

# 2012 Recreation Services Plan - Review Update (2018)

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## 1.0 Context of the Update

In 2012, the Township of Selwyn (then Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield) approved its Recreation Services Plan prepared by a consulting team led by Monteith Brown Planning Consultants. The 2012 Recreation Services Plan provided a review of existing recreation services and facilities, outlined relevant trends in the sector, and provided 43 recommendations spanning the delivery of recreation services, facilities, parks and trails.

The Recreation Services Plan (RSP) was focused over a ten year timeframe between 2011 and 2021. Recommendation #10 put forth the need to update the Recreation Services Plan after 5 years to ensure that recommendations remain relevant in the context of future population characteristics, preferences and needs. In keeping with recommendation #10, the Township initiated a review in summer of 2017 of the RSP, along with the Township's Corporate Strategic Plan Update.

The five-year review is intended to provide an update of the 2012 Plan as opposed to the development of a completely new Plan.

Monteith Brown Planning Consultants has been retained to undertake selected consultations and provide a peer-review of the information arising out of the Township's analyses of the Plan's accomplishments/updates.

In 2015, Council adopted a Terms of Reference to create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) to review and facilitate the recommendations in the 2012 Recreation Services Plan regarding parks and recreation initiatives, facilities and events; and other specific recreation services projects identified by Council. The PRAC Committee was formed in 2016 to advance the recommendations in the RSP.

This document provides a summary of the review process and public comments from the on-line public survey, Town Hall meeting (June 7, 2017) and Public Open House (November 23, 2017).

This review has resulted in the creation of this report and will become an Addendum to the 2012 Recreation Services Plan.

## 2.0 Accomplishments over the Past 5 Years

The Township has accomplished a number of key initiatives since the preparation of the Recreation Services Plan, including (but not limited to):

- Constructed a skateboard park at Isabel Morris Park with the input of local youth (*Recommendation # 18*)
- Major upgrades to the Robert E. Young Complex including arena improvements, outdoor fitness trail, play structure, shade shelter and tree plantings (*Recommendation # 13, 15*)
- Undertook building condition assessments for the Ennismore Community Centre, Ennismore Curling Club and Lakefield-Smith Community Centre (*Recommendation # 26*)
- Prepared a Recreational Trails Master Plan and carried out various improvements along trail routes throughout Selwyn with the assistance of community volunteers (*Recommendation # 41, 42*)
- Completed the first phase of Woodland Acres Park (play structure, swing set, trail, shade structure, and tree plantings) (*Recommendation # 34*)
- Conducted an Organizational Review and implemented an Integrated Customer Service Approach to improve quality through cross-departmental support for services (*Recommendation # 3, 9*)
- Completed a Functional Review of the Parks and Recreation Department to inform staffing levels and operating procedures, and improve service delivery (*Recommendation # 6, 7*)
- Reconvened the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (*Recommendation # 9*)
- Developed an Access to Recreation Policy to address affordability and access (*Recommendation # 3, 9*)
- A number of new playground structures have been installed across Selwyn (*Recommendation # 13*)
- Community Garden at the Lakefield and District Public School (*Recommendation # 40*)
- Installed signage at parks and recreation facilities with consistent municipal branding (*Recommendation # 20*)

- Completed a number of park improvements; Ennismore Waterfront Park (trail wayfinding, new trail signage, worked with Optimists who funded a new play structure/swing set), and Paul J. English Park (new name, new ultimate Frisbee fields, shade shelter) (*Recommendation # 43*).
- Purchased additional park land (21.9 hectares) on Cashel Road, Ennismore (*Recommendation #30, 31*).

### **3.0 Community Consultations To Date**

The following consultations have been undertaken as part of the 2017 Review and Update:

- Public Online Survey administered by the Township of Selwyn (ratepayers, community groups, stakeholders, users).
- Town Hall Meeting on June 7, 2017.
- Workshop with members of the Township of Selwyn Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Trails Advisory Committee, facilitated by Monteith Brown Planning Consultants.
- Public Open House on November 23, 2017 (held in conjunction with the Strategic Plan Update). Approximately 20 members of the public attended the session along with a number of Township staff, members of Council, and the Consultant.
- Ongoing discussions with Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (regarding mutual opportunities at the Lakefield District Public School).

Input received from these consultations was used to inform the review and update process. The following common themes have been extracted from consultations undertaken:

- Agreement that the creation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) has been beneficial and helped to advance recreation services in Selwyn through the 2012 RSP.
- The municipal trails' system continues to be important with a great deal of pride that community volunteers have contributed a tremendous amount of time, effort and other resources to strengthening connectivity throughout Selwyn.
- Prominent facility needs that have been expressed as the most pressing short-term priorities include a centrally-located splash pad and a new ball diamond in Lakefield.
- A need for better marketing and promotion of municipal parks and recreation services was discussed with PRAC. Less than half (45%) of online survey

respondents indicated that they had an awareness of what recreation opportunities are available to them re-enforcing the need for better marketing.

- There continues to be greatest satisfaction with recreational opportunities available to older adults and the least satisfaction with those available to teens.
- More households are not able to participate in parks or recreation activities as often as they would like. In the 2017 online survey, 58% were unable to do so compared to 40% of households recorded in the 2011 telephone survey.<sup>1</sup>
- Many people continue to believe that parks, recreation and culture services should be a high priority for Township Council, including 75% of online survey participants (66% agreement was recorded in the 2011 telephone survey).
- Indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, natural areas and trails register strong levels of importance in discussions with PRAC, through online survey responses and community input. The on-line survey generated an importance ratings above 70% for all elements noted. All but natural areas received higher importance ratings in the online survey compared to the 2011 telephone survey.
- Support for the provision of unstructured facilities and amenities in parks such a children's spray pads, multi-use playing courts, and comfort such as seating/benches in parks and shaded areas.
- Support for working closely with other organizations in the delivery of parks and recreation opportunities such as school boards, conservation authorities, surrounding municipalities, etc. However, there were requests to create stronger relationships or partnerships specifically with the school boards for access to both indoor and outdoor recreation facilities.
- There was concern that a decision had already been made to provide an additional ball diamond at Douglas Sports Park. Concerns focused on whether the need for the diamond was justified, that other opportunities should be considered (e.g., working with school boards, surrounding communities, other park locations, etc.), maximizing use of existing diamonds on a Township-wide basis, and potential environmental impacts associated with the protection of the Provincially Significant wetland, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> It is important to note the 2011 telephone survey was a random sample, statistically significant poll of Selwyn households while the most recent online survey was not, **thus direct comparisons between the two surveys should be interpreted with caution**. For example, 46% of online respondents indicated their participation was prevented by a lack of desired facilities or programs whereas just 6% of the random sample telephone survey indicated the same, which may suggest that: a) facilities and program expectations are drastically different now than they were in the past; or b) people who do not feel there are sufficient facilities and programs were likely to convey this sentiment by completing the online survey.

- Support of the assessment of the demographic composition of the Township and its general aging trend suggesting an increasing demand for parks and recreation planning with a stronger focus on older adults.

## **4.0 Delivering Effective Services**

### **2017 Population and Forecast**

The Recreation Services Plan was originally developed with demographic information available from the 2006 Census and a 2008 population forecast prepared by the County of Peterborough. As such, the Plan utilized a 2011 population estimate of 18,690 and a 2016 population forecast of 19,945 that were derived from the County's work. In the time since, two Census periods have elapsed whereby actual populations recorded are both lower than the County's forecasts – the Census recorded 16,846 persons in 2011 and 17,060 persons in 2016, respectively representing deviations of 10% (1,844 persons) and 14% (2,885 persons) from the County's forecast. The 2017 population estimate for Selwyn is estimated at 17,060 persons (consistent with 2016 Census data).

The County of Peterborough had initiated preliminary work to update its population forecasts as part of a broader Official Plan Update, however, that process was subsequently taken over by the Province and has not been advanced to a position where new forecasts have been generated. Although the County's previously prepared growth forecast from 2008 has not been borne out to date, it remains the only viable forecast for consideration through the five-year review of the Recreation Services Plan. It should also be noted that in 2008 the final phase of the annexation of lands from the former Smith Township to the City of Peterborough took place, modestly impacting the population at that time.

The Township's median age increased by 5.2 years between the 2006 and 2016 Census periods, representing a significant aging of the population. The 2012 Recreation Services Plan also references the County's age structure projections which compared to Census data results in a 2016 population that is 17% higher than the actual Census population recorded for children (ages 0-9) and 11% higher for youth (ages 10-19). However, the County's age structure projections for those ages 55+ ended up being 4% lower than was actually recorded through the Census (it bears noting that the age structure projections were associated for the entire County but used as an assumption for Selwyn given lack of any other age structure forecast available at that time). Accordingly, the Township's age structure has grown older at a rate faster than contemplated within the 2012 Plan. This is relevant information since a person's age tends to influence the type and frequency of activities pursued.

## 5.0 The Need for Recreation Facilities

Review and statistics of the Township's recreation facilities is noted below.

Facility Type	Inputs	Changes to Facility Provision Strategies / Recommendations
Arenas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of ice pads in Selwyn has stayed the same (2 pads)</li> <li>• There were 1,599 registered skaters and players making use of local arenas (2016/17 season), a portion of which includes non-resident users</li> <li>• The Prime Time Utilization rate of arenas stand at 83% (2016/17 season)</li> <li>• The size of the market combined with excess utilization capacity indicates no need for an additional ice pad (1:700 standard plus excess utilization)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> </ul>
Indoor Pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017 population estimate = 17,060</li> <li>• The size of the local market remains below the threshold at which most municipalities would provide an indoor pool (40,000 is a typical threshold)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> </ul>
Gyms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017 population estimate = 17,060</li> <li>• The size of the local market remains below the threshold at which most municipalities would provide its own gymnasium (30,000 to 50,000 is a typical threshold)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> </ul>
Indoor Turf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017 population estimate = 17,060</li> <li>• The size of the local market remains below the threshold at which most municipalities would provide an indoor turf field (generally 50,000 to 100,000)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> </ul>
Soccer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of fields in Selwyn has stayed the same (6 fields; 5 Twp. owned, 1 Lakefield District Public School - LDPS).</li> <li>• There are 656 registered players making use of local facilities (2017 season)</li> <li>• The size of the local market remains below the threshold needed for an additional soccer field (1:80 standard).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> <li>• Continue to work with the KPRDS to make use of the soccer field at the new LDPS.</li> </ul>

Facility Type	Inputs	Changes to Facility Provision Strategies / Recommendations
Ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of diamonds in Selwyn has stayed the same (equivalent of 6.5 unlit diamonds)</li> <li>There are 1,345 registered players making use of local facilities (2017)</li> <li>The size of the market when applying the threshold standard of 1:110 suggests the need for 12 diamonds.</li> <li>There has been a desire expressed for an additional ball diamond in Lakefield.</li> <li>The 2017 Lakefield utilization rates: 41% (Monday and Friday) and 19% (Sat/Sun).</li> <li>Combining the threshold standard with excess capacity suggests that there is an opportunity to adjust scheduling to better accommodate ball users to increase the utilization rates at the Douglas Sports Centre.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Full recommendation below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage ball associations to make greater use of diamonds</li> <li>Adjust scheduling during evening weekdays to accommodate additional practises/game.</li> <li>Work with the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board to utilize existing ball diamonds of the new Lakefield District Public School (former Lakefield District Secondary and Intermediate School site).</li> <li>Work with KPRDSB to improve existing ball diamond facilities (long-term) for future growth.</li> </ul>
Tennis Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of courts in Selwyn has stayed the same (4 courts).</li> <li>Application of the 1:5,000 standard results in a need for no new courts at present time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No need to add to the number of courts available</li> <li>Addition of pickleball lines (planned for 2018) to the tennis courts to offer more programming options</li> </ul>
Basketball Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of courts in Selwyn has stayed the same (1 court).</li> <li>2016 population of 10-19 is 1,740</li> <li>Application of the 1:800 standard results in a need for 2.2 courts at present time (based on 2016 Census).</li> <li>There are a number of courts available for public use through local schools that help to supplement demand however; these courts are not included in the Township's inventory count as they are not maintained by the municipality and in some cases do not meet design guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change – need for 2.2 courts remains</li> </ul>

Facility Type	Inputs	Changes to Facility Provision Strategies / Recommendations
Skateboard Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Township has constructed one new skateboard park in Lakefield.</li> <li>2016 population of 10-19 is 1,740, less than the 1:4,500 standard noted in the Plan.</li> <li>Recreation Services Plan notes a second skateboard park could be considered in other settlement areas contingent on community fundraising and monitoring successes of the first skateboard park.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change</li> </ul>
Splash Pads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2016 population of 0-9 is 1,535, less than the 1:2,000 standard noted in the Plan.</li> <li>Recommendation to build based on latent demand remains applicable.</li> <li>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Committee has prepared a Splash Pad Analysis involving a site selection exercise.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Full recommendation below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for the Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) to construct Selwyn's first splash pad in Bridgenorth (contingent on available servicing and funding).</li> </ul>

## Updates to Selected Needs Assessments<sup>2</sup>

### Ball Diamonds

Since the 2012 Recreation Services Plan was prepared, registration among ball user groups has reportedly grown from the 734 registered players five years ago to 1,345 registered players as of the 2017 season. With this level of registration growth, a request from a local ball association has come forward to provide a new diamond in Lakefield. It is the intent of the following assessment to determine whether a new ball diamond is needed to address community needs, as well as whether expansion of ball diamond infrastructure represents a fiscally responsible investment in relation to articulated need.

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#### <sup>2</sup> Statement of Limitations

The Township of Selwyn has requested Monteith Brown Planning Consultants Ltd. to prepare this assessment, using best available information provided to us at the time of writing but has not been independently verified. The disclosure of any information contained in this assessment is the sole responsibility of the Township. The material in this report and all information relating to this activity reflect MBPC's judgment in light of the information available to us at the time of preparation of this report. Its findings should not constitute final recommendations since subsequent assessments may be undertaken by the Township. Any use which a third party makes of this assessment, or any reliance on or decisions to be made based on it, are the responsibility of such third parties. Monteith Brown Planning Consultants Ltd. accepts no responsibility for damages, if any, suffered by a third party as a result of decisions made or actions based on this assessment.



The Township of Selwyn owns three lit softball diamonds and one unlit baseball diamond. Two of these diamonds (one lit and one unlit diamond) are located at the Robert E. Young Complex in Ennismore while the remaining diamonds are at the Douglas Sports Centre in Lakefield and Paul J. English Lions Park in Bridgenorth. Additionally, one unlit diamond located on private lands in Ennismore is regularly used by a local association which alleviates pressures on municipally-owned diamonds and thus ball organizations deliver their programming across a total of five diamonds throughout Selwyn.

Consistent with the 2012 Recreation Services Plan and similar documents across the province, each lit diamond is considered to provide the capacity equivalent of 1.5 unlit diamonds due to extending playable hours later into the evening. Therefore, the “effective” supply in the Township is considered to be the equivalent of 6.5 unlit diamonds.

In the past five years, ball sports in a number of communities have experienced resurgence in participation levels. The growth is largely attributable to communities in and around the Greater Toronto Area and is particularly pronounced in minor hardball/baseball registrations. Discussions with ball organizations and municipal recreation staff province-wide suggest that the recent success of the Toronto Blue Jays has increased attention and interest in the sport, which in turn has resulted in more people taking up the sport. Registrations in soccer also appear to have stabilized in a number of municipalities which could suggest a portion of ball-related growth could be a result of shifts in summer sporting choices.

Reasons driving the growth in Selwyn’s ball player registrations are not fully understood, based upon information available at time of writing, given that:

- The Township’s permanent population has increased only nominally between the 2011 and 2016 census periods (approximately 200 persons).
- Provincial trends show the majority of growth is being driven by younger age groups, however, Selwyn’s population between 5 and 19 years of age decreased between the 2011 and 2016 census periods (by 240 persons) while the Township’s median age increased by 1.5 years (to over 51 years of age, much higher than the provincial and national median age). Elementary school enrolment figures confirm census data in that the number of pupils at the Chemong, Buckhorn and Lakefield schools has remained relatively flat.
- Usage of the Douglas Sports Park diamond – located in Lakefield where a new diamond is being requested – amounts to 41% of available hours being used between Monday and Friday, and is just 19% on weekends.
- It is unknown whether registration growth is being driven by Selwyn residents or non-residents affiliated with regionally-serving ball associations that make use of Selwyn diamonds. Regional level usage can significantly influence the usage of

ball diamonds as participants may have access to, and utilize diamonds within the region and not solely in Selwyn – this appears to be supported by the utilization rate of existing Selwyn diamonds as discussed in this assessment.

The 2012 Recreation Services Plan articulates a service level standard of 1 ball diamond provided per 110 registered players. A total supply of 12 diamonds would thus be required to service the 1,345 registered players affiliated with groups, however, the inability to quantify the number of non-residents in that equation compromises the ability of the standard to reflect Selwyn-specific needs (because non-residents would be served by a regional supply consisting of diamonds in other municipalities that are not accounted for in the locally-specific calculation).

While reported registration growth is recognized to place greater pressures on existing diamonds, a cautious approach is required prior to expanding the ball diamond infrastructure given:

- The uncertainties surrounding the reasons behind the growth in the number of players.
- School enrolment projections indicate modest growth, meaning that younger age groups cannot necessarily be relied upon to generate greater demands based on the number of children and youth.
- The current situation may be a short-term anomaly or peak in registration levels that may not be sustained, particularly if the number of children and youth is not increasing and reducing the potential to ‘carry’ participation rates into adulthood.
- Ball diamonds are land intensive facilities, particularly if including amenities such as lighting and parking lots, which could require purchase of lands if an existing park is not appropriate for such a use (due to proximity to adjacent residences or environmentally sensitive areas, negative impact on an existing park component, etc.).
- In addition to any costs that may be required to assemble new lands, ball diamonds typically cost between \$300,000 and \$600,000 to construct (actual costs depend upon diamond size, level of amenities, geotechnical conditions, etc.) and require ongoing operating expenses associated with staffing, maintenance (cutting, grooming, lining) and utilities.
- It is understood that the Township’s diamonds outside of Lakefield also have a capacity to accommodate greater usage, meaning that it would be fiscally prudent for the Township to maximize use of these existing diamonds prior to investing in new infrastructure.
- From Douglas Sports Centre, Google Maps indicates that the Paul J. English Lions Park diamond is a 13 minute drive (12 kilometres) and the Robert E. Young

Complex diamonds are a 16 minute drive away (16 kilometres). Both of those drive times are considered reasonable in most urban and rural municipalities, particularly since weather conditions and daylight hours are not a factor in the summer.

### **Recommendation**

In recognition of the fact that registrations have grown among ball groups using Selwyn diamonds, the Township should evaluate potential ways to alleviate pressures being expressed by the associations. The following steps are recommended as part of a ball diamond implementation strategy.

1. Require all ball associations using substantial time at local diamonds to submit registration information that indicates the number and place of residence for their players to inform future facility planning (consistent with Recommendation #8 of the 2012 Recreation Services Plan).
2. Encourage ball associations to make greater use of diamonds across the Township of Selwyn, recognizing the importance of optimizing usage potential of existing assets prior to constructing new ones. This may require further discussions centering upon scheduling and allocation practices, level of amenity, partnership potential with the associations, and so on.
3. Adjust scheduling of ball diamond time slots during evening weekdays to accommodate additional practise/game opportunities at each diamond, as required.
4. Engage the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board to determine interest and ability to collaborate on the construction and/or allocation of a new ball diamond as part of the new Lakefield District Public School (former Lakefield District Secondary and Intermediate School site). Should this opportunity come to fruition, it represents the most cost-effective way to alleviate ball diamond pressures while mitigating risk should ball participation trends decrease over time (i.e., if registration has in fact peaked) since the school could still make use of the diamond as part of its physical education curriculum.
5. If a decision is made to add capacity to the local ball diamond system, it should include undertaking a cost analysis (capital and operating costs), community consultation process to determine whether construction of a new ball diamond is feasible and an appropriate analysis of any potential sites including an Environmental Impact Study (or similar assessment depending on the proposed location). Alternatively, a more cost-effective consideration would be to explore the ability to light a second diamond at the Robert E. Young Complex which would expand system-wide capacity for adult leagues and certain competitive minor divisions.

## Splash Pads

The 2012 Recreation Services Plan recommended the construction of a splash pad in Ennismore, with subsequent splash pad development(s) being justified after gauging the success of the first. In 2015, Township Council established the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to assist with the implementation of the Recreation Services Plan as recommended in the 2014 Functional Review of the Parks & Recreation Department, through which Ad Hoc Sub-Committees can be formed to investigate project-specific initiatives.

One such Ad Hoc Sub-Committee was established specifically to investigate potential locations for a splash pad across Selwyn. The Sub-Committee conducted site visits of potential locations within each of the three wards prior to presenting a final splash pad analysis report<sup>3</sup> to the PRAC on November 1, 2016. The Sub-Committee considered operational aspects, user group considerations and location logistics in arriving at its conclusion that candidate sites were (in order of priority) Paul J. English Park in Bridgenorth followed by the Robert E. Young Complex (Ennismore) and Isabel Morris Park (Lakefield).

Given the level of effort expended by the Sub-Committee in evaluating sites that considered site-specific criteria that builds upon the Recreation Services Plan analyses, there is no information available to date that would suggest an alternative approach to that proposed by the Sub-Committee.

### **Recommendation**

This Recreation Services Plan Update supports the 2016 analyses and recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) to construct Selwyn's first splash pad in Bridgenorth. Consistent with the 2012 Recreation Services Plan, a second splash pad may be considered elsewhere after monitoring observed successes and challenges in Bridgenorth and a similar process as that employed by the PRAC Ad Hoc Sub-Committee should be used to determine any future locations.

It is recommended that the Township confirm the PRAC Ad Hoc Sub-Committee's analysis of the capital and operating cost for the splash pad prior to approval to proceed with any construction.

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<sup>3</sup> Staff Report to Township Council. Township of Selwyn Splash Pad Analysis, dated November 22, 2016 (Attachment: Splash Pad Ad Hoc Sub-Committee Final Report).

## 6.0 A Robust Parkland System

Selwyn's supply of parkland is as follows. A total of 87.3 hectares of parkland result in a service ratio of 5.1 hectares per 1,000 persons based on the 2016 census population of 17,060. By comparison, the parkland level of service was recorded at 3.4 hectares per 1,000 persons in the 2012 Recreation Services Plan thereby indicating an increase in the level of service. This level of service is significantly above the range observed in a number of other communities across Ontario (typically 3.0 to 4.0 hectares per 1,000 population).

<b>Park Name</b>	<b>Size (ha)</b>
<b>Community Park</b>	<b>Provision Level: 4.7 ha/1,000</b>
Cashel Parkland (Crough lands)	21.9
Chemong Park	3.6
Douglas Sports Centre	4.0
Ennismore Waterfront Park	21.0
Hague Point*	6.5
Isabel Morris Park (Updated)	1.1
Chemong Lions Park	6.0
Robert E. Young Recreation Complex (Updated)	16.2
<b>Total Community Parks</b>	<b>80.3</b>
<b>Neighbourhood Park</b>	<b>Provision Level: 0.4 ha/1,000</b>
Bridgenorth Library Parkette	0.1
Burritt Mann Park	0.6
Cenotaph Park	0.8
Champlain Park	0.4
Fife's Bay Park	0.7
Jones Beach	0.2
Kimberly Park	0.2
Victoria Park	1.6
Woodland Acres (Updated)	2.4
<b>Total Neighbourhood Parks</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Total Supply</b>	<b>87.3</b>

\* includes Lakefield Beach and the leased campground

Table provided by Township of Selwyn, 2017

<b>Year</b>	<b>2017</b>
Population	17,060
<b>Community Park Standard</b>	2.5 ha / 1,000 persons
Community Parkland Supply	80.3
Community Parkland Required	42.7
<i>Deviation from Official Plan Standard</i>	37.6 surplus
<b>Neighbourhood Park Provision Standard</b>	1.5 ha / 1,000 persons
Neighbourhood Parkland Supply	7.0
Neighbourhood Parkland Required	25.6
<i>Deviation from Official Plan Standard</i>	(18.6) (deficit)
<b>Overall Parkland Target</b>	4.0 ha / 1,000 persons
Overall Parkland Supply	87.3
Overall Parkland Required	68.2
<b>Deviation from Official Plan Standard</b>	<b>19.1 (Surplus)</b>

### **Community Park Standard**

Based on the standard of 2.5 ha/1,000 persons, the Township requires 42.7 hectares (ha) of community park space. The Township currently has 80.3 ha of community park space, far exceeding the standard.

### **Neighbourhood Park Standard**

Based on the standard of 1.5 ha/1,000 persons, the Township needs 25.6 ha of neighbourhood park space. The Township currently has 7.0 ha of community park space, indicating a deficit in the standard.

### **Overall Parkland Target**

Overall the Township has a surplus of 19.1 ha of parks space. When considering the overall parkland supply the Township does not require further parkland until it reaches a population of 21,830 (based on 4 ha/1,000 persons). Given that the neighbourhood park standard illustrates a deficit it is recommended that the Township continue to obtain parkland dedications in support of new residential developments

### **Hague Point Property**

Through the community consultation process, a great deal of interest was expressed related to the Hague Point property. The property is 6.5 ha and contains many features including the Lakefield Trail, Douglas Sports Centre ball diamond, Marshland Centre, Lakefield Campground (operated under agreement), and Lakefield Beach. The park also has tennis courts, a play structure, shade shelter and open park space. Acquired in 1911, this property has a long history in the Village and is enjoyed by many in a variety of ways.

Desired uses for the property included the addition of another ball diamond, as well as uses that could complement the environmentally significant wetland that is immediately

adjacent to Hague Point. A recommendation related to the desire for an additional ball diamond has been addressed in preceding analyses. A recommendation specifically related to Hague Point is noted below.

### **Recommendation**

1. The Township should continue to augment parkland supplies to keep pace with future population growth and maintain appropriate geographic distribution, particularly through obtaining parkland dedications (and other appropriate means) as part of new residential or other land developments.
2. In addition to the Township's proposed 2018 Strategic Plan Update that notes as an initiative the need to review the capital investments required to sustain the Lakefield Campground and evaluate potential operational models and alternative uses:
  - The Township should consider the suggestions made through the community consultation process for potential uses for the balance of the Hague Point property considering the environmentally sensitive features of these lands in relation to the adjacent Provincially Significant Wetland, Imagine the Marsh property and Lakefield Trail.

## **6.0 An Effective Trails System**

The Township completed a Recreational Trails Master Plan in 2014 (*Recommendation #41*). A Trails Advisory Committee was formed to guide and direct the goals and initiatives of the 2014 Trails Master Plan. Some key accomplishments:

- Developed and installed signage for the Shimano cycling routes throughout Selwyn and the Kawarthas (*Recommendation # 42*)
- Developed and constructed 1,150 metre long fitness trail at the Robert E. Young Sports Complex including; 5 fitness stations, a shade structure, playground and water bottle filling station (*Recommendation # 43*)
- Community Improvement Plan – designs for public realm improvements that include amenities for pedestrians, cyclists and wayfinding (Bridgenorth, Ennismore, Lakefield, Young's Point and Buckhorn)
- Successful application to the Ontario Commuter Cycling Grant program for initial phase of further developing signed cycling trails throughout Selwyn (*Recommendation # 42*)
- Partnered with Regional Tourism Organization 8 (RT08) to complete new trail signage system at the Ennismore Waterfront Park including; developing three

integrated trail systems and installing maps, wayfinding & directional signage at the trailheads and throughout the 1.5 km trails. (*Recommendation # 20, 43*)

- Planned (2018) improvements to the trail connecting Andrew Avenue and Eastwood Road (*Recommendation #43* )
- Planned (2018) design and construction of trail connecting 5th Line and Lindsay Road to Creamery Road as the Phase 1 of the West Communication Road (Bridgenorth to Peterborough) trail
- Planned (2018) completion of the connection of the trail system within the Paul J. English Park that will include benches, additional parking, and shade elements.

In addition to the 2014 Trails Master Plan, the Township has also participated in the development of other regional trail and cycling plans to ensure that there is alignment to the Township's trail goals:

- Peterborough County Active Transportation Master (2017)
- Peterborough County Environmental Assessment – James A. Gifford Causeway (2013) and Ward Street Widening (2018)

## 7.0 Implementation

A summary of the 2012 Recreation Services Plan's 43 recommendations is attached as Appendix A to this update. Each recommendation has been reviewed and notes the status of the recommendation:

### **Status:**

- Accomplished, including details
- Ongoing
- Still relevant and still to be complete
- New or amended recommendations.

### **Reinforcing Selected Recommendations from 2012 Recreation Services Plan**

While not an inclusive list, the following major recommendations from the 2012 Recreation Services Plan should continue to be implemented on an ongoing basis.

- **Recommendation #1** - Confirm that the Township wishes to continue to be an in-direct service provider through offering municipal facilities for programs and services.



- **Recommendations #4 and #15** - Work with the school boards to develop reciprocal agreements to increase affordable access to school facilities (e.g., gymnasiums, meeting rooms, outdoor spaces, etc.).
- **Recommendations #25 and #27** - An indoor aquatic centre and additional ice pads are not required.
- **Recommendation #33** - Review capital investments required to sustain Lakefield Campground and evaluate potential operational models and alternative uses.
- **Recommendation #37** - Investigate acquiring a small waterfront property to allow small watercraft launching abilities from the southern shoreline of Deer Bay and/or Buckhorn Lake.

## **Appendix / Notes from Consultations**

Appendix A – Summary of Recommendations and Status

Appendix B – Township Parks Inventory Update

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Section 1			
All	All	None	An Outline and Introduction has been provided for the Township's consideration in structuring the Addendum to the Recreation Services Plan (as a separate file).
Section 2			
All	All	None	See Outline for Addendum
Section 3			
3.1	Pressures on Infrastructure	None	<p>Information:</p> <p>Population projections for the 2012 RSP were based on 2008 projections from the County of Peterborough Official Plan (OP). The population projection for 2016 from the OP was 19,945. The 2016 Census records the population at 17,060.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As the original population projections have not been realized projections will be based on Census data (2011 vs 2016) not County OP population data.</li> <li>- 2017 population - 17,060 (based on 2016 census population)</li> </ul>
3.2	Role of Twp.	#1 - With the view of remaining an 'indirect' provider of services, the Township should conduct a comprehensive review of the community-based recreation program inventory every five years and identify if there are any major service gaps. Based upon this review, requests for direct municipal provision of non-core facilities and services may be considered on a case-by-case basis or by utilizing a standardized partnership evaluation framework (see Recommendation #3, 5 and 9).	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The 'indirect' service model continues to be an effective service delivery system for the Township as confirmed with Township staff and through stakeholder interviews with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Trails Advisory Committee.</li> <li>- Recommendation and supporting section to remain intact.</li> </ul>
3.3	Role of Volunteers	# 2 - Create appropriate resources for local volunteer groups to address challenges in the volunteer sector such as recruitment, retention, training and recognition. To this end, the Township may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordinate local volunteer organizations in the development of volunteer management resources using a community development approach, with the Township contributing expertise as a partner in this process.</li> <li>- Take a leadership role in facilitating the sharing of information between local volunteer groups to increase efficiencies and community capacity, and reduce reliance upon the municipality to contribute staff resources. One initiative to this effect may be the creation of a local volunteer database so that groups have the ability to 'share' volunteers with each other.</li> </ul>	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to Recreation Policy developed in 2014 in cooperation with the City of Peterborough, all eight lower tier Townships, Peterborough Public Health. Policy developed to reduce barriers and increase access to participation in recreation, ensuring that as many residents of the Township as possible have access to recreation and cultural programs, parks and open spaces and community facilities, including support for volunteers who deliver community programming.</li> <li>- Recommendation and supporting section text to remain intact.</li> </ul>

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3.4	Integrated Service Delivery System	# 3 - Formalize an Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) approach to use the collective expertise of all municipal departments, along with community-based service providers, to create innovative solutions to addressing local needs. Given that the Township is already well positioned internally to achieve ISD, a focus should be placed upon creating an Asset Based Community Development Model through engagement and the provision of appropriate supports (e.g. financial, logistical, expertise, etc.) as a means to empower the local community, continually develop their internal capacity, and enhance their capacity to deliver programs and services over the long-run.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An Integrated Customer Service approach was implemented following the 2015 Organization Review of administrative staff. This has ensured that staff cross training and appropriate back-ups are in place to provide continuity of service and up-to-date and timely customer service delivery. This cross training and back-up has extended throughout the department itself and through the administrative customer service team. In addition, cross departmental support is provided in particular for capital works through the Township's Public Works Department (e.g. excavation for field preparation etc.).</li> <li>- Continue to look for opportunities to build local community capacity.</li> </ul>
3.4	Schools	# 4 - Build upon relationships and work with the local school boards to develop reciprocal agreements which increase affordable access to school facilities such as gymnasiums, meeting rooms, and outdoor spaces as a means to address gaps in parks and facilities, particularly in more remote areas of the Township.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New day ice time rates implemented for schools and home schools.</li> <li>- Participated in several Peterborough Public Health Kids Challenge Initiatives including arranging for BEL Rotary to support four school skating days in 2015/16 and eight more school skating days this season (2016/17).</li> <li>- Youth curling revived through the Lakefield Curling Club and the Ennismore Curling Club (school programming).</li> <li>- Recommendation and section text to remain intact.</li> </ul>
3.4	Partnerships	<p># 5 - Requests for facilities and services that are not part of the Township's core mandate should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis after measuring them against this Plan's principles and goals, as well as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Considering the anticipated municipal role, quantifiable measures of demand and costs to the Township, and other long-term implications prior to deciding whether or not to partner in the public interest. Requests for organized services should be supported by a proponent-led market assessment and business plan that demonstrates why the Township should be involved in the delivery of a non-core service.</li> <li>- Developing and applying a standardized process or framework for evaluating and responding to requests for partnerships, with the view of maximizing public interests.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommendation and section text to remain intact.</li> </ul>

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3.5	All	# 6 - Initiate a comprehensive review of the Township's set of standardized, formal and informal operational policies, and regularly review these policies to assess their relevancy, effectiveness, and if there is a need to update them.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Functional Review specific to the Parks and Recreation Department was completed in 2014. This included an analysis of staffing levels and operational procedures. Several operational policies have been reviewed and updated, including: nightly duty roster and log implement in 2016; vehicle logs (2016 for CRA purposes). In addition, staff scheduling better aligns to the user schedule to minimize overtime. In addition, various service contracts were updated to maximize revenues and minimize costs (e.g. beverage suppliers, waste contract, etc.).</li> <li>- Recommendation has been implemented and continues to be part of ongoing reviews.</li> </ul>
3.5	All	# 7 - Establish a simple set of quantifiable targets and performance measures that can gauge the efficiency and effectiveness of parks and facilities which are offered by the Township. These measures can be refined and expanded upon over time to respond to changing consumer expectations and Departmental operating practices.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performance measures implemented through the Township's Annual Report Card as well as through quarterly department work plan updates to Council.</li> <li>- Annual meeting with hockey user and adult ball groups to receive feedback and share information.</li> <li>- Parks and Recreation Advisory and Trails Advisory Committees – provide feedback and input that is used to gauge efficiency and effectiveness of programs and services.</li> <li>- No further performance measures are contemplated for the remainder of the Plan's timeframe.</li> </ul>
3.5	All	# 8 - In order to make effective use of the market driven standards (e.g. 1 facility per X number of participants) and equitably allocate scheduling for permitted facilities, the Township should collect annual registration data (including contact information for each participant) from all sport organizations that utilize Township-owned facilities (e.g. sports fields and arenas, at a minimum) to accurately determine existing and future facility needs.	<p>Action completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There has been intermittent collection of selected participation numbers since 2012. In 2017, there was participation numbers collected from all user groups.</li> <li>- Recommendation to be updated to remove the suggestion to collect contact information for individual participants and to note that the Township will commit to collecting participant data from all user groups commencing in 2018 on an annual basis and report this data to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Collecting data is important to track changes year over year and to note trends.</li> </ul>

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3.5	All	# 9 - Regularly explore ways in which to enhance the way in which services are being delivered to customers, with a continued focus on quality. As such, the Township should be willing to explore new approaches and technologies which will aid staff in their ability to administer the high quality customer services that residents now associate with municipal facilities and programs.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Functional Review specific to the Parks and Recreation Department was completed in 2014. As such a number of changes have been implemented to improve service delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Better use part-time staff during peak times to ensure facility cleanliness is maintained.</li> <li>- Updated a number of vendor agreements to ensure customer service levels are maintained (portable toilets – regular maintenance and cleaning).</li> <li>- Energy efficiency initiatives: conversion to LED lighting, insulation, installation of <i>Real Ice</i> cold water ice making technology – reduce operating costs and improve ice quality</li> <li>- Ice and meeting room availability posted on-line</li> <li>- Outdoor and in-door signage/monitors – promote events, public skating time etc., to increase awareness</li> <li>- Free public skating offered through sponsorship – increased affordability/access/revenues</li> <li>- Integrated Customer Service – better cross training and back-up to enhance service levels</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Recommendation and supporting section text to remain intact and recommendation is regularly being implemented.</li> </ul>
3.5	All	#10 – A review and update to the Recreation Services Plan (RSP) is recommended after 5 years to ensure that Recommendations remain relevant in the context of future population characteristics, preferences, and needs.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation (consultations undertaken as part of the 2017 Review and Update):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommendation implemented (2017). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public Online Survey administered by the Township of Selwyn (ratepayers, community groups, stakeholders, users).</li> <li>- Town Hall Meeting on June 7, 2017.</li> <li>- Workshop with members of the Township of Selwyn Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Trails Advisory Committee, facilitated by Monteith Brown Planning Consultants.</li> <li>- Public Open House on November 23, 2017 (held in conjunction with the Strategic Plan Update). Approximately 20 members of the public along with a number of Township staff and members of Council attended the session.</li> <li>- Ongoing discussions with Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (regarding mutual benefits at the Lakefield District Public School).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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3.6	Org. Structure	<p>#11 – Ensure that municipal parks and facilities are supported by appropriate staff resources. Given the growth and complexity within the municipal parks and recreation system, the Township should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Undertake a comprehensive Staffing Review &amp; Succession Planning Exercise to develop appropriate staffing standards that reflect desired service levels.</li> <li>- As part of the proposed Staffing Review &amp; Succession Planning Exercise, consider the addition of a Recreation Services &amp; Festival Liaison (part-time position that may be extended to full-time depending upon workload) and a seasonal Harbour Master position.</li> </ul>	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation :</p> <p>A Functional Review specific to the Parks and Recreation Department was completed in 2014 which identified the need to review of several operational policies and to strengthening relationships with stakeholders and the community. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of facility maintenance plans/checklists</li> <li>- Review of all department job descriptions with appropriate updates made</li> <li>- Succession Planning underway – annual staff evaluations used to identify training needs and future retirement planning</li> <li>- Recreation Services &amp; Festival Liaison and Harbour Master positions addressed as part of an Organizational Structure Review (March 2013)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation Services &amp; Festival Liaison position – position not implemented; instead duties distributed between the existing Recreation Services Administrative Assistant and the contracted Community Development Intern/Officer</li> <li>- Harbour Master – position not implemented; instead an existing Marina Attendant was given additional supervisory duties to address daily operational needs</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Recommendation and supporting section text to remain intact and recommendation is regularly being implemented.</li> </ul>
3.7	All	<p>#12 - Provide a training program for staff to gain the skills needed to fully engage under-represented populations; at a minimum, this may include targeted marketing techniques that ensure utilization of plain and clear language in all reports and publications. This training could be expanded to include community groups and volunteer representatives.</p>	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Templates and training provided to administrative staff to create accessible documents - plain language, readable fonts and type size etc...</li> <li>- Development of the Access to Recreation Policy – addresses affordability and access</li> <li>- New staff orientation – accessible customer service training</li> <li>- Mandatory staff training on Respect in the Work Place - including sensitivity training</li> <li>- Recommendation and supporting section text to remain intact</li> </ul>
3.8	Core Markets	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- See Section 3.1 for updated data.</li> </ul>

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3.8	Playgrounds	<p># 13 - Target the provision 1 play structure within 800 metres of major residential areas in designated growth centres and hamlets (defined as Lakefield, Bridgenorth, Ennismore and Young's Point), unobstructed by major pedestrian barriers such as County roads, highways, and waterways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based upon distributional gaps resulting from the service standard, explore provision of playgrounds in Lakefield (south of Bridge Street), in Bridgenorth (possibly at the Rae Street Open Space), and Young's Point (at a new neighbourhood park, either by converting the Arborview Drive Open Space or securing a new parcel altogether).</li> <li>- Continued implementation of the playground inspection and renewal programs is necessary to ensure that equipment is safe, inclusive and responsive to meeting early childhood development needs.</li> </ul>	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation (new play structures since 2012):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Woodland Acres Play structure and swing set (neighbourhood park)</li> <li>- Emerald Isle community neighbourhood park and swing set (neighbourhood park)</li> <li>- Ennismore Waterfront Park play structure (community park)</li> <li>- Ennismore Recreation Complex – new play structure and swing set (community park)</li> <li>- Arborview property (Young's Point) – property reviewed and determined that the property is too small for a play structure/swing set. Recommendation: continue to look for other opportunities in Young's Point.</li> <li>- Rae Avenue (Bridgenorth) – property reviewed and determined that it is too small for a play structure/swing set.</li> <li>- South Bridge Street (Lakefield) – play structure currently located at St. Paul's School and it is expected that a new structure will be installed at the new Lakefield and District Public School (former High School property).</li> <li>- Staff members have received appropriate training to inspect playground equipment and an approved inspection schedule is followed in accordance with CSA standards. Various play structures and swing sets include accessible equipment designed for children with development needs.</li> </ul>
3.8	Splash Pads	<p># 14 - Develop a splash pad in Ennismore, either at the Ennismore Waterfront Park or the Robert E. Young Recreation Complex. A second splash pad may be considered, if confirmed through need and business planning assessments, elsewhere in the Township after gauging the success of the Ennismore splash pad.</p>	<p>Information: Text references 1,700 children whereas 2016 Census records 1,535 children (0-9). Notwithstanding decline, splash pad is still a sought-after facility and one worthy of consideration. The online survey indicated a desire for a splash pad in Lakefield.</p> <p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An Ad Hoc Splash Pad Committee was formed in 2016 to study need and potential location of a splash pad. Council endorsed the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to explore a splash pad at the Paul J. English Sports field in Bridgenorth as the preferred location pending servicing ability. If servicing was an obstacle at the Bridgenorth location, then the Ennismore Recreation Complex was suggested as an alternate. The implementation of a splash pad has both capital and operational cost implications. Staff will monitor potential grant announcements and potential funding partners.</li> </ul> <p>A second splash pad could be considered pending the success of the first splash pad. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended that if a second splash pad is warranted in the future that it be located in Isabel Morris Park, Lakefield.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The spirit of the recommendation remains intact.</li> </ul>

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3.8	Youth Space	# 15 - Using an Asset Based Community Development approach (see Recommendation #3), consult with youth-serving agencies, school boards and youth themselves to evaluate how existing municipal, institutional and community-based facilities can be enhanced or adapted to better meet the needs of local youth.	<p>Information: In report text, 2016 youth population estimated at 1,961 whereas 2016 Census records 1,740. The 2017 survey noted that teen/youth satisfaction with access to facilities and services remains low.</p> <p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In 2015/16 the 'Youth Can Do Initiative' came to fruition – youth came together to strategize and plan for a skate park – involved research, identifying barriers, potential funders, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Group received Council endorsement and the Skate Park project was approved in the 2016 budget.</li> <li>o Skate Park at Isabel Morris Park completed in 2017.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- A shinny hockey program was introduced on snow days as well as hockey clinics for youth organized on PA days.</li> </ul> <p>Notwithstanding youth population decline, recommendation and supporting section text to remain largely intact as is per Section 3.8. Minor suggestions for recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggest that opportunities for youth engagement continue to be a focus. Consider working more closely with Lakefield Youth Unlimited as their mandate focusses on youth/teen programming.</li> <li>- Short-term – consider a portable basketball court at the Tennis Courts in Lakefield; long term consider a new basketball court.</li> </ul>
3.8	Basketball	#16 - Provide 2 additional multi-use courts oriented to basketball, preferably in Bridgenorth and Lakefield, to meet needs of youth over the planning period; ideally, these courts would be co-located with other youth-oriented park amenities.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing commenced to date – continue to explore opportunities and partnerships</li> <li>- 2016 Census figure of 1,740 youth would require 2.2 courts under the 1:800 standard.</li> <li>- This recommendation continues to be supported on the basis of geographic distribution.</li> </ul>
3.8	Basketball	# 17 - Explore the feasibility of expanding the Robert E. Young Recreation Complex basketball court to a multi-use court template in order to allow a greater variety of uses to take place across all four seasons.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing commenced to date – continue to explore opportunities and partnerships (e.g. ball hockey).</li> <li>- Recommendation and section text to remain intact.</li> </ul>



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3.8	Skateboard Parks	#18 - The Township should refer to its past plans for skateboard parks and proceed with plans to construct a skateboard park at Isabel Morris Park, either as a pilot project (if the Township is the sole funder) or as a more permanent facility (if the community is able to reach a pre-specified fundraising target). Additional skateboard parks should only be considered after monitoring the success of the proposed facility along with the necessary justification through business planning. The design of any skateboard park should involve local youth and members of the skateboarding/BMX community, as well as other youth-oriented stakeholders (such as police, schools, etc.) through active consultations.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Skateboard park installed at Isabel Morris Park in 2017.</li> <li>- Monitor need for additional skatepark for future.</li> <li>- Recommendation implemented and reference to second skateboard park requiring justification remains relevant.</li> </ul>
3.9	The Brand	# 19 - Through the planned corporate Communications Strategy, the Township should explore ways to increase the awareness of local parks and recreation services by enhancing its current mediums, such as the Recreation & Library Services Guide, and exploring new ways to reach its target markets such as through use of social media. As part of this Communications Strategy, the Township should also explore how to encourage community-based providers to better communicate their services to the public.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expanded print media - regular newspaper advertising.</li> <li>- Development of the new Township Services Guide (contains inventory of facilities, parks, program information, beaches, etc.).</li> <li>- Expanded use of social media and website.</li> <li>- Installation of wayfinding signage to improve access to facilities and parks.</li> <li>- Installation of facility electronic signage – to promote events, programs.</li> <li>- Development of new trails brochure.</li> <li>- Organization of parks events / grand openings to highlight new facilities and amenities (Woodland Acres Park, Ultimate Frisbee, Skate Park etc.).</li> <li>- Coordination of annual Trails Day celebrations (guided walks and trail awareness)</li> <li>- Celebrate Parks and Recreation month – June.</li> <li>- Recommendation and supporting section text to remain intact as is.</li> </ul>
3.9	Signage	# 20 - Establish a consistent signage design template and install at all parks, trailheads and recreation facilities. These signs should be restored or replaced when they deteriorate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designed and installed facility/park signage throughout the Township consistent with corporate branding.</li> <li>- Recommendation implemented.</li> </ul>

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3.10	Fiscal Responsibility	# 21 - Undertake a comprehensive pricing strategy to review the current fee structure for municipal parks and facilities in relation to the desired level of cost recovery/subsidization, the Township's ability to sustain high quality services, and a particular focus on areas such as affordability and required contributions to reserves.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rates reviewed annually as part of the annual budget process to keep pace with inflation. New fees introduced in 2017 to generate revenue (new park rates, facility advertising, new day-time ice rate, continuous rental rates)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Full cost recovery recognized as not being feasible. Minor sport subsidy remains in effect (difference adult prime vs. minor sport prime) to support operational expenses.</li> <li>- Deficits funded through reserve – need to review for sustainability</li> <li>- Access to Recreation Policy in place – recognizes the importance of removing barriers to participation i.e. no fees for minor youth groups to use sport fields</li> <li>- 2018 Corporate Strategic Plan identifies need for better long range financial planning for facilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Recommendation and supporting section text to remain intact as is.</li> </ul>
3.10	Economic Development	# 22 - Design/redesign appropriate Community-level parks (such as Isabel Morris Park and the Robert E. Young Complex) in a manner that contains space for local gatherings, festivals and special events.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Township continues to follow the Master Plan in place for Isabel Morris Park. Works completed to date include shoreline buffer, canoe/kayak launch and trail, shade shelter improvements, play structure and skateboard park.</li> <li>- Although a formalized Master Plan was not endorsed for the Robert E. Young Recreation Complex, many improvements have been made to the Complex including: major upgrade of the arena, exterior landscaping of the arena and curling club, new play structure, new trail and outdoor fitness station, tree plantings and shade shelter.</li> </ul>
<b>Section 4</b>			
4.1	Soccer	# 23 - Develop 1 soccer field in Lakefield and ensure that the selected site is large enough to accommodate a second field, should it be warranted by growth or if access to any municipal or non-municipal sports fields is removed in the future. The need for the second new field should be reconfirmed through the five year review of the Recreation Services Plan.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There were 656 registered soccer players in Selwyn in 2017.</li> <li>- Commitment from the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board for the Lakefield Youth Soccer program to continue to use soccer fields at the new Lakefield District Public School (LDPS), Bridge Street.</li> <li>- The size of the local market remains below the threshold needed for an additional soccer field (1:80 standard).</li> </ul>

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4.1	Ball	# 24 - No new ball diamonds are recommended over the planning period, however, needs should be re-examined at the time of the five year review of the Recreation Services Plan.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are 1,345 registered players making use of local facilities</li> <li>- 2017 Lakefield utilization rates: 41% (Monday and Friday) and 19% (Sat/Sun).</li> <li>- Recommendation to work with user groups to adjust scheduling to accommodate additional practises/game in Lakefield.</li> <li>- Work with the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board to utilize existing ball diamonds of the new Lakefield District Public School (former Lakefield District Secondary and Intermediate School site).</li> <li>- Full recommendation noted in the 2012 Recreation Services Plan Review Update (2018).</li> </ul>
4.1	Tennis Courts	None	Based on population and distribution, no new courts are required.
4.2	Notable Trends	None	Section text remains relevant.
4.2	Arenas	# 25 - Re-evaluate the need for additional ice rinks in five years, preferably as part of a Review for the Recreation Services Plan. Recognizing that local arenas are approaching prime time capacity over the planning period, the Township should initiate a review of its scheduling practices and facilitate discussions between arena users in Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield, as a means to collaborate and find efficiencies in how the ice rinks can be scheduled.	<p>Updated Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Utilization rate 2016-17 = 83% (95% system-wide previously referenced)</li> <li>- Registration 2016-17 season – 1599 (total all groups) (1,251 previously referenced)</li> <li>- Updated needs assessment applying the 1:700 standard to current registration as well as utilization rates indicate that there is no need for an additional ice pad.</li> </ul>
4.2		# 26 - A building condition assessment should be undertaken for the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre in order to determine the remaining lifecycle and associated costs required to keep the arenas running to a similar level of service.	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engineering review of the roof structure (as required by Provincial Standards) was completed in 2011.</li> <li>- Engineering review of the roof structure is planned for 2018. This review will also include an assessment of other structure/building components. Structural needs will inform future capital needs.</li> </ul>
4.2	Indoor Aquatics	# 27 - While an indoor aquatic centre is not required over the planning period due to the ability of local residents to access the various high quality public pools available in the City of Peterborough, the Township should support new and existing local partners with the community-based provision of outdoor swimming programs in Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield.	<p>Recommendation and section text remains relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on population thresholds, an indoor pool is not needed.</li> </ul>
4.2	Gymnasiums	# 28 To gain better access and potentially more affordable rates for gymnasiums, it is recommended that the Township strengthen its relationships...with respect to the Community Use of Schools initiative. This may involve the drafting of a formalized reciprocal agreement or funding agreement in order to achieve the end goal (also see Recommendation #5).	Recommendation and section text remains relevant.

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4.2		<p># 29 The Township should proceed with the addition of a multi-purpose gymnasium at the Ennismore Community Centre if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it deems that the municipality has a role in providing such a space and that it is willing to primarily rely on community and private sector partners to generate revenues (in the absence of direct municipal program delivery);</li> <li>- the need for the facility and the benefits of providing the space outweigh the capital and operating expenditures that would be required over the facility's lifecycle; and</li> <li>- the level of risk is acceptable to the municipality after considering considerable competition from regional facilities and school-based gyms for a relatively small market that is further inhibited by a limited and modestly growing local population base.</li> </ul>	<p>Recommendation and section text remains relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on population thresholds, a multi-purpose gymnasium is not needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Section 5</b>			
5.1 to 5.3	Parks and Open Spaces Supply	None	See updated Table 1 and RSP Update Report (2018) - Parkland & Open Space Supply
5.4	Needs	<p>#30 - To meet the parkland needs associated with forecasted population growth, a total of 20.5 hectares of parkland will be required by the year 2021. The acquisition and development of a neighbourhood park in the Lakefield South Development Area will partially address parkland requirements, though the Township should investigate the feasibility of converting all or a portion of the 9.4 hectares of unmaintained opens spaces owned by the Township for active and passive park uses on a parcel-by-parcel basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To address a noted gap in parkland distribution, a neighbourhood park should be provided to serve the hamlet of Young's Point either through conversion of the existing Arborview Drive Open Space or provision of a new park elsewhere. This park should contain appropriate neighbourhood-level amenities deemed required to serve the hamlet's residents.</li> </ul>	<p>Actions completed in support of recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arborview property (Young's Point) – property reviewed and determined that the property is too small for a play structure/swing set. Township will continue to look for other opportunities in Young's Point.</li> <li>o See updated Table 1 RSP Update Report (2018) – Parkland Supply</li> </ul>
5.4		<p># 31 - The Township should focus on acquiring parkland between 1.6 and 3.2 hectares in size to satisfy the deficit of overall parkland and neighbourhood parks in accordance with the provision standards established in the County Official Plan.</p>	<p>Actions completed in support of recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Township purchased Cashel Road (Ennismore)</li> <li>- Township sold portion of the lands from the Robert E. Young Complex to St. Martin's Church Cemetery</li> <li>- The Township should continue to augment parkland supplies to keep pace with future population growth and maintain appropriate geographic distribution, particularly through obtaining parkland dedications (and other appropriate means) as part of new residential or other land developments</li> <li>- There are also a number of ORCA and Trent Severn Waterway lands available throughout the Township for passive use.</li> </ul>

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5.5	United Church Lands	# 32 - In the absence of an immediate park or recreational need for the former Ennismore United Church lands, the Township should explore alternative land uses that may be appropriate for the site provided they are in accordance with the gifting agreement.	Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Township will continue to consider options that may arise.</li> <li>- Agreed that uses would need to be 'stand-alone' (i.e. not connected to the REY Complex) due to the County road (e.g. community garden).</li> <li>- Recommendation and section remains relevant.</li> </ul>
5.5	Lakefield Campground	# 33 - It is recommended that the Township continue to lease the Lakefield Campground to the private sector, however, it should undertake a succession plan for the Lakefield Campground to determine a course of action for the municipality to take should the private sector withdraw from the operations.	Recommendation and section remains relevant with minor update to align with Goal 3 of the Township's 2018 Corporate Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Goal 3 of the Township's 2018 Corporate Strategic Plan notes the need to review capital investments required to sustain Lakefield Campground and evaluate potential operational models and alternative uses.</li> </ul>
5.5	Woodland Acres	# 34 - To serve the Woodland Acres community, the Township should undertake a site-specific master plan for the existing Woodland Acres Open Space parcel to determine the preferred layout and amenity level of the park. This master plan should be undertaken after the Township receives a formal application on the lands known as 'Block B' on Woodland Drive in order to also effectively account for pressures that a new subdivision would generate for parks in the area. Swapping the existing parcel for a smaller property in the existing neighbourhood is discouraged.	Actions completed in support of the recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master Plan complete and park developed in 2017 to include a trail, green space, play structure, swing set and tree plantings.</li> <li>- Recommendation implemented.</li> </ul>
5.6	Marinas	# 35 - The Township should undertake a Marina Study & Business Plan to investigate the need and costs associated with expanding the number of slips, the marina building, and the staffing allocation (which may include the seasonal Harbour Master position proposed in Recommendation #11).	Recommendation and section remains relevant with minor update to align with Goal 3 of the Township's 2018 Corporate Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Goal 3 of the Township's 2018 Corporate Strategic Plan noted the need to evaluate feasibility/need for expansion of the Lakefield Marina.</li> </ul>
5.6	Unmaintained Road Ends	# 36 - The Township's supply of unmaintained waterfront accesses, notably those with small beach or boat launch potential, should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for one-time improvements which encourage neighbourhood-based access and use.	Actions completed in support of the recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waterfront/boat access areas been inventoried and are maintained based on need.</li> <li>- Recommendation and section remains relevant.</li> </ul>
5.6	Northern Boat Launch	# 37 - The Township should investigate acquisition of a small waterfront access parcel in the northern portion of the former Smith Township to allow small watercraft launching abilities from the southern shoreline of Deer Bay and/or Buckhorn Lake.	Recommendation and section remains relevant - continue to look for opportunities to purchase appropriate lands.

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5.7	Park Acquisition	<p># 38 - The Township should evaluate opportunities to acquire parkland in gap areas identified throughout new and existing communities, using tools such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conveyance of parkland, as permitted through dedications under the Planning Act.</li> <li>- Cash-in-lieu of parkland, as permitted through the Planning Act. In this respect, the Township and the County of Peterborough should collaborate to amend the Official Plan to establish criteria for accepting cash-in-lieu of parkland. At a minimum, criteria to be explore may include where the size of dedicated lands is of insufficient size, if the area is already adequately satisfied by existing parks, if the intent is to combine multiple small park parcels into one large park, or if the dedication would render the site as being impractical for development.</li> <li>- Alternatives acquisition mechanisms such as municipal purchase, lease, land swaps, etc. as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conveyance of parkland (or cash in lieu of parkland) through the Planning Act remain relevant as new developments come on-line.</li> <li>- Recommendation and section text remains relevant.</li> </ul>
5.8	Design & Amenities	<p># 39 - Design parks in a manner that engages the public as a means to promote a healthy and active lifestyle, and facilitate civic pride by incorporating appropriate features that maximize comfort, convenience and safety (e.g. shade, marked paths, benches, windbreaks, etc.). Low cost designs can be achieved by using locally available equipment, where appropriate.</p>	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public has been invited to provide input/feedback prior into park development</li> <li>- Park designs, most recently Woodland Acres, Ultimate Frisbee, Ennismore Waterfront Park and Trail and REY Complex have incorporated amenities that include wayfinding, benches, shade trees, garbage/recycling receptacles and water stations to contribute to a positive, healthy park experience.</li> <li>- Align park design with Peterborough Public Health principles (shade, hydration), AODA regulations and the Age-Friendly Peterborough Plan.</li> <li>- Recommendation and section text remains relevant.</li> </ul>
5.8	Community Gardens	<p># 40 - Building upon community gardening programs offered by the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board at local elementary schools, the Township should facilitate discussions between the public school board and local beautification organizations and interested residents to promote additional community allotment gardens at appropriate locations.</p>	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New community garden located at the new Lakefield and District Public School (Nourish Peterborough, Foodbank/Community Initiative) to support local food production.</li> <li>- Private community garden installed at the Peterborough Housing Affordable Housing Complex (Rabbit Street).</li> <li>- Ennismore Horticultural Society Sprout program – program for youth to learn about flower and vegetable gardening.</li> <li>- Recommendation and section text remains relevant.</li> </ul>
5.9	Natural Heritage	None	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emerald Ash Borer Plan and a Forest Management Plan for the Ennismore Waterfront Park adopted.</li> <li>- Section text remains relevant.</li> </ul>

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Section 6			
6.1	Active Transp.	None	Section text remains relevant.
6.2	Trails	<p># 41 - Undertake a Trails / Active Transportation Master Plan, preferably in concert with regional partners, which establishes a comprehensive and systematic framework that defines the vision and addresses needs through long-range planning for the local trails system. At a minimum, this Master Plan should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Potential trail connections to community, inter-municipal and external trail networks;</li> <li>- The role and mandates of the various Trail Committees which exist in Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield;</li> <li>- Integration of various modes of travel on trail routes throughout the year such as pedestrian, bicycle, cross-country ski, inline skating, etc.; and</li> <li>- Opportunities to tie into the Sustainable Peterborough framework and Transportation Master Plan currently being prepared at the County level.</li> </ul>	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommendation implemented</li> <li>- Recreational Trails Master Plan completed in 2014.</li> <li>- Trails Advisory Committee appointed in 2014.</li> <li>- Township committed to the Sustainable Peterborough Plan.</li> <li>- Township endorsed the County of Peterborough Active Transportation Plan (2017) which includes on-road cycling routes.</li> </ul>
		<p># 42 - Incorporate principles of active transportation within the development of the trails network, particularly within new suburban types of development, in order to ensure that the system functions from both a utilitarian and a recreational perspective.</p>	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Principles carried forward in the 2014 Recreation Trails Master Plan and the 2012 Township Community Improvement Plan (CIP).</li> <li>- Application made under Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling funding to support on-road cycling and trail development.</li> <li>- Recommendation and section text remains relevant.</li> </ul>
		<p># 43 - At key locations (such as trail heads or other areas determined by the Township) within the trail system, efforts should be made to integrate comforts and ease of access through the provision of park and interpretive signage and brochure boxes, benches, trail distance markers, lighting, parking, washrooms and rest areas</p>	<p>Actions completed in support of the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brochure box installed at the BEL Rotary Bridgenorth Trail.</li> <li>- Wayfinding interpretative signage installed along the Lakefield Trail.</li> <li>- Benches located at all trails.</li> <li>- New wayfinding and trailhead signage at the Ennismore Waterfront Park installed with the support of RT08 funding.</li> <li>- New trail and fitness station located at the REY complex.</li> <li>- Recommendation and section text remains relevant.</li> </ul>

## **Appendix B: Park & Recreation Facility (Update 2018)**

### **Descriptions**

#### **B.1 Township Maintained Parks**

##### *Burritt Mann Memorial Park*

Burritt Mann Memorial Park, also known as Selwyn Park, is located in Selwyn along Mud Road and is a small park that provides a picnic area and playground for local residents as well as visitors.

##### *Cashel Park*

The Township acquired approximately 21.9 hectares (54 acres) of lands in 2014 adjacent to the Robert E. Young Recreation Complex. These lands were purchased from the Crough family and will support a future connection with the R.E.Y. Recreation Complex for passive park uses that may include nature trails.

##### *Cenotaph Park*

Cenotaph Park is conveniently located at the Memorial Hall in Lakefield. The Park is used as a resting area by residents and visitors with access to the Lakefield Millennium Trail. Seating areas are offered at this Park in addition to mature trees that provide shade, and flower gardens maintained by the Horticultural Society. A number of local annual events take place at Cenotaph Park such as the Lakefield Fairy and Dragon Festival, the Literary Festival, Polar Fest and the Remembrance Day ceremony.

##### *Champlain Park*

Champlain Park is a triangular parkette located adjacent to the Lions Park in Bridgenorth and offers a resting space to residents and visitors in the surrounding area.

##### *Chemong Park*

Chemong Park is located in Bridgenorth along Chemong Lake where residents and visitors can enjoy over 3.6 hectares (9 acres) of wooded parkland with amenities such as a walking trail, scenic vistas, gardens, and historical information signage.

##### *Ennismore Waterfront Park*

The Ennismore Waterfront Park is largely popular for the Ennismore Heritage Trail. This park covers over 21 hectares (52 acres) and includes a beach with swimming area, play structure with swing set, memorial garden, portable bathrooms, and a picnic area under a covered pavilion.

##### *Fife's Bay Park*

Fife's Bay Park is located on a narrow lot in the Stewart Heights and Fife's Bay area. With approximately 0.7 hectares (1.5 acres) of open parkland, Fife's Bay Park has a canoe launch and although the park is not equipped for frequent active recreation sports, a softball screen is found at the park.



### *Hague Point*

Hague Point is popular among residents and visitors with access to Lakefield Beach, Lakefield Marshland Centre, Lakefield Millennium Trail, Lakefield Campground, and spans over 6 hectares (16 acres) of recreation and leisure space.

### *Isabel Morris Park*

Isabel Morris Park is located near the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre along the Lakefield waterfront and Otonabee River. This 0.8 hectare (2 acre) open space park has a range of amenities such as multi-purpose fields, pavilion, playground, and canoe launch. Isabel Morris Park has been the location for a number of events such as the Lakefield Jazz, Art, & Craft Festival, Literary Festival, Lakefield 5K Run & Walk, Lakefield Lions Lobsterfest, and more. Recent improvements to the park include shoreline planting and shoreline restoration in partnership with the Otonabee Regional Conservation Authority. The Isabel Morris park is also the home of a state-of-the-art skateboard park featuring a 'half-pipe', four (4) 'quarter pipes', 'rails' and 'grind boxes'.

### *Kimberly Park*

Kimberly Park is a small open space parkette located north of Ennismore ideal for the local residents living in the immediate area. The park has water access to Scollard Bay, however, no other amenities are offered.

### *Jones Beach*

Jones Beach is located in Bridgenorth with a beach, pier, and picnic area ideal for families and small children. According to the Township's summer recreation guide, the children's swimming lessons are held at this beach by the Red Cross Swimming Instruction.

### *Lakefield Beach*

Lakefield Beach is popular among many residents and visitors; conveniently located in Hague Point near downtown and a number of amenities such as a playground, pavilion, the Lakefield Marshland Centre, and the Lakefield Millennium Trail. This beach is also the location for the YMCA summer camp and Family Paddle Event during the summer.

### *Victoria Park*

Victoria Park is a 1.6 hectare (4 acre) park in Lakefield that is largely open green space that offers passive recreational opportunities to residents and visitors, with ample room to add new facilities. Although the park has a shoreline located along the Kawartha Lakes, no swimming is permitted at this park.

### *Water Street Shoreline*

The Water Street Shoreline is located in Lakefield along the Otonabee River. The Shoreline has no greenspace, however, the shoreline offers a multi-use trail for walking or biking. Other amenities include a canoe launch, gardens, benches and tables, pavilion, and swimming.

### *Woodland Acres Park*

The Woodland Acres Park is located in the Smith Ward with entrances off of Woodward Avenue and Summer Lane. The neighbourhood park includes informal trails, open green space and a shade structure with resting space for residents and visitors. The park also features a play structure and swing set including a fully accessible swing suitable for children with mobility issues.

## **B.2 Major Trails**

### *Ennismore Heritage Trail*

The Ennismore Heritage Trail is managed by the Recreation Department and was constructed as a part of the Millennium Bureau of Canada Project. The trail runs through Ennismore Waterfront Park and is popular among residents and tourists. Newly designed interpretive information signage is used to guide visitors through the trail, identify scenic vistas and key points of interest. The 2.5 kilometre trail boasts a natural walking surface, two boardwalks, viewing platform, and a picnic area with a pavilion.

### *Lakefield Millennium Trail*

The Lakefield Millennium Trail, managed by the Lakefield Trail Stewardship Committee and the Recreation Services Department, spans approximately 8.5 kilometres connecting Lakefield with the Trans Canada Trail and the Peterborough County Rotary Trail. Completed in 2000, the Trail guides visitors through an urban and natural tour using interpretive signage noting various points of interest and the Village's historical significance. The Trail grading consists of asphalt and limestone sections, suitable for walking or cycling, and is fully accessible.

### *B.E.L. Rotary Bridgenorth Trail*

The Rotary Bridgenorth Trail was established in 2010 by the Recreation Department in partnership with the B.E.L. Rotary Club. The 2.5 kilometre trail runs between Hilliard Street to Brumwell Street in Bridgenorth with a limestone screenings trail base, suitable for both walking and cycling.

## **B.3 Major Outdoor Recreation Facilities**

### *Douglas Sports Centre*

The Douglas Sports Centre is located in the community of Lakefield, along Hague Boulevard and spans 4 hectares (10 acres) of active and passive recreation space. The Sports Centre provides one lit ball-diamond, with bleachers, used by Lakefield Minor Softball, Lakefield Ladies 3-Pitch, and Lakefield Ladies Over 30 Softball. Other recreation pursuits at the Douglas Sports Centre include tennis courts and a concession and washroom facilities.

### *Lakefield Campground*

The Lakefield Campground, located at Hague Point, is leased by the Township to a private operator. With approximately 117 sites, the campground is conveniently located near Lakefield Beach and downtown. A number of amenities are included at this campsite including shower and washroom facilities, telephone, walking trails, drinking water, and a range of recreation opportunities. Approximately 53 sites are equipped with water, sewage, and electricity, 42 sites with water and electricity, and 12 sites with electricity only.

### *Lakefield Marina*

Lakefield Marina is located across the river from the Lakefield Campground with 39 slipways with opportunities for transient and seasonal docking. Other amenities available at the marina include a snack bar, washroom facilities, hydro and water, pump-outs, and wireless internet. The Marina is located adjacent to Isabel Morris Park, the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre and the Lakefield Trail.

### *Paul J. English Chemung Lions Park*

Located along Communication Road in the southern portion of Bridgenorth, Paul J. English Chemung Lions Park offers over 6 hectares (15 acres) of recreation space. This park provides a number of active recreation opportunities including two new Ultimate Frisbee fields, a walking trail, a lit ball-diamond and playground. Other associated park amenities include three pavilion shelters, gardens, newly constructed parking areas and portable toilets. The park is also used for minor sports such as T-ball, softball, and soccer in the summer for children ages 4 to 12.

### *Robert E Young Recreation Complex*

The Robert E. Young Recreation Complex, formerly known as the Ennismore Community Centre, was constructed in 1972 and is approximately 2,826 square metres. The Robert E. Young Recreation Complex is the Township's largest recreation facility with nearly 16.2 hectares (40 acres) of recreation space (area slightly reduced since 2012 as a small portion of the lands were sold to the St. Martin's Church Cemetery). The Complex boasts one lit softball and one unlit hardball diamond, two full-size soccer pitches, two mini soccer pitches, ice pad, play structure with accessible swing, basketball court and tennis and pickle ball courts. The Complex also includes an outdoor fitness trail featuring 1,150 metres of gravel trail and five fitness stations (installed 2017). Other amenities include a tractor pull track, bleachers, picnic tables, concessions, as well as permanent and portable washrooms. The Recreation Complex is used for a number of events and recreation programs such as the Shamrock Festival & Tractor Pull, Ennismore-Bridgenorth Ladies Softball, and Adult Softball. A conceptual site plan for the expansion of this Complex will be completed as a part of this Study. Also of note, in 2014, the Township acquired approximately 21.9 hectares (54 acres) of lands adjacent to the complex for future growth. These lands were on the former Crough property and are known as the Cashel Park lands.

## **B.4 Major Indoor Recreation Facilities**

### *Bridgenorth Community Hall*

The Bridgenorth Community Hall is located adjacent to the new Bridgenorth Public Library but is operated by the Township's Recreation Department. The Hall is accessible with air-conditioning, and an ideal place to hold various meetings and events for up to 125 persons.

### *Centennial Room*

The Centennial Room is found at Memorial Hall, adjacent to the Lakefield Public Library and conveniently located near Cenotaph Park and downtown Lakefield. The room is accessible with air-conditioning, and has a seating capacity of up to 30 persons.

### *Ennismore Community Centre*

The Ennismore Community Centre is a part of the Robert E. Young Recreation Complex. The facility contains a single pad ice arena measuring 180'x80' as well as a large air-conditioned auditorium with a seating capacity for up to 213 persons, a caterer's kitchen and an accessible washroom.

### *Ennismore Curling Club*

The Ennismore Curling Club is located on the grounds of the Robert E. Young Recreation Complex, also known as the Ennismore Multi-Use Building. The building contains a four sheet ice-pad and is leased to the Ennismore Curling Club by the Township.

### *Lakefield Marshland Centre*

The Lakefield Marshland Centre is a single-use building located within the Lakefield Park and Campground. The accessible-building is used as a meeting facility with a capacity of up to 75 persons, ideally suited for any occasion with scenic views, air conditioning, and conveniently located near the Lakefield Beach, the Lakefield Campground, and the Douglas Sports Centre.

### *Lakefield-Smith Community Centre*

Located adjacent to the Lakefield Marina and Isabel Morris Park, the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre was constructed in 1973 and is approximately 3,900 square metres in area. The Community Centre has a single ice pad measuring 175'x75' in size with change rooms and bleachers. A community hall is located on the second floor of the building with a seating capacity for approximately 125 people. The exterior of the building, along Concession Street, was revitalized as well as making the interior of the facility compatible with accessibility requirements through additions of ramps and an elevator.

### *Public Libraries*

The Township operates three public library branches in each settlement community. The Bridgenorth Public Library, located adjacent to Chemong Public School, is a recently completed project by the Township as one of the recommendations from the previous Recreation Services Plan to provide additional facility space in Bridgenorth. The Lakefield Public Library abuts

Cenotaph Park while the Ennismore Library is a part of the Robert E. Young Recreation Complex. The Township's library system offers a number of library programs such as computer training, as well as story time, book sales, reading clubs, and crafts.

While libraries themselves are not part of the scope of the Recreation Services Plan, the Bridgenorth and Lakefield Branches contain dedicated community meeting rooms (Bridgenorth Community Hall and Centennial Room, respectively) which are capable of accommodating leisure and social activities, and are under the purview of the Township's Parks & Recreation Department. The Ennismore Optimist Hall, located below the Ennismore Library, is leased by the Township to an external organization.

## **B.5 Municipal Boat Launch**

### *Lakefield Boat Launch*

The Lakefield Boat Launch is located on Water Street between King Street and Concession Street in Lakefield. The launch provides users with access to the Trent Severn Waterway (Katchewanooka Lake) and is suitable for boats, canoes and kayaks. This launch provides free access.

There are a number of other privately owned boat launches located throughout the Township that are available for use (fees apply).

## **B.6 Water Access Locations**

The Township has various unmaintained water access locations that are generally located at the end of a municipal road allowance. These locations are not considered official municipal boat launches.

### **Smith Ward**

Tindle Bay Road - Fife's Bay	near: 916 Tindle Bay Road
Maitland Street - Bridgenorth	near: 792 Simcoe Street
Wilcox Street - Bridgenorth	near: 822 Simcoe Street
12 <sup>th</sup> Line	near: 2081 Selwyn Shores Drive
14 <sup>th</sup> Line - Upper Chemung Drive	near: 2444 Upper Chemung Drive
Clear Lake Road	near: 3069 Clear Lake Road

### **Ennismore Ward**

Ennismore at the Causeway (County owned)	across from and beside the Sip 'n Dip
Ennis Road	near: 1053 Ennis Road
Gifford Drive & Clonakilty Line	near: 299 Gifford Drive
Brick Road	near: 1221 Brick Road
Kerry Line	near: 1410 Island View Drive