

# Accessibility Advisory Committee Consultation

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TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE  
OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITY STUDY



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# Overview

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- The Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is a 5 year update to a previous study which outlines the transportation infrastructure required to service growth to 2041.
- The Outdoor Recreation Facility Study (ORFS) was scoped to quantify the need for sports fields and court in Barrie to accommodate growth to 2041.
- Both studies:
  - Help staff deal with development applications
  - Guide the City on development of future capital plans
  - Provide input into the development charges background study.

# Project Dates

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- Presented to Accessibility Advisory Committee on October 25, 2018.
- ORFS to General Committee on March 18 and accepted by council on March 25.
- TMP scheduled for release on the website on April 12, General Committee May 6 and council on May 13.

# Transportation Master Plan Update

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- Updates the 2013 Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan (MMATMP)
- Looking at transportation improvements to 2041 including:
  - Roads
  - Transit
  - Active Transportation
  - Rail Crossings
- Provides high level direction for the City's transportation infrastructure required to accommodate growth

# Trails Master Plan

The Trails Master Plan, along with the Active Transportation Strategy provide a foundation for the development of accessible, safe, and connected active transportation and recreation infrastructure and balances the needs of different user groups. They identify long-term objectives and priorities to help encourage positive shifts in active transportation culture which establish a cohesive approach to improving active transportation and recreation.

The Trails Master Plan has been developed to achieve the vision of:

- Establishing year-round outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities;
- Facilitating off-road movement and travel throughout various neighbourhoods; to parks and natural areas; major destinations in the City and neighbouring municipalities; and
- Creating a connected and continuous active transportation system including critical linkages with and to the sidewalk and on-road cycling system.

# Trails MP – Accessibility and AODA

O.Reg. 191/11 groups outdoor pedestrian routes into one of three categories as follows:

- Paths of Exterior Travel
- Beach Access Routes
- Recreational Trails

Some of the technical requirements for Recreational Trails:

- Width, height and surface requirements
- Direction on edge protection and gates
- Trailhead signage and communication requirements

O.Reg. 191/11 also recognize exceptions including areas of cultural and natural heritage value or physical or site constraints

The City is obligated to consult with the accessibility community before they construct new or redevelop existing trails.

# Trails MP – Recreation Trails Classification:

**Type 1 Waterfront Trail**, which is the showcase waterfront system of very popular, heavily used hard surface trails that are enjoyed by large numbers of residents and tourists

**Type 2 Multi-use Trail**, which are typically located in parks in table land areas, and sometimes serve as access to park amenities such as pavilions, splash pads and playgrounds

**Type 3 Connector Trails**; often found in ravine lands and natural areas, and sometimes as a second trail offering in City parks found in table land areas

**Type 4 Natural Trails** in woodlots and ravine lands that offer the opportunity for users to ‘escape’ the urban environment

**Type 5 Stormwater Management Facility Access Trails**, which are specifically designed to provide connections to the trail network while at the same time providing maintenance access to some of the City’s unfenced stormwater management facilities.

# Outdoor Recreation Facility Study

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Scope of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update was reduced to focus on outdoor recreation facilities including:

- Outdoor soccer fields
- Ball diamonds
- Outdoor tennis courts
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Splash pads
- Playgrounds
- Artificial ice rinks
- Skateboard parks

The final recommendations including quantifying facility needs in former Barrie, the Secondary Plan Areas and a future sport complex south of Barrie (like the current Midhurst Facility)

# Thank You

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