



Section 5 Addressing Needs for Recreation Facilities

The following table summarizes the outdoor facility requirements as determined through needs assessments conducted as part of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Type of Outdoor Recreation Facility	Municipal Supply (2009)	Service Level Target	Total Facility Needs by 2026	Comments (refer to recommendations for more detail)
Trail System	Numerous trail routes	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the Cycling & Pathways Study Bolster connectivity within the trail system Encourage multiple uses across all seasons
Soccer Fields	63.5* (5 lit full fields, 10 unlit full fields, 11 junior fields and 35 mini fields)	1 Soccer Field per 2,000 residents	66.5 (unlit field equivalents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convert/replace selected mini fields with higher quality full size fields Enhance the quality of heavily utilized fields with lighting, irrigation, etc. Construct an artificial turf field at the INVISTA Centre Work with school boards to expand access to school fields
Ball Diamonds	45.5* (9 lit diamonds, 32 unlit diamonds)	1 Ball Diamond per 3,000 residents	44.5 (unlit field equivalents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake selective improvements at heavily utilized diamonds Repurpose underutilized diamonds to other uses
Tennis Courts	25	1 Tennis Court per 5,000 residents	26.5 plus others to address spatial gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure spatial distribution to serve neighbourhoods Consider multi-use court layout in appropriate locations
Basketball Courts	12.5** (3 half courts and 11 full courts)	1 Basketball Court per 800 Youth (ages 10-19)	16 (full court equivalents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure spatial distribution to serve neighbourhoods Consider multi-use court layout in appropriate locations
Playgrounds	Located at 95 City Parks	1 Playground within 800 metres of major residential area	3 to serve gap areas plus others to address future growth areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure spatial distribution to serve neighbourhoods Build upon the supply of accessible/barrier-free playgrounds
Skateboard Parks	1	1 Skate Park per 5,000 Youth (ages 10-19)	3 plus others to address spatial gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct skateboard parks at Shannon Park and/or the INVISTA Centre Rejuvenate Grenadier Park skateboard area and relocate Poison Skateboard Park (consideration should be given to an indoor skatepark)
Outdoor Aquatics	1 Outdoor Pool 2 Wading Pools 3 Splash Pads	1 Splash Pad per 3,000 Children (ages 0-9)	4 plus others to address spatial gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct one new splash pad, followed by others if justified by future demand and spatial distribution. Note that splash pads have been recently approved for the Memorial Centre site and Lake Ontario Park. Rejuvenate the Leo Lafleur Outdoor Pool
Beaches	4	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider provision of additional beaches through the waterfront park acquisition process, locations of which may include (but not be limited to) Breakwater Park, Richardson Park, Lake Ontario Park, Rotary Park, and Grass Creek Park
Off-Leash Dog Parks	4	Not Applicable	Minimum of 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a permanent off-leash site at Grass Creek Park
Outdoor Ice Rinks	19	Not Applicable	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct outdoor skating rink at Lake Ontario Park

* supply expressed in 'unlit equivalents' where each lit field is equal to 1.5 unlit fields to account for usage during evening hours

** supply expressed as 'full court equivalents' where each half court is equal to 0.5 full courts.