

# TO Pickleball Advisory Group


Meeting 3 – Wednesday, July 17, 2024

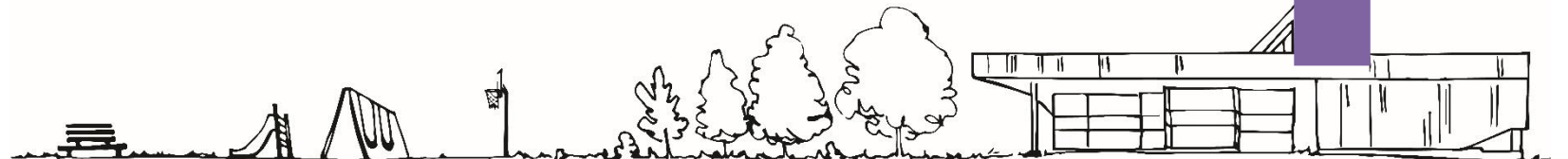
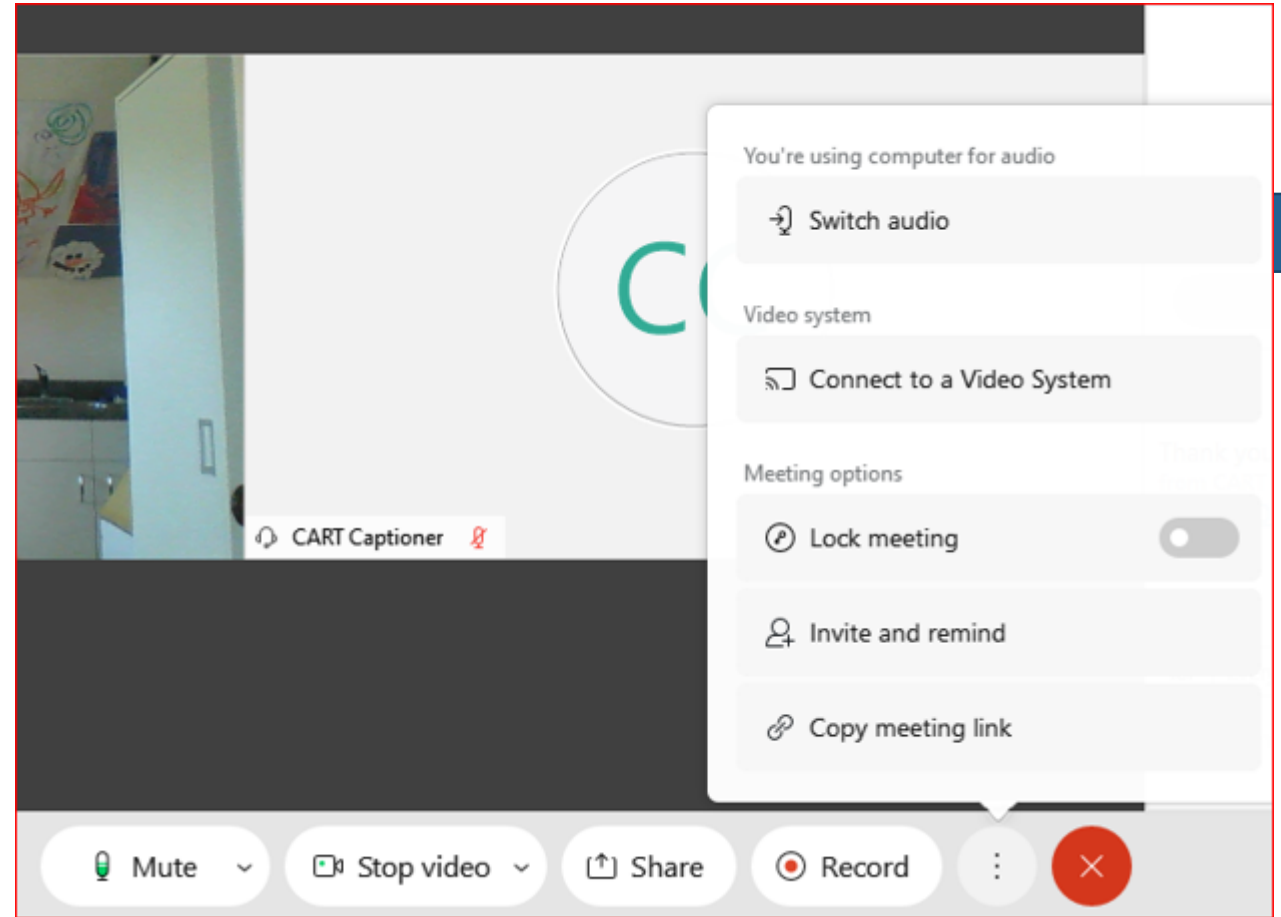


# Pickleball Advisory Group Mandate

The Pickleball Advisory Group members will offer perspective, guidance and advice to the City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation (PFR) Division to inform and advance the development of short and longer-term plans for more pickleball access across the City of Toronto for all ages, and to guide policy development and program considerations

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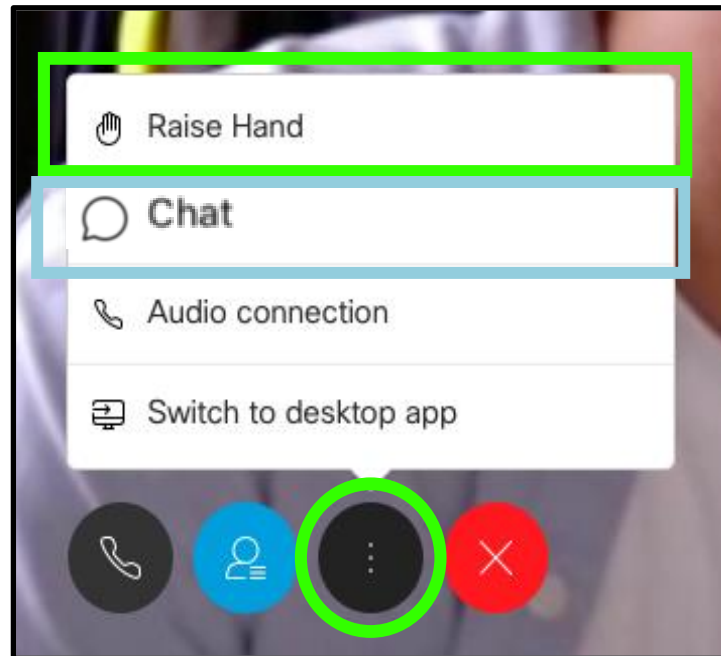
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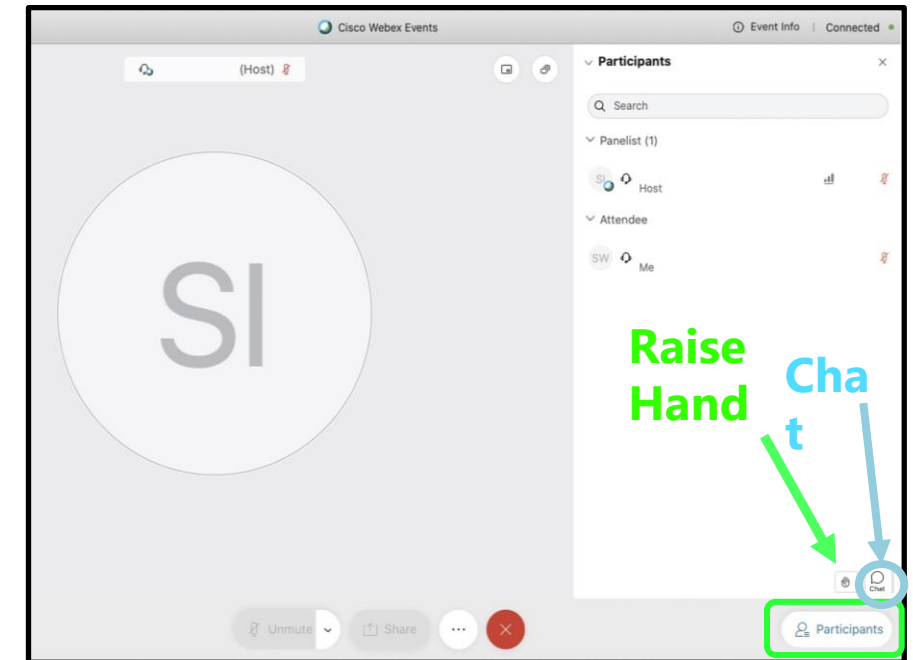
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# Agenda



Welcome and Introductions



Announcements



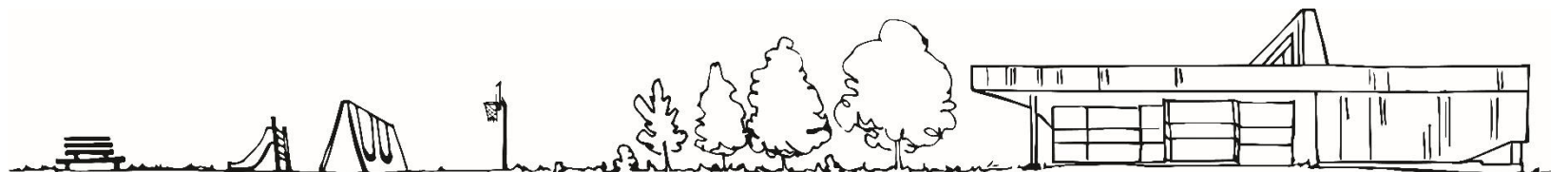
Outdoor Pickleball Courts



Next Steps

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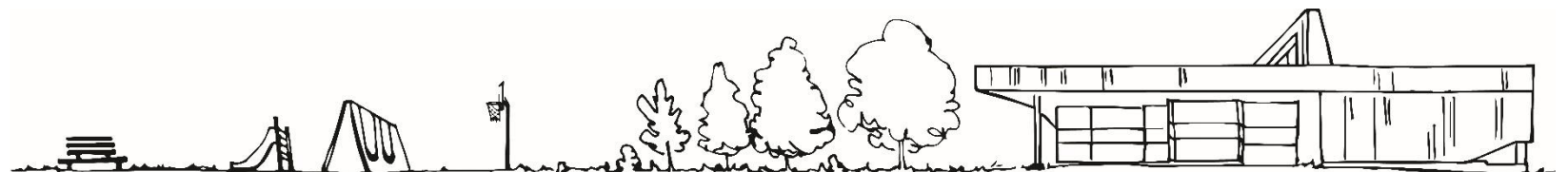
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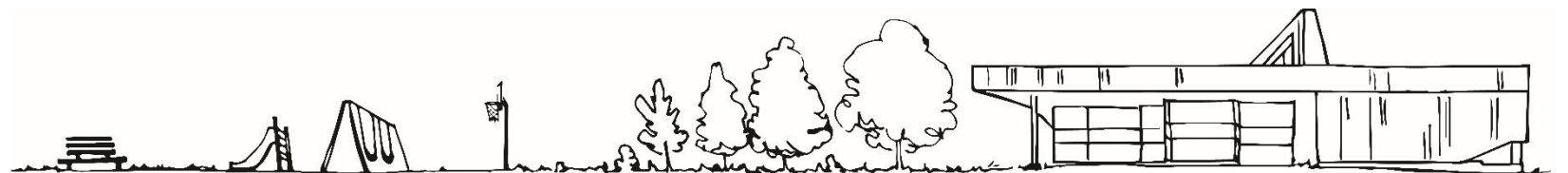
I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you are not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



# African Ancestral Acknowledgement

The City of Toronto acknowledges all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past - and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. We pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.



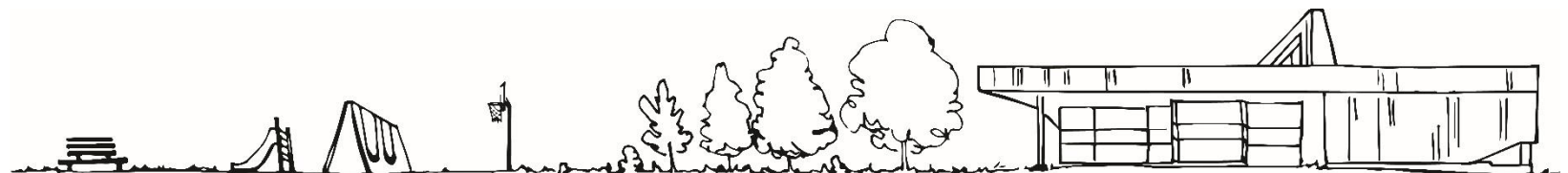
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## As a meeting participant, you agree to:

- Be an active listener and keep an open mind by valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Treat all participants with kindness and respect.
- Critique ideas, not individuals.
- Avoid cursing as well as language or behaviours that could otherwise be considered rude or offensive.
- Abide by the City's Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination policy by refraining from making racist, xenophobic, misogynist, homophobic, transphobic, anti-Indigenous, ableist, ageist, or other forms of discriminatory, prejudicial, exclusionary or hateful comments and questions. These will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or process.

## As City staff & process stewards, we commit to:

- Maintaining an atmosphere that is respectful of all participants and other staff members.
- Ensuring that that project outcomes and/or staff recommendations are informed by participants' concerns, interests, and desires.
- Being advocates for the integrity of the public process and ensuring it reflects as much as possible directions contained in relevant Council-approved strategies.
- Undertaking and encouraging actions by other City staff that build trust and credibility for the process among all participants.
- Providing the information participants need to meaningfully participate.





# Meeting Participation



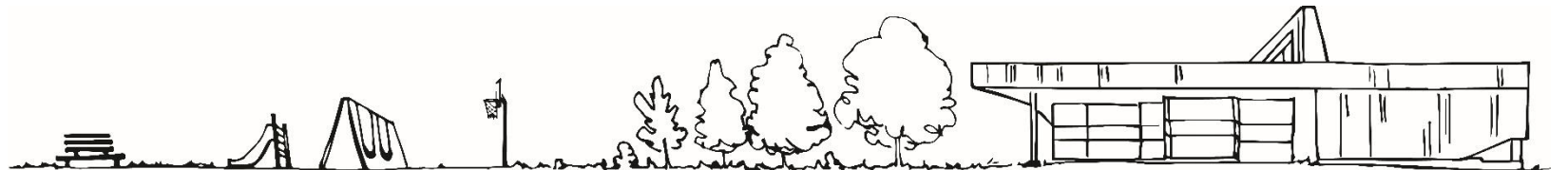
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Make space to hear from and listen to all participants. **Share speaking time** and do not talk over others.



## Parks Forestry & Recreation Staff

### Parks

Chris Clarke, Manager, Etobicoke York District (regrets)

### Capital Projects and Design & Delivery

Elijah Bawuah, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

### Community Recreation

Sandra McCallum, Manager, Community Recreation Toronto East York (on vacation)

Natalie DiFonzo, Program Standards & Development Officer

### Client & Business Services

Kevin Carr, Manager Client Services (on vacation)

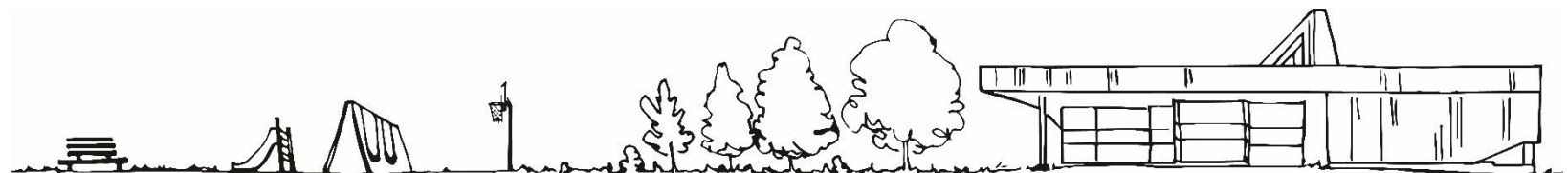
### Park Planning and Strategic Initiatives

Matt Bentley, Senior Project Manager, Facilities Master Plan

Vanessa Cipriani, Planner, Facilities Master Plan

### Policy and Strategic Planning

Kelly Murphy, Manager Policy Development Unit (regrets)



# Meeting Minutes

# The Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan

# The Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (FMP)

The **Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (FMP) 2019-2038** is a Council-approved 20-year plan to build and renew recreation facilities to meet changing and growing needs across the City. This plan guides our provision of sports and recreation amenities.

## Community Recreation Centres

- Community Recreation Centres
- Indoor Pools
- Gymnasiums
- Multi-Purpose Space



## Ice Facilities

- Arenas
- Outdoor Artificial Ice Rinks (AIRs)
- Skating Trails



## Outdoor Aquatics

- Outdoor Pools
- Splash Pads & Wading Pools



## Sports Fields

- Soccer & Multi-Use Fields
- Ball Diamonds
- Cricket Pitches
- Support Buildings
- Sport Bubbles



## Sport Courts & Zones

- Tennis & Pickleball Courts
- Basketball Courts
- Skateparks
- Bike Parks
- Bocce Courts
- Lawn Bowling Greens
- Dog Off-Leash Areas (DOLAs)

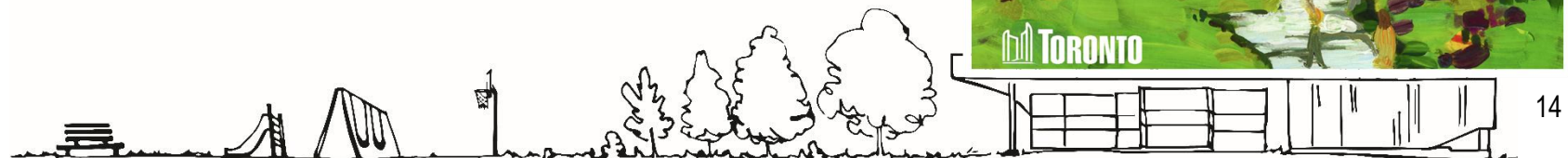
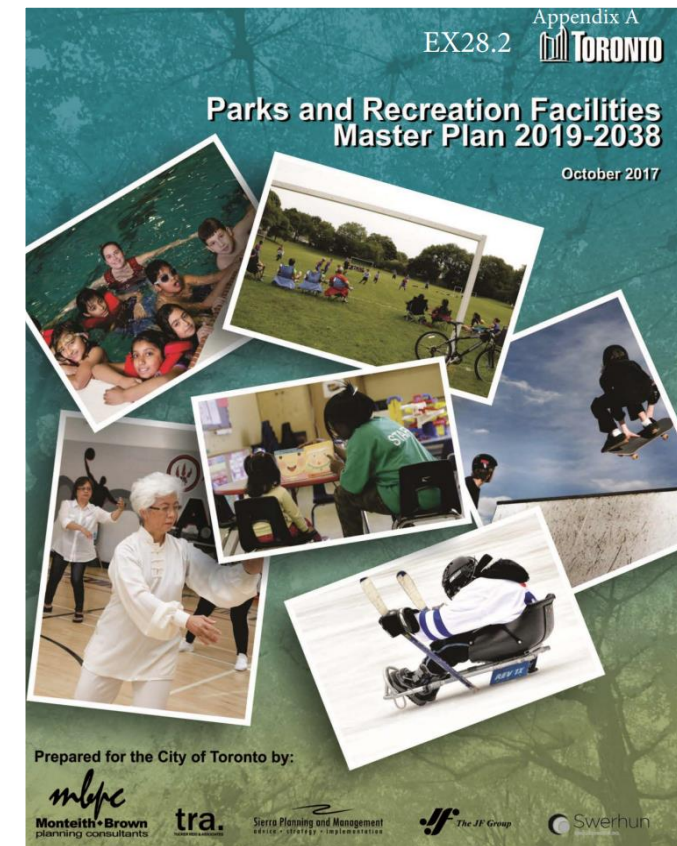




# FMP Recommendations

FMP recommendations direct:

- **Reinvestment** in existing facilities through replacement, repurposing and state of good repair renewal
- **Addressing facility gaps** caused by geographic distribution or large waitlists
- **Responding to future facility needs** that will arise due to population growth

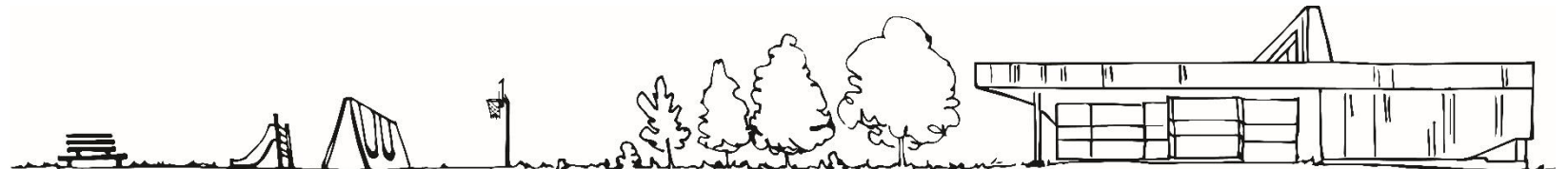


# The FMP and Pickleball

- The FMP identified pickleball as an emerging sport with quickly growing participation
- The FMP included the following actions to support pickleball:
  - Identify and evaluate underutilized public courts in well served areas for conversion to pickleball, club tennis or multi-use sport courts
  - Prioritize the establishment of pickleball courts in the short term through re-lining projects based on demonstrated demand.
- When the FMP was adopted in 2017, the City had one outdoor pickleball court at Kirkwood Park (Don Valley West - 15)

## FMP (2019) Tennis Recommendations

2019 Supply (City)	FMP Recommended Provision Target (applied to future growth)	Facilities Included in Approved 2019-2028 Capital Budget and Plan	To be Included in Future Capital Plans (2029-2038)	Total New Facilities (2019-2038)	Replacement/ Revitalized Facilities (2019-2038)
602 (at 185 locations)	2 km radius	15, plus pickleball conversions	5, plus pickleball conversions	20 plus pickleball conversions	TBD



# The FMP and Pickleball



## Tennis & Pickleball Courts Proposed Timing

### PROPOSED SEQUENCING & TIMING

As of 2019, the 10-year Capital Budget and Plan projects funding to the following tennis and pickleball courts:

- New courts (up to 15) in priority order: Wards 22/23, 11, 10/11, 23/24 and North York (site to be determined); most will be public courts within gap areas
- Redeveloped courts: as required
- Tennis clubhouse: one location (to be determined)

Future tennis and pickleball court priorities to be considered as part of future Capital Plans include:

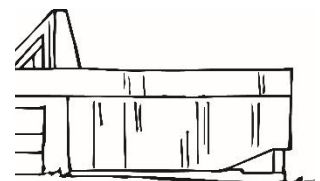
- New courts (5 or more): distributed throughout the city, with a focus on expanding existing club sites where feasible and supported by membership levels
- Redeveloped courts: as required
- Tennis clubhouse: one location (to be determined)

FMP Recommendations # 31, 32, 47, 49, 50

IN PROGRESS (planning, design or construction) 2019 to 2023	PLANNED (in Capital Plan, but not initiated) 2024 to 2028	ANTICIPATED (to be considered in future capital plans)	
		2029 to 2033	2034 to 2038
Tennis Courts (2 to 4) Ward 22/23 (site tbd)	Tennis Courts (2 to 4) Ward 23/24 (site tbd)	Tennis Courts (2 to 4) Scarborough (site tbd)	Tennis Courts (2 to 4) Etobicoke York (site tbd)
Tennis Courts (2 to 4) Ward 11 (site tbd)	Tennis Courts (2 to 4) North York (site tbd)	Tennis Courts (2 to 4) Toronto East York (site tbd)	Tennis Courts (2 to 4) North York (site tbd)
Tennis Courts (2 to 4) Ward 10/11 (site tbd)		Tennis Courts (2 to 4) Etobicoke York (site tbd)	
Tennis Court Conversion Strategy, e.g., pickleball, club tennis, multi-use sports (sites to be determined)			
Clubhouse Renewal and Development Strategy			
Tennis Court Clubhouse: 1 (site tbd)		Tennis Court Clubhouse: 1 (site tbd)	

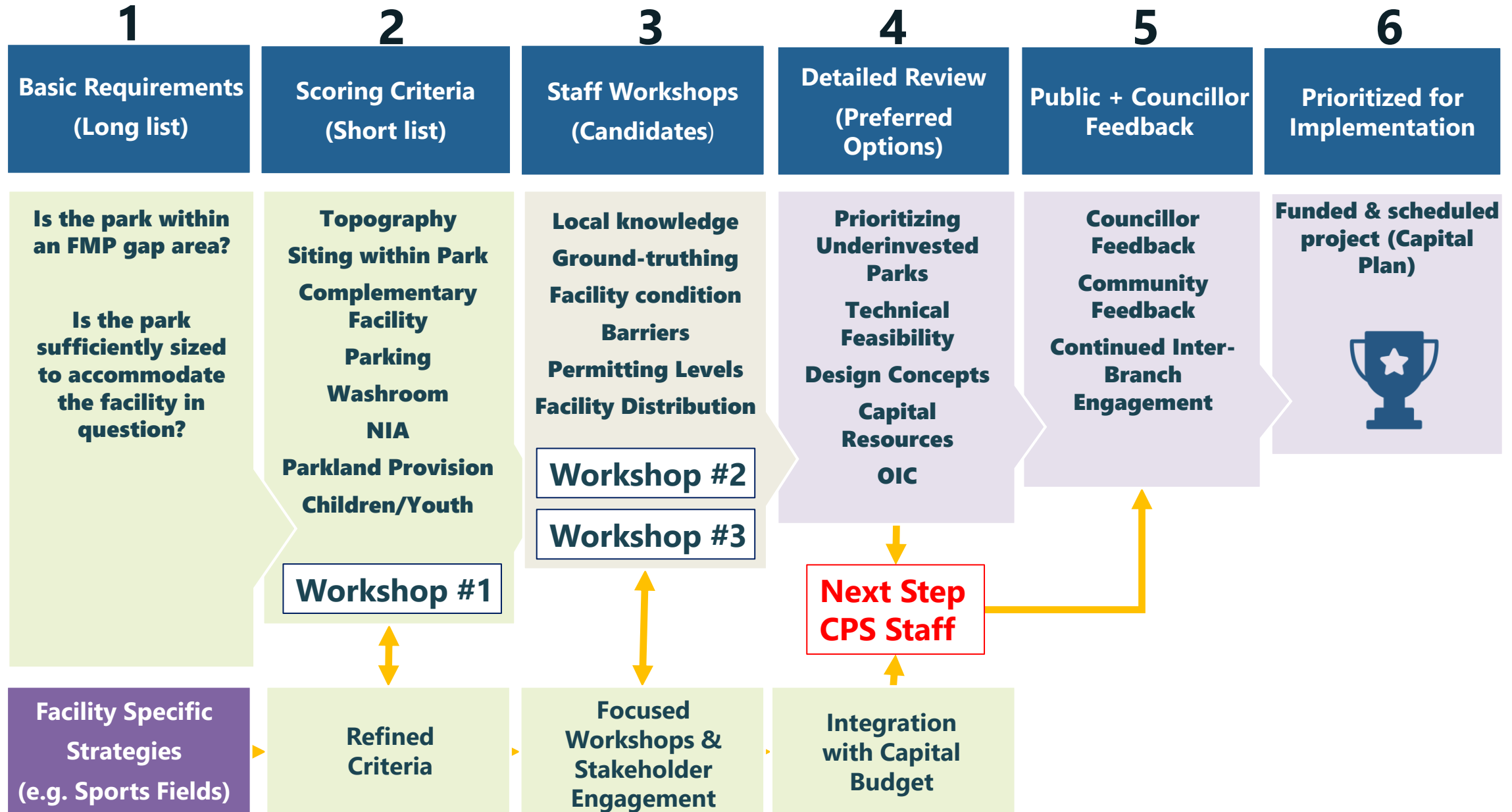
#### Notes:

Items listed in priority order of implementation within five-year time periods. Construction is anticipated to be initiated within the identified timeframes, subject to land availability, funding and site conditions. Projects may be accelerated through further analysis (growth, SOGR etc.), new funding and/or partnership opportunities.

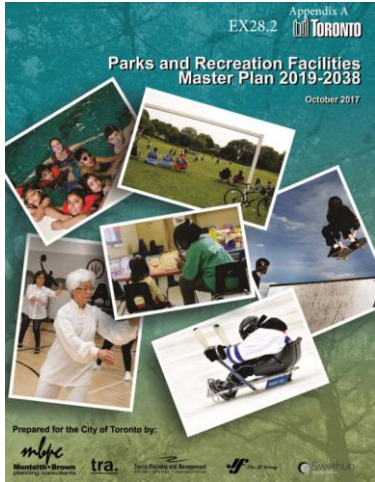




# Process to Locate Outdoor Facilities



# Design & Development Process for New Courts



**Council adopted FMP** sets 20 Year priorities for new and improved indoor and outdoor recreation facilities.

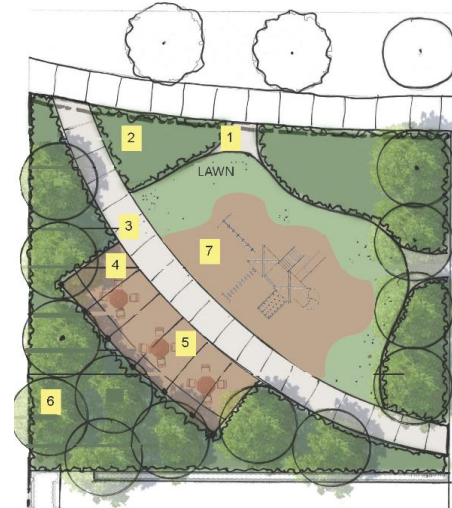
## 2024 Capital Budget & Plan



**Capital Budget approved by Council annually** including a 10 Year Capital Plan for park projects



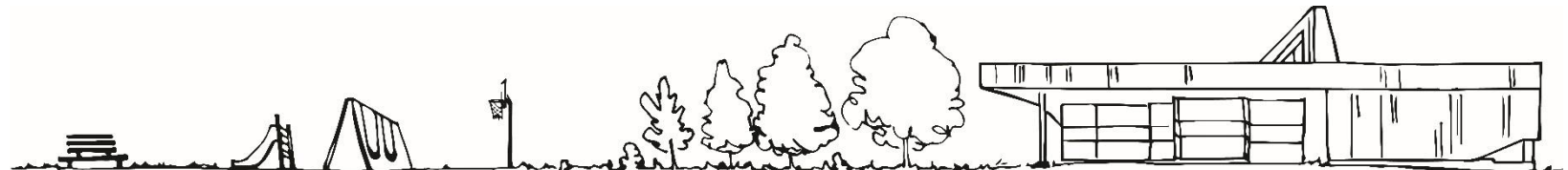
**Community engagement** to explore design options and finalize preferred design.



**Design Development** including plans, construction contracts, tender and award.



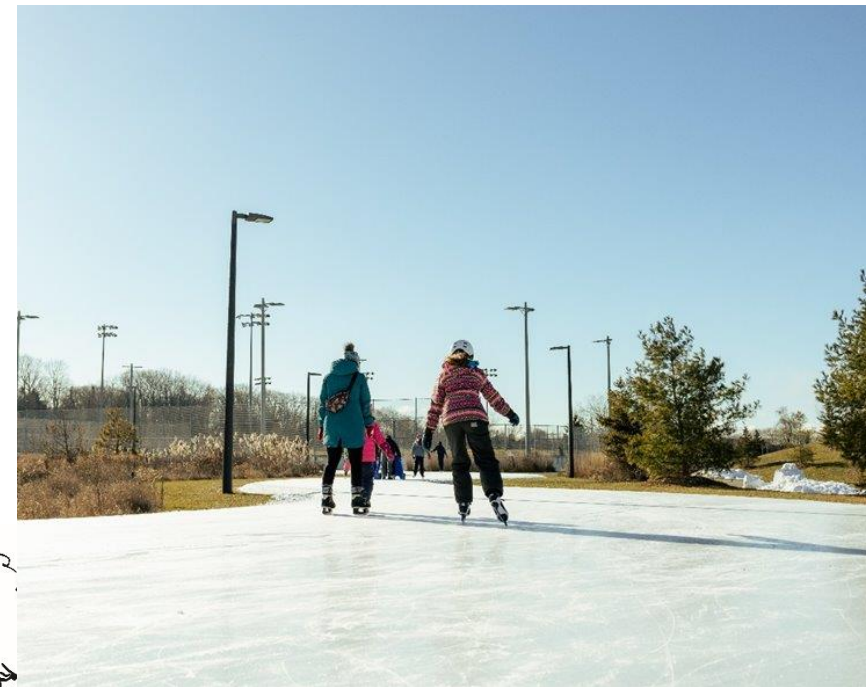
**Courts open.** This process can take up to 2 years from budget approval.



# The Facilities Master Plan 5-Year Review and Refresh

**A 5-year review and refresh of the FMP(2019) will begin this summer and extend to spring 2025.**

- The City of Toronto will be conducting city-wide community engagement to inform the FMP review and refresh.
- The refresh will ensure the FMP reflects changing resident needs and priorities, population growth, and financial and policy changes.
- The refresh will incorporate the work done to date. We will be looking at updating our recommendations for provision of pickleball courts.

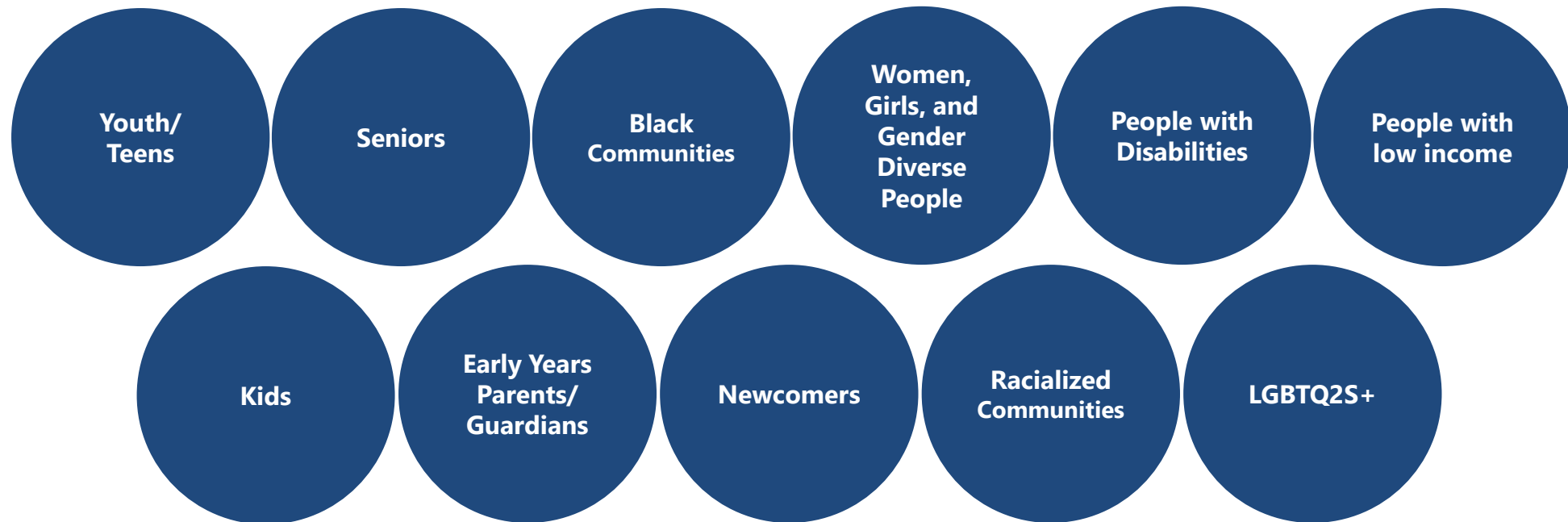




# FMP 5-Year Review and Refresh: Community Engagement

Engagement opportunities will take place both virtually and in-person, in every city ward. All interested community members will have opportunities to participate.

The equity-focused engagement approach aims to produce a refreshed FMP that reflects the needs of equity-deserving communities, addressing barriers to access and participation. Specific approaches will be used to engage equity-deserving communities, including:

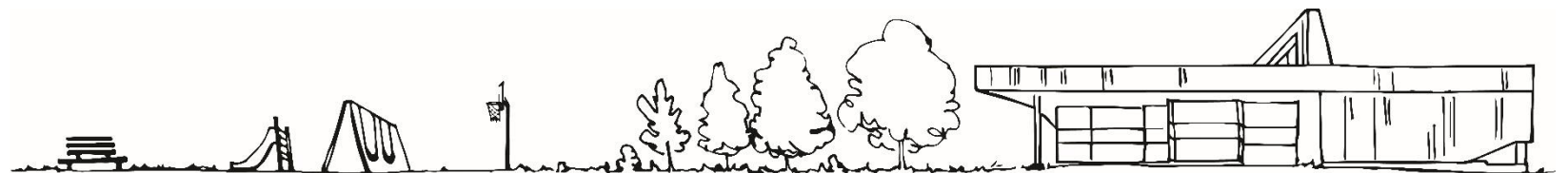


Extensive engagement with Indigenous communities will also take place, and the needs and priorities of Indigenous communities will be a key input into the refreshed FMP.



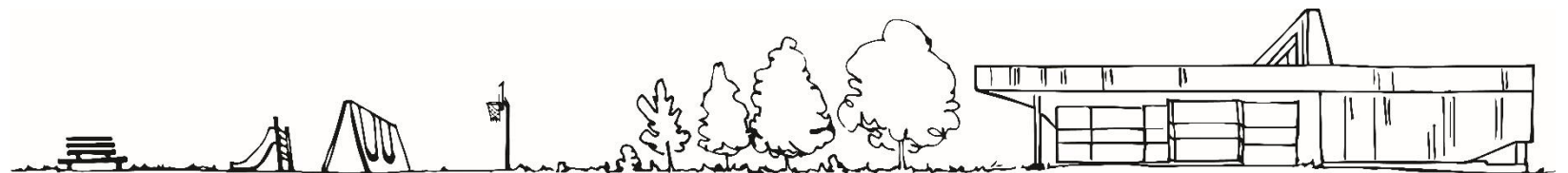
# Pickleball Play in Toronto Report – 2023.IE4.5

- On June 14, 2023, City Council adopted the Pickleball Play in Toronto Report
- The Report directed PFR to do the following:
  - Amend the scope of work for 3 new planned tennis court complexes with lights in the South, East and North Districts to include the development of new purpose built stand-alone pickleball courts with lights
  - Report through the FMP Review on how the City is providing introductory pickleball opportunities through outreach, programming and access to affordable equipment in city parks and recreation facilities
  - Establish a Stakeholder Advisory Group



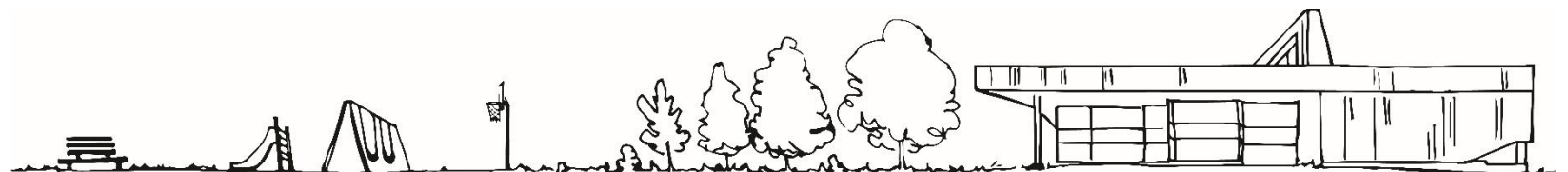
# New Pickleball Facilities in the City's 10-Year Capital Plan

- The 10-year Capital Budget and plan includes funding for the following new projects:
  - Tennis Court Complex without Lights (Ward 11) (2024-2025) - \$0.58 million
  - Tennis/Pickleball Complex with Lights (1) South (2024-2025) - \$1.06 million
  - Tennis/Pickleball Complex with Lights (1) East (2025-2026) - \$1.2 million
  - Tennis/Pickleball Complex with Lights (1) North (2025-2026) - \$1.2 million
- In addition, a purpose-built pickleball court complex will be delivered in 2024 as part of the Centennial Park Master Plan implementation in Etobicoke-York.
- Typically, new court projects are delivered over 2 years (design and construction)



# Key Considerations for Building New Courts

- Building new dedicated pickleball courts or repurposing existing courts involves several considerations:
  - Balancing the needs of tennis users (tennis involvement is rapidly increasing, especially amongst women and equity-seeking groups)
  - Implementing the FMP recommendations for all facility types on the recommended timelines
  - Funding
  - Community engagement and input on converting existing uses (e.g. Relocating permit holders when repurposing facilities such as fields)
  - Demand for unprogrammed parkland and passive park uses in high density areas, especially in areas with a lack of supply
  - Choosing appropriate locations to balance impacts like noise, parking



# Outdoor Pickleball Inventory 2024\*

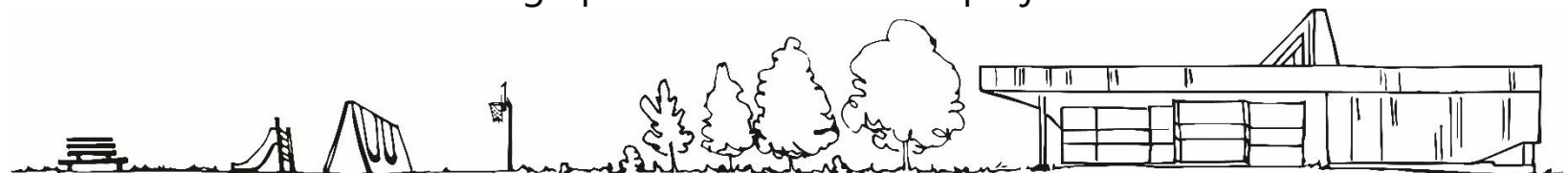
	Number of Parks with Pickleball	Pickleball Lines on Sport Pads/ Tennis Courts	Dedicated Pickleball Courts
Etobicoke York	37	60	0
North York	25	46	3
Scarborough	7	10	0
Toronto East York	19	78	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>3</b>

\*The inventory is constantly evolving and updates can take time to be reflected online

\*One dedicated court will be coming to Alexandra Park in 2024

\*Ten dedicated courts will be coming to Centennial Park in 2024

The city is in the process of advancing more dedicated courts through planned tennis court projects

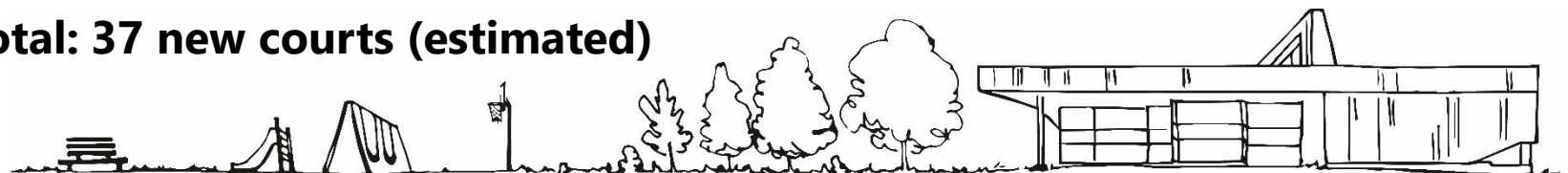




# New Pickleball Courts added in 2024\*

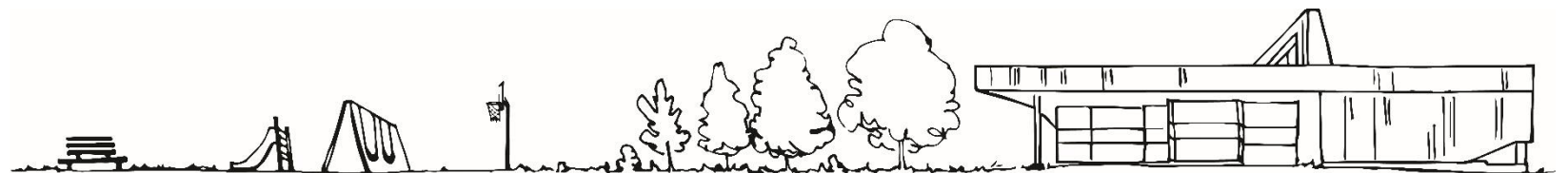
Park	Address	Repaint	New	Total Courts	Type of court (Tennis Court or AIR)	Type of net (shared with tennis, or bring your own)	Lighting
Strathburn Park	55 Strathburn Blvd	1	5	5	3 AIR/ 2 Tennis	AIR- bring your own/Tennis shared	AIR No/Tennis Yes
Buttonwood Park	30 Mulham Pl		3	3	AIR	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Westmount Park	22 Arcade Dr		3	3	Tennis court	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Sunnydale acres	50 Amoro Dr	1	3	4	AIR	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Westway Park	175 The Westway	1	1	2	AIR	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Flagstaff Park	42 Mercury Rd	1	1	2	Tennis court	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Glen Park	44A Eastglen Crescent	1	1	2	Tennis court	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Wedgewood Park	15 Swan Ave	1		1	AIR	Bring your own	Yes
Mill Valley Park	412 Mill Rd	1	1	2	Tennis court	Shared with Tennis	No
Dennis Flynn Park	370 The West Mall	3		3	AIR	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Manchester Park	75 Manchester St	1	2	3	Tennis	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Prince of Wales Park	1 Third St	2	2	4	AIR	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Sunnylea Park	195 Prince Edward Dr	1	1	2	Tennis	Shared with Tennis	No
Maple Leaf Park	320 Culford Rd	1	2	3	Tennis	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Amesbury Park	1507 Lawrence Ave W		1	1	Tennis	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Birch Park	75 Arcadian Cir		2	2	Tennis	Shared with Tennis	Yes
Monarch Park	115 Felstead Ave		5	5	AIR	Bring your own	Yes

**Total: 37 new courts (estimated)**



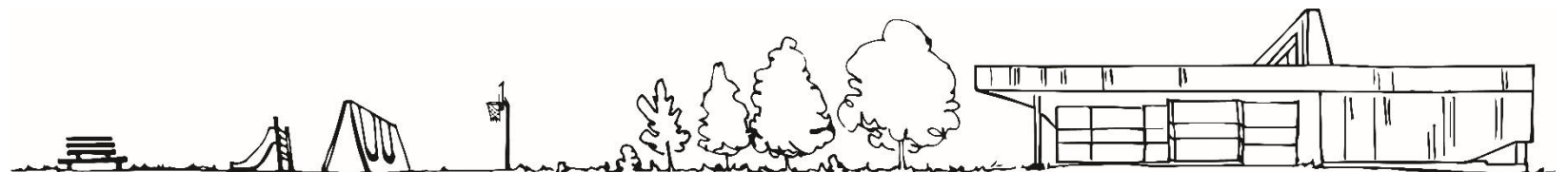
# Back on Track Program

- The Back on Track program is an outdoor recreation enhancement program which will deliver state of good repair improvements to tennis courts across the city
- This program includes \$20M in funding for tennis court enhancement and amenity improvements
- The program objectives include:
  - Targeting court complexes that are most in need of repair
  - Incorporating pickleball where possible
  - Advancing equitable access
  - Incorporating community feedback
- The locations in this program will be finalized this summer
- The locations will be posted on the City's website, and there will be opportunities for public feedback to inform design



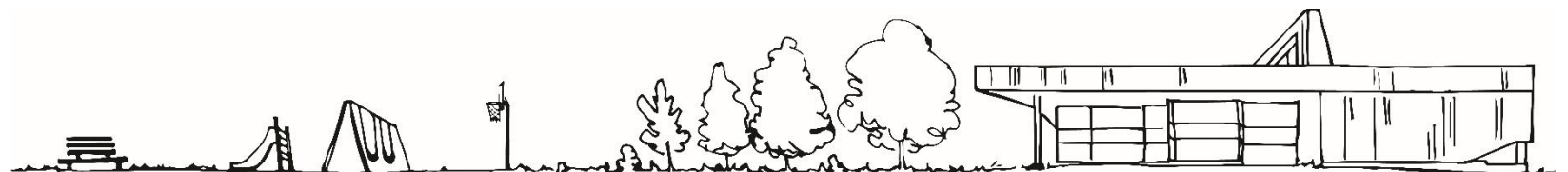
# 2024 Pickleball Work Program

- Finalizing locations of tennis/pickleball complexes for inclusion in the 2025 Capital Budget Submission
- Finalize locations for Back on Track program and seek community feedback
- Continuing to respond to requests for conversions and opportunities for new courts through lining
- Continue to investigate opportunities for new courts
- Incorporate pickleball demand and PAG feedback into the FMP 5 Year Review (there will also be opportunities for additional feedback as part of broader city-wide consultation)



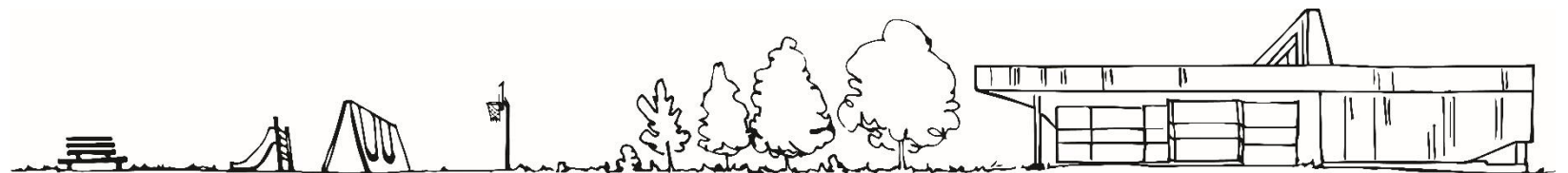
## Discussion: Locations

- What type of projects should be prioritized – smaller numbers of courts in more parks (1 or 2 courts) or larger court complexes (3+) in fewer parks?
- Are there any areas we should investigate for new courts?
- Are there any specific locations we should investigate?
- Are there any opportunities you're aware of in other municipalities we should explore e.g parking lots, arenas in summer



# Discussion: Minimum Standards

- What are the minimum standards you would like to see on outdoor courts?
  - Number of courts
  - Distance between courts
  - Fencing
  - Support amenities (e.g. washrooms, water fountains, shade, benches, parking)
  - Signage



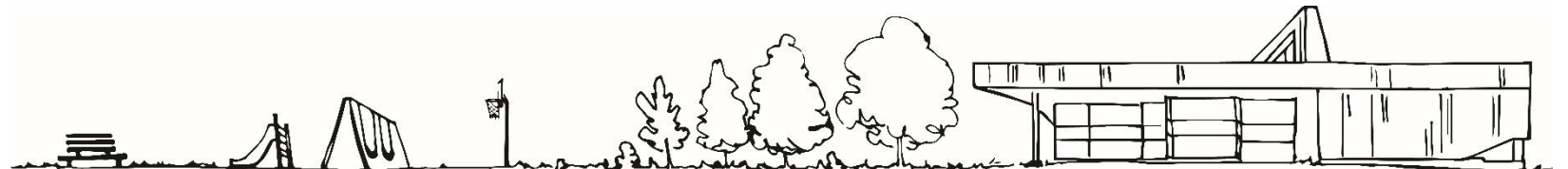
# Updates & Announcements

Opportunity for all members to share pickleball news

# Next steps

# Pickleball Advisory Group Meeting Goals and Outcomes

	May 15	June 12	July 17	September 11	October 23	November 27
Meeting Focus	Beginning	Programs	Outdoor Courts	Permits	Supporting Pickleball	Year End Review
Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building PAG and Terms of Reference</li> <li>Setting the Agenda and Meeting Dates</li> <li>Policy &amp; Program Context</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demand and supply of programs</li> <li>Drop in protocol</li> <li>Gym permits</li> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Ideas to improve player experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilities Master Plan Update</li> <li>Court provision</li> <li>Design standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit Allocation Policy</li> <li>Permit process</li> <li>Competing demands</li> <li>Ideas to improve player experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pickleball at Community Tennis Clubs</li> <li>Outstanding issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Year End</li> <li>Identify outstanding issues for 2025 discussion</li> <li>Review Terms Of Reference</li> <li>Report</li> </ul>





# Next Meeting

- Provide any additional program feedback to [pickleball@toronto.ca](mailto:pickleball@toronto.ca)
- Next Meeting:  
Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Agenda: Permits



**Thank you for being with us!**



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