b>Points of Entry</b>	<b>Pedestrian:</b> From Main Street East sidewalk <b>Vehicular:</b> From Main Street East / Philippe Street
<b>Vehicular Parking</b>	<b>Internal:</b> Yes <b>Adjacent:</b> Municipal Roads (as posted)
<b>Tree Canopy</b>	Less than 5%
<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>	Residential / Commercial / Utility / Natural

### EXISTING PARK FEATURES:

1	Entry Drive and Parking Lot – access from Phillippe Street; asphalt drive transitions into granular surface; approximately 120 spaces (unlined –designed to accommodates boat trailers); provides direct access to boat launch; containment achieved through a combination of natural stone (boulders) and steel posts with chain; lit (safety lighting).
2	Entry Drive (Maintenance) – curb cut located at the road; asphalt drive (25m long x 4m wide) extends into the park; not controls in place to limit vehicular access.
3	Park Support Building – approximately 4m x 4m in size; wood frame on concrete slab; wood siding; hip roof (steel); metal door (x1); canteen door (x2); use unknown – locked during site review; electrical service present.
4	Dog Park Support Building - approximately 4m x 4m in size; wood frame on concrete slab; wood siding; hip roof (steel); metal door (x1); large windows (x2); single room; electrical service present.
5	Boat Launch (x2) – accessed from the parking lot; (1) large boat / (1) small boat; asphalt drive that transitions to concrete as it enters the water.
6	Boat Dock (x1) - accessed from the parking lot; metal structure (landing, ramp, dock); provides access to the water.
7	Hardball Diamond – galvanized chain link fence backstop (non-welded construction) with overhang; dugouts (x2); line and outfield fencing (6' height) complete with gates / openings; granular infield; (x3) prefabricated aluminum spectator bleachers (6 tier) on turf; (x2) prefabricated aluminum player's benches on granular; illuminated (concrete pole from 1988).

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8	Off-Leash Dog Area – enclosed with galvanized chain link fence complete with gates; double gated entry; separated into large dog and small dog areas; natural turf surface; obstacles / agility elements; variety of seating for dog owners; small shade structure (x2); entry is illuminated.
9	Open Green Space – large turf area located south-west of the hardball diamond (former softball diamond – lighting system still in place); small turf area located adjacent to the Park Support Building; small turf area located south of the dog park (former horseshoe pits – lighting still in place).
10	Site Furniture –benches (x4; in the dog park); picnic tables (x6; in the dog park); portable chairs / seating (quantity unknown; in the dog park); waste receptacles (x5); spectator bleachers (x2 – 6 tiers; steel frame with wood seats; on turf); spectator bleachers (x1 – 4 tiers; steel frame with wood seats; on turf).
11	Park Signage – municipal bylaws; permitting rules / regulations; parking and traffic control; ‘Hawkesbury Dog Park’ Sign / Advertising Board.
12	General Landscape – mixture of deciduous and coniferous trees (individual and small clusters); open lawn areas (unprogrammed).

**RENOVATIONS / IMPROVEMENTS:**

1	Park Support Building (Canteen) - constructed	Recent
2	Hardball Diamond Lighting – 3 light poles re-lamped with LED fixtures	Recent
3	Off-Leash Dog Park – improvements	2020
4	Horseshoe Pits - removed	2016
5	Softball Diamond - removed	2015
6	Off-Leash Dog Park – initial construction	2014

**CONDITION:**

1	Fair to Excellent
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**COMMENTS:**

1	Confederation Park is visible from the north end of the park at the shoreline (visual connection).
2	Adjacent to the Hawkesbury Water Treatment Plant.
3	Access to Ottawa River.
4	Concrete pad c/w steel anchors (inset) observed in parking area – potential park sign location.
5	No internal pedestrian pathway system.
6	The ball diamond 3 <sup>rd</sup> base line fencing is shared with the dogs-off-leash area – potential safety hazard / risk of conflict during ball season.
7	Large, unprogrammed spaces available for use within the park – previously used as a softball diamond (removed in 2015 +/-).
8	Formalization of parking area could improve high-season access/use.
9	Signs of potential seasonal flooding issues observed – bank erosion (scouring and undercutting); open lawn condition / species.

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10	Area of erosion observed at boat launch.
11	Raptors nest observed in ball diamond light pole.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1	Undertake annual Conditions Assessments for municipal buildings / structures – undertake repairs / maintenance as required.
2	Undertake ongoing inspections and repairs including planning for asset replacement at end of useful lifecycle (asset management). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: Ball diamond fencing is at the end of its lifecycle and requires replacement.</li> </ul>
3	Undertake a Master Plan to review the opportunities for increased programming / use of the park. A strategic review of opportunities should be done in relation to municipality-wide objectives for parks and opens spaces. The Master Plan should specifically review and address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conditions assessment for existing infrastructure.</li> <li>Conditions assessment of exiting shoreline - identify current issues, identify risks, prioritize repairs, and include recommendations for ongoing (regular) monitoring.</li> <li>Review additional program opportunities.</li> <li>Accessibility Audit - identify opportunities for improving site accessibility / inclusivity.</li> </ul>
4	Consider opportunities for increasing tree canopy within unprogrammed park spaces.

**DATA COLLECTION:**

Description	Yes	No
City Documents	X	
Aerial Photos / Imagery	X	
Internet Search	X	
Discussions with City Representatives	X	
Visual Inspection - Partial		X
Visual Inspection – Full	X	

**REFERENCE PLAN:**



## Larocque Park

### PARK STATISTICS

<b>Park Type</b>	Neighbourhood Park
<b>Address / Location</b>	470 Abbott Street
<b>Ownership</b>	Town of Hawkesbury
<b>Construction Date</b>	Unknown
<b>Park Size</b>	0.80 hectares (1.98 acres)
<b>Street Frontage</b>	Abbott Street / Mary Street
<b>Visibility from Street</b>	Good
<b>Points of Entry</b>	<b>Pedestrian:</b> From Abbott Street and Mary Street (no sidewalks) <b>Vehicular:</b> Maintenance access from Abbott Street (gated)
<b>Vehicular Parking</b>	<b>Internal:</b> No <b>Adjacent:</b> Municipal Roads (as posted)
<b>Tree Canopy</b>	Less than 10%
<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>	Residential / Institutional / Commercial / Industrial

### EXISTING PARK FEATURES:

1	Entry Drive – located along Abbott Street frontage (flush curb); supports access by maintenance and operations vehicles; includes sliding gate (no unauthorized access); includes small asphalt drive.
2	Entry Access – located along Mary Street frontage (flush curb); supports access by maintenance and operations vehicles; unrestricted.
3	Pedestrian Pathways – concrete stairs (2-risers) and sidewalk connect Abbott Street to the Park Support Building; otherwise, park features are not connected by an internal pathway system.
4	Park Support Building – single-storey structure; flat roof; wood siding; steel doors (x2) c/w concrete thresholds (exterior); aluminum windows c/w metal security grates; building program – washrooms / changerooms / MEP; small, fenced outdoor maintenance area located at the rear of the building; security system present; power / water / gas / sanitary present; heated seasonally.
5	Park Utility Building – prefabricated, concrete building; located adjacent to the Park Support Building; steel doors (x1); houses splash pad infrastructure
6	Playground Area (Main) – prefabricated senior/junior play structure; wood fibre safety surfacing with prefabricated plastic containment curb.
7	Playground Area (Swings) – prefabricated swing bays (x3); belt swings (x4) / tot-swings (x2); sand safety surfacing; wood timber containment curb.
8	Splash Pad – painted concrete pad complete with concrete apron and drainage structure; multiple play elements / features (inground and surface mounted); areas drain (x2).
9	Outdoor Rink (Ball / Ice Hockey) – concrete pad; prefabricated dasher board system c/w entry gates; integrated chain link fence ball / puck containment at goal ends; hockey nets (x2); supports natural ice surface in the winter months.

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10	Junior Soccer Field – natural turf surface; approximately 30m long x 20m wide – supports youth play up to 5v5 (U8-U9) play (based on Canada Soccer Grass Roots Standards); fixed soccer goals (x2); spectator bleacher (x1 – 3 tier on turf).
11	Basketball Court – asphalt surface with painted line markings (25m long x 18m wide); basketball posts/backboards/nets (x2).
12	Hard Surface Play Area – asphalt surface (30m long x 20m wide); suitable for unprogrammed, flexible play.
13	Picnic Area – both informal (open lawn) and formal (picnic table) areas provided.
14	Park Signage – regulatory/by-law signs; rules and regulations signs.
15	Site Furniture – benches (x7 – on concrete pads); picnic tables (x4 – on concrete pads; accessible models); waste receptacles (x5 – on concrete pad); spectator bleachers (x1 – 3 tiers; steel frame with wood seats; on turf).
16	Site Fencing – galvanized chain link fencing present along north property line (residential side yards).
17	Site Lighting – safety lighting present at Park Support Building and Splash Pad; flood lights located at Outdoor Rink.
18	General Landscape – open lawn areas with scattered tree plantings (primarily deciduous); coniferous hedgerow along north property line.

**RENOVATIONS / IMPROVEMENTS:**

1	General Improvements – drainage, site furnishings, concrete / asphalt surfaces	Recent
2	Upgrades to outdoor rink	Recent.
3	Playground – equipment replacement	2018

**CONDITION:**

1	Poor to Excellent
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**COMMENTS:**

1	Splash Pad is at the end of its lifecycle – concrete surface requires replacement. Oldest splash pad in the municipality.
2	Existing hard surface play area in northwest corner of the pad is a non-programmed space – asphalt surface is in decline (cracking and water ponding observed); close proximity to Mary Street; close proximity to adjacent residential.
3	Park features are not connected by an internal pathway system – limits connectivity / accessibility within the park.
4	Park support building is not compliant with current AODA and OBC standards.
5	Concrete pad c/w steel anchors (inset) observed at Mary Street frontage – potential park sign location.
6	Recent tree plantings observed.

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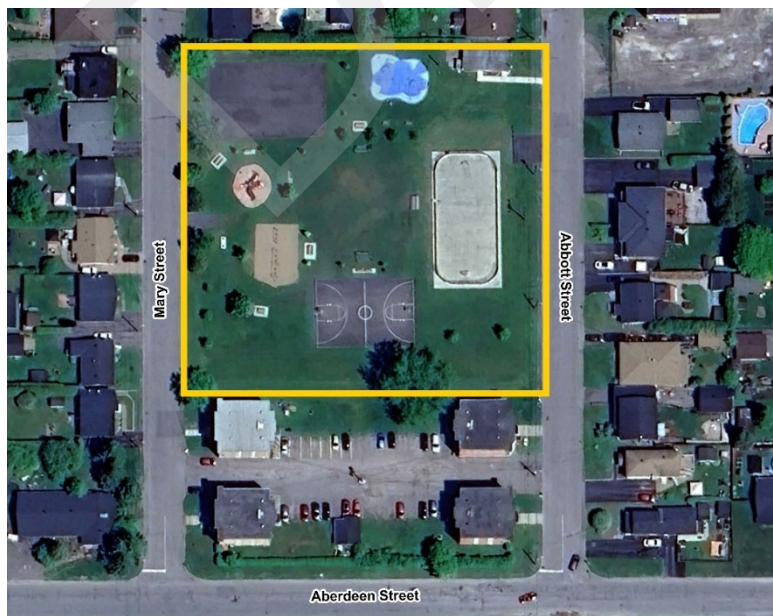
**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1	Undertake annual Conditions Assessments for municipal buildings / structures – undertake repairs / maintenance as required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: Any future renovation / major repair to the Park Support Building may not be financially prudent given the age/condition of the structure and AODA / OBC compliance issues that exist. New construction should be considered as an alternative to renovation.</li> </ul>
2	Undertake ongoing inspections and repairs including planning for asset replacement at end of useful lifecycle (asset management).
3	Undertake an Accessibility Audit of the park to identify opportunities for improving site accessibility / inclusivity.
4	Undertake the replacement of the Splash Pad located which is at the end of its lifecycle – short term replacement item.
5	Review opportunities for alternate programming to replace the existing Hard Surface Play Area – unprogrammed space in decline. Review in conjunction with needs identified in municipal-wide levels of service recommendations.
6	Consider opportunities for increasing tree canopy within unprogrammed park spaces.

**DATA COLLECTION:**

Description	Yes	No
City Documents	X	
Aerial Photos / Imagery	X	
Internet Search	X	
Discussions with City Representatives	X	
Visual Inspection - Partial		X
Visual Inspection – Full	X	

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## Memorial Park

### PARK STATISTICS

<b>Park Type</b>	Community Park
<b>Address / Location</b>	610 Higginson Street
<b>Ownership</b>	Town of Hawkesbury
<b>Construction Date</b>	Unknown
<b>Park Size</b>	2.15 hectares (5.32 acres)
<b>Street Frontage</b>	Higginson Street / Lafleche Road (northeast corner)
<b>Visibility from Street</b>	Fair
<b>Points of Entry</b>	<b>Pedestrian:</b> From Higginson Street; from adjacent municipal and school properties. <b>Vehicular:</b> From adjacent parking lot areas.
<b>Vehicular Parking</b>	<b>Internal:</b> No <b>Adjacent:</b> Yes – municipal and school parking lots
<b>Tree Canopy</b>	Less than 10%
<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>	Residential / Institutional/ Municipal

### EXISTING PARK FEATURES:

1	Entry Drive and Parking Lots – vehicular access to the park is provided via adjacent municipal and school parking lots.
2	Softball Diamond – galvanized chain link fence backstop (non-welded construction) with overhang; dugouts (x2); line fencing (4' height) and outfield fencing (6' height) complete with gates / openings; granular infield; (x2) prefabricated spectator bleachers (7 tier – steel frame with wood seating) on turf; (x2) wood player's benches on granular.
3	Skatepark – asphalt surface (30m x 12m) with multiple prefabricated skate features (ramps, pipes, banks, rails); landscape boulders restrict vehicular access; galvanized chain link fence (3m height) located on north and east sides providing separation for the softball diamond; illuminated (safety lighting); video surveillance present.
4	Tennis (x4)/ Pickleball Courts (x4) – shared use facility; asphalt paving with acrylic surfacing and painted court lines; galvanized chain link fence (3m height) around perimeter complete with gates; galvanized chain link fence (2.4m height) provides court separation between courts 2 and 3, complete with openings; tennis/pickleball nests and posts (x4); connections to adjacent recreation complex present; benches and waste receptacles internal to courts; illuminated.
5	Open Green Space – unprogrammed turf area located northeast of the softball diamond; slopes moderately towards perimeter; suitable for informal / passive use.
6	Site Fencing (General) – galvanized chain link fence present along park frontage, residential rear / side yards, and school property limits.
7	Site Furniture – benches (x8 – in tennis/pickleball court); waste receptacles (x5); spectator bleachers (x2 – 7 tiers; steel frame with wood seats; on turf).

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8	Park Signage – municipal bylaws; permitting rules / regulations; parking and traffic control.
9	General Landscape – mixture of deciduous and coniferous trees (individual and small clusters); open lawn areas (unprogrammed).

**RENOVATIONS / IMPROVEMENTS:**

1	Tennis / Pickleball Courts – perimeter drainage improvements	Recent
2	Skatepark – renovation	2018
3	Tennis / Pickleball Courts – resurfacing	2018
4	Tennis / Pickleball Courts – resurfacing	2010

**CONDITION:**

1	Poor to Good
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**COMMENTS:**

1	Adjacent to Hawkesbury Town Hall.
2	Property linked with adjacent school property (Nouvel Horizon Public Elementary) – property limits unclear.
3	Limited, undefined pedestrian pathway system.
4	Ball diamond fencing is at the end of its lifecycle.
5	Tennis / pickleball court fencing is at the end of its lifecycle – temporary structural supports observed.
6	Pedestrian connections (asphalt) to tennis / pickleball courts are in poor condition.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

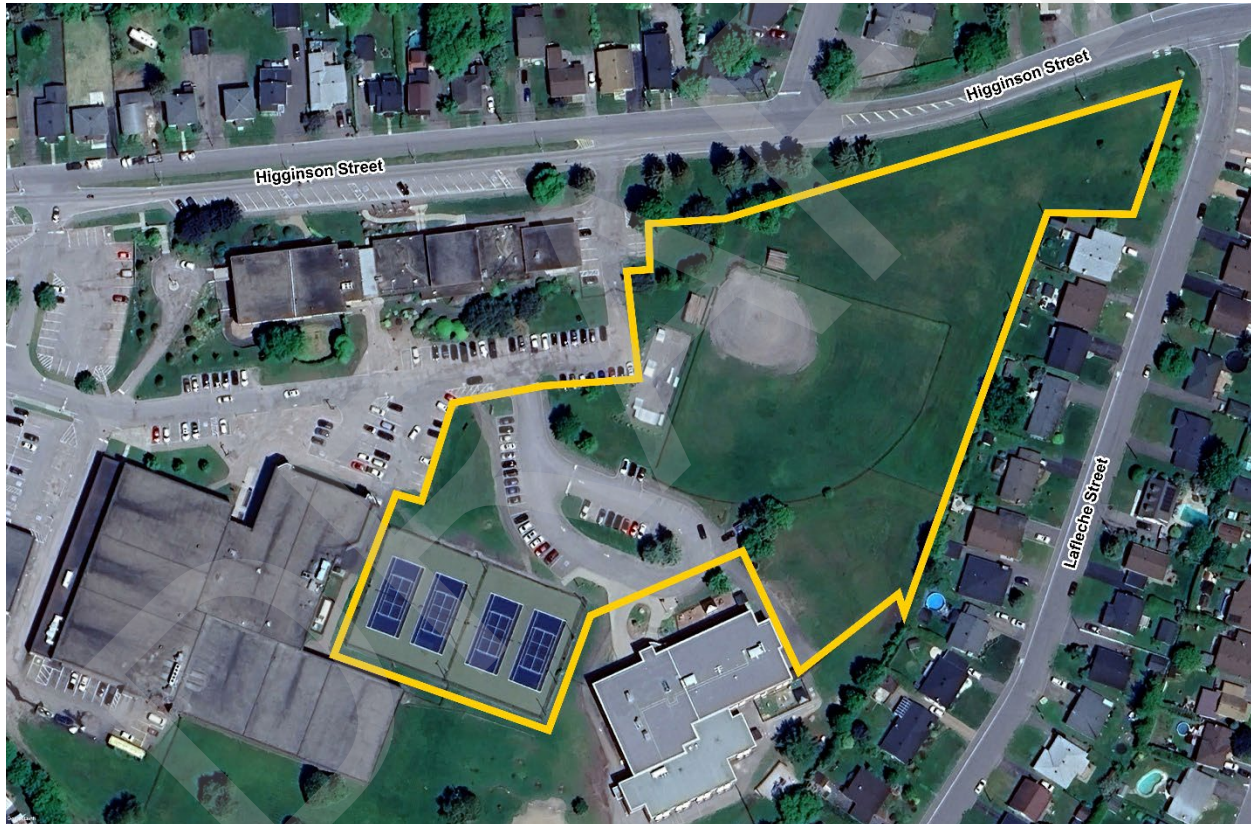
1	<p>Undertake ongoing inspections and repairs including planning for asset replacement at end of useful lifecycle (asset management).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: Ball diamond fencing is at the end of its lifecycle and requires replacement.</li> <li>Note: Tennis / pickleball fencing is at the end of its lifecycle and requires replacement.</li> <li>Note: Pedestrian asphalt paving leading to tennis / pickleball courts requires replacement.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Undertaker Master Plan to review opportunities / constraints associated with proposed property re-delineation (in-progress with the local school board). Opportunity to review and address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Condition of existing infrastructure – repair / replace / remove.</li> <li>Reassess programming needs in coordination with levels of service needs identified within the municipality.</li> <li>Undertake an accessibility Audit - identify opportunities for improving site accessibility / inclusivity.</li> </ul>
3	Consider opportunities for increasing tree canopy within unprogrammed park spaces.

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**DATA COLLECTION:**

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City Documents	X	
Aerial Photos / Imagery	X	
Internet Search	X	
Discussions with City Representatives	X	
Visual Inspection - Partial		X
Visual Inspection – Full	X	

**REFERENCE PLAN:**



## Old Mill Park

### PARK STATISTICS

<b>Park Type</b>	Neighbourhood Park
<b>Address / Location</b>	527 James Street
<b>Ownership</b>	Town of Hawkesbury
<b>Construction Date</b>	Unknown
<b>Park Size</b>	1.74 hectares (4.30 acres)
<b>Street Frontage</b>	James Street
<b>Visibility from Street</b>	Poor
<b>Points of Entry</b>	<b>Pedestrian:</b> From James Street (municipal road with no sidewalks); from utility corridor accessed via Tache Blvd. <b>Vehicular:</b> From James Street (via entry drive).
<b>Vehicular Parking</b>	<b>Internal:</b> No <b>Adjacent:</b> Municipal Roads (as posted)
<b>Tree Canopy</b>	Less than 10%
<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>	Residential / Utility

### EXISTING PARK FEATURES:

1	Entry Drive – located along James Street frontage (west end of the park); flush curb with asphalt drive (3m to 4m width) that extends into the park and transitions to granular material; sliding gate restricts vehicular access); terminates at the Outdoor Rink and Park Support Building.
2	Pedestrian Pathways – concrete walkway transitions to a granular path connecting James Street (walkway block) to Park Support Building.
3	Park Support Building – single-storey structure; hip roof with asphalt shingles; wood siding; steel door (x1) c/w concrete thresholds (exterior); aluminum windows c/w metal security grates; building program – washrooms / changerooms / storage / staff room / MEP; houses splash pad infrastructure; security system present; power / water / gas / sanitary present; heated seasonally.
4	Park Storage Building - approximately 4m x 4m in size; wood frame on concrete slab; wood siding; hip roof (steel); metal door (x1); canteen door (x2); used for storage; electrical service present.
5	Playground Areas – prefabricated senior/junior play structure; wood fibre safety surfacing; no containment curb present.
6	Playground Area (Swings #1) – prefabricated swing bay (x1); nest swing (x1); wood fibre safety surfacing with wood timber containment curb.
7	Playground Area (Swings #2) – prefabricated swing bays (x3); belt swings (x4) / tot-swings (x2); wood fibre safety surfacing; no containment curb present.
8	Splash Pad – circular concrete pad complete with precast concrete unit paver apron and concrete containment curb; drainage structure; multiple play elements / features (nature theme).

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9	Outdoor Rink (Ball / Ice Hockey) – concrete pad; prefabricated dasher board system c/w entry gates; integrated chain link fence ball / puck containment at goal ends; hockey nets (x2); illuminated; supports natural ice surface in the winter months.
10	Community Garden – approximately 18m x 25m in size; enclosed by black vinyl chain link fence complete with gated; combination of in-ground and raised (x10-wood planters) garden beds.
11	Park Signage – park information sign (located at James Street Entry Drive); regulatory/by-law signs; rules and regulations signs.
12	Site Furniture – waste receptacles (x3 – blue barrels); bicycle rack (x1).
13	Site Fencing – galvanized chain link fencing present along park frontage, residential rear / side yards.
14	General Landscape – open lawn areas (mowed turf); individual tree scattered across the site (primarily deciduous).

**RENOVATIONS / IMPROVEMENTS:**

1	Playground – equipment replacement	2025
2	Community Garden – construction	Recent
3	Outdoor Rink – reconstructed	Recent
4	Splash Pad – reconstructed	2018

**CONDITION:**

1	Fair to Excellent
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**COMMENTS:**

1	Park support building is not compliant with current AODA and OBC standards.
2	Concrete pad c/w steel anchors (inset) observed – potential park sign location.
3	Recent tree plantings observed.
4	Significant drainage ditch located along the north property line.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1	Undertake annual Conditions Assessments for municipal buildings / structures – undertake repairs / maintenance as required. Note: Any future renovation / major repair to the Park Support Building may not be financially prudent given the age/condition of the structure and AODA / OBC compliance issues that exist. New construction should be considered as an alternative to renovation.
2	Undertake ongoing inspections and repairs including planning for asset replacement at end of useful lifecycle (asset management).
3	Undertake an Accessibility Audit of the park to identify opportunities for improving site accessibility / inclusivity.
4	Consider opportunities for increasing tree canopy within unprogrammed park spaces.

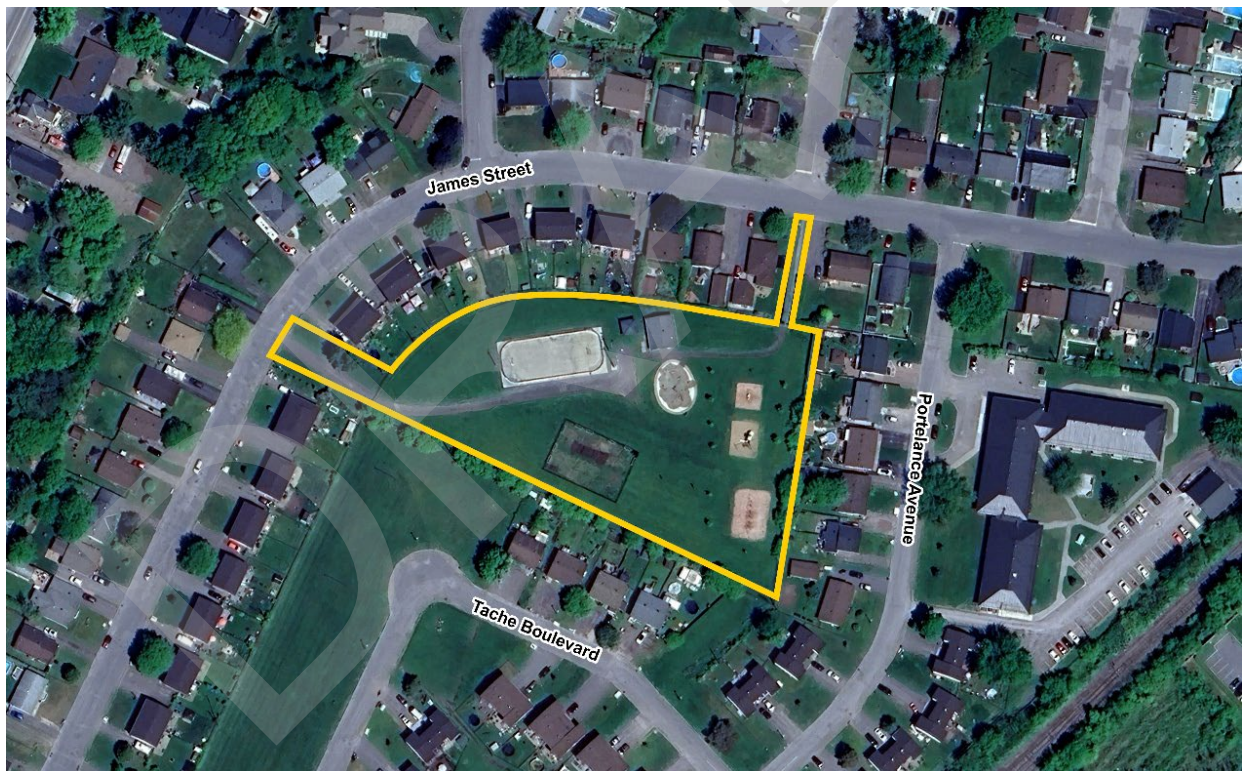
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5	Review opportunities for the introduction of additional, small scale programming elements within unprogrammed park spaces – review in conjunction with needs identified in municipal-wide levels of service recommendations.
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City Documents	X	
Aerial Photos / Imagery	X	
Internet Search	X	
Discussions with City Representatives	X	
Visual Inspection - Partial		X
Visual Inspection – Full	X	

**REFERENCE PLAN:**



## Pioneers' Place

### PARK STATISTICS

<b>Park Type</b>	Community Park
<b>Address / Location</b>	351 Main Street East
<b>Ownership</b>	Town of Hawkesbury
<b>Construction Date</b>	2006 (original)
<b>Park Size</b>	1.59 hectares (3.92 acres)
<b>Street Frontage</b>	Main Street East / Chenail Blvd.
<b>Visibility from Street</b>	Good
<b>Points of Entry</b>	<b>Pedestrian:</b> From Sidney Street cul-de-sac <b>Vehicular:</b> From Chenail Blvd.
<b>Vehicular Parking</b>	<b>Internal:</b> Yes <b>Adjacent:</b> Municipal Roads (as posted)
<b>Tree Canopy</b>	Less than 25%
<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>	Residential / Commercial

### EXISTING PARK FEATURES:

1	Entry Drive and Parking Lot – Access from Chenail Blvd. (via Richer Street); asphalt surface with concrete containment curb; painted line markings; illuminated; no accessible parking spaces present.
2	Pedestrian Pathways – combination of materials including concrete, asphalt, precast concrete unit pavers, and granular surfaces; provide connectivity throughout the park; includes a sponsors / donors walk (railway track theme); concrete stairs and ramps (complete with rails) assist with connections; illuminated with light poles and market lights.
3	Amphitheatre des Spectacles – single-storey structure (approximately 10m x 10m); interior space (approximately 10m x 5m); exterior staged (covered – approximately 10m x 5m); mono-slope roof (steel); steel doors (x3); wood siding; interior building program – dressing rooms, washrooms, and MEP; sound system; security; electrical, sanitary, and water services present; dedicated accessible viewing area located on the right side of the stage; wood deck extends off the right side of the stage/building.
4	Park Support Building - single-storey structure (approximately 7m x 4m); gable roof (steel); wood siding; steel door (x1); canteen doors (x2); building program – canteen / food service; sound system; security; electrical and water services present.
5	Shade Structure – wood structure on concrete piers; hip roof (steel) with accents; integrated wood benches at corner posts; electrical service present.
6	Flexible Use Event Spaces – granular surface with building backdrop (333 Main Street East); provides space for temporary / seasonal programming and events support.
7	Play Space – small, climbing wall with wood fibre safety surfacing; no containment curb.

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8	Retaining Walls – precast concrete wall supports the west and south sides of the raised, central gathering space; precast concrete wall and natural stone walls retains the pedestrian pathway on the west side of the outdoor stage.
9	Granite Wall – feature wall located adjacent to the outdoor stage / open lawn on the west side of the park; includes space for panels (mounted); all panels removed with exception of Indigenous land acknowledgement.
10	Monuments – ‘Sudipta Chakraborty’ stone; United Steelworkers ‘National Day of Mourning’ stone; Franco-Ontariennes stone.
11	Site Furniture – benches (x14 - on concrete pads / footings); integrated tables / chairs (x4 – on concrete pad); picnic table (x6 - on concrete pad; standard models); standard waste receptacle (x8 – on concrete pad); 2-stream waste receptacles (x1); bicycle rack (x2 – on concrete pad); bicycle repair station (x1 – on concrete pad); fountain / bottle filler station (x1 – on concrete pad); steel bollards (provide separation from adjacent parking areas).
12	Site Fencing – prefabricated steel picket fence frames west and south sides of the raised, central gathering space; acoustic, wood fence separates the site from Chenail Blvd.
13	Park Signage – municipal bylaws; rules / regulations; parking and traffic control; digital sign (x3 - circular; mounted to light poles adjacent to Park Support Building); program sign (temporary – 2025 season).
14	General Landscape – scattered mature tree plantings (primarily deciduous); ornamental planting beds; seasonal planting pots; small, open lawn adjacent to outdoor stage.

**RENOVATIONS / IMPROVEMENTS:**

1	Park Redevelopment	Recent
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**CONDITION:**

1	Good
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**COMMENTS:**

1	No accessible parking spaces present in the parking lot.
2	Retaining wall along the west property line requires repair – starting to lean outwards.
3	Panels have been removed from the granite feature wall – unclear if they are to be replaced.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

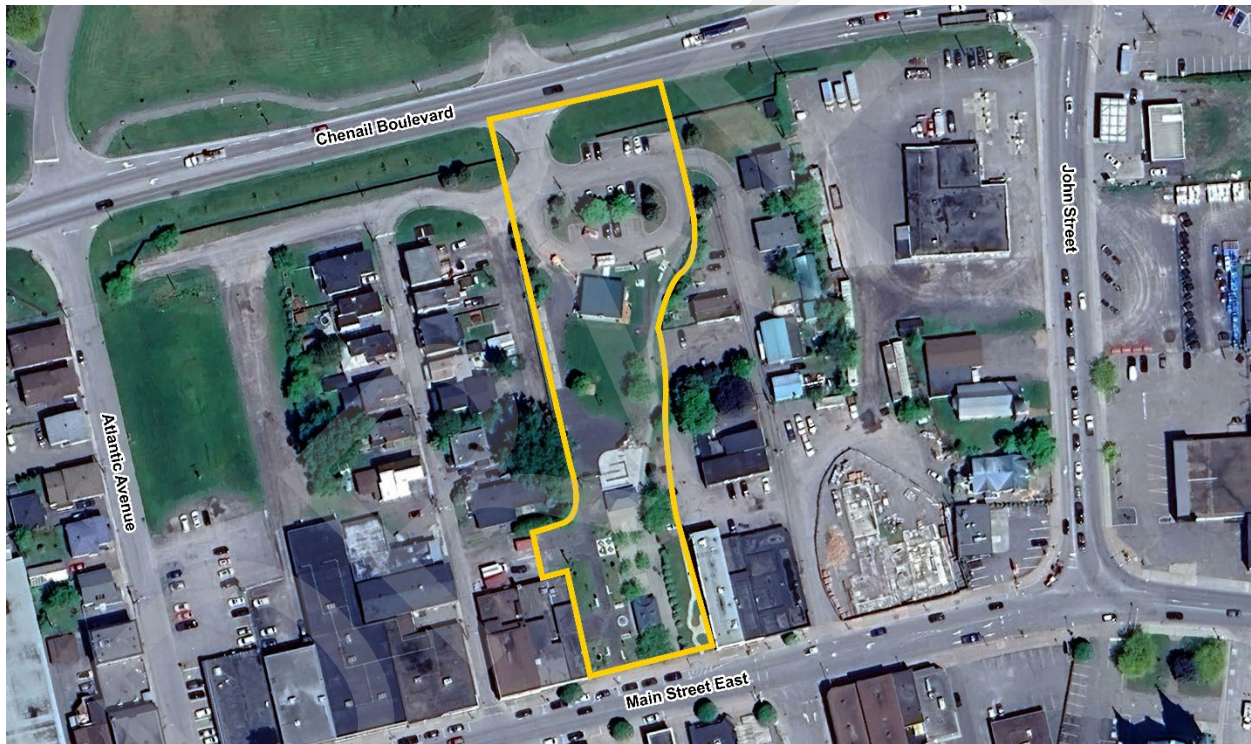
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2	Undertake ongoing inspections and repairs including planning for asset replacement at end of useful lifecycle (asset management).

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**DATA COLLECTION:**

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City Documents	X	
Aerial Photos / Imagery	X	
Internet Search	X	
Discussions with City Representatives	X	
Visual Inspection - Partial		X
Visual Inspection – Full	X	

**REFERENCE PLAN:**



## Sidney Park

### PARK STATISTICS

<b>Park Type</b>	Neighbourhood Park
<b>Address / Location</b>	906 Sidney Street
<b>Ownership</b>	Town of Hawkesbury
<b>Construction Date</b>	Unknown
<b>Park Size</b>	0.48 hectares (1.18 acres)
<b>Street Frontage</b>	Sidney Street / Edmond Street (walkway block)
<b>Visibility from Street</b>	Good
<b>Points of Entry</b>	<b>Pedestrian:</b> From Sidney Street (no municipal sidewalk) /; from Edmond Street (via walkway block) <b>Vehicular:</b> No
<b>Vehicular Parking</b>	<b>Internal:</b> No <b>Adjacent:</b> Municipal Roads (as posted).
<b>Tree Canopy</b>	Less than 25%
<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>	Residential / Natural (woodlot)

### EXISTING PARK FEATURES:

1	Entry Access – flush curb located at Sidney Street; provides access to open lawn; no vehicular controls present.
2	Pedestrian Pathways – asphalt pathway extending from Edmond Street into the park; terminates into open lawn area.
3	Playground Area (Main) – prefabricated senior/junior play structure; wood fibre safety surfacing with prefabricated plastic containment curb.
4	Playground Area (Secondary) – prefabricated rings / climbing structure; wood fibre safety surfacing with prefabricated plastic containment curb.
5	Playground Area (Swings) – prefabricated swing bays (x2); belt swings (x2) / tot-swings (x1) / accessible swing (x1); wood fibre safety surfacing; wood timber containment curb.
6	Junior Soccer Field – natural turf surface; approximately 30m long x 20m wide – supports youth play up to 5v5 (U8-U9) play (based on Canada Soccer Grass Roots Standards); fixed soccer goals (x2).
7	Picnic Area – both informal (open lawn) and formal (picnic table) areas provided.
8	Park Signage – regulatory/by-law signs; rules and regulations signs.
9	Site Furniture – benches (x1 – on concrete pads); picnic tables (x3 – on concrete pads; accessible models); waste receptacles (x2).
10	Site Fencing – galvanized chain link fence located along residential rear / side yards.
11	General Landscape – open lawn areas with scattered tree plantings (primarily deciduous).

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**RENOVATIONS / IMPROVEMENTS:**

1	Tree Planting	Recent
2	Playground Area (Secondary) – equipment replacement	2019
3	Playground Area (Main) – equipment replacement	2012

**CONDITION:**

1	Fair to Good
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**COMMENTS:**

1	Playground is in close proximity to the adjacent road.
2	Park features are not connected by an internal pathway system – limits connectivity / accessibility within the park.
3	Concrete pad c/w steel anchors (inset) observed at Sidney Street frontage – potential park sign location.
4	Hazard tree observed at edge of woodlot near south soccer goal.
5	Adjacent to woodlot – links to informal woodlot trails (desire paths) observed.
6	Recent tree plantings observed adjacent to playground.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1	Undertake ongoing inspections and repairs including planning for asset replacement at end of useful lifecycle (asset management).
2	Undertake an Accessibility Audit of the park to identify opportunities for improving site accessibility / inclusivity.
3	Consider opportunities for increasing tree canopy within unprogrammed park spaces.

**DATA COLLECTION:**

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Internet Search	X	
Discussions with City Representatives	X	
Visual Inspection - Partial		X
Visual Inspection – Full	X	

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