

Public Meeting

City of Fredericton RECREATION MASTER PLAN

March 2008



Agenda

❖ Presentation

- Study Process
- Current State

❖ Your Comments

Study Process

Phase One	❖ Planning Context	<i>Complete in draft form</i>
Phase Two	❖ Consultation and Identification of Needs	March - May <i>We are here</i>
Phase Three	❖ Service Framework	May
Phase Four	❖ Service Directions	June/July
Phase Five	❖ Implementation and Final Report	Aug- Sept

Purpose of the Master Plan

To guide future decisions for provision and operation of municipal recreation services including:

- ❖ Indoor and outdoor recreation facilities
- ❖ Community programs
- ❖ Accessibility and affordability
- ❖ Partnerships for service provision

Opportunities for Input

- ❖ **Key Informant Interviews**
- ❖ **Introductory public meetings
(March 17th and 19th)**
- ❖ **Comment Cards (March & April)**
- ❖ **Stakeholder Survey (March & April)**
- ❖ **Focus Groups (March)**
- ❖ **On-line Comment Form (June or
July)**
- ❖ **Final Public Meeting to review
Draft Plan (September)**

Socio-Demographic Indicators

- ❖ The City of Fredericton and communities immediately surrounding the City saw higher growth (6.2%) than the Province as a whole (.1%) during the last census.
- ❖ Those 50-59 age cohort continues to be the largest age cohort.
- ❖ Growth in the 80+ age cohort is increasing.
- ❖ The 20-29 age cohort is much larger as a percentage of population than is the case for the Province as a whole.
- ❖ Fredericton has a higher immigration rate than the Province as a whole.

Health Indicators - Provincial

- ❖ The % of NB adults who rate their health as *very good* or *excellent* (2005) was somewhat lower than the Canadian average. However, this rating had increased from the 2003 reported “ratings”.
- ❖ NB residents as a whole are less physically active than Canadians as a whole although as with health ratings there has been improvement since 2003.
- ❖ Incidence of obesity in NB is significantly higher than the Country as a whole.

Health Indicators – River Valley Region

- ❖ On indicators of “self rated health” and “mental health” residents of the Fredericton region are ranked higher than the Province as a whole and consistent with national averages.
- ❖ In 2005 there was a higher incidence of obesity than for the Province and much higher than the Country as a whole, for both adults and teens.
- ❖ There is a higher incidence of smoking and alcohol use in the region than in the Province as a whole.
- ❖ Occurrence of residents aged 12 and older in the region who are inactive are higher than the Province and the Country.

Service Trends

- ❖ Active Living to address health issues
- ❖ Active Transportation
- ❖ Segmentation of the Senior's Market
- ❖ Decline in team sports in favour of more individual activities
- ❖ Green Movement
- ❖ Youth leisure influences
- ❖ Multi-purpose rather than single purpose recreation facilities

Recreation in Fredericton

- ❖ New Municipal Plan to provide overall direction
- ❖ Citizen Attitude Survey provides excellent basis for identifying critical issues
- ❖ New multi-pad ice facilities
- ❖ Good distribution of parks and facilities throughout the City
- ❖ Recent Trails/Bikeways Master Plan provides solid base to support active recreation and active transportation
- ❖ Excellent supply of open space, particularly large natural areas
- ❖ Excellent potential for the Riverfront

Initial Issues Identified by Staff

- ❖ Over use of sport fields
- ❖ Maintaining trails as trail system grows
- ❖ Decisions regarding what to do with older facilities as new facilities developed
- ❖ Services and facilities for seniors
- ❖ Services and facilities for youth
- ❖ Assembling land to accommodate outdoor sport facilities
- ❖ Communication with the public (two-way)

Your Thoughts?

- ❖ **Questions Concerning the Master Plan**
- ❖ **Comments on Existing Services**
- ❖ **Things you would like to see**

THANK YOU