



Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update

Consideration of Key Study Themes

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Questions for Council:

Staff are seeking feedback from Council regarding:

- 1) The appropriateness and sufficiency of the foundational questions and each thematic area.
- 2) Additional areas of exploration (themes) that should be incorporated into the study.

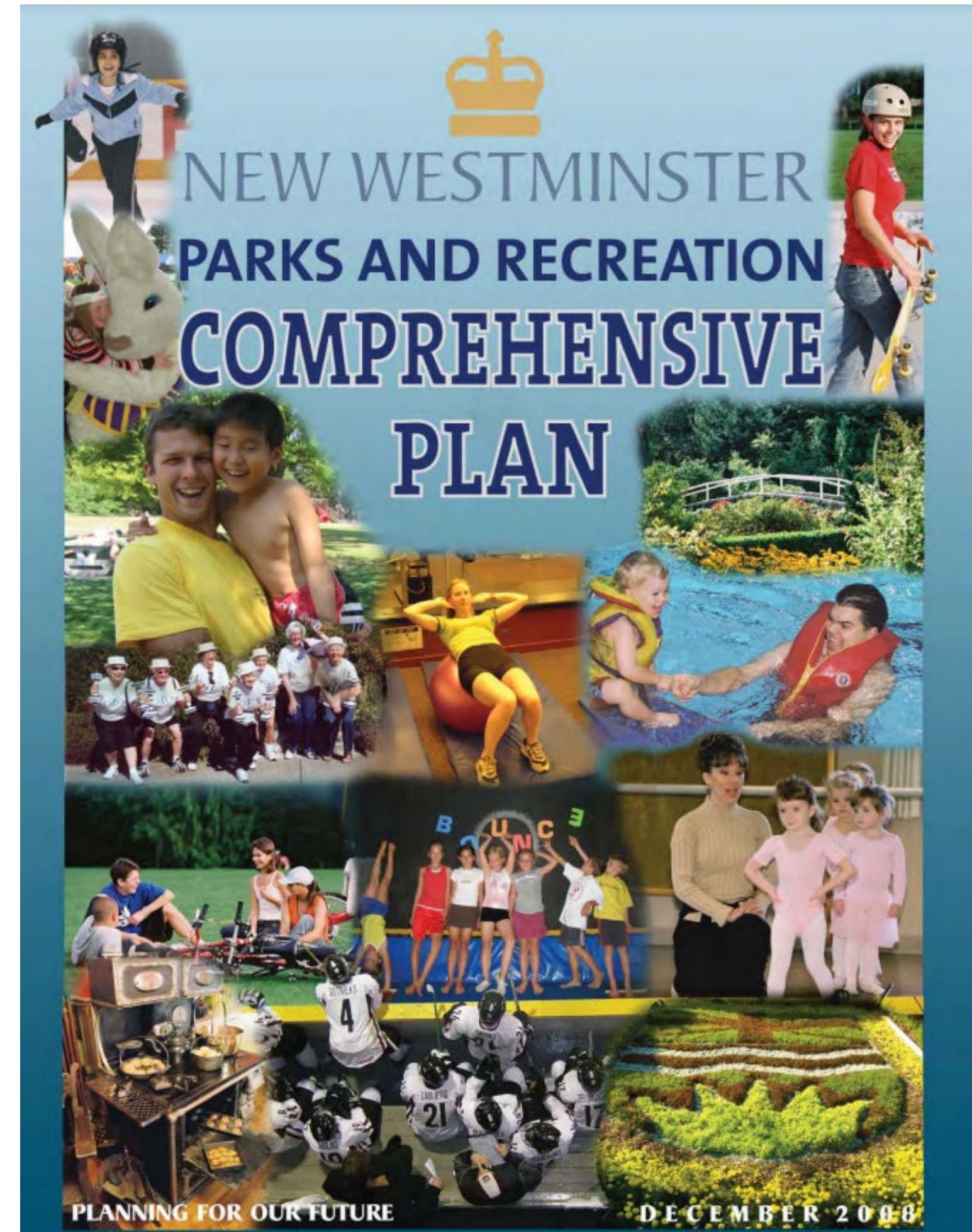


Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan (2008)

PURPOSE:

Support ongoing delivery of current and future needs through:

- Creation of Policy frameworks
- Identification of capital investment requirements



Objectives 2008 PRCP

- To align parks and recreation services, resources and initiatives with the City's strategic vision and priorities.
- To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the Parks and Recreation Department in meeting the parks, recreation and cultural needs of current and future city residents, organizations and businesses .
- To identify the department services required to better respond to those needs.
- To provide leadership in the continuing growth and development of local residents and the community.



Our community has changed

The update will build on the 2008 PRCP and evolve parks and recreational services in response to significant changes since 2008 such as:

- Increasing population density in a land-constrained boundary
- Demographic and cultural shifts
- Sustainability initiatives and urgency in responding to a changing climate
- Growing economic disparities
- Advancing equity, diversity, inclusion
- Addressing issues of anti-racism
- Seeking truth as a foundation for reconciliation



The study is proposed to build upon four foundational questions:

- 1) Who should have access to Parks and Recreation services?
- 2) What types of Parks and Recreation services are needed, and most valued, by the community?
- 3) In what ways does the City excel in providing Parks and Recreation Services, and where do service gaps exist?
- 4) How can the City's Parks and Recreation Services best respond to a changing and growing community over the medium and long term?



Proposed high-level themes of study:

- 1 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:**
Identification of barriers to access services for diverse populations (e.g. economic, gender identity, cultural, age, geographic, physical).
- 2 Anti-Racism:**
Study the culture within the department and embed anti-racism through our department and our work at a fundamental level.
- 3 Truth towards Reconciliation:**
Identify policies, processes and procedures that are incompatible with UNDRIP; and explorations to further advance integration of local First Nations art, stories, culture and values.
- 4 Local Economy:**
Examination of the role of connected parks and recreation services to the city's economic vitality.

5 **Connectivity of Networks:**

Consideration of the connection and relationship of parks to other public amenities/infrastructure.

6 **Service Adequacy:**

Study of parks and recreation service adequacy based on an analysis of projected growth patterns, future demographics and trends.

7 **Service Standards:**

Study of public perceptions regarding the standards of parks and recreation services delivery provided to the community.

8 **Community Belonging / Connecting:**

Exploration of opportunities for individual and community involvement and partnerships.

9 **Adaptation to a Changing Climate:**

Study of the impacts of climate change to people, parks and infrastructure and how to prepare for these impacts.

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