



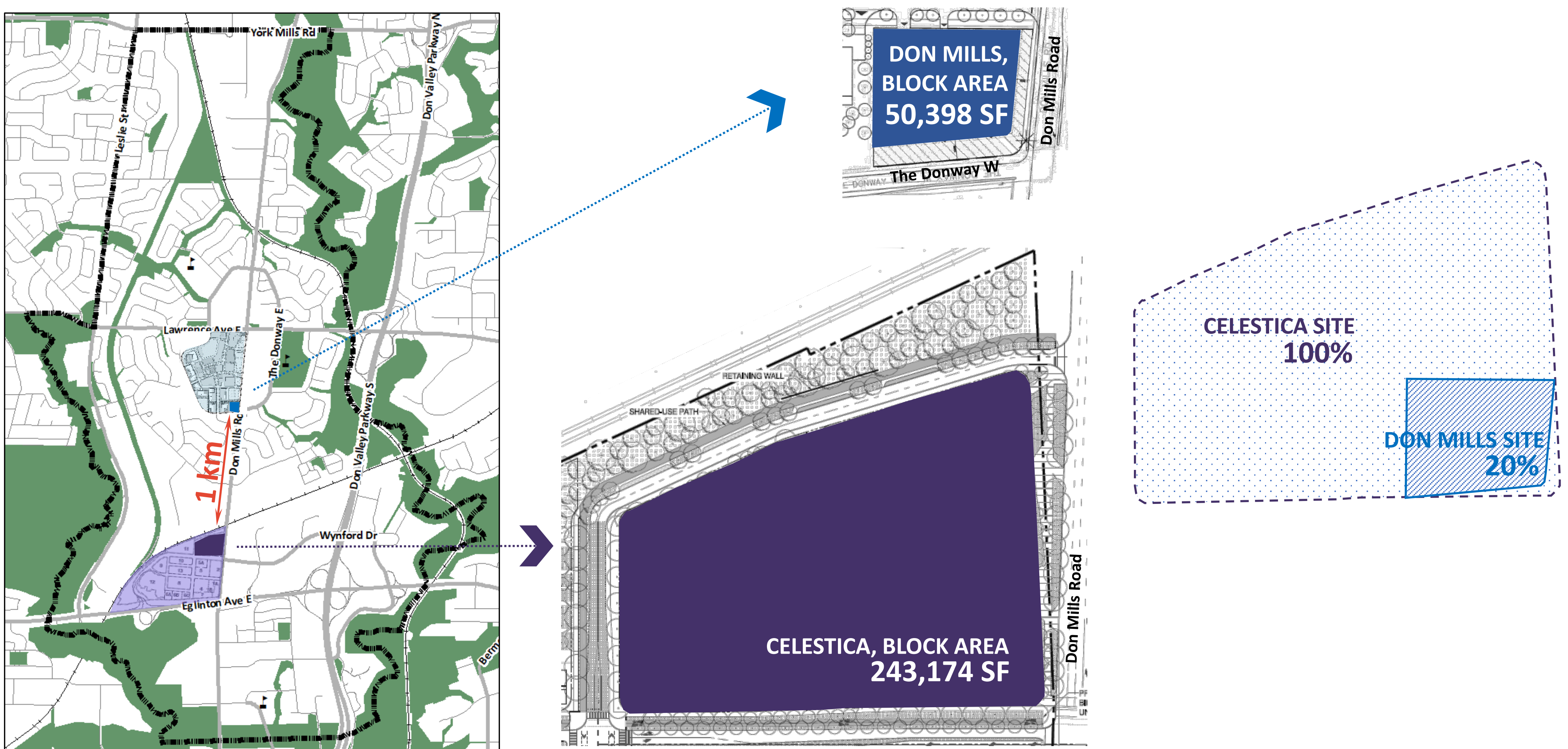
# The Don Mills Corridor is Changing!

How should new Community Recreation Facility planning respond?

## Why we're here...

- Update and engage the Don Mills' communities on the recreation facility planning work being undertaken by the City.
- Focus is on how to plan community recreation facilities that will best serve communities along the Don Mills corridor for the next 50+ years:
  - To serve and support a growing, diverse community;
  - To meet current facility standards and programming best practices;
  - Assess the feasibility of previously planned facilities; and,
  - To allow for efficient and effective service delivery of community recreation programming.
- Share the proposed recreation facility recommendations, based on analysis of identified community facility and service needs.
- Get feedback from the community, in order to move forward on recreation facility design and construction.

## Site Context and Area Comparison





# How is this Area Changing?

## Demographic Profile

**8,988** People living within the Don Mills Lawrence Area

**0.4%** Increase in population growth between 2011-2016

**\$151,783** Average household income

**14,908** People living within the Don Mills Wynford Area

**7.0%** Increase in population growth between 2011-2016

**\$89,310** Average household income

**21,933** People living within the Don Mills Flemingdon Area

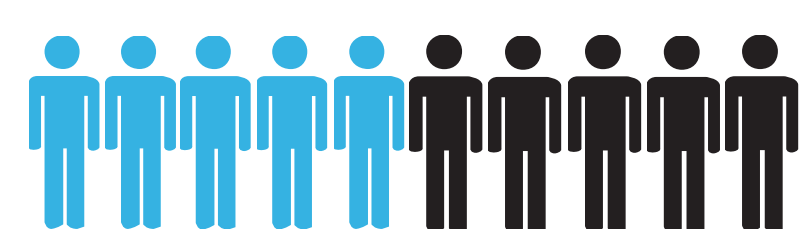
**-1.1%** Increase in population growth between 2011-2016

**\$58,439** Average household income



**4.3 out of 10** residents are immigrants

**+1,650 – 1,800** Estimated population growth, based on pipeline development



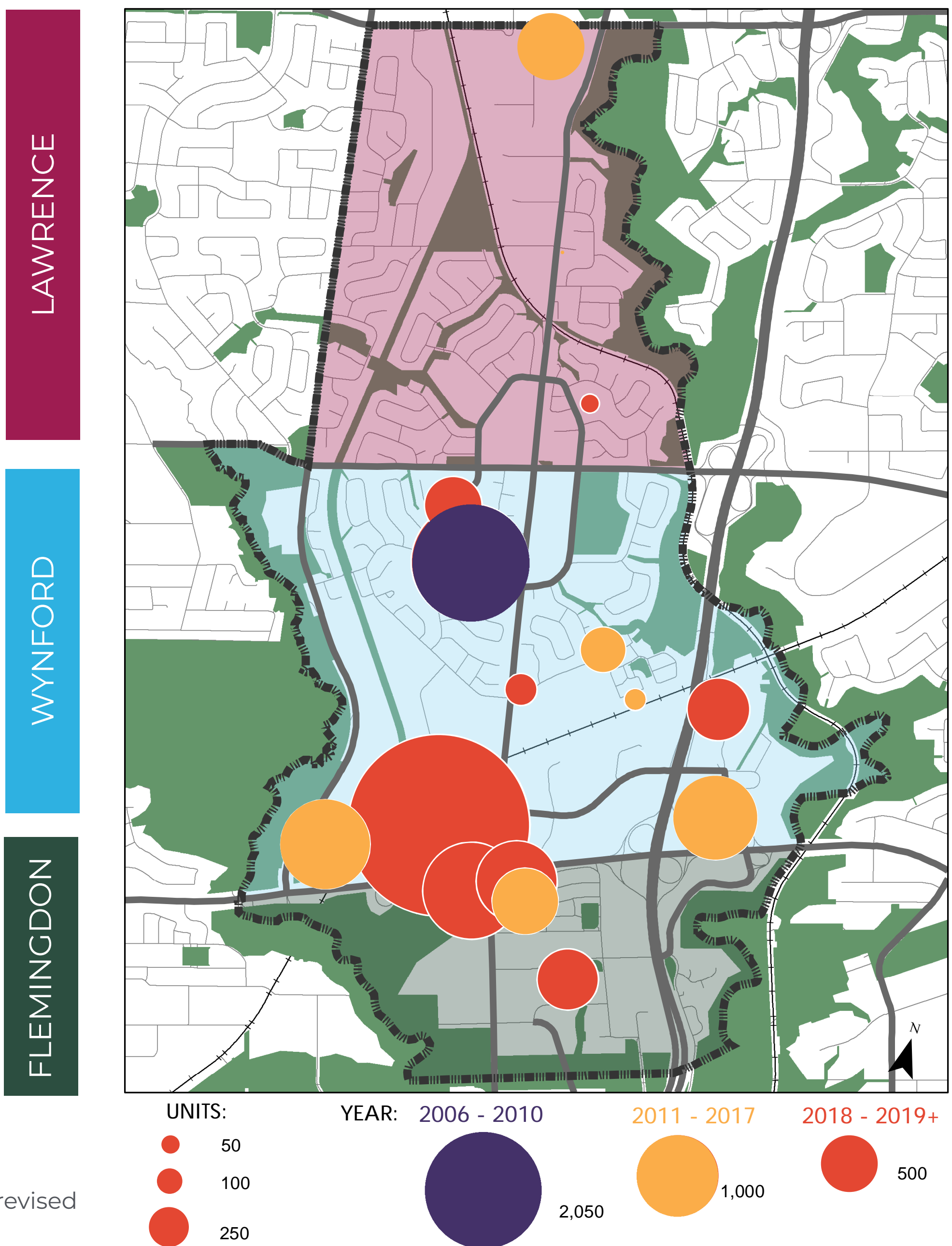
**5.2 out of 10** residents are immigrants

**+11,750 – 12,750** Estimated population growth, based on pipeline development



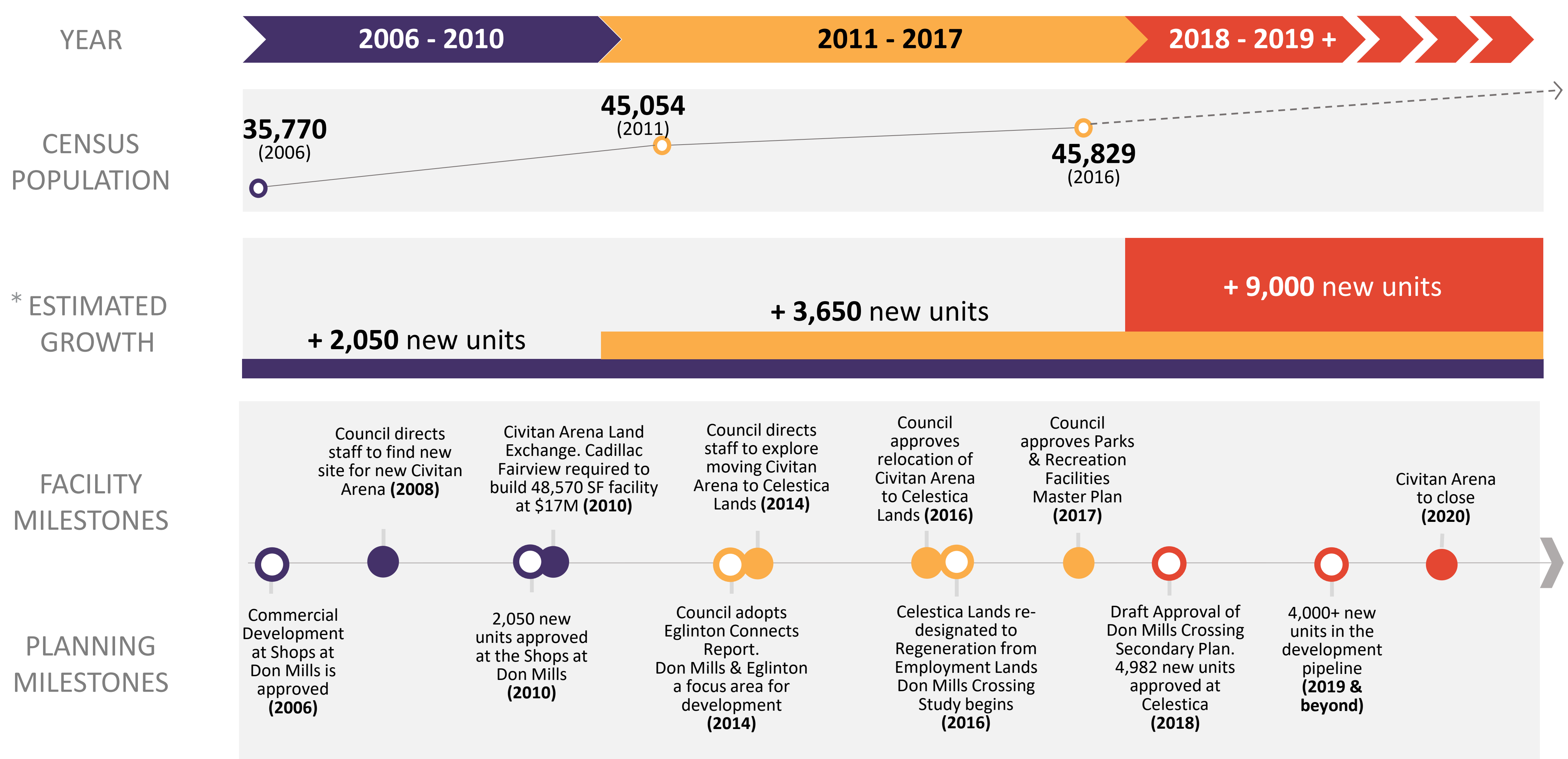
**6.7 out of 10** residents are immigrants

**+5,000 – 5,400** Estimated population growth, based on pipeline development



\*Number of Dwelling Units are based on projects being built as proposed. Sometimes projects are revised and sometimes projects, once approved, are not built.

## Evolution



Over the past 10 years, approximately 14,000 new residential units have been planned along the Don Mills corridor. New growth is concentrated around the Don Mills Road and Eglinton Avenue East intersection.

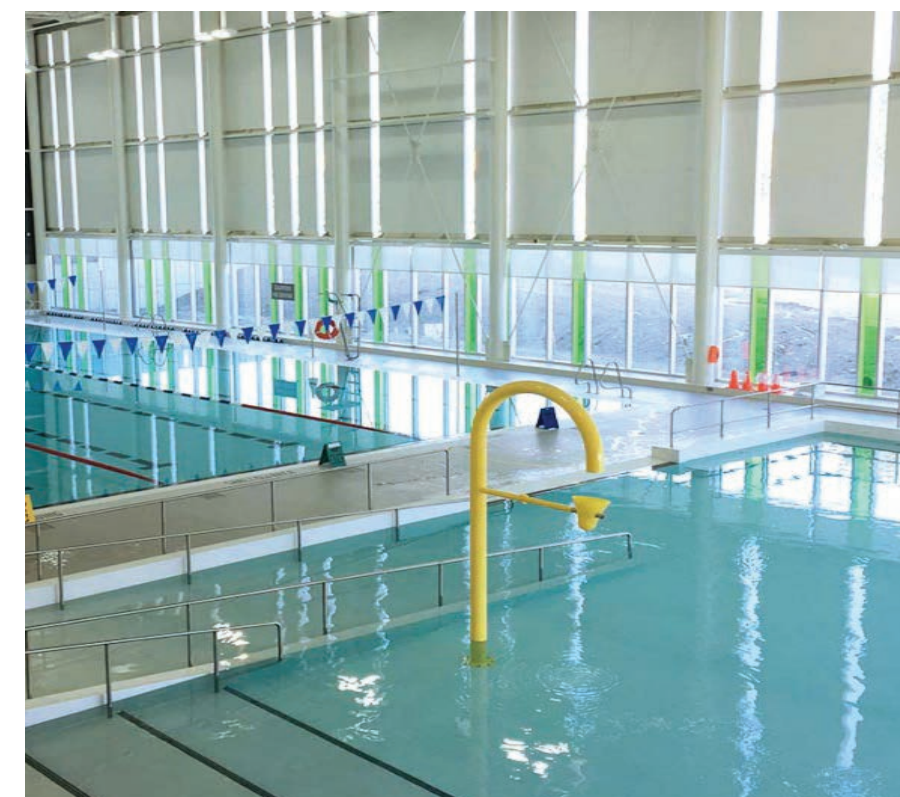
# Planning New Community Recreation Centres

## New Community Recreation Centres are designed to:

- Prioritize larger, co-location of facilities
- Accommodate a wide mix of programs and services
- Serve more residents of all ages and abilities
- Provide greater opportunity for year-round use and extended open hours
- Respond to emerging needs, growth and evolving trends
- Be more efficient, flexible, and provide value for money
- Have seamless connection to parks and the public realm
- Maximize use of natural light
- Provide large gathering spaces that support communities

## Indoor Pools, Multi-Tank

- Allow connection to outdoor space and natural light
- 2 pool tanks that support instructional swimming, recreational swimming, training/competition.
- Offer important lifesaving & fitness services
- Design & functionality supports evolving needs of residents.
- In-demand features include:
  - Warm water teaching pool with zero depth entry, for children, seniors & people with limited mobility. Allow for comfort, instruction and offer accessible & therapeutic benefits
  - Play features, for family swim & competence building for children



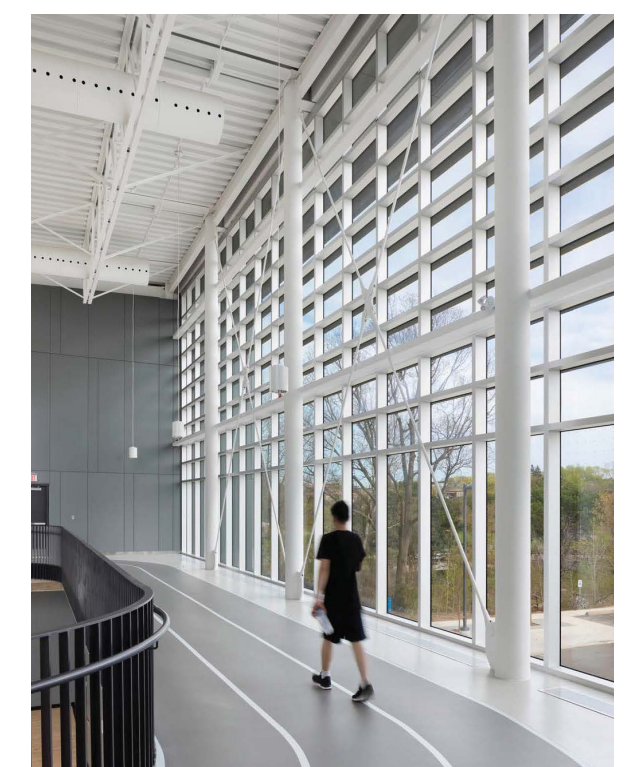
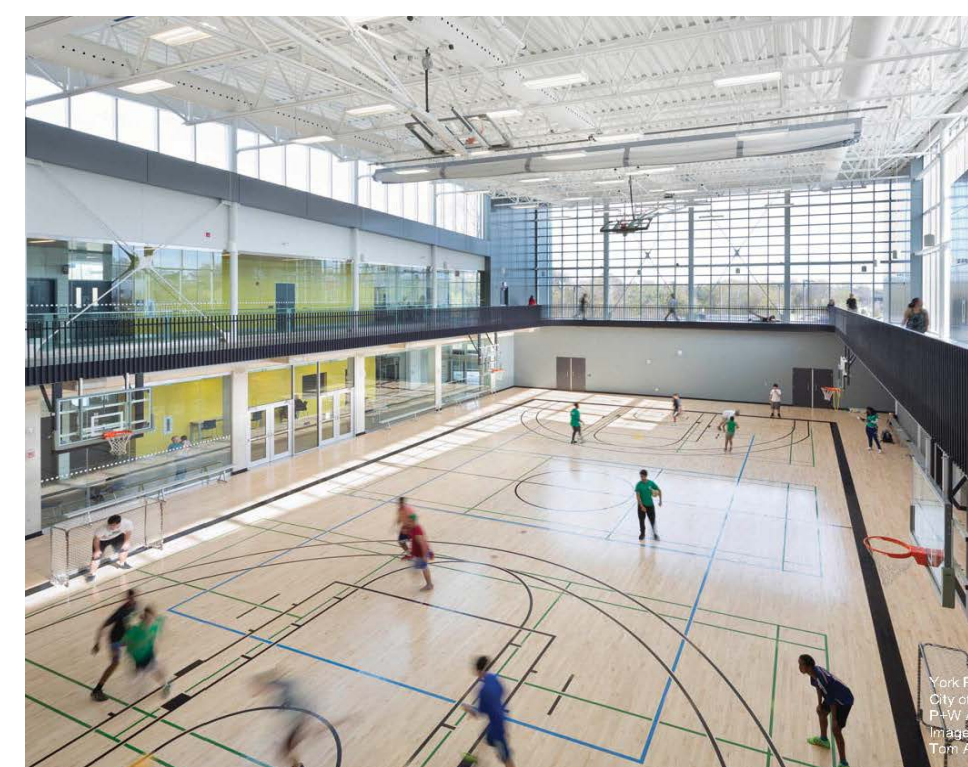
## Arenas, Multi-Pad

- New arenas should be designed to be used year round and with multiple pads.
- Co-locating arenas with other community facilities provides for:
  - Extended, year-round use; and
  - greater programming to serve a wide array of local needs
  - Opportunity for larger change rooms, warm viewing areas, energy efficient mechanical systems and multi-purpose space



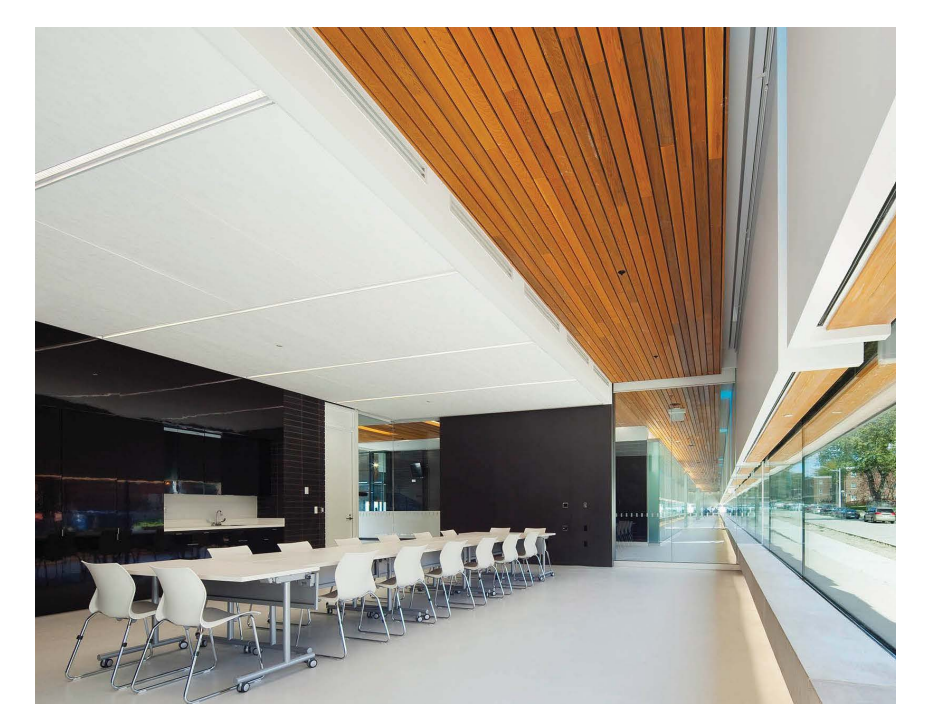
## Full-sized Gym with Walking Track

- Gyms are highly programmed facilities that offer extensive flexibility in use, including activities such as sports, a wide variety of registered and drop-in programs, special events, large community gatherings and more.
- Gyms must be designed to have appropriate dimensions, natural light, and features such as indoor walking tracks.
- Indoor walking tracks help to build healthy communities and foster active lifestyles – a significant feature for older adults.

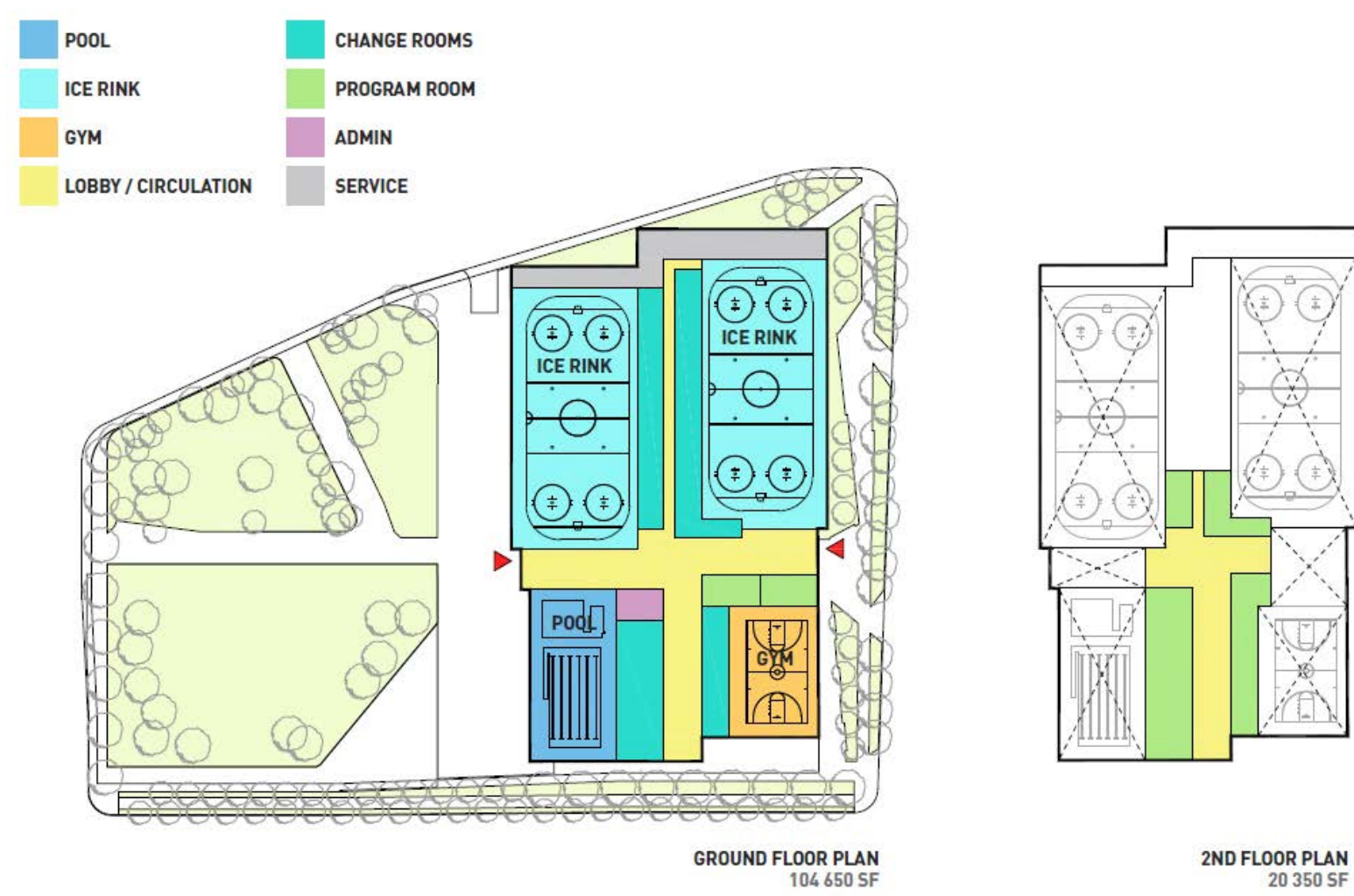


## Multi-purpose and Gathering Spaces

- Programming, activities and community permits take place in community and multi-purpose rooms
- A range of multi-purpose rooms in terms of size and design are required to support programs and community interests such as dance, education, support services, art, fitness classes, food programs etc.



# Preferred Facility



## Facility Size: 125,000 SF

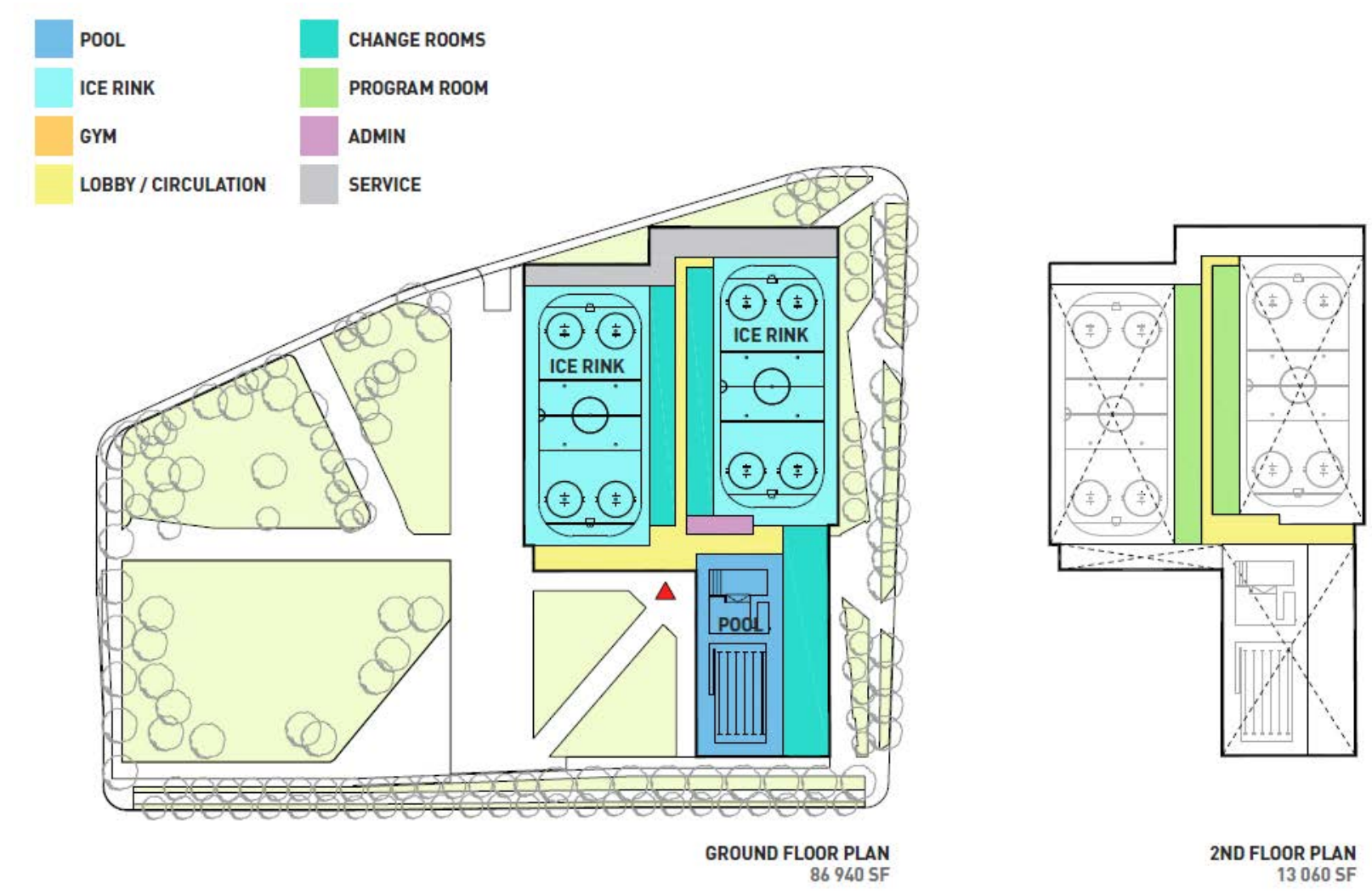
Amenities:

- Twin Ice Pad
- Aquatic Facility with 6-Lane Pool and Leisure Tank
- Multi-purpose Space & Amenity Space
- Gym with Walking Track

### Considerations:

- Gym-Swim-Sport-Skate-Fitness in one place
- User convenience in staying and playing in one location
- Wider mix of drop-in and registered programming
- Supports maximized use of facilities year-round
- Optimizes the investment in recreation infrastructure when co-locating anchor spaces like pool, gym and ice facilities
- Greater capacity to serve residents now and in the future
- Wide variety of spaces and activities that respond to residents of all ages and abilities
- Promotes inclusion through large gathering spaces that allow for communities to come together
- Access to large outdoor park space to allow for complimentary indoor and outdoor activities
- Easily accessed by transit and would be located next to the planned Eglinton LRT station
- Facility is located nearest to the future growth planned for the Don Mills Corridor
- Facility is located in close proximity to a Neighbourhood Improvement Area (Flemington Park)

# Alternate Proposal



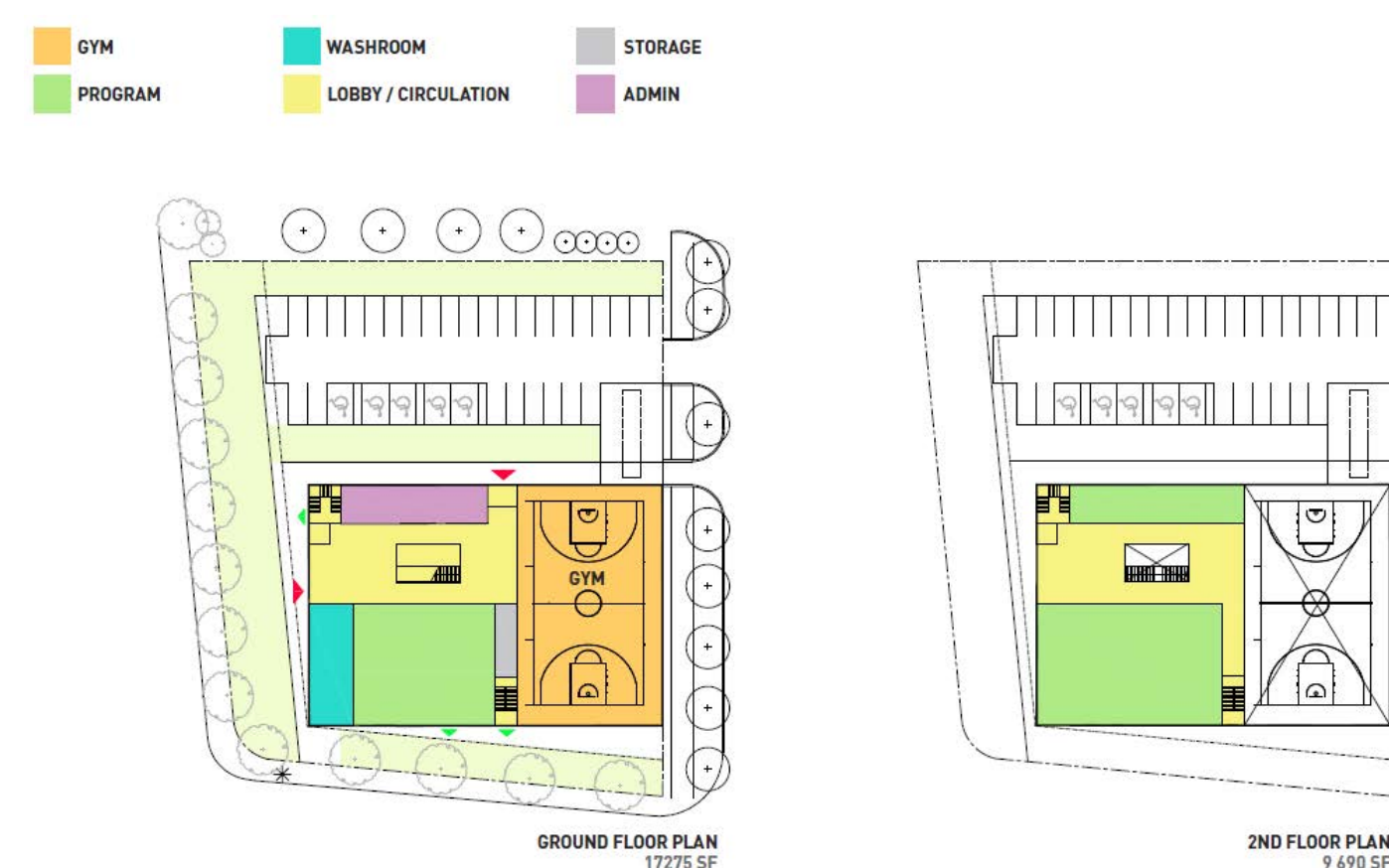
## Facility Size: 100,000 SF

Amenities:

- Twin Ice Pad
- Aquatic Facility with 6-Lane Pool and Leisure Tank
- Multi-purpose Space & Amenity Space

### Considerations:

- Lack of gymnasium space restricts the ability to provide active and sport programming
- Limits type and variety of programs that can be offered, such as camps, sports



## Facility Size: 27,000 SF

Amenities:

- Gym with Walking Track
- Multi-purpose Space & Amenity Space

### Considerations:

- Facility size limits the amount and variety of programs that can be offered
- Having to travel to two facilities is challenging for family recreation planning
- Limited ability to respond to future demand
- Smaller facilities lacking co located anchor facilities aren't as well used
- Location provides more convenient access to Don Mills/Lawrence community
- Location is further away from the estimated future growth in Don Mills
- The existing park is located further away, preventing seamless use of indoor/outdoor recreation space