



RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN

Welcome!

Virtual Public Open House #1
June 28th, 2023



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Agenda

1. Presentation
2. Jamboard Interactive Engagement Session (breakout rooms)
3. Summary and closing remarks
4. Question and answer period



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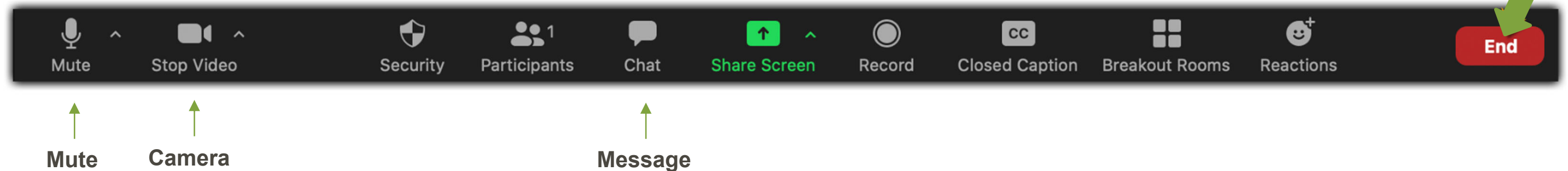
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How to participate

Meeting Protocol:

1. Microphone Access
2. Recorded Meeting
3. Question and Answer Period Options



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Who are we?

Stantec:

- Isabelle Lalonde (PM)
- Kyoung Park
- Moira Davidson
- Angela Wang
- Eric Bays

Town of Arnprior:

- Graeme Ivory (PM)



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What is a Recreation and Parks Master Plan?

The Plan will guide decisions over the next ten years.

Through research and public input, the Master Plan will examine:

- Parks, open spaces, and trails throughout Arnprior.
- Recreation, sport, and arts/cultural facilities.
- Programs, events, and activities (those delivered by the community and Town).
- Operations (such as policy development staffing, communication, etc.)
- Financial and implementation strategies.



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Project Objectives

- Identify needs based on changing demographics and participation trends.
- Establish an overall vision for parks and recreation within Arnprior.
- Develop strategies to meet identified needs and future directions.
- Align municipal efforts, operations, and budgets through priority- setting.
- Engage the community in an inclusive and productive process that supports the Master Plan.



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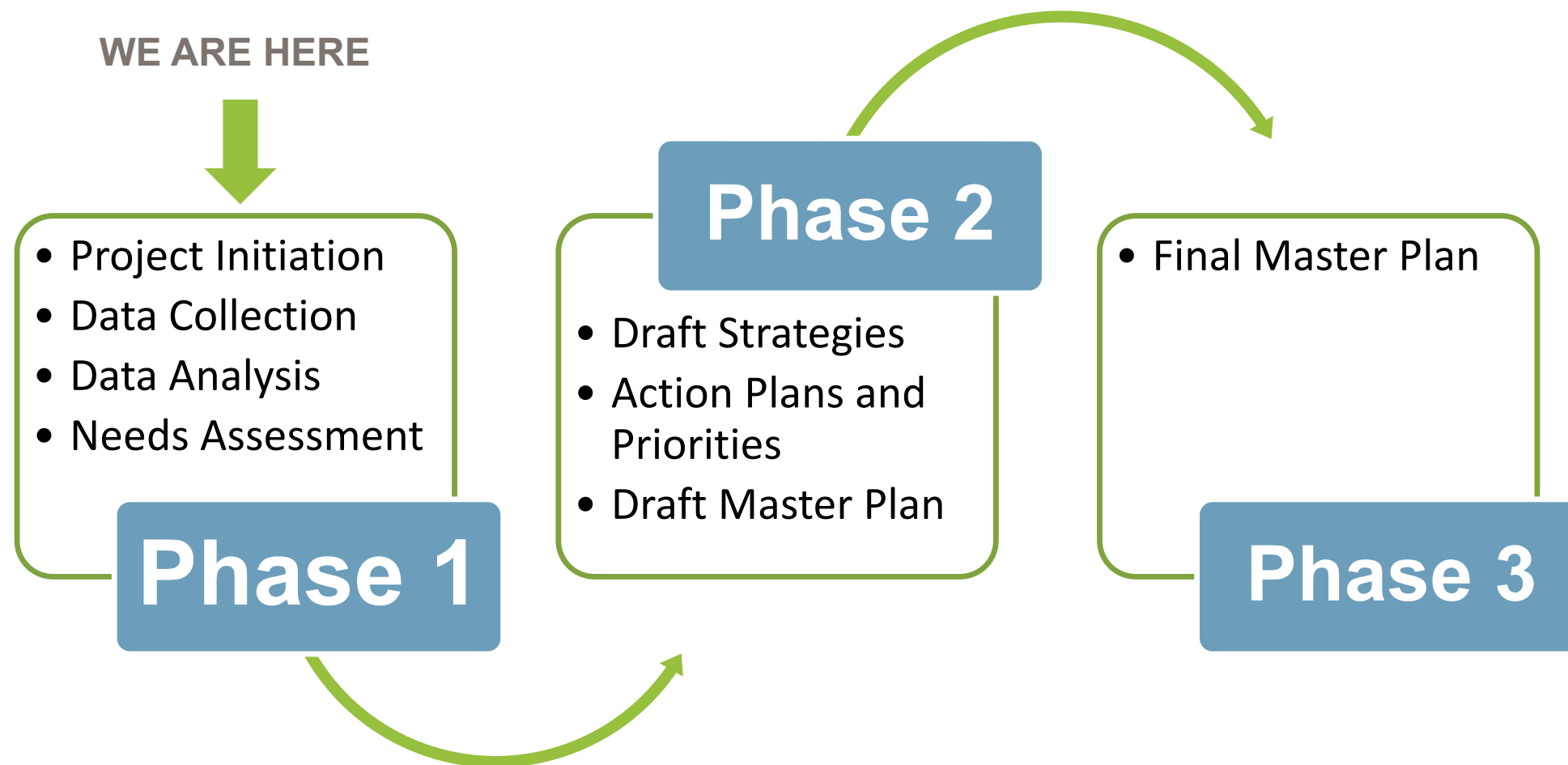




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Project Overview



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Workshop Objectives

Why Are We Here?

- We want you to help us with:
 - Your vision for the Recreation and Parks Master Plan Project
- We want your perspective on:
 - Existing policies and procedures
 - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats



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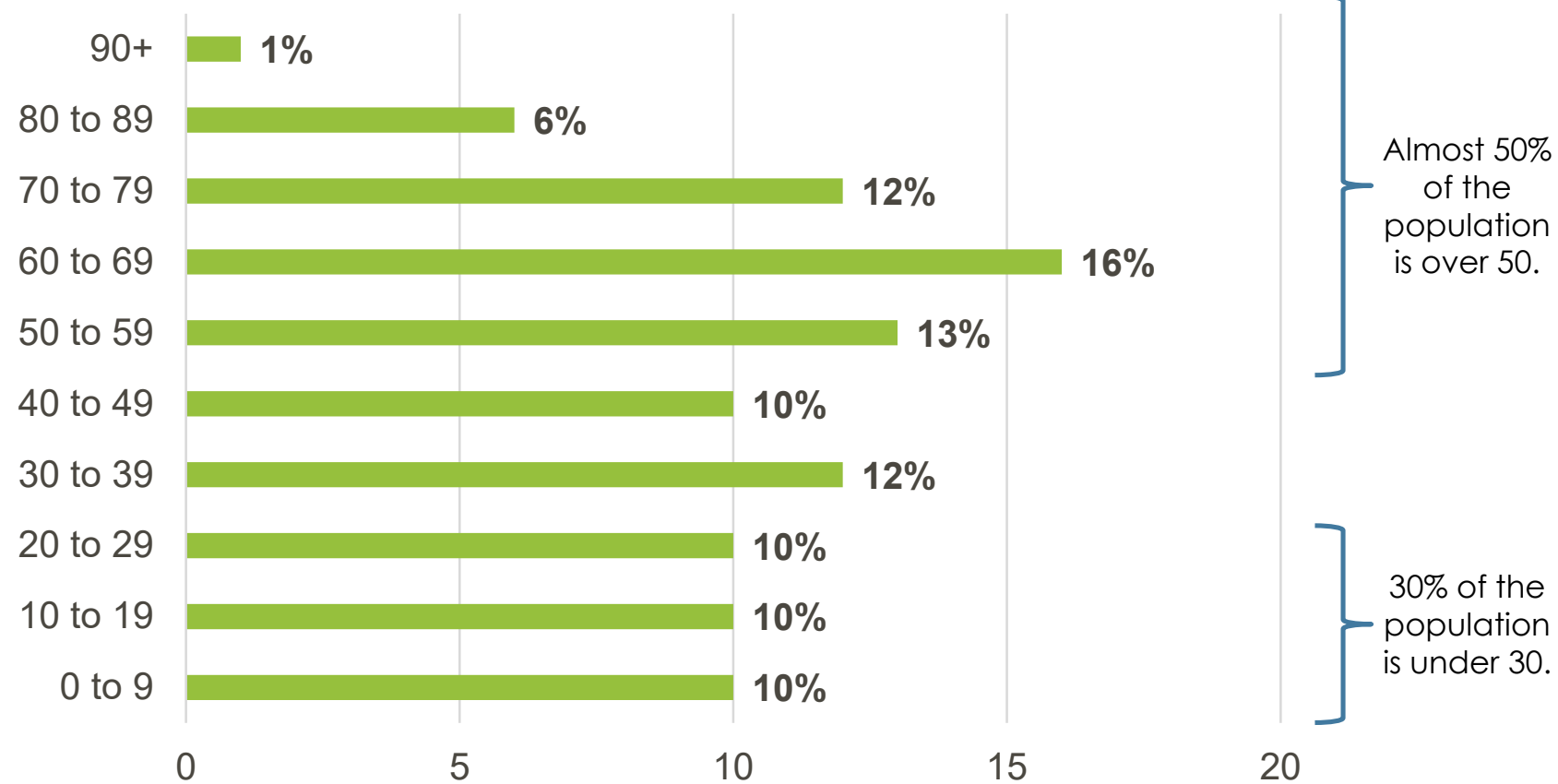


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Community Overview

Population Age Distribution



Population: 9,629 (as of 2021)

Female: 52%

Male: 48%

By 2036, Arnprior's population is expected to grow to as much as 11,773.



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Trends of Recreation and Parks in Canada



Demographics



Environmental & Ecological



Behavioural



Service Delivery



Infrastructure



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Trends of Recreation and Parks in Canada



Demographics

- Retiring, affluent “baby boomers”
- The Widening income gap between “Haves” and the “Have Nots”
- Increasing diversity
- Aging population



Trends of Recreation and Parks in Canada



Behavioural

- Toward informal, spontaneous and condensed activities to accommodate increasingly busy schedules.
- Shift to activities that have an experiential nature and offer challenges such as: cultural learning and ecotourism.
- Significant drop in volunteerism with episodic or short-term volunteering seeing greater success than longer term commitments.
- Growing awareness of health benefits of physical activity and healthy eating
- Obesity rates in children and youth have tripled over the last 15 years with an increasing concern for long-term health implications.



Trends of Recreation and Parks in Canada



Infrastructure

- Aging infrastructure, declining conditions & decreased funding to maintain/replace facilities.
- Shift from stand-alone to multi-use and multi-generational facilities.
- Partnerships with civic facilities such as: public health partners, libraries and community services.
- Designing for sustainability.



Trends of Recreation and Parks in Canada



Environmental & Ecological

- A growing sense of stewardship for and learning about: water, air quality, and the preservation of natural areas.
- Increased expectations that parks and recreation departments will demonstrate high levels of stewardship and environmental sensitivity.



Trends of Recreation and Parks in Canada



Service Delivery

- Funding & Cost Recovery
- Partnerships & Service Delivery
- Tourism & Traveler Demands





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Parks & Open Spaces

Park Amenities

Play Structures	7	Snack Bar	1
Swing Sets	4	Skateboard Park	1
Basketball Courts	5	Beaches	2
Baseball Diamonds	3	Boat Launch	1
Splash Pads	1		
Outdoor Seasonal Rinks	3		



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Trails

Nature Trails

	Length
Algonquin Trail/Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail	3.1 km
The Gillies Grove (Nature Reserve) & Gillies Trail	3.6 km
McLachlin Trail	3.7 km
Heritage Trail	2.9 km
Macnamara Nature Trail	4.0 km



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Indoor Facilities

Recreational Facilities

Nick Smith Centre Pool

Nick Smith Centre Arena

Nick Smith Centre Community Hall

Seniors Active Living Centre

Curling Club

Cultural Facilities

Arnprior Public Library

Town Hall

Arnprior District Museum



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Indoor Facilities

Amenities

Community Hall (w/ kitchen)	1
Indoor Ice Rinks	2
Pool	1
Community Lounge	1
Boardroom	1



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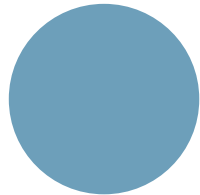


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The following pages include a number of maps of Arnprior, and a number of questions related to the Arnprior Recreation and Parks System.



Use the dots and sticky notes features of Jamboard to identify specific locations, properties, and/or features on the following maps and to provide your input on the following questions.



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What park do you most frequently visit?

Use your dots to show us which park you most frequently visit in Arnprior.

1. Atkinson Park
2. Bell Park
3. Caruso Park
4. CN Trail Park
5. Fairview Crescent Park
6. Hydro Park
7. Legion Park / Sullivan Rink of Dreams
8. M. Sullivan & Sons Ltd. Park
9. Marina
10. McLean Park
11. Nick Smith Centre
12. Robert Simpson Park
13. Sergeant Howard Slater Park
14. The Grove
15. Veteran's Park



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Your Vision for Arnprior – Existing and Future

What words or statements come to mind when you think of the EXISTING conditions of parks, trails, and recreation facilities in Arnprior?

What words come to mind when you think about how you would like to see parks, trails, and recreation facilities in the future?



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What park amenities are currently missing from Arnprior's parks and open space?

Use sticky notes to showcase your ideas.

Current Park Amenities

Play Structures	8
Swing Sets	4
Basketball Courts	5
Baseball Diamonds	3
Splash Pads	1
Outdoor Seasonal Rinks	4
Snack Bar	1
Skate Park	1



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- 1. Atkinson Park
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Use the dots to indicate where new parks should be located.



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**What are your thoughts on outdoor fitness amenities?
Would this be a good investment for the Town of Arnprior?**

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ideas.



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What is currently missing from Arnprior Trails?

Use sticky notes to showcase your ideas.



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Use the dots to indicate where new trails should be located.

- 1. Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail / Algonquin Trail
- 2. The Gillies Grove (Nature Reserve) & Gillies Trail / Waterfront Trail
- 3. Heritage Trail
- 4. McLachlin Trail
- 5. Macnamara Nature Trail



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What is currently missing from Arnprior Indoor Facilities?

Use sticky notes to showcase your ideas.

Current Indoor Amenities

Community Hall (w/ kitchen)	1
Indoor Ice Rinks	2
Pool	1
Community Lounge	1
Boardroom	1



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Use the dots to indicate where new recreation facilities should be located.

- 1. Nick Smith Centre Pool / Arena / Community Hall
- 2. Town Hall
- 3. Seniors Active Living Centre
- 4. Arnprior District Museum
- 5. Arnprior Public Library
- 6. Curling Club



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What areas of the recreation and parks system within Arnprior need the most attention?

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How would you prefer to pay for parks and recreation services moving forward?

Use a dot to show where you think the money should come from:

Increase Taxes	Eliminate other facilities/programs (Please tells us which should be eliminated)	Offset by user fees	Other (Please tell us!) – e.g. partnerships with other private organizations, fundraisers, etc.



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If you only had \$100 to improve recreation and parks in Arnprior, where would you put it?

Creating new park space	Creating new indoor recreation facility space	Upgrading existing park amenities and recreation facilities	Improving wayfinding and connectivity between parks (signage, etc.)	Improving community programming	Improving accessibility and walkability within parks and facilities	Others (Please tell us!)

Use a dot to show where you think the money should come from:



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Engagement

- Staff and Operations Workshop
- Virtual Surveys, open June 16th to July 7th (Sport & Community Groups, Public, Youth, Seniors)



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We want to hear from you!

Please visit the following link to access the online surveys:

<https://renfrew-county.civilspace.io/en/projects/recreation-parks-master-plan>



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Other ways to get involved



Social Media:

Follow our [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) accounts for project updates.



Telephone:

Call 613-623-7301 x1793 to share your thoughts/opinions or to learn more about the Plan!



Email & Website:

Send us an email [Emails on next slide]
Check out our [website](#).



Master Plan Draft:

The draft Master Plan will be provided in the Fall 2023, with a 2nd Public Open House around October 2023 to present the draft MP to the community.



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Wrap Up & Closing

Thank you!

Please submit any follow-up questions or comments to:

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