



# Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan

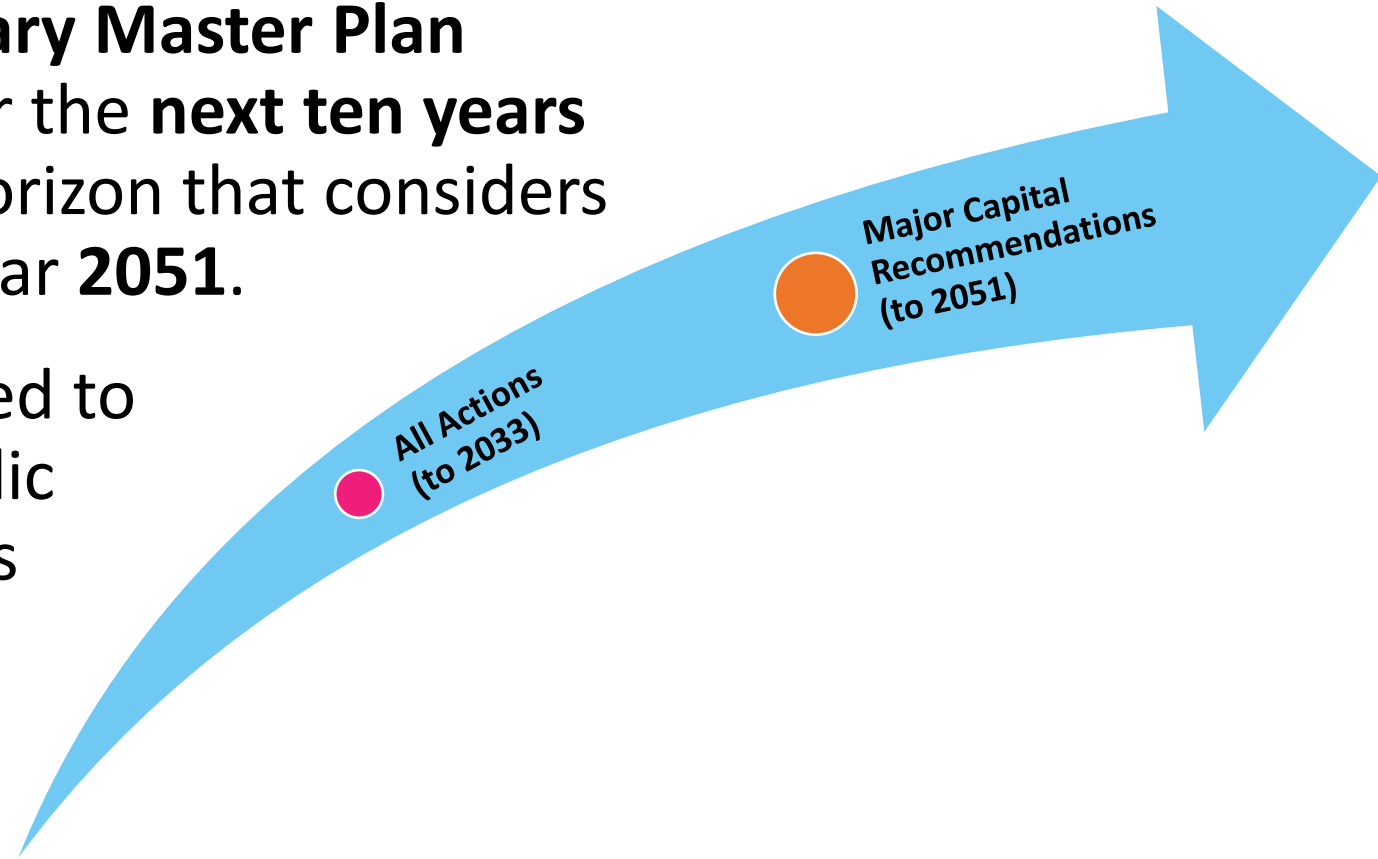
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# About the Plan

The **Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan** strategically guides the town for the **next ten years (2024-2033)**, with a planning horizon that considers major capital needs until the year **2051**.

A draft of the plan was presented to Town Council in May 2024. Public feedback was then sought on its proposed directions. The plan has since been updated and finalized for Council consideration.



# The Master Plan will...

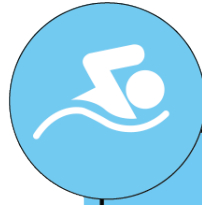
- Employ evidence-based approaches to identify and prioritize community needs until 2051
- Improve equity by addressing gaps across the town
- Identify growth-related park and facility needs
- Inform financial planning and future budgets
- Align with related town plans and studies
- Support the town in becoming “partner- and grant-ready”
- Be a living document adaptable to changing trends and growth
- Be updated in 5 to 10 years

# Ongoing and Future Processes will...

- Identify comprehensive funding strategies
- Commit funds to specific projects
- Address site-specific planning, consultation, and design processes
- Negotiate partnerships or land purchases
- Address asset management initiatives (repair and replacement)

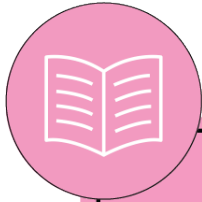


# Project Scope



## **Recreation Facilities and related services**

Community centres, pools, arenas, seniors' spaces, programming, and more.



## **Public Libraries and related services**

Library branches, alternative spaces, collections, and more.



## **Park Facilities and Parkland**

Sports fields, sport courts, splash pads, community gardens, parkland, and more.

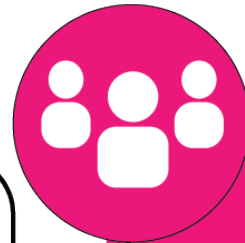
# Building Blocks

The plan is a comprehensive, evidence-based exercise grounded in the following:



## Public and Stakeholder Input

Residents and local organizations were engaged through open houses, surveys, and workshops.



## Demographic Analysis

The plan considers how and where Oakville is growing, changes in age, ethnicity, income, and other factors.



## Research and Trends

The plan examines industry best practices, participation trends and usage levels, asset inventories, and more.

# Public Engagement

## Community Survey Stage 1

2,050 households  
completed surveys,  
representing 6,400 residents



## Public Open Houses Stage 1

80+ persons attended  
6 sessions in May 2023



## Stakeholder Workshops Stage 1 & 3

20+ organizations  
participated, representing  
nearly 28,000 members



## Community Survey Stage 3

1,579 responses on  
the draft master plan

# Summary of Community Input (June 2024)

- An online survey sought to test and refine the higher priority directions of the Draft Master Plan with the public
- The survey ran for 5 weeks in May/June 2024
- **1,579 responses** were received
- Stakeholders and community groups were also engaged and written submissions were encouraged





# Summary of Community Input (June 2024)

31 different directions were tested:

- **“Agreement”** ranged from 90% to 48%
- **“Disagreement”** ranged from 1% to 13%
- The balance of responses were “neutral”

Themes from open-ended comments included:

- Maintaining or expanding indoor pool service levels
- Expanding pickleball facilities (indoor and outdoor)
- Preserving natural spaces
- Improving playgrounds
- Retaining and/or expanding library services in Clearview
- Enhancing and expanding library programming

# Summary of Town Council Input (May 2024)

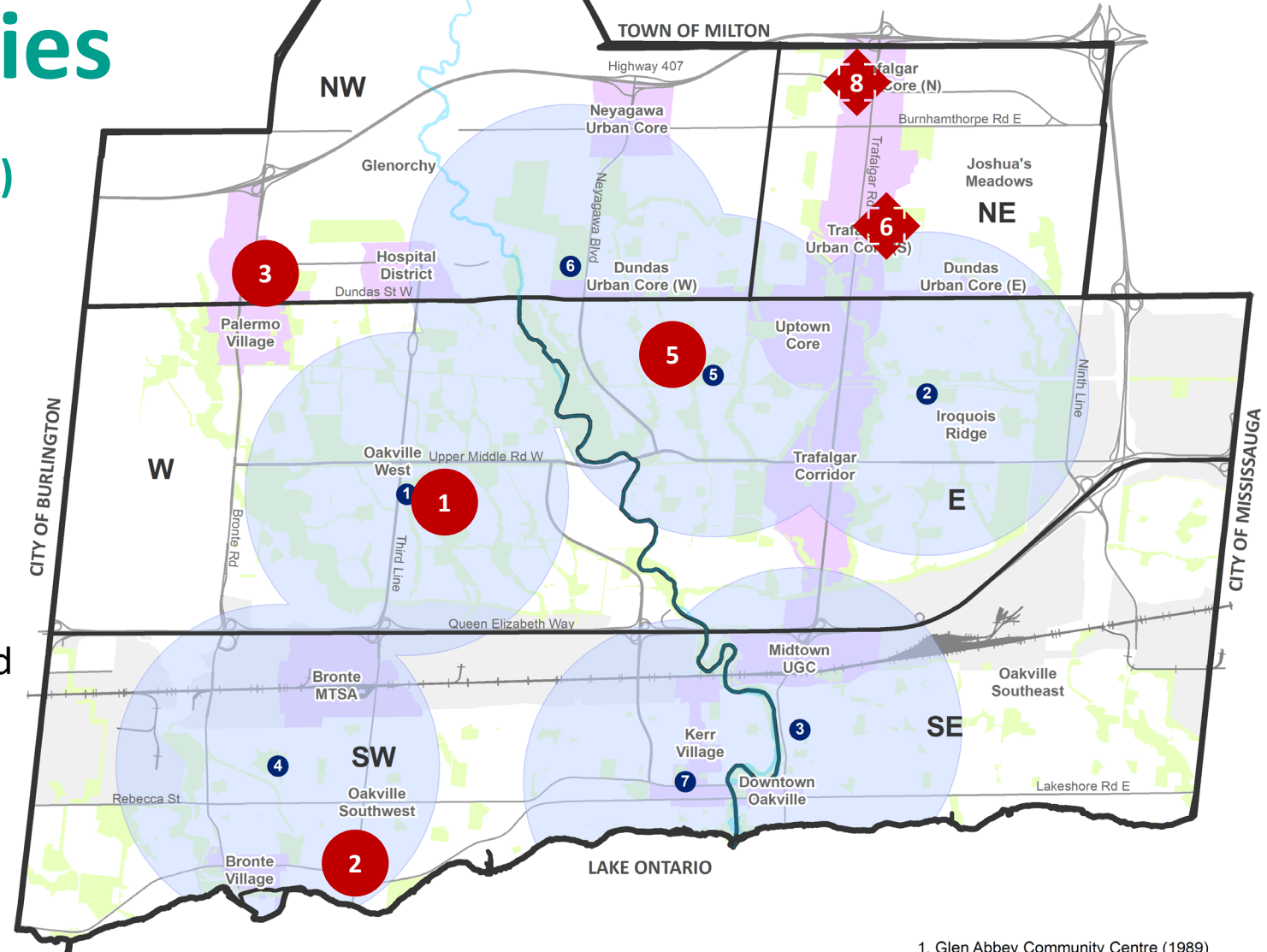
- Should identify conditions under which lighting may be considered on selected sports fields south of Dundas Street
- Ensure that local input and impacts are properly considered through the proposed outdoor pool modernization strategy
- Reconsider potential demand for a community centre for Joshua's Meadows
- Should identify conditions under which the town would consider a 50-metre indoor pool
- Reconsider potential demand for library service in Midtown Oakville, Bronte, and Clearview (Library Board input)

# Recreation Facilities

## Proposed Capital Program (2024-2051)

1. Begin planning to expand and revitalize **Glen Abbey CC**
2. Expand **Sir John Colborne Recreation Centre**
3. New neighbourhood CC & library in **Palermo**
4. Future **Twin Pad Arena #1 (north)\***; not shown on map
5. Expand and revitalize **River Oaks CC** and add library
6. New multi-use centre in **Trafalgar Urban Core South\***
7. Future **Twin Pad Arena #2 (south)\***; not shown on map
8. New neighbourhood CC & library in **Trafalgar Urban Core North\***

\* site/land required



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Source: Town of Oakville, 2023

● Community Centres  
● Community Centres - 2km

■ Parks  
■ Strategic Growth Areas  
■ Employment Areas  
■ Plan Areas

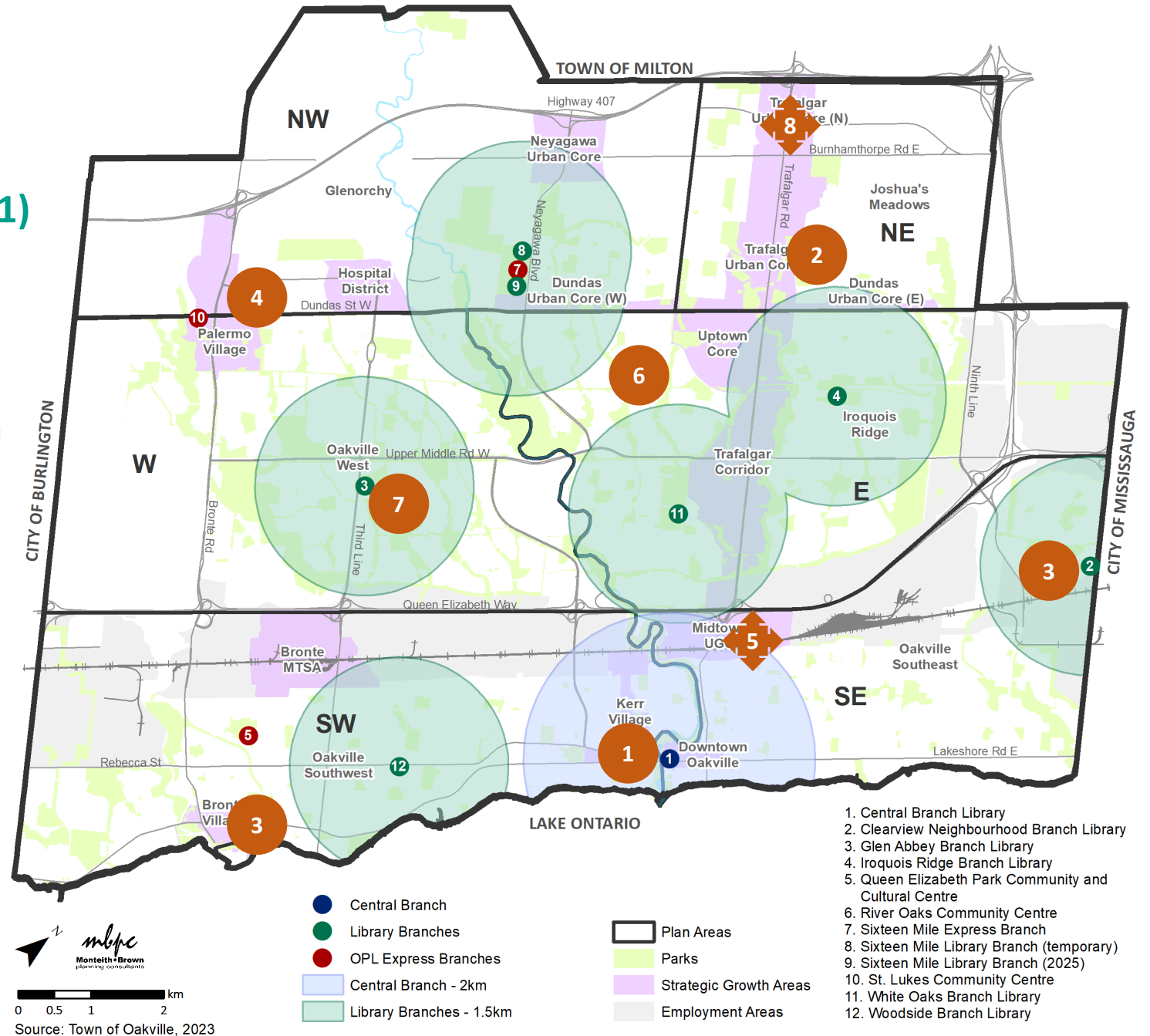
1. Glen Abbey Community Centre (1989)
2. Iroquois Ridge Recreation Centre (2001)
3. Oakville Trafalgar Community Centre (2020)
4. Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre (2012)
5. River Oaks Community Centre (1984)
6. Sixteen Mile Community Centre (2025)
7. Trafalgar Park Community Centre (2018)

# Library Facilities







## Proposed Capital Program (2024-2051)

1. Replace **Central Library Branch**
2. New library branch in **Trafalgar Urban Core South**
3. Undertake review of library services in **Bronte and Clearview** – may result in new branch in Bronte (site tbd) and reconsideration of Woodside
4. New library branch in **Palermo** (with community centre)
5. New library and community hub in **Midtown Oakville**\*
6. Add library branch to **River Oaks CC**
7. Consider expansion to **Glen Abbey branch**
8. New library branch in **Trafalgar Urban Core North** (with community centre)\*

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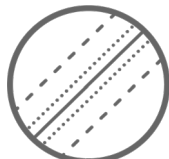



# Summary of Facility Recommendations (to 2051)

						
Facility Type	Community Centres	Indoor Pools	Outdoor Pools	Gymnasiums	Fitness Centres	Seniors' Spaces
Current Supply	7*	6 * (total of 9 tanks, with 2,500m <sup>2</sup> water surface)	5	7 * (plus schools)	7*	5 (including 1 stand-alone)
Planning Target	1 per 45,000 pop.	1 m <sup>2</sup> of water surface per 100 to 115 residents	1 per 150,000 pop.	1 per community centre	1 per multi-use community centre	target not applicable
Needs (to 2051)	3 new (1 multi-use and 2 local) and 2 revitalized	1 new and 1 expanded; longer-term needs require study	pool study recommended; consider 2 new and 1 revitalized (to replace 5)	5+ new (3 through new CCs, 2 through expanded CCs)	1 new and 2 revitalized	1 expanded, plus programming at new centres

\* Including Sixteen Mile CC

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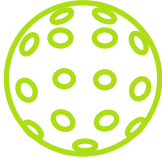




						
Facility Type	Arenas (Ice Pads)	Public Libraries	Soccer & Multi-use Fields	Ball Diamonds	Cricket Fields	Splash Pads
Current Supply	13 ice pads	121,607* sf at 7 locations	98 ULE** (85 total fields)	69 ULE** (54 total fields)	2	24*
Planning Target	1 per 20,000 to 30,000 pop. (1 per 525 youth participants)	0.5 square feet per capita	1 per 3,500 pop. (1 per 100 youth participants)	1 per 5,000 pop. (1 per 60 youth participants)	1 per 100,000 pop.	1km service radius
Needs (to 2051)	2 more pads (repurpose 2 singles, build 2 new twins)	6 new and 1 expanded (99,864 sf)	33 new (ULE) and improvements to existing	22.5 new and improvements to existing	2 new	10 new

\* Including Sixteen Mile CC/Park

\*\* Including permitted school facilities

ULE = unlit equivalents

# Summary of Facility Recommendations (to 2051)

						
Facility Type	<b>Tennis Courts</b>	<b>Pickleball Courts</b>	<b>Basketball Courts</b>	<b>Skate/Bike Parks (“All Wheels”)</b>	<b>Playgrounds</b>	<b>Leash Free Areas</b>
Current Supply	90** (60 dedicated, 30 shared)	33 (13 dedicated, 30 shared)	20.5 (7 half courts, 17 full courts)	7 skate parks* 1 bike park*	143 locations	7
Planning Target	1 per 5,000 pop. (North Oakville)	1 per 5,000 to 10,000 pop.	1 per 12,000 pop. and 1km service radius	1km service radius	500m service radius	2km service radius
Needs (to 2051)	Up to 25 new and improvements to existing	Up to 45 new and improvements to existing	17 new	4-5 new skate parks and 2 new bike parks	Needs assessed based on target	Up to 5 new

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# Wrap-up

Thank you for your input and leadership throughout the planning process.





