



# Community Services Master Plan

## DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVIEW



Municipality of Middlesex Centre

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# Community Services Master Plan Update 2022

- ▶ Middlesex Centre is updating its Community Services Master Plan.
- ▶ The plan sets the direction for the municipality's parks, trails, facilities and recreational programming over the next five years.
- ▶ The **draft recommendations** that follow were developed based on feedback from the public gathered over the past year.
- ▶ The recommendations are sorted so they align with the Framework for Recreation in Canada.





# Framework for Recreation in Canada - Goals



## Goal 1: Active Living

Foster active living through physical recreation.



## Goal 2: Inclusion and Access

Increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation.



## Goal 3: Connecting People and Nature

Help people connect to nature through recreation.



## Goal 4: Supportive Environments

Ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities.



## Goal 5: Recreation Capacity

Ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field.



# Goal 1: Active Living

“Foster active living through physical recreation.”

	Recommendation
1.1	Provide Middlesex Centre led pre-registered programming for children, youth, adults and seniors, following the principles and goals identified in the Canadian Sport Policy.
1.2	Consider additional senior specific programming options through partnerships with local community clubs and senior's groups and collaborate with groups in the development and implementation of the programs.
1.3	Provide drop-in programming for children, youth, adults and seniors with a focus on children and seniors, following the principles and goals identified in the Canadian Sport Policy.
1.4	Establish a new registration and facility booking software to support program offerings & facilitate registrations and facility rentals.
1.5	Update the current Ice Allocation Policy to prioritize a 'youth first' access to ice time.
1.6	Continue supporting sport field users such as minor soccer & baseball through the provision of services agreements to provide first priority access to fields that support their program.
1.7	Promote municipal, county and provincial trail networks.
1.8	Complete a cost benefit analysis for an indoor aquatic facility in Middlesex Centre.
1.9	Develop a Reciprocal Agreement with the Thames Valley District School Board to encourage Community Use of Schools and Board access to municipal facilities.



## Goal 2: Inclusion and Access

“Increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation.”

	Recommendation
2.1	Implement the principles for diversity, equity & inclusion set out in the Municipality's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy by engaging with underrepresented communities and organizations and identify barriers to residents accessing programs and services.
2.2	Implement action plans and strategies identified in the Age Friendly Community Action Plan.
2.3	Continue with the Ilderton Youth Centre and use as a model to implement a dedicated youth drop in with access to programs in the Komoka-Kilworth and Delaware areas utilizing the Komoka & Delaware Community Centres.
2.4	Completion of an Accessibility Audit of facilities and parks to identify areas for AODA improvements.
2.5	Consider the development of an Affordable Access to Recreation & Culture policy for Middlesex Centre Residents.
2.6	Continue upgrading play structures to be fully accessible by identifying, removing and preventing barriers to universal accessibility for people with disabilities.



## Goal 3: Connecting People and Nature

“Help people connect to nature through recreation.”

	Recommendation
3.1	Building on the Paws in Parks program, construct two off leash dog parks in the north & south areas of the municipality. Further analysis of potential sites will need to be completed along with public consultation. Seek community involvement and develop partnerships to ensure the financial sustainability of the program.
3.2	Construct a new full-size soccer field at Kilworth Optimist Park with irrigation and lighting.
3.3	Develop an Urban Forest Management Plan.
3.4	Construct additional pollinative gardens at municipal facilities, parks and community gateways.
3.5	Implement Climate Change adaptation strategies in facilities and parks such as rain water harvesting, solar generation, geothermal and increases to the municipal tree canopy.
3.6	Continue to develop and increase the municipality's trail network and inventory through residential development and existing parks & open space areas with a focus on completing the trail loop in the village of Ilderton to include Deerhaven and Meadowcreek Park along with new trail construction in the Clear Skies and Timberwalk Development.





## Goal 4: Supportive Environments

“Ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and help to build strong, caring communities.”

	Recommendation
4.1	Develop Infrastructure Design Guidelines for Parks & Open Space.
4.2	Continue to develop parkland within new residential subdivisions to include active recreation elements like playgrounds, sports fields, splash pads, trails etc. and consideration to expanding the municipal trail network as outlined in the Official Plan.
4.3	Through increased marketing, showcase the community centres as affordable community space for events & programs.
4.4	Develop a Municipal Arts & Culture Policy with a focus on providing program offerings such as art, theatre and music classes.
4.5	Construct pickleball courts in north and south end of the municipality. Further analysis of potential sites will need to be completed along with public consultation and engagement with the pickleball community to identify ideal locations of the new courts.
4.6	Establish a Disc Golf Course in the municipality.
4.7	Develop an updated Land Use Agreement with the Komoka Railway Museum.
4.8	Continue to partner with local service clubs in identifying projects of shared interest that support improvements to recreation infrastructure, programs and special events.



## Goal 5: Recreation Capacity

“Ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field.”

	Recommendation
5.1	Establish branding for the Middlesex Centre Recreation Division to raise awareness and exposure of the programs being offered and highlight to residents the benefits of active living programs.
5.2	Train recreation staff to meet the ‘High Five’ standard of Principles of Healthy Child Development and the ‘High Five’ for Older Adults, Principles of Healthy Aging.
5.3	Expand the partnership with the YMCA at the Wellness Centre to allow for community and municipal access to gym space.
5.4	Continue with the Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) and further expand the Youth Advisory Committee to include youth at 9 years of age.
5.5	Complete a Rates and Fees Review every 3 years to determine cost recovery models for Ice, community centres and sports fields.
5.6	Consider paid parking at Douglas B. Weldon Park.
5.7	Develop a long-term plan for the replacement of the Ilderton Arena & Curling Club on the exiting property and seek a long-term agreement with the Ilderton Agricultural Society and the Ilderton Curling Club.
5.8	Develop a detailed landscape plan for the construction of a civic square within the Unity Square development in Komoka, with a focus on supporting year-round outdoor activities and offering a space for large community events.

