



TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

PARKS MASTER PLAN

PART 1: BACKGROUND REPORT



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1 Introduction

1.1 Project Purpose and Scope

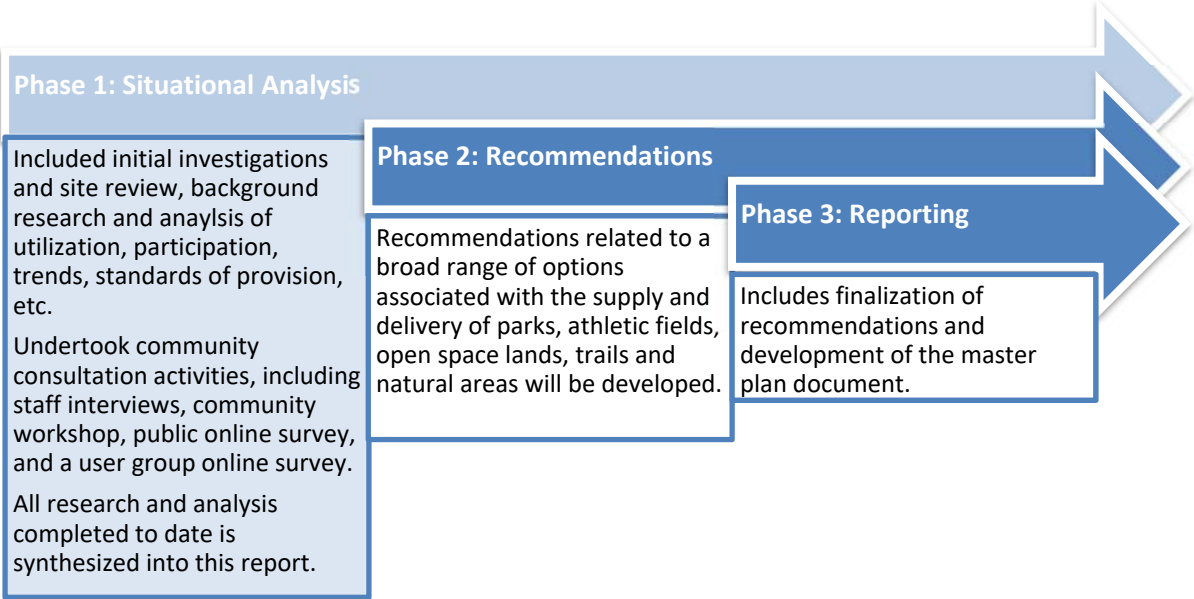
Sierra Planning and Management has been retained by the Township of Uxbridge to develop a Parks Master Plan. The Master Plan will guide the future use and development of the municipality’s parks, athletic fields, open spaces, trails, and natural areas, while considering the outdoor recreation user groups and their current and future needs for the next 10 – 20 years.

The main driver of this study is the Township’s plan to develop an integrated recreation complex at the Fields of Uxbridge, which is anticipated to be a multi-million dollar expansion and consolidation of existing recreation facilities making it the primary recreation destination for the community. While a master plan for the Fields of Uxbridge was developed in 2010 and later updated in 2016 to include servicing requirements, the question of financing the full built-out of the development has not been answered. In addition, no plan currently exists for the potential decommissioning or new investment in facilities, nor the disposition / future use of any surplus lands (depending on the outcomes of this exercise). This will be developed through the Master Planning process.

The Master Plan will address the issues identified above, and develop a series of recommendations, prioritized over the ten to twenty year period complete with cost estimates, for the improvement of existing parks, as well as the potential development of new assets that will ensure that residents of Uxbridge continue to have access to high quality parks and outdoor recreation opportunities.

1.2 Study Process

The Master Plan will be developed over three phases, as detailed below.



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1.3 Purpose and Organization of the Background Report

The purpose of the Background Report is to present the initial findings and implications from the research and analysis undertaken to date. The Background Report comprises the following:

Section 1: Introduction – Outlines the purpose and scope of the Master Plan, the process taken to date, and the purpose of the document.

Section 2: Context – Identifies the locational context of Uxbridge, as well as key strategic policy initiatives and planned projects at the local, regional, and provincial level that inform the Township’s recreation needs in the future.

Section 3: Community Profile – Provides an overview of the key demographic trends that are taking place in the Township and surrounding areas.

Section 4: Overview of the Asset Base – Reviews the inventory of in-scope facilities (parks, athletic fields, outdoor recreation facilities, open spaces, trails, and natural areas), existing standards of provision, and priorities.

Section 5: Municipal Investment in Outdoor Recreation – This section includes a summary and analysis of the operating costs and subsidies, as well as planned capital investment for the future.

Section 6: Service Delivery and Programs – Overview of Town’s existing model for the delivery of parks and outdoor recreation services, program delivery and participation, and partnerships.

Section 7: What We Heard – Provides a summary of the outcomes of the community engagement process undertaken to date, including the community workshop, public online survey and user group online survey.

Section 8: Trends in Outdoor Recreation – Reviews the key trends related to demand for sport and activities at the national, provincial, and local level, as well as key trends in park investment in order to maximize use.

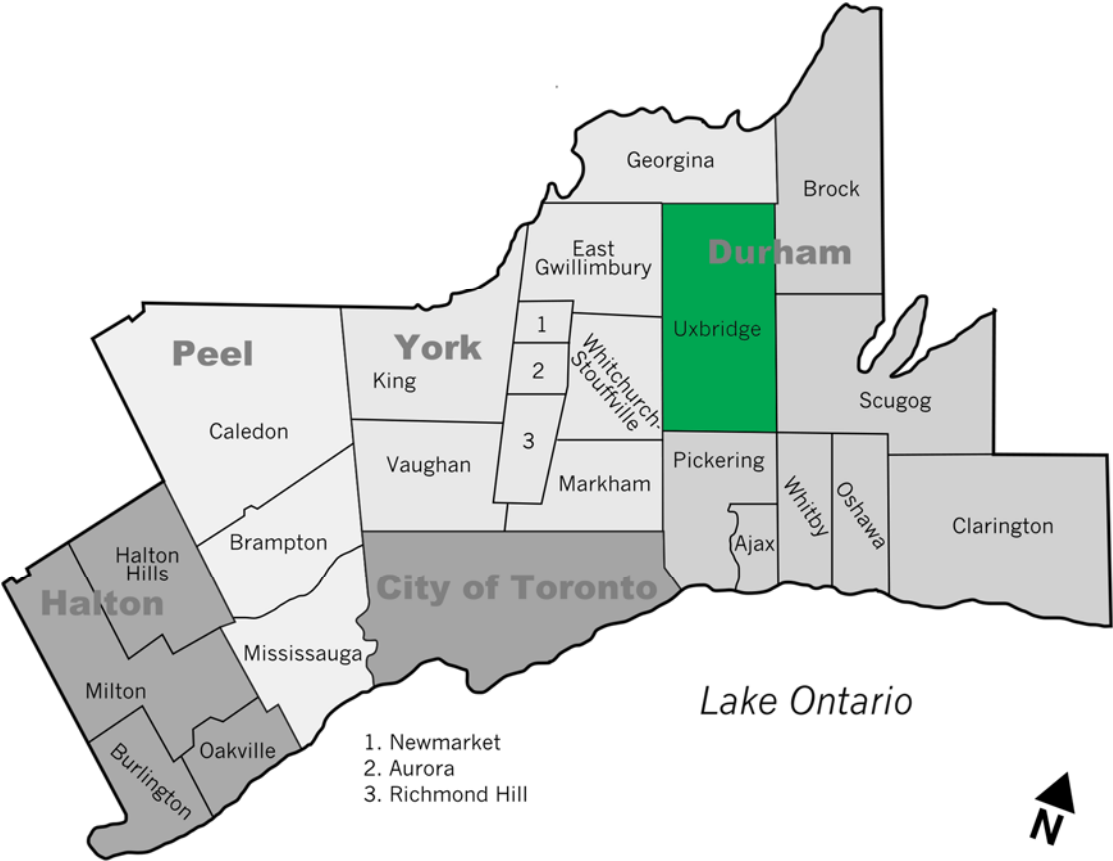
Section 9: Preliminary Considerations and Next Steps – Identifies key issues and areas requiring further consideration as part of the Master Planning process moving forward.

2 Context

2.1 Locational Context

The Township of Uxbridge is located in the northwestern portion of Durham Region. While, Uxbridge is situated only 65 kilometres northeast of a major urban centre (City of Toronto), the Township remains quite rural in nature, with the urban area of Uxbridge located in a valley on the northern slope of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Exhibit 1: Uxbridge’s Location within the Greater Toronto Area



2.2 Outdoor Recreation within the Policy Context

The Uxbridge Parks Master Plan is being developed within a positive and supportive policy environment.

2.2.1 Growth Planning

The *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* (2017) provides a recent update from the original 2006 document. The updated *Growth Plan* leverages many of the principles of the previous version with a continued focus on “complete communities that are compact, transit-supportive, and make effective use of investments infrastructure and public service facilities” while ensuring the protection of agricultural and natural environments (*Growth Plan*, 2017, s. 1.2).

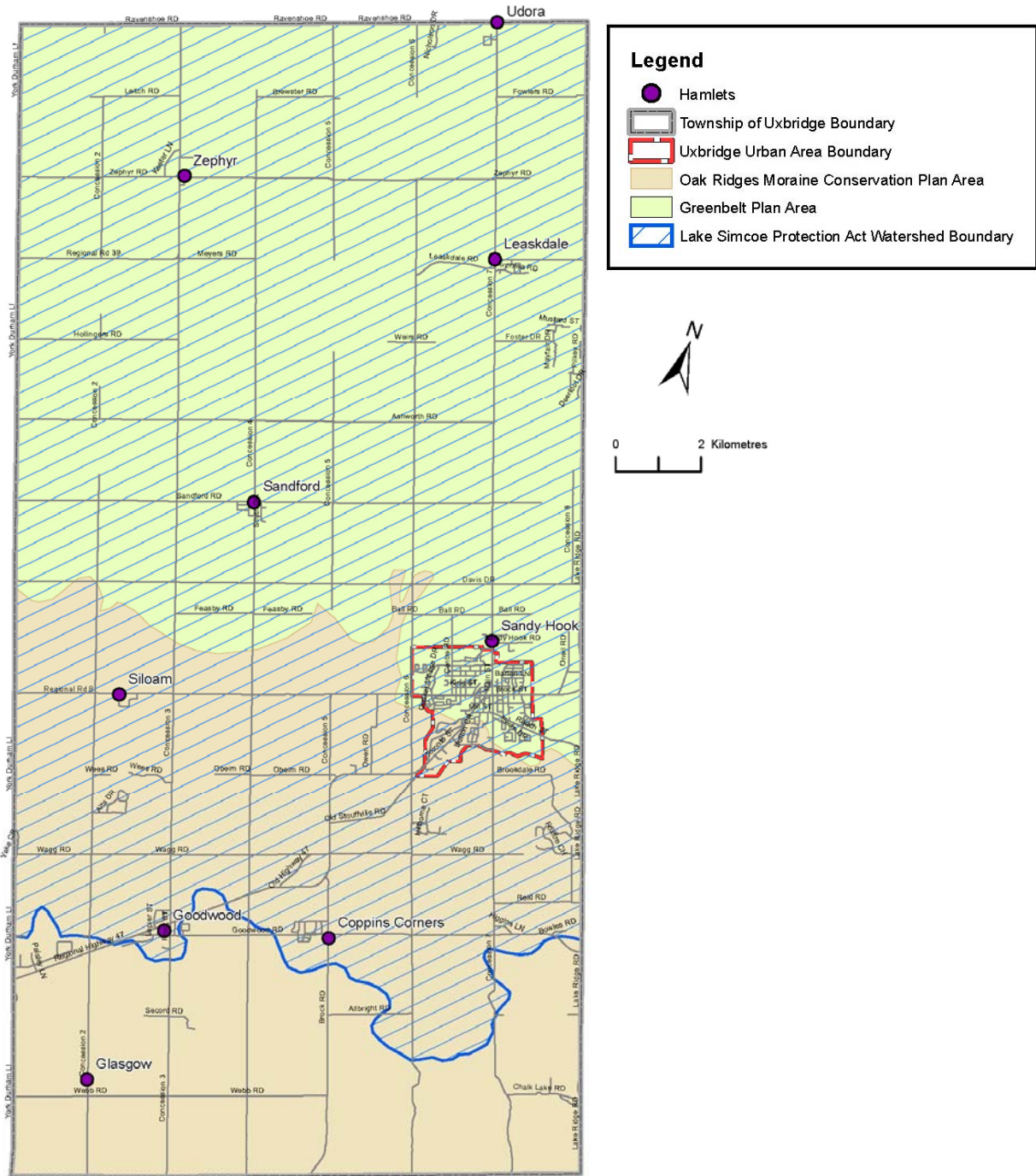
Much of the population and employment growth designated for the Region of Durham is located in the Urban Growth Centres in Oshawa and Pickering. Although the *Growth Plan* does not highlight the Township of Uxbridge as a significant growth area, proposed and future residential developments in the Township are forecasted to increase the population from 21,176 in 2016 to 26,965 by 2031, according to the *Durham Regional Official Plan*. Regardless of size, it will be important for the Township to adhere to the *Growth Plan* directives, especially those which impact the provision of parks. For example, more built-up areas such as urban Uxbridge should comply with the *Growth Plan’s* “complete communities” principles. According to the *Growth Plan*, “complete communities” will feature diverse land uses, which include convenient access to public service facilities and community hubs, as well as “parks, trails, and other recreational facilities” (2.2.1(4d) (iii)). Similarly, the *Growth Plan* encourages rural settlement areas - such as Uxbridge’s various hamlets - to plan for a “variety of cultural and economic opportunities” (2.2.9(1)). Additionally, rural lands should promote “resource-based recreational uses” for tourism, as it fits with the capacity of the surrounding landscape (2.2.9 (4)). Finally, the *Growth Plan* encourages municipalities to create open space systems with “publically-accessible parkland, open space and trails” and to do so in partnership with conservation authorities, non-government organizations and other interested parties (4.2.5).

2.2.2 Outdoor Recreation and the Natural Environment

Similar to the *Growth Plan*, the *Greenbelt Plan* (2017) was introduced to help shape the future of the natural and agricultural assets of the Greater Golden Horseshoe region. The Plan identifies where urbanization is not permitted in order to safeguard prime agricultural lands and ecological and hydrological features. The 2017 Plan provides updated Greenbelt boundaries that have changed since the implementation of the 2005 *Greenbelt Plan*.

The areas surrounding urban Uxbridge and the other Uxbridge hamlets are designated as Protected Countryside or Natural Heritage Systems, and the southern portion of the Township is in the Oak Ridges Moraine Area (as identified on the exhibit below).

Exhibit 2: Uxbridge Community Structure and Provincial Plan Areas



Source: Township of Uxbridge Official Plan, 2014 (Map 1)

The *Greenbelt Plan* also acknowledges the importance of municipalities to maintain a system of “parklands, open spaces, water bodies and trails across the Greenbelt”, especially to connect Natural Heritage Systems and existing trails (3.3.1). In Protected Countryside lands (those lands

outside of the Uxbridge Urban Area and Hamlets), the Plan directs municipalities to develop “built and natural settings for recreation”, which include the provision of parks, open space areas, trails and water-based activities (3.3.3). In doing so, municipal park plans and open space strategies should identify key sites for the development of major facilities that avoid sensitive landscapes and identify underserved areas for “improved levels of protection” (3.3.3 (3d)). The Plan also guides municipalities to consider integrated trail strategies that “enhance interconnectivity”, incorporate existing parks, and provide (where possible) multi-use systems (3.3.3(4)). Finally, Settlement Areas (such as urban Uxbridge) have their own set of guidelines in the *Greenbelt Plan*. With regard to parks, the Plan encourages municipalities to facilitate the co-location of public services in order to “promote cost-effectiveness and service integration”, where possible (3.4.2(2a)). The proposed development at the Fields of Uxbridge provides for co-located services and consolidation of recreation facilities into one location. In addition, municipalities should also “explore adaptive reuse of existing facilities and spaces in settlement areas” (3.4.2(2c)), as appropriate. These directives can help ensure that Settlement Areas do not expand beyond its boundaries into protected areas.

The *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan* (2002) provides a land-use policy framework for the ecologically significant landform that runs parallel to Lake Ontario, from the Niagara Escarpment to Trent River in the east. The Oak Ridges Moraine functions as a watershed divide between Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe, and the Plan ensures the Moraine is protected from development pressures with resource management policies and directives for affected municipalities. The southern half of the Township of Uxbridge are identified as part of the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area*, with lands designated as Natural Core Areas, Natural Linkage Areas and Countryside Areas.

In addition to maintaining protection for the Moraine, the Plan also considers how the policies can assist the development of parklands, trails and recreation opportunities. In the listed objectives, it is stated that the Plan provides access to the Moraine through continuous trails and other recreational activities.

Low-intensity recreation uses and trail systems are permitted in Natural Core Areas and Natural Linkage Areas, whereas major recreation developments are permitted in Countryside Areas (see Exhibit 3 below). Low-intensity recreational uses are defined as recreational uses that have minimal impact on the natural environment and require few (if any) buildings or structures (Section 37(1)). These uses can include non-motorized trails, natural heritage appreciation and can feature structures such as foot bridges, boardwalks, and docks (Section 37(1)(2)). Natural Core and Natural Linkage Areas are primarily located around the hamlets of Siloam, Goodwood, and directly south of urban Uxbridge. Countryside Areas are concentrated within the center of Uxbridge, around the hamlet of Coppins Corners. Major recreation uses are defined as those that require extensive modification of terrain and large-scale buildings and structures. This includes serviced playing fields that are compatible with the natural character of the surrounding landscape and not in conflict with adjacent uses (Section 38(4)(a)). The Plan also states that trail systems should be designed to improve or restore the “ecological integrity” of the area and can include parking, washrooms, signage, and interpretative facilities (Section 39 (3)). The *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area* affects a large portion of Uxbridge, so it will be important to consider these guidelines for the future development of parks, especially around the Urban Core and the southern hamlets.

Exhibit 3: Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area – Land Use Plan



Source: Township of Uxbridge Official Plan, 2014 (Schedule H)

Legend

- Municipal Boundary
- Roads
- Railway
- Watercourses
- Waterbodies
- ▭ Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area Boundary
- ▭ Policy Area 1.9.9.1 Approved Mineral Aggregate Extraction Area
- ▭ Policy Area 1.9.9.2 Approved Major Recreational Use
- ▭ Policy Area 1.9.4.3 iii Industrial
- ▭ Non-Decision Area
- ▭ Uxbridge Urban Area Secondary Plan Area
- ▭ Coppins Corners and Goodwood Secondary Plan Areas
- ▭ Hamlet Areas
- ▭ Countryside Area
- ▭ Natural Linkage Area
- ▭ Natural Core Area
- ▭ Site Subject to OMB Decisions of June 29, 2000 and August 14, 2002

Similarly, the *Lake Simcoe Protection Plan* provides a policy framework for municipalities that contain the Lake Simcoe watershed to ensure the ecological health of Lake Simcoe is not compromised. The Plan identified the Lake Simcoe watershed as having significant natural, urban and agricultural systems, which include areas surrounding Lake Simcoe – such as the northern portion of Durham Region (most of Brock, Uxbridge, and the northwestern portion of Scugog). Although Uxbridge does not border Lake Simcoe itself, its proximity to the lake means that a portion of the Township is included in the watershed (under Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority’s jurisdiction). The lands designated under the *Lake Simcoe Protection Plan* in Uxbridge are located directly north of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation lands.

Much of the lands identified in the *Lake Simcoe Protection Plan* area overlap with those of the *Greenbelt Plan* and the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan*. As such, these Plans should be read and considered together. As it relates to the provision of parks, the Plan recognizes the importance of recreation sites within the Lake Simcoe watershed. However, major recreation developments are to be accompanied by a recreation water use plan that demonstrates that water use for maintenance and sports surfaces are kept to a minimum and that water-conserving technologies are used where possible. In significant groundwater recharge areas, major developments are to include an environmental impact study that demonstrates that the “quality and quantity of groundwater in the areas and the function of the recharge areas will be protected, improved or restored”.

The *Durham Regional Official Plan* (2015) is to be read in conjunction with the higher-level policies and provides land-use planning guidance for the municipalities within Durham. As it relates to the provision of parks and recreation services, some of the Plan’s goals and directions include creating “healthy and complete, sustainable communities” and providing a variety of community services, while protecting natural environments and agricultural lands.

The Plan aligns with the Greenbelt’s identified Natural Heritage and Hydrological Features and reiterates that permitted uses can include minor recreation uses and trails, as long as they do not adversely affect the natural environment (Section 2.3.15(d)). Major recreation uses and municipally-owned recreation facilities, on the other hand, are designated for Urban Areas (i.e., Uxbridge centre) or Major Open Space Areas (Section 5.2.2). As defined by the Plan, Major Open Space Areas in Uxbridge are generally the Lake Simcoe subwatersheds lands (Pefferlaw, Uxbridge Brook) in the Township’s north-end through the hamlets of Zephyr and Leaskdale. It should be noted that these areas are within the boundary designated under the *Lake Simcoe Protection Plan*, which supersedes the *Durham Regional Official Plan*. Major recreation uses in this Plan are similarly defined in the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan* and the *Lake Simcoe Protection Plan*. If appropriate in scale, municipally-owned recreation facilities may be located within Hamlets (Section 5.2.2). Regional Centres (such as Uxbridge centre) further play a role in the provision of Township park assets and services. In addition to restoring and supporting these historic areas as shopping districts, Uxbridge will have recreation, culture and park functions as their focal points (Section 8.1.13, 8A.12).

The Township of Uxbridge’s *Official Plan* (2014) strives to balance growth with the protection of the natural environment and rural assets. Per the strategic directions, the Plan acknowledges compliance to provincial policies regarding environmental protection (e.g., the Greenbelt, the Oak Ridges Moraine), but also commits to supporting quality of life and health through

community services. Designated Park and Open Space Areas are to provide “a full range of active and passive recreation facilities” and are generally classified into three main hierarchies: Local Parks, Community Parks and Natural Open Space Areas (Section 2.3.6.2). Local Parks serve a 0.4-0.8 km radius and feature play structures, hard surface play areas, and sports fields for the surrounding community; Community Parks serve an entire Urban Area (or Hamlet) and parts of the adjacent rural areas and feature major athletic facilities, hard surface play areas, picnic areas, and other major recreation opportunities such as tennis and bowling greens (Section 2.3.6.2). Natural Open Space Areas service the entire Township, primarily through focussing on trail connections and designing new parks to enhance trail linkages within Natural Heritage Systems in the Township (Section 2.3.6.3). Active transportation is also a focus in the Plan, which seeks to improve pedestrian and cycling paths that are integrated into the trail system (e.g., separated routes, wider sidewalks, better lighting) (Section 2.4.2.9).

The Township’s *Official Plan* also states that a Parks, Recreation and Culture Strategic Master Plan (developed in 2006) and a Master Plan for the former St. John’s Training School lands (referred to as the Fields of Uxbridge within this report) will be used as a basis for planning future recreation facilities such as a potential aquatics facility and gymnasium (Section 2.3.6.4). The Plan notes that the St. John’s property has the potential to be the site of major recreational use for the Township. A portion of the former St. John’s Training School lands has been exempted from its Prime Agricultural Area designation and may be used for a “range of public service facilities such as sports fields and other outdoor recreation uses, arenas, museums and community centres, as well as accessory and ancillary uses” (Section 2.5.13.2.1).

Designated Institutional Areas, which are typically Township-owned or School Board-owned lands, are intended to support the Natural Heritage System and play a role in the development of major recreation facilities and connecting with the trail system (Section 2.3.7.1). For example, locating new institutional uses should be adjacent to existing recreation and open space areas and vice versa (Section 2.3.7.2 (iii, iv)). Non-institutional uses introduced to Institutional Areas should also continue to enhance or provide recreation and open space uses (Section 2.3.7.2 (v)).

2.2.3 The Township’s Vision for Parks, Open Space and Trails

The Township’s *Official Plan* identifies parkland conveyance and acquisition methods, in accordance with the *Planning Act*, as a condition of development approval. With mostly small scale developments occurring in Uxbridge at present (due to the servicing constraints), the Township is primarily taking cash-in-lieu at this time, with a vision to develop “destination parks” that centralize recreation facilities (such as the Fields of Uxbridge), rather than developing multiple small park parcels. That being said, where appropriate, the Township is accepting the conveyance of some valley lands from developers where they can be linked into the overall parks, open space and trail system.

As identified in the Township’s *Official Plan*, a Master Plan for the Fields of Uxbridge was developed in 2010. In June 2016 a more detailed Development and Servicing Plan was developed for the site, which advances the design of the park from the original 2010 document. The overall vision for the Fields of Uxbridge (FOU) is rooted in two key design principles: place making and environmental stewardship. The place making principle identifies that “the

Township should strive to create a distinctive and safe year-round destination for all residents.” FOU is intended to not only meet the needs for recreation facilities within the Township, but also provide passive areas for unstructured leisure activities. The environmental stewardship principle is focused on the site’s location within the Uxbridge Brook watershed. The Plan indicates that Low Impact Development (LID) measures should be incorporated into the design of facilities, stormwater management areas, and landscape / ecosystem restoration.

The 2016 Plan calls for a number of recreation facilities to be located at FOU to create a destination park for sports and recreation (see Exhibit 4 below for details), including:

- **Aquatic centre:** including a 25m pool, leisure pool, change rooms, a multi-purpose room and administration offices;
- **Soccer fields:** 19 fields, including 5 Senior (1 lit), 4 Mid-size, 4 Minis, and 6 Micro-minis;
- **Soccer pavilion:** including storage, a provision for a canteen and potential for long term development of a small washroom;
- **Soccer equipment sheds:** (2);
- **Tennis courts:** 4 courts (lit), including storage shed and shelter;
- **Ball diamond:** 1 field (lit);
- **Pump track;** and,
- **Park centre building:** including main park washrooms, small multi-purpose room and two offices.

In addition, to complement these facilities, a main road connection between Regional Road #1 and Ball Road, parking for 550 cars, pedestrian and bicycle paths connecting with nature trails, and passive park and picnic areas including shelters, are proposed. A skateboard park already exists on the site (built in 2012).

It is understood that the 17 existing soccer fields at FOU will be upgraded / formalized on an ongoing basis, in partnership with the Uxbridge Soccer Club, based on need and available financial resources. The two (2) additional fields proposed (1 lit senior field and 1 unlit mid-size field) are assumed to be implemented on a similar basis.

The FOU Development and Servicing Plan (2016) identifies that site servicing for FOU is anticipated to utilize the existing municipal infrastructure external to the site (sanitary sewers and water main presumed to be left in place and abandoned when the former building was demolished), while establishing new internal site servicing to support the proposed facilities on-site.

The various recreation facilities proposed and those already in place at the Fields of Uxbridge are described in more detail in Section 4 of this report, including the potential impact on the existing municipal supply of outdoor recreation facilities.

3 Community Profile

3.1 Population Change

Understanding the Township of Uxbridge’s profile and growth dynamics as compared to the Durham Region (and the Province as a whole) provides a picture of the unique attributes of the Township, how it is changing, and what this means in relation to parks planning for the population now and into the future.

This section of the report provides an overview of the demographic shifts that have impacts on parks planning in Uxbridge.

3.1.1 Historic Population Growth

Compared to most of the southern municipalities in Durham Region, the Township of Uxbridge’s population growth rate has remained relatively low. Since 2006, the Township of Uxbridge experienced a growth rate of 10.4%. With a permanent population of 19,169 in 2006, Uxbridge grew to 21,176 in 2016. This modest increase is lower than the Region of Durham’s growth rate over the same period at 15%, growing from 561,258 in 2006 to 645,862 in 2016. Uxbridge’s growth is more comparable to Ontario’s growth rate during the same time period, which was 10%. Historically, much of the growth in Durham has been concentrated in southern municipalities such as Oshawa, Ajax and Whitby. The population of Uxbridge accounts for 3.3% of Durham’s total population.

Exhibit 5: Population Growth Rate Comparison (2006 – 2016)

	Population			Average Annual Population Growth
	2006	2011	2016	
Township of Uxbridge	19,169	20,623	21,176	1.05%
Township of Scugog	21,439	21,569	21,617	0.08%
Township of Brock	11,979	11,341	11,612	-0.31%
Town of Ajax	90,167	109,600	119,677	3.27%
City of Pickering	87,838	88,721	91,771	0.45%
Town of Whitby	111,184	122,022	128,377	1.55%
City of Oshawa	141,590	149,607	159,458	1.26%
Durham Region	561,258	608,124	645,862	1.51%

Source: Statistics Canada Census Data, 2011 and 2016

During the late 1980s and early 1990s, the Township of Uxbridge’s high growth rate was in line with the general trend occurring in the Region of Durham and the Province of Ontario. From 1986 to 1996, Uxbridge experienced a 33.5% increase in population growing from 11,895 to 15,882 permanent residents, which is significantly higher than the Province (18.1%), but lower than the Region (40.6%) for the same period.

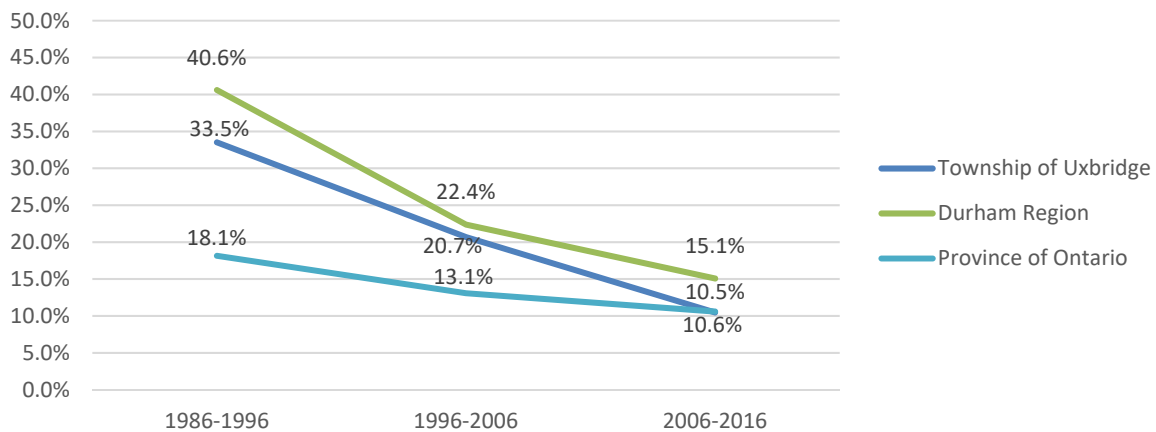
This population growth trend slowed but was still increasing in the Region of Durham between 1996 and 2016 – growing at a rate of 22.4%, while Uxbridge grew at a rate of 20.7% during this period. Comparatively, the growth rate for the Province as a whole was 13.1% between 1996 and 2016.

Exhibit 6: Historic Population Growth Comparison (1986 – 2016)

Year	Township of Uxbridge	Durham Region	Province of Ontario
1986	11,895	326,179	9,102,000
1991	14,092	409,070	10,085,000
1996	15,882	458,616	10,754,000
2001	17,377	506,901	11,410,000
2006	19,169	561,258	12,160,000
2011	20,623	608,124	12,852,000
2016	21,176	645,862	13,448,494

Source: Statistics Canada Census Data, 1986-2016

Exhibit 7: Historic Population Growth Rate Comparison (1986 – 2016)



Source: Statistics Canada Census Data, 1986-2016

When looking at the change in population that occurred between 2011 and 2016, those areas that experienced an overall decrease in population were generally located in proximity to the Urban Centre, with one dissemination area experiencing a 5.5% decrease, which equates to 56 persons. Other dissemination areas that experienced a decrease in population had a decrease of less than 5%, and include the areas around the hamlets of Sandford and Zephyr.

Those areas that experienced the highest population increases between 2011 and 2016 were focused just southeast of the Urban Centre, as well as the dissemination areas in the hamlets of Coppins Corner, Leaskdale and just south of Goodwood. The largest population increase was

located southeast of the Urban Centre, in the area bounded by Main Street to the west, Brock Street to the north, Lakeridge Road (border of Uxbridge-Scugog) to the east, and Reach Street to the South. This area experienced a population increase of 19.2%, or 220 persons. This is followed by the dissemination area south of Goodwood in the Glasgow area around Webb Road and Concession 3, as well as south to the Uxbridge-Pickering border. This area experienced a population increase of 41.9%, or 188 persons, between 2011 and 2016.

Exhibit 8: Population Change by Dissemination Area, 2011-2016



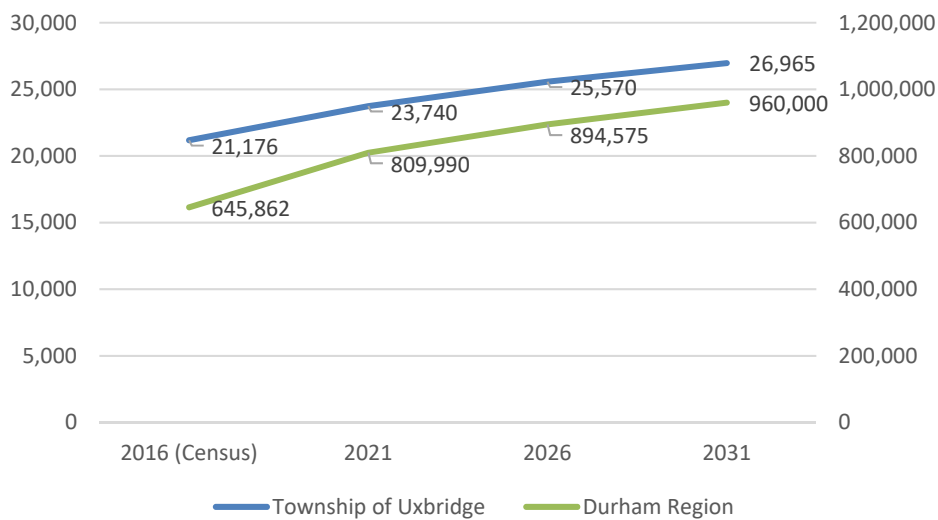
Source: Statistics Canada Census Data, 2011 and 2016

3.1.2 Planning for Future Growth and Growth Management

For planning purposes, the Township of Uxbridge uses the population projections identified in the *Durham Regional Official Plan (2015)*. The population, household, and employment projections are derived from an understanding of the distinction between Urban and Rural characteristics that exist across the municipalities.

The Plan sets the forecasted population for Uxbridge at 26,965 persons by 2031, an addition of 5,789 residents – with 61% of the population estimated to be living in the Urban Area¹. The total population growth represents a 27.3% increase from 2016 to 2031, compared to 48.6% for Durham Region as a whole over the same period. 85% of estimated new residents are planned to be accommodated within the urban centre.

Exhibit 9: Forecasted Population Growth, 2011 - 2031



Source: *Durham Regional Official Plan (2015)* and *Statistics Canada Census Data (2016)*

This increase in the population base will likely require investment in existing municipal facilities (i.e. servicing, recreation, transportation infrastructure, etc.) to ensure the continuation of services for current and new residents, as well as the potential for new facilities to ensure the level of service currently provided by the Township is sustained with future growth. Although Uxbridge’s growth will be modest compared to other municipalities (due to the existing servicing constraints, described below), it should be noted that neighbouring municipalities such as Whitchurch-Stouffville, Whitby and Ajax will continue to experience high population growth rates.

¹ Durham Region Official Plan, 2015.

Exhibit 10: Population Growth Comparison with Proximate Municipalities

Municipality	Total Population Growth (2006-2016)
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	87.93%
Town of Ajax	32.73%
Town of Whitby	15.46%
Township of Uxbridge	10.47%

Source: Statistics Canada Census Data, 2006 and 2016.

Environmental and Servicing Limitations

The *Durham Region Official Plan* recognizes that growth in the Urban Area of Uxbridge is currently constrained by municipal servicing capacities, and restricted by provincial policies such as the *Lake Simcoe Protection Plan* and the *Greenbelt Plan*. In particular, the *Lake Simcoe Protection Plan* has stringent phosphorous and effluent limits for treatment plants discharging within the watersheds.

The *Uxbridge Urban Area Servicing Allocation Policy* (2012) identifies that any new development within the Urban Area of Uxbridge is dependent on the availability of municipal sewage and water services, which currently have a limited capacity. Therefore, it is critical that development is closely monitored to ensure that approvals do not exceed the capacity.

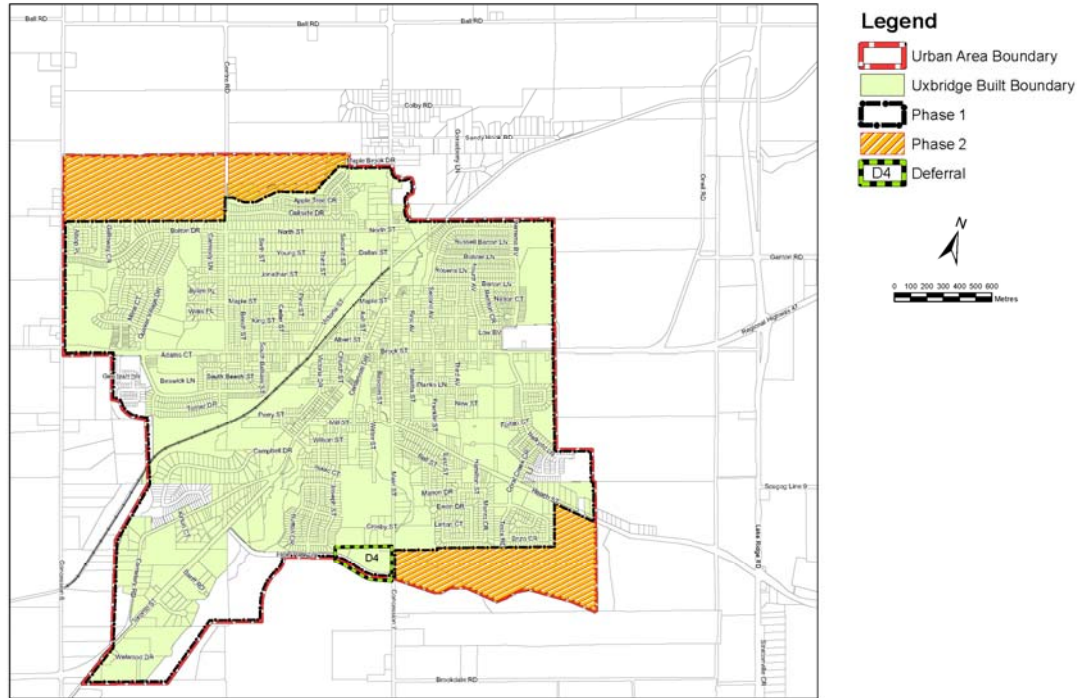
Durham Region completed an Optimization Study for the Uxbridge Brook Water Pollution Control Plant in 2015, which measured the existing capacity of the plant. The study recommended that the current population capacity of 13,000 could be “cautiously” increased to 15,000, the equivalent of approximately 600 residential units². In order to service larger populations while maintaining Environmental Compliance Approval, it was determined that capital upgrades would need to be undertaken at the Water Pollution Control Plant. With future upgrades to the oxygenation system, the plant has the potential to service a maximum population of 16,470³. This is reflected in *Durham Region Official Plan* population forecasts for the Uxbridge Urban Area to 2031 (forecast at a total of 16,480 residents). The ability to meet the growth targets identified within the *Durham Region Official Plan* will be contingent on the completion of the identified required upgrades.

The Township’s current capacity to service an additional 600 residential units is anticipated to occur mainly within Phase 1 development lands (see exhibit below). The capacity for Phase 2 designated lands is not known at this time.

² The *Durham Region Official Plan* identifies that an additional 2,555 households are planned to be accommodated throughout the Township by 2031. This includes households within the Urban Area as well as the rural areas of the Township.

³ Includes existing population and forecasted population growth.

Exhibit 11: Phasing Plan for the Uxbridge Urban Area



Source: Township of Uxbridge Official Plan, 2014, Schedule D

With consideration for the limitation on servicing capacity for the Urban Area, a number of residential developments are currently under review, have recently been approved, or have recently been built which are assumed to already have capacity reserved for allocation, and therefore likely not included in the 600 units remaining. The majority of the applications for development are for lots in and around urban Uxbridge (see Exhibits 12 through 14) – although there has been some recent development in the Goodwood area (including 92 residential units that have recently been built or are nearing completion).

Exhibit 12: Residential Developments in Application Process or Recently Approved

Location No. (corresponds to map below)	Development Name	Location	Number of units	Dwelling type proposed	Stage of development
1	154 & 164 Cemetery Road	154 & 164 Cemetery Road	68 (56 townhomes; 12 apartment units)	Townhomes, Apartment units	Approved
2	62 Mill Street	62 Mill Street	27	Semi-detached + detached homes	Approved
3	241 Reach Street	241 Reach Street	51	Townhomes	Approved
4	Saleville	Elgin Park Drive	39	Townhouses	Under Review
Total			185 Units		

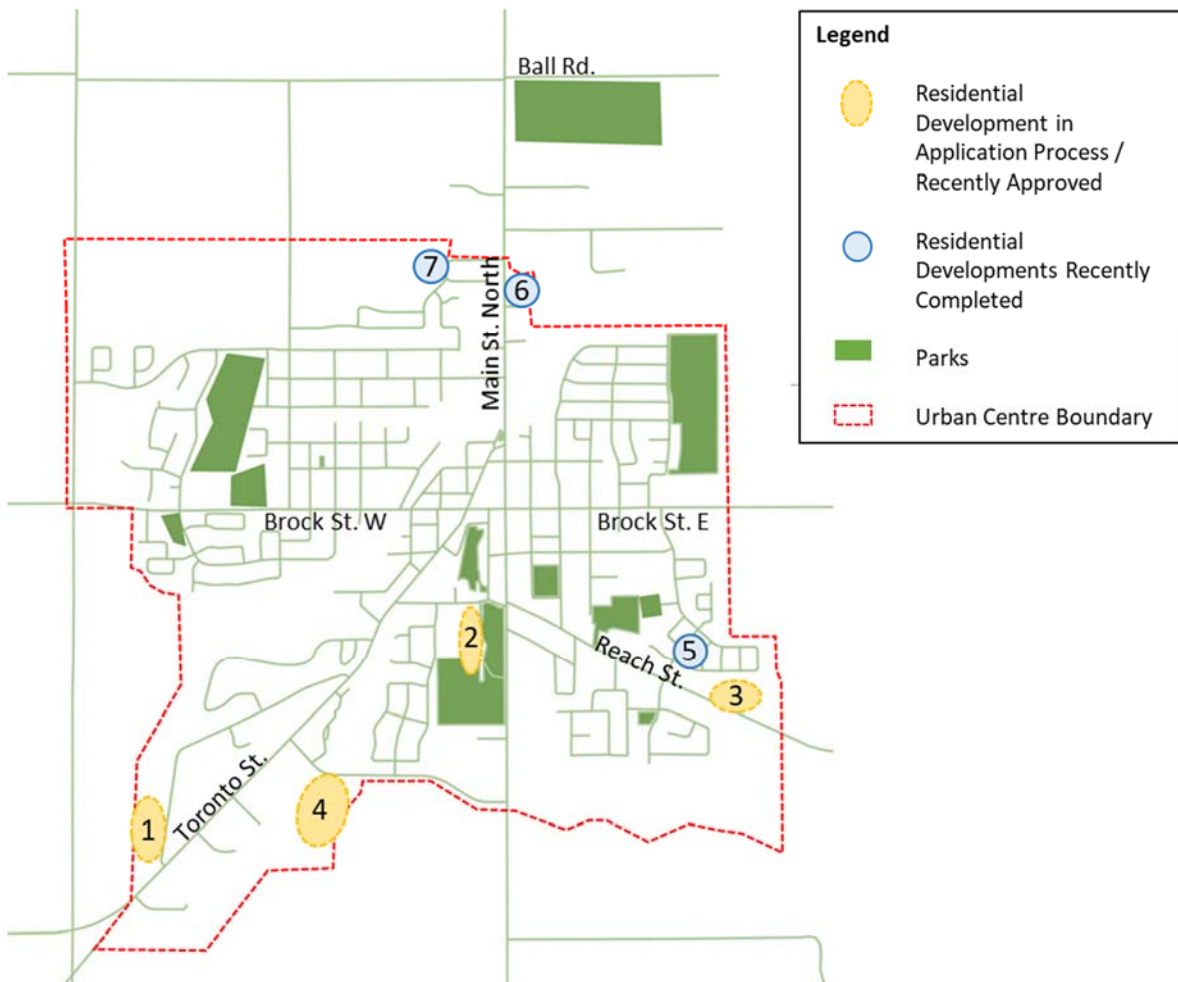
Source: Township of Uxbridge Presentation to the Chamber of Commerce, May 2016, and site plan maps provided by the Township of Uxbridge.

Exhibit 13: Residential Developments Recently Completed

Location No. (corresponds to map below)	Development Name	Location	Number of units	Dwelling type proposed	Stage of development
5	Coral Creek	Coral Creek Crescent (just north of Reach Street)	44	Townhomes	Completed
6	Everton Heights	225 Main Street North	21	Townhomes, Semi-detached units	Completed
7	Maple Valley Trail	Oakside Drive & Maple Brook Drive	15	Detached houses	Completed
		Total	80 Units		

Source: Township of Uxbridge Presentation to the Chamber of Commerce, May 2016, and site plan maps provided by the Township of Uxbridge.

Exhibit 14: Location of Residential Developments in Application Process, Recently Approved or Completed



Source: Durham Region GIS Mapping, adapted by Sierra Planning and Management

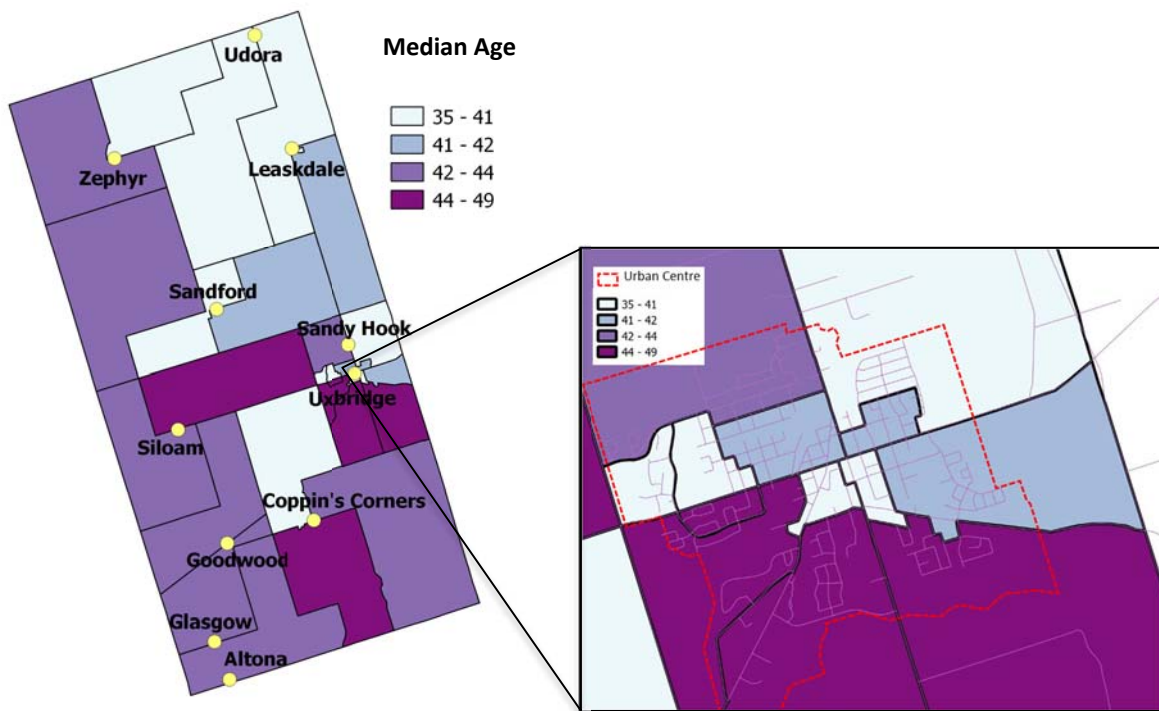
3.2 Demographic and Socio-Economic Context

3.2.1 Uxbridge’s Age Structure

The median age of Uxbridge residents was 42.7 years of age in 2016. This is similar to the median age for Ontario and Canada (both are 41 years of age), and slightly higher than the median age for Durham Region as a whole (39.6 years of age).

When looking at Uxbridge’s median age by dissemination area, it becomes apparent that the areas with the highest median ages (between 44 and 49 years of age) are focused around the Urban Centre, as well as around Coppins Corners and the area south of Sandford. Lower median ages (41 years or under) are typically located in the northern hamlets of Udora, Leaskdale and Sandford, as well as a few concentrations around the Urban Centre.

Exhibit 15: Median Age by Dissemination Area, 2016

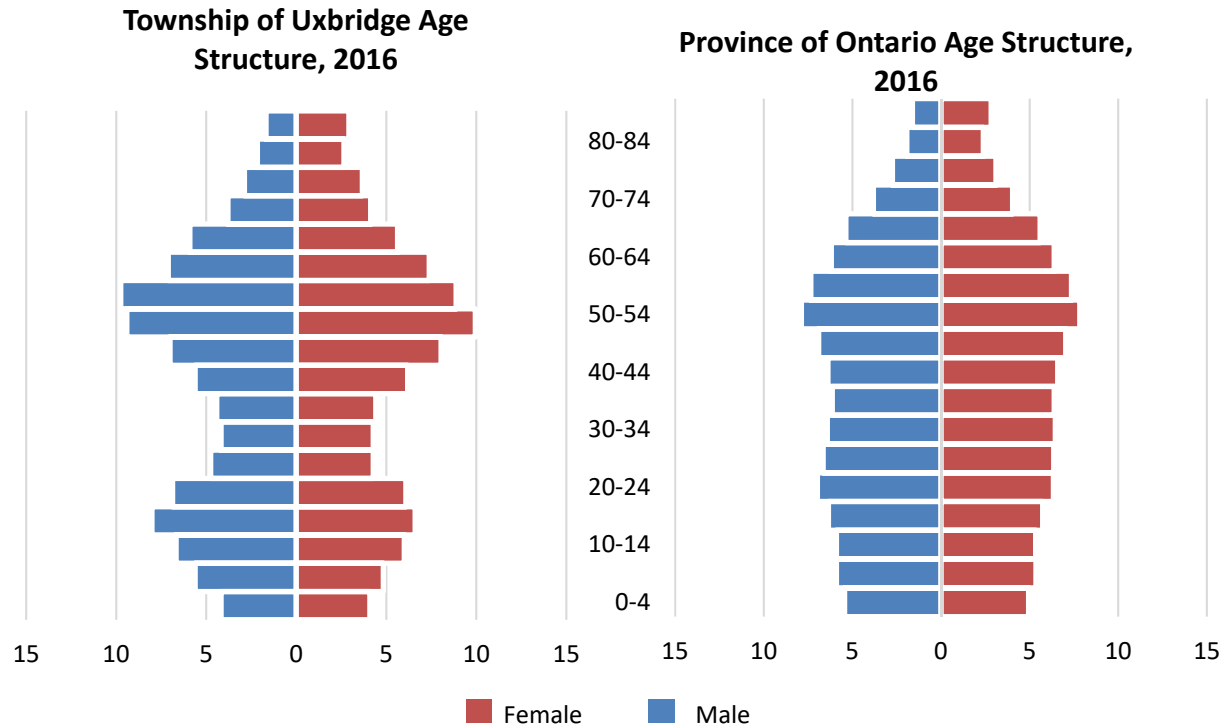


Source: Statistics Canada Census Data, 2016

The Township’s age structure differs from that of the Province. For example, the Township has a smaller proportion of younger adults (those between the ages of 20 and 39 in particular) and a comparable proportion of adults between the ages of 50 and 64 years of age. Since the Master Plan has a 10 to 20 year horizon, it is important to determine how the Township’s population will change over this period based on the existing structure. The 2016 age structure signals that it can be expected that the Township is set to experience growth in the older adult populations (65 years of age and over), as the adult population transitions into their retirement years.

Uxbridge's current older adult population is higher than that of the Region and the Province, which indicates an immediate need to maintain the interests of this population at the forefront with the provision of parks and recreation services and facilities.

Exhibit 16: Age Structure Comparison (Township and Province), 2016



Source: Statistics Canada Census Data, 2016

Exhibit 17: Age Breakdown Comparison (Township, Region, and Province), 2016

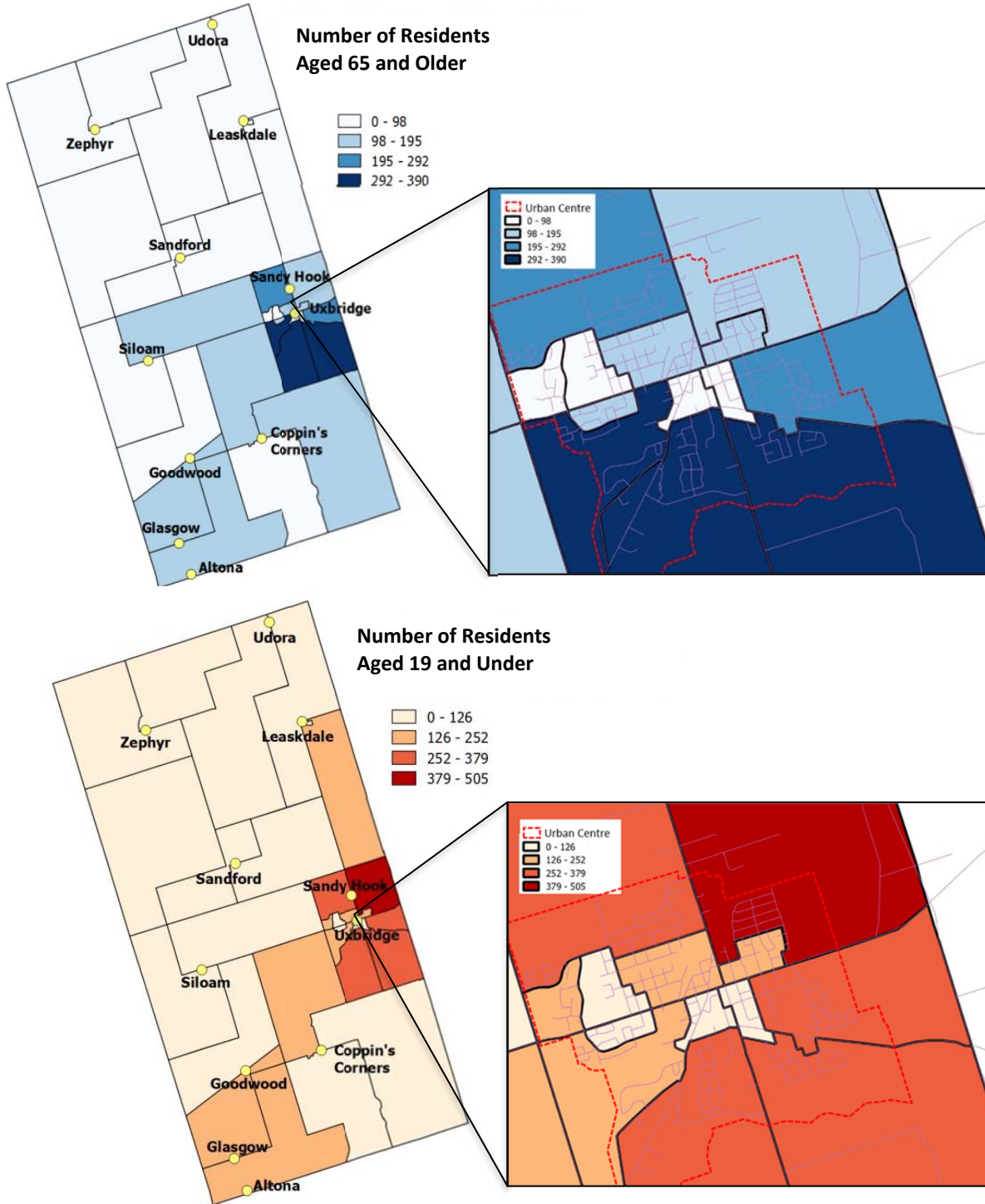
	Township of Uxbridge		Region of Durham		Province of Ontario	
Children (0-9)	1,980	9.3%	75,625	11.7%	1,453,445	10.8%
Youth (10-19)	2,890	13.6%	83,530	12.9%	1,566,200	11.6%
Young Adults (20-29)	2,325	10.9%	80,825	12.5%	1,768,740	13.2%
Adults (30-64)	10,230	48.3%	313,100	48.5%	6,408,460	47.6%
Older Adults (65+)	3,750	17.7%	92,790	14.4%	2,251,655	16.7%
Total	21,180	100.0%	645,862	100.0%	13,448,495	100.0%

Source: Statistics Canada Census Data, 2016

When looking at the age structure of the Township by dissemination area, the highest concentrations of children and youth (those 19 years of age or younger) are focused around the Urban Centre, as well as in the areas to the south in Goodwood, Glasgow and Coppins Corners. Similarly, concentrations of older adults (those over the age of 65) are also focused within and around the Urban Centre and southern hamlets, with the northern portions having the lowest

concentrations of older adults. While the northern hamlets generally have lower populations, it should be noted that some of the Township’s highest median ages are found in places such as Zephyr, Siloam, and Coppins Corners.

Exhibit 18: Township Age Structure by Dissemination Area, 2016

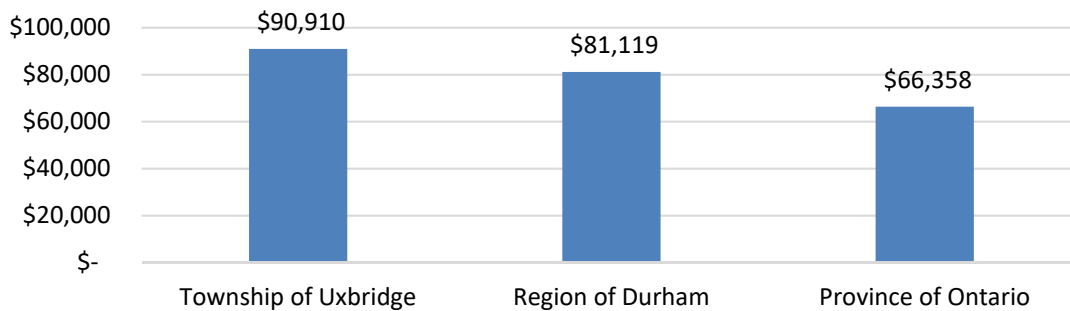


Source: Statistics Canada Census Data, 2016

3.2.2 Income and Education

On average, the Township of Uxbridge is a higher income municipality, when compared to the Region and Province. In 2011, the median household total income for the Township of Uxbridge's resident base was \$90,910, which is substantially higher than the Province's at \$66,358, and slightly higher than the median household income for the Region of Durham (\$81,119). 6.4%⁴ of resident households in the Township were considered to be under the low income cut-off in 2010, based on after tax low-income measures. This is lower than the Region's prevalence of low income in 2010 (9.9% of households) and Ontario's proportion at 13.9%.

Exhibit 19: Median Household Income Comparison (Township, Region, and Province), 2011



Source: Statistics Canada National Household Survey, 2011

The educational attainment of Uxbridge residents (aged 15 years and over) is slightly higher than Durham Region as a whole (19.9% versus 17.5%, respectively). Compared to Uxbridge, the Province has a higher proportion of the population with a University certificate, diploma or degree at the bachelor level or above (23%).

Exhibit 20: Uxbridge Residents' Educational Attainment (15 Years and Over), 2011



Source: Statistics Canada National Household Survey, 2011

⁴ Statistics Canada National Household Survey Data, 2010

4 Overview of the Asset Base

4.1 Summary of the Assets

Uxbridge is home to a wide range of parks and outdoor recreation facilities that enable residents and tourists to engage in a wide variety of activities. At present, the municipal asset base includes:

- 10 ball diamonds;
- 22 soccer fields;
- 1.5 basketball courts (3 half court facilities);
- 5 tennis courts;
- 1 beach volleyball court;
- 17 playgrounds;
- 1 splash pad;
- 1 skate park;
- 1 lawn bowling green;
- 5 public washrooms;
- 8 outdoor pavilions; and,
- 1 band shell.

4.2 Standards of Provision

The Master Plan will establish target standards of provision for the asset base in Uxbridge, as appropriate. The following provides an overview of the current standards of recreation facility provision in Uxbridge as well as existing standards based on similar comparable communities within or in proximity to the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) which have both urban centres and rural populations⁵. In general, standards form part of the basis for determining needs and comprise a broader analysis including the condition and utilization of assets.

It should be noted that there was limited use of those outdoor facilities located at school properties within Uxbridge as indicated by the user groups (only one group, Uxbridge Minor Lacrosse, identified that they use the Uxbridge High School Field); therefore, school facilities have not been included in the inventory. The inventory presented below focuses only on existing outdoor facilities that are municipally-owned (does not include the proposed facilities at Fields of Uxbridge).

4.2.1 Population-Based Standards

Current population-based standards of facility provision were established using population data from Statistics Canada 2016 Census Data. These standards are most appropriately applied to those facilities historically developed in response to community-wide and/or town-wide needs (such as soccer fields, tennis courts, etc.), as detailed in the exhibit below.

⁵ Comparable communities include the Township of Brock, Township of Scugog, and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. Inventory data retrieved from local recreation and parks master plans and municipal websites. Population-based standards were developed based on Statistics Canada 2016 Census Data.

Exhibit 21: Population-Based Standards for Outdoor Facilities

Facility Name	Township Owned ⁷	Current Standards of Provision									Comparable Level of Provision ⁶		
		Current Population			Projected Population ⁸								
		2016			2021			2031					
Ball Diamond	10	1 per	2,118	residents	1 per	2,374	residents	1 per	2,697	residents	1 per	1,000 to 3,500	residents
Soccer Field	22	1 per	963	residents	1 per	1,079	residents	1 per	1,226	residents	1 per	2,500 to 4,500	residents
Tennis Court	5	1 per	4,235	residents	1 per	4,748	residents	1 per	5,393	residents	1 per	2,000 to 6,000	residents
Basketball Court	1.5	1 per	1,927	youth (ages 10-19)							1 per	500 to 800	youth (ages 10-19)
Playground	18	1 per	110	children (ages 0-9)							1 per	125 to 300	children (ages 0-9)
Splash Pad	1	1 per	1,980	children (ages 0-9)							1 per	1,200 to 2,000	children (ages 0-9)
Skate park	1	1 per	2,890	youth (ages 10-19)							1 per	<1,000 to 4,000	youth (ages 10-19)

⁶ Based on existing level of provision (not target level of provision). It should be noted that the existing levels of provision of some facilities (i.e. tennis courts and skate parks) vary significantly between communities, and often depend on a number of local factors, including geographic distribution, age profile of the community, etc.

⁷ Includes existing Township-owned facilities only, and does not include those facilities proposed at the Fields of Uxbridge development.

⁸ Population projections by age cohort were not available at the time of this report.

4.2.2 Participation-Based Standards

Participation standards reflect the scale and specificity of demand for such activities which may be influenced by a range of locational, demographic, historic, and even ethnic dynamics. An assessment of local level participant and team registrations by sport was undertaken. Where participation data was available, participation-based standards were established.

These standards represent only one measure of consideration for the future provision of facilities, and does not speak to issues related to the quality or condition of facilities.

Exhibit 22: Participation-Based Standards for Outdoor Facilities

Facility Name	Participation Standards			Comparable Level of Provision ⁹		
	Current Participation					
	2016					
Outdoor Facilities						
Ball Diamonds	1 per	37	registered participants	1 per	50 to 100	registered participants
Soccer Fields	1 per	42	registered participants	1 per	75 to 150	registered participants

In addition to looking at population-based and participation-based standards of provision, it is also important to understand whether this current level of service is appropriate for the community. This is evaluated through an analysis of current facility utilization data, analysis of the existing facility condition as assessed in the Township's 2016 Asset Management Plan and based on a field review, and feedback from the community and user groups related to the level of satisfaction with the assets. This information provides an initial framework of analysis for the project as it moves forward to options and recommendations, and is presented in the sections below.

4.3 Outdoor Recreation Facilities

Uxbridge is home to a variety of parks, with a range of amenities available to residents and visitors. According to the 2014 Development Charges Background Study, the value of all developed municipal parkland, including trails is \$10.48 million. The facilities, which include playgrounds, soccer fields, ball diamonds, and tennis courts total \$4.22 million, while outdoor buildings and equipment total \$1.29 million. Therefore, the estimated total replacement value of the Township's parks and outdoor recreation asset inventory is nearly \$16 million. The Town has a 10-year historic service level of \$692.13 per household¹⁰.

⁹ Based on existing level of provision (not target level of provision). It should be noted that the existing levels of provision of some facilities (i.e. tennis courts and skate parks) vary significantly between communities, and often depend on a number of local factors, including geographic distribution, age profile of the community, etc.

¹⁰ Based on the historic average service level for 2004-2013 as identified in the 2014 Development Charges Study. This figure includes park development, park facilities, and outdoor buildings, rolling stock and equipment.

4.3.1 Parks

The Township operates a total of 24 parks, comprising a total land area of 109.83 hectares. The Township's parks offer a variety of outdoor recreation facilities and amenities to appeal to a wide range of users, including but not limited to ball diamonds, soccer fields, basketball courts, playgrounds, skate parks, as well as more passive areas.

Exhibit 23: Parks Asset Inventory Matrix

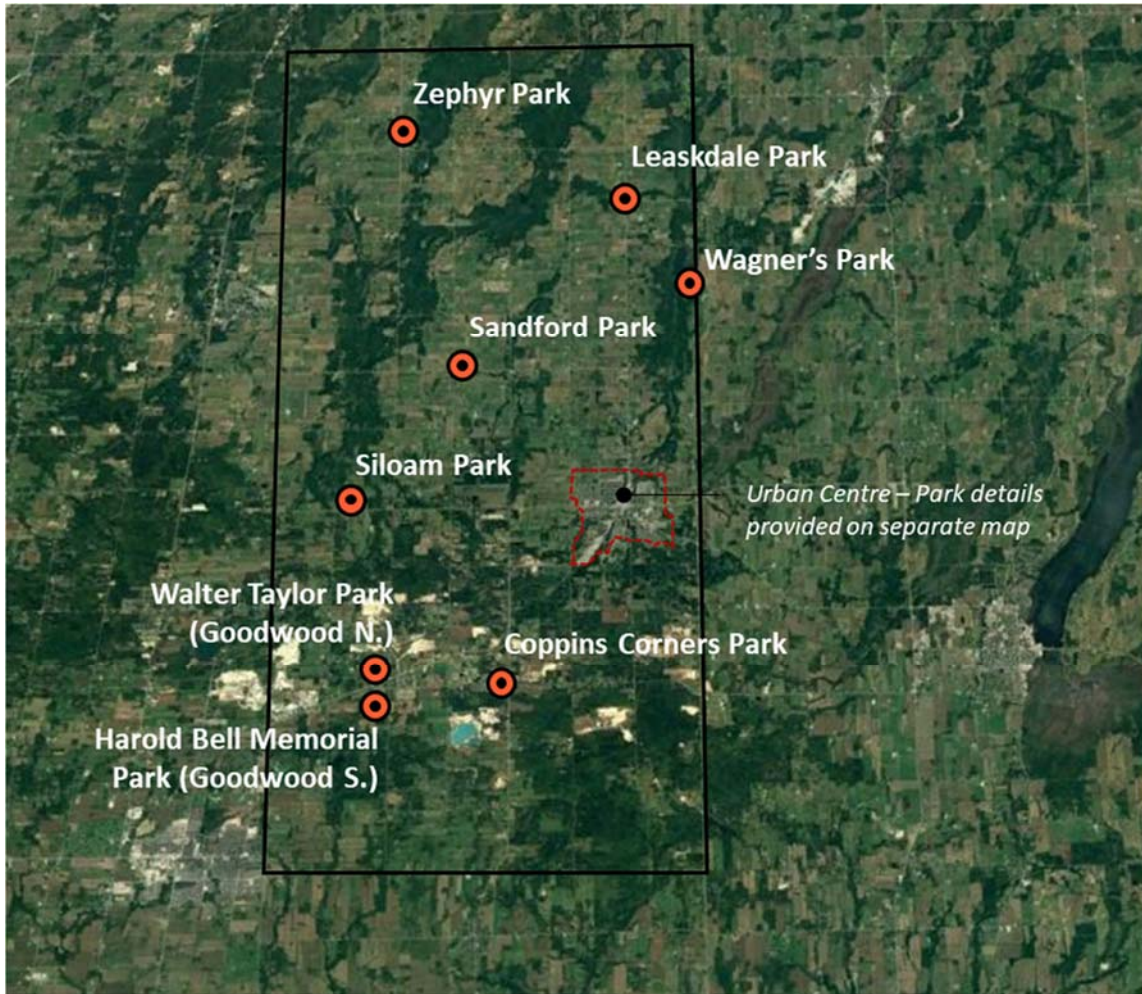
No.	Park Name	Location	Amenities							
			Ball Diamond	Soccer Field	Tennis	Playground	Pavilion	Washrooms	Trails	
1	Bonner Fields	Uxbridge	✓					✓	✓	
2	Campbell Drive Parkette	Uxbridge								✓
3	Centennial Park	Uxbridge						✓		✓
4	Coppins Corners Parkette	Coppins Corners				✓				
5	Coral Creek Parkette	Uxbridge				✓				
6	Elgin Park	Uxbridge	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Fields of Uxbridge	Uxbridge		✓						
8	Walter Taylor Park (Goodwood N.)	Goodwood	✓			✓				
9	Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood S.)	Goodwood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	Herrema Fields	Uxbridge		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
11	Hodgeson Parkette (South Balsam)	Uxbridge								✓
12	King Street Parkette	Uxbridge				*				
13	Leaskdale Park	Leaskdale	✓		✓	✓	✓			
14	Mason Homes Parkette	Uxbridge				✓				✓
15	Quaker Village Park	Uxbridge				✓				✓
16	Sandford Park	Sandford				✓				
17	Siloam Park	Siloam		✓		✓				
18	Testa Parkette	Uxbridge				✓				
19	Toronto Street Parkette	Uxbridge				✓				
20	Uxbridge Arena Grounds	Uxbridge	✓		✓			✓		
21	Uxpool Park	Uxbridge	✓			✓				
22	Veterans Memorial Park	Uxbridge							✓	✓
23	Wagner's Park	Victoria Corners				✓				
24	Zephyr Park	Zephyr	✓			✓	✓			

* Note: King Street Parkette does not have a playground structure, only a swing set.

These facilities are distributed among the rural hamlet areas (8 park locations) and within the urban core of the Township (16 park locations).

It should be noted that an off-leash dog park is currently being built, and is expected to open in late 2017 / early 2018. This is located at the intersection of Brock Street West and Concession Road 6 within the urban core of Uxbridge.

Exhibit 24: Uxbridge Parks Geographic Distribution – Hamlet Parks



Source: Google Maps (2017), adapted by Sierra Planning and Management

Exhibit 25: Uxbridge Parks Geographic Distribution – Urban Parks



Source: Google Maps (2017), adapted by Sierra Planning and Management

The current inventory of municipal parkland includes a variety of park sizes, functions and level of facility development, ranging from small passive parks and local neighbourhood parks, to parks with multiple sports fields and a variety of amenities. As identified in Section 2, the Township's 2014 *Official Plan* provides a classification system for the Township's parks organized in the following categories:

- **Community Parks:** are large, community-wide parks, with major athletic / recreation facilities and other supporting amenities that serve the Urban Area and adjacent portion of the rural area.
- **Local Parks:** are smaller neighbourhood parks, which typically include sports fields, play areas / structures and associated amenities.

- **Natural Open Space Areas:** are located throughout the Township, and typically include trails, picnic areas, and other conservation and educational features.
- **Design Features:** are located at key gateways, intersections, neighbourhood entrances, or at important focal points within the Township’s Urban Area.

The following exhibit provides a current list of the Township’s parks and preliminary classification of the park types, based on a field review and the criteria provided in the *Official Plan*, as a foundation for assessing the existing inventory. While not identified in the exhibit below, the Township also owns a considerable amount of Natural Open Space, providing spaces for trail linkages, resting and gathering, and environmental protection throughout Uxbridge.

Detailed inventory sheets for each of the Township’s park assets are provided in the Appendix.

Exhibit 26: Township of Uxbridge Parks – Area and Classification¹¹

Park	Size		Classification
	Acres	Hectares	
Bonner Fields	7.91	3.20	Community Park
Campbell Drive Parkette	2.10	0.85	Local Park
Centennial Park	4.97	2.01	Local Park
Coppins Corners Parkette	1.71	0.69	Local Park
Coral Creek Parkette	4.39	1.78	Local Park
Elgin Park	21.92	8.87	Community Park
Fields of Uxbridge	112.16	45.39	Community Park
Goodwood Park (Hwy 47)	4.74	1.92	Local Park
Harold Bell Memorial Park	12.12	4.90	Community Park
Herrema Fields	33.82	13.69	Community Park
Hodgson Parkette (South Balsam)	1.39	0.56	Local Park
King Street Parkette	0.21	0.08	Local Park
Leaskdale Park	4.34	1.76	Local Park
Mason Homes Parkette	1.26	0.51	Local Park
Quaker Village Park	14.90	6.03	Community Park
Sandford Park	5.49	2.22	Local Park
Siloam Park	4.24	1.72	Local Park
Testa Parkette	0.98	0.40	Local Park
Toronto Street Parkette	0.11	0.04	Local Park
Uxbridge Arena Grounds	12.52	5.07	Community Park
Uxpool Park	4.37	1.77	Local Park
Veterans Memorial Park	0.74	0.30	Local Park
Wagner's Park	0.97	0.39	Local Park
Zephyr Park	14.04	5.68	Local Park
Total	271.40	109.83	

Based on the preliminary classifications identified above, the exhibit below summarizes the parkland inventory and population-based parkland provision levels (note: this does not include Natural Open Space).

¹¹ Size (acreage) of Campbell Drive Parkette and Mason Homes Parkette are estimated.

Exhibit 27: Uxbridge Parks Inventory by Park Typology

Park Typology	Total Parks	Hectares	Current Township Standard	Comparable Level of Provision
Community Parks	7	87.15	4.12 hectares per 1,000 residents	1.0 to 2.0 hectares per 1,000 residents
Local Parks	17	22.68	1.07 hectares per 1,000 residents	0.5 to 1.0 hectares per 1,000 residents
Total	24	109.83	5.19 hectares per 1,000 residents	2.0 to 4.0 hectares per 1,000 residents

When looking at Community Parks and Local Parks together, the existing parkland inventory represents an existing service level of 5.19 hectares per 1,000 residents based on the Township's 2016 census population of approximately 21,176¹². Compared to other communities in Ontario, this is a very good per capita parkland supply, although it is recognized that the Fields of Uxbridge accounts for nearly half of this total. The Natural Open Spaces within Uxbridge would further improve the level of parkland provision.

At the community level, Uxbridge is very well served, with an existing service level for Community Parks of 4.12 hectares per 1,000 residents, which is well above the level of service found in other comparable communities.

At the neighbourhood or local level, the supply of parkland per population becomes a more relevant factor, as does the geographic distribution and proximity of this type of parkland to each household. The current provision of 1.07 hectares of local parkland per 1,000 residents is in line with many other communities; however, it is noted that some of the residential areas in Uxbridge are in proximity to larger Community Parks and/or schools that may be utilized as the local park for the surrounding neighbourhoods as well.

In order to evaluate the current parkland inventory and the geographic distribution of parkland in the future, the specific types of recreation facilities within the parks need to be considered. A description of the existing outdoor recreation facilities located within the Township's parks is provided in the sections below.

4.3.2 Ball Diamonds

Within the Township's parks there are 10 existing ball diamonds. The inventory includes municipally-owned ball diamonds with varying levels of facility development and quality, including lit and unlit senior ball diamonds, and smaller junior diamonds. An additional 7 ball diamonds are located on school properties, which are used for casual play only. Township facilities include:

¹² Source: Statistics Canada 2016 Census, Census Profile, 2016.

Exhibit 28: Inventory of Ball Diamonds

Ball Diamonds						Type of Use ¹³
Park Name	Senior		Junior		Total	
	Lit	Unlit	Lit	Unlit		
Bonner Fields	2				2	Baseball, Softball
Uxbridge Arena Grounds			1		1	Baseball, Softball
Elgin Park				1	1	Baseball (youth only)
Uxpool Park			1		1	Baseball (youth only)
Walter Taylor Park (Goodwood North)	1				1	Baseball, Softball
Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South)	1			1	2	Baseball, Softball
Leaskdale Park				1	1	n/a
Zephyr Park				1	1	n/a
Total	4	0	3	3	10	-

With 10 baseball diamonds currently in the municipal supply, the current level of provision is one ball diamond per 2,118 residents. This is within the range of existing levels of provision for comparable communities, which are providing ball diamonds in the range of one diamond per 1,000 to 3,500 residents.

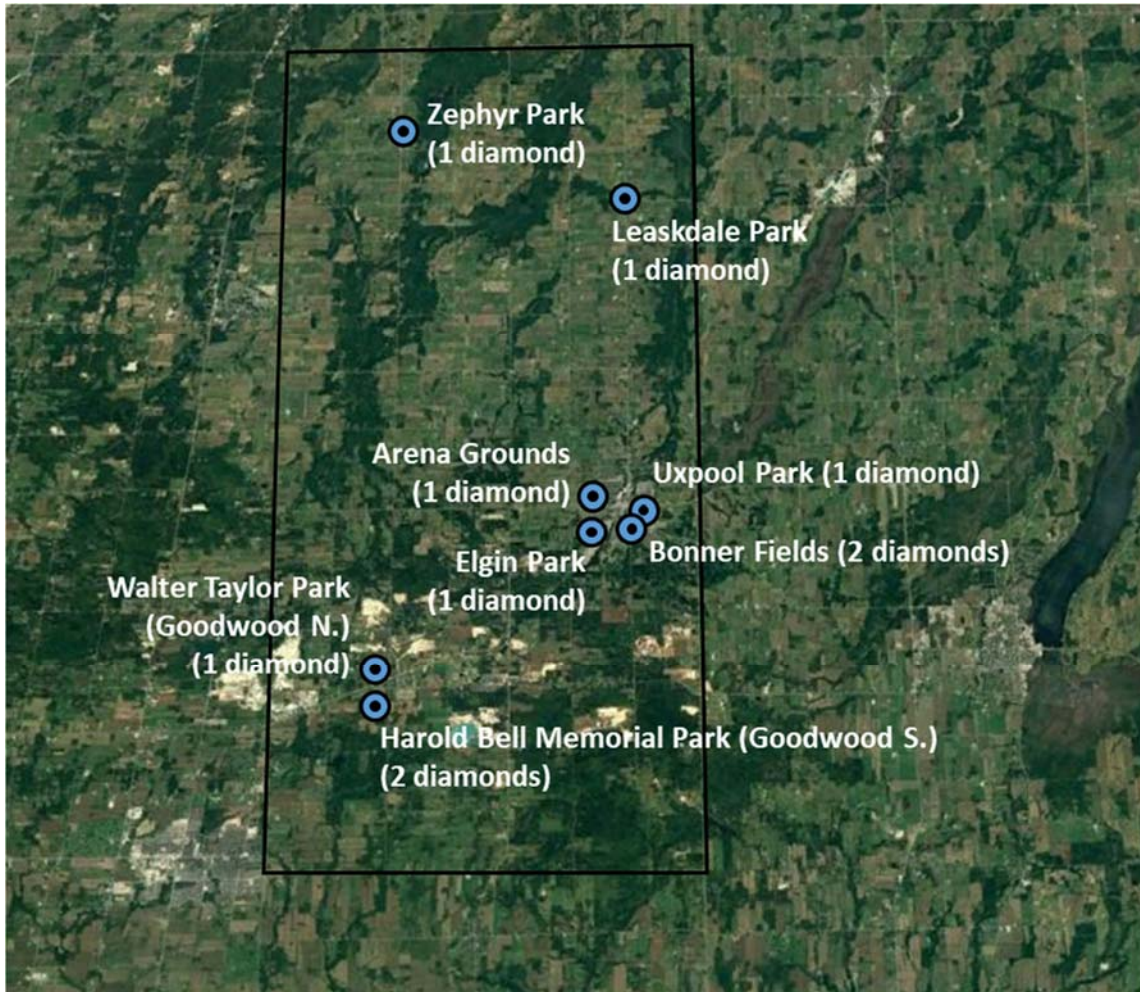
When looking at the level of provision on a participant-based standard, Uxbridge is providing one diamond per 37 registered participants. This is a higher level of provision than the comparable communities, who are providing within a range of one diamond per 50 to 100 registered participants.

With one additional ball diamond proposed at the Fields of Uxbridge (FOU) the current standard of provision will be improved to 1 diamond per 1,925 residents.

At present, five of the ball diamonds are located in urban Uxbridge, while the other five are located throughout the Township in a number of the rural hamlets.

¹³ Based on user groups and field utilization information provided by the Township. Many of the diamonds are used by both hardball and softball groups, who typically utilize the best diamond (quality, size, time slot availability, etc.) available for their purposes.

Exhibit 29: Uxbridge Ball Diamonds Geographic Distribution



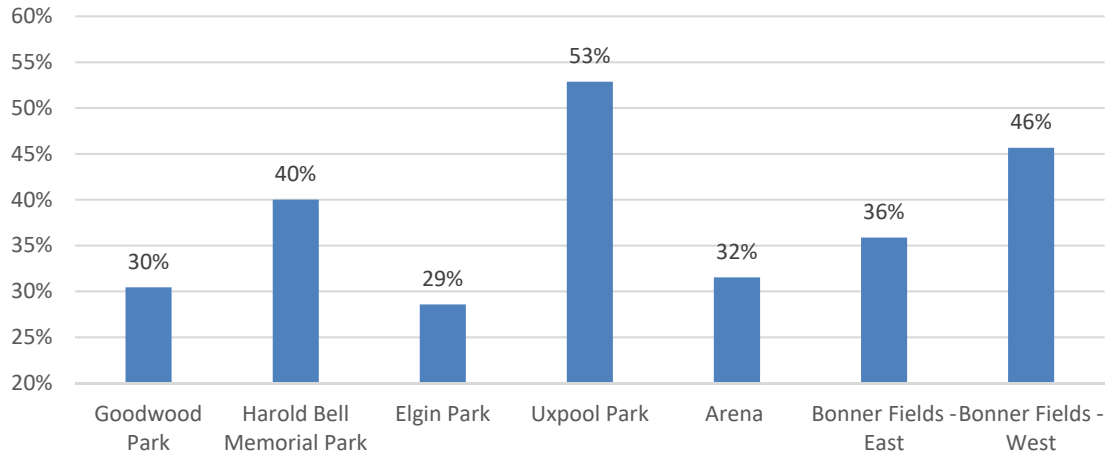
Source: Google Maps (2017), adapted by Sierra Planning and Management

Ball Diamond Utilization

Utilization of the ball diamonds has been calculated based on available prime time hours during the late spring and summer months (May 1 to August 31) as follows:

Diamond	Weekday Hours (Monday to Friday)	Weekend Hours (Saturday and Sunday)	Total Available Prime Time Hours
Lit Diamond	6:00 pm to 10:00 pm	9:00 am to 10:00 pm	736
Unlit Diamond	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	9:00 am to 9:00 pm	624

Utilization for each of the ball diamonds within Uxbridge has been calculated based on 2016 booking data provided by the Township of Uxbridge (as available), using bookings based on a typical week scenario. Details for each diamond are provided below.

Exhibit 30: Ball Diamond Utilization by Location (2016)

Source: Booking data provided by the Township of Uxbridge

Bonner Fields

Bonner Fields is located on Capstick Lane in the Town of Uxbridge. This is the main ball facility within the Township with 2 lit regulation size fields; it hosts a number of annual tournaments and special events. The diamonds at Bonner Fields have some of the highest utilization rates when compared to other diamonds within the Township. Bonner Fields is most often booked by the Uxbridge Youth Baseball League, Uxbridge Men’s Baseball League, a Co-Ed League, and the Old Timers League.

Annual tournaments that take place at Bonner Fields include, but are not limited to, the Diamond Dusters Tournament (slo-pitch) which runs over a three day period (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) in July and uses both diamonds, and the Hornets Tournament, a two day event in September. These tournaments, and other “one-off” special events held at this location, are not included in the calculation for field utilization provided below.

Exhibit 31: Bonner Field Ball Diamond Utilization (2016)

Facility	2016		
	No. Hrs. Booked	Available Prime Time Hours	% Utilization
Bonner Fields - East	264	736	36%
Bonner Fields - West	336	736	46%

Based on the Township’s 2016 Asset Management Plan, the amenities at Bonner Fields are generally in good condition. Observations related to those items that are considered to be in fair condition include the parking lot gravel surfacing which is past its useful life, the ball diamond fencing (also past its useful life), and the pavilion, which has an estimated replacement cost of approximately \$90,000.

Uxbridge Arena Park

One lit senior ball diamond is situated at the Uxbridge Arena, located at 291 Brock Street West. Similar to Bonner Fields, the Uxbridge Arena diamond is used for the Diamond Dusters tournament (slo-pitch) and also hosts a number of half or one-day special events. These are not included in the utilization data provided below.

Exhibit 32: Uxbridge Arena Field Ball Diamond Utilization (2016)

Facility	2016		
	No. Hrs. Booked	Available Prime Time Hours	% Utilization
Arena	232	736	32%

Some user groups indicated that this ball diamond is undersized and therefore not adequate for game play. Netting has been implemented in the outfield to assist in keeping the tennis courts and lawn bowling green free of balls.

Goodwood Diamonds

The Walter Taylor Park (Goodwood North) diamond (diamond #1) is a senior size ball diamond with lighting. This facility is mainly used by the Goodwood Men's Baseball League and the Uxbridge Youth Baseball League. Other specialized bookings that occurred in 2016 include the Diamond Dusters tournament (slo-pitch), and other special events (not included in utilization rate below).

The two ball diamonds at Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South) include one lit senior diamond (diamond #2) and one unlit junior diamond (diamond #3). The senior diamond is typically used by the Goodwood Men's Baseball League and the Uxbridge Youth Baseball League. The utilization for Harold Bell Memorial Park reflects the use of the lit senior size diamond (diamond #2).

Exhibit 33: Goodwood Ball Diamonds Utilization (2016)

Facility	2016		
	No. Hrs. Booked	Available Hours	% Utilization
Walter Taylor Park (Goodwood North)	224	736	30%
Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South)	224	736	30%

Many of the amenities associated with the Walter Taylor Park diamond are considered to be in fair condition, according to the 2016 Asset Management Plan. This includes the general condition of the field, fencing, outdoor lighting, and bleachers. The outdoor lighting was installed in 2010 and is in good condition.

The diamonds at Harold Bell Memorial Park are generally in fair condition, with diamond fencing being identified as being in poor condition and significantly beyond its useful life.

Uxpool Park

There is one unlit ball diamond located at the Uxpool Park. This field is considerably undersized and used only for youth ball. The Uxpool diamond has the highest utilization rate of all ball diamonds in Uxbridge (slightly higher than Bonner Fields west diamond), this is likely due to the fact that it is also used by the summer camps extended care group on a frequent basis (assumed to be 5 days a week in summer months).

Exhibit 34: Uxpool Ball Diamond Utilization (2016)

2016			
Facility	No. Hrs. Booked	Available Hours	% Utilization
Uxpool Park	296	624	47%

Elgin Park

Elgin Park has one unlit ball diamond that is typically used for youth ball, and is identified as being in poor condition (diamond and fencing).

Exhibit 35: Elgin Park Ball Diamond Utilization (2016)

2016			
Facility	No. Hrs. Booked	Available Hours	% Utilization
Elgin Park	160	624	26%

Leaskdale Park

The ball diamond at Leaskdale Park is used only on a casual basis by local residents, and is in poor condition. It should be noted that the Township has plans to remove the ball diamond at Leaskdale Park in the near future, reducing the inventory to 9 ball diamonds (in interim before the proposed FOU diamond is implemented).

Zephyr Park

The ball diamond at Zephyr Park is typically used on a casual basis, as there are no user groups that book this facility. This diamond is considered to be in poor condition, as per the 2016 Asset Management Plan, with the general field conditions, fencing and outdoor lighting (currently not working) all being considerably beyond their useful life.

4.3.3 Soccer Fields

The Township has 22 existing soccer fields in its municipal supply, the majority being community-scale facilities. There are an additional 8 soccer fields of varying sizes located at school facilities (including both the Public and Catholic boards) within the Township. All of the existing municipal facilities are natural turf fields. The Township's supply is identified in the exhibit below.

Exhibit 36: Inventory of Soccer Fields

Soccer Fields						
Park Name	Full-Size		Mid-Size ¹⁴	Mini	Micro-Mini	Total
	<i>Lit</i>	<i>Unlit</i>	<i>Unlit</i>	<i>Unlit</i>	<i>Unlit</i>	
Fields of Uxbridge	-	4	3	4	6	17
Herrema Fields	2	-	1	-	-	3
Harold Bell Memorial Park	-	1	-	-	-	1
Siloam Park	-	1	-	-	-	1
Total	2	6	4	4	6	22

With a current supply of 22 soccer fields, Uxbridge's current provision level is one soccer field per 963 residents. Compared to other communities, which are currently providing one soccer field per 2,500 to 4,500 residents, Uxbridge is providing a much higher standard.

When looking at participation-based standards, Uxbridge is currently providing one soccer field per 42 registered participants, while the comparable communities are currently providing soccer fields on a basis of one field per 75 to 100 participants.

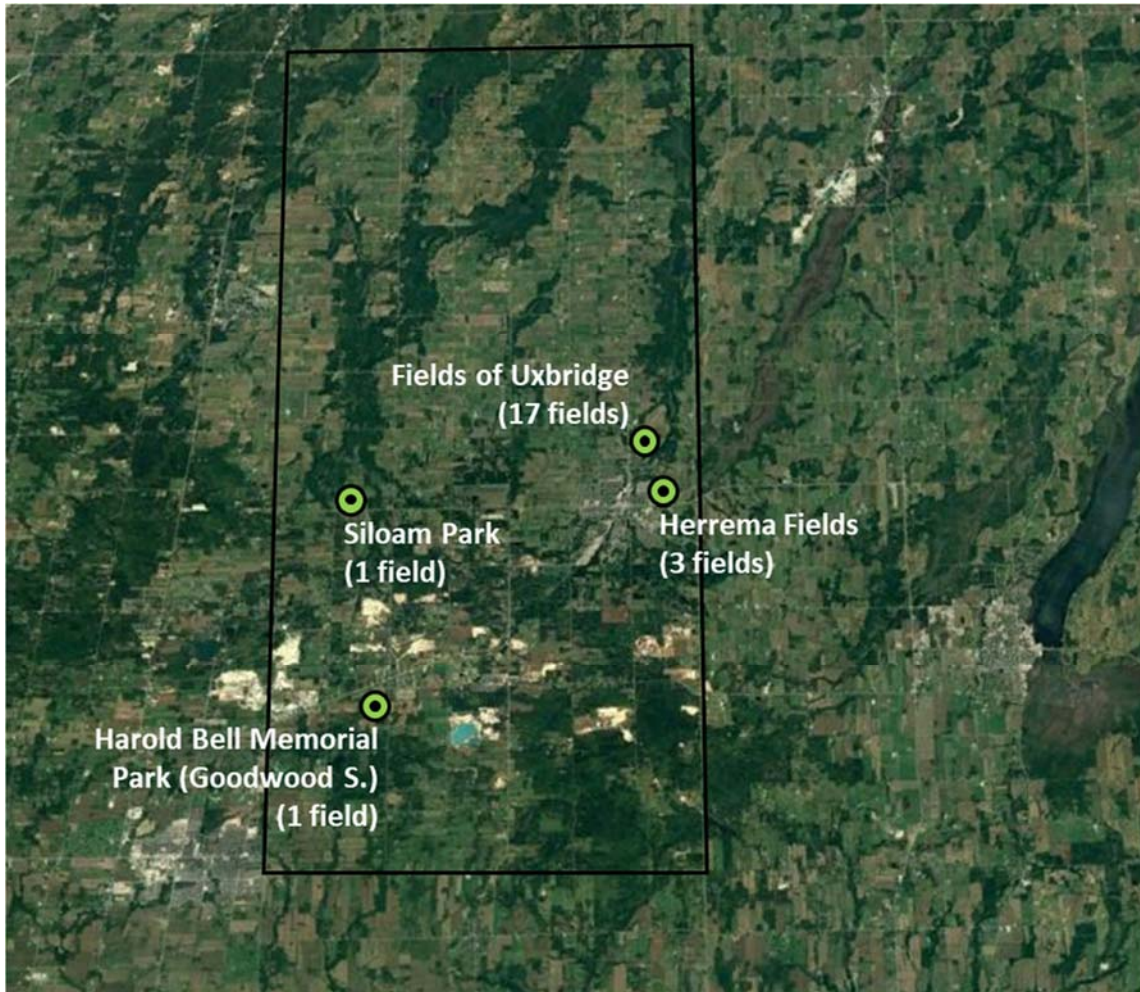
With the proposed addition of two fields at the Fields of Uxbridge, and based on the current population and level of participation, the level of provision would be further improved to one field per 882 residents and one field per 38 participants. This is significantly higher than what is offered by comparable communities.

In many communities in Ontario, participation in soccer has increased rapidly in recent years, but is often constrained to some degree by field availability. Generally, it is anticipated that this trend will generally continue with expected population growth and the rising popularity of soccer overall. However, Uxbridge does not seem to be in step with this general trend. The Uxbridge Soccer Club currently estimates membership at 850 participants, however over the past five years, membership numbers have experienced a slight decline. Similarly, Uxbridge Women's Soccer estimates their existing membership at 70 members, and also reported a decline (of 35%) over the past five years.

Soccer fields in Uxbridge are concentrated within the Urban Area (20 fields) while two fields are located in the rural hamlets of Siloam and Goodwood.

¹⁴ Mid-size fields can also be configured as two (2) mini fields.

Exhibit 37: Uxbridge Soccer Fields Geographic Distribution



Source: Google Maps (2017), adapted by Sierra Planning and Management

Soccer Field Utilization

Utilization of the soccer fields has been calculated based on available prime time hours during a three month or 12 week season (approximately mid-May to mid-August) as follows:

Field	Weekday Hours (Monday to Friday)	Weekend Hours (Saturday and Sunday)	Total Available Prime Time Hours
Lit Field	5:00 pm to 11:00 pm	9:00 am to 11:00 pm	696
Unlit Field	5:00 pm to 9:00 pm	9:00 am to 9:00 pm	528

Utilization for each of the soccer fields within Uxbridge has been calculated based on 2015, 2016 and 2017 booking data provided by the Uxbridge Soccer Club (as available). Details for each location are provided below.

Fields of Uxbridge (FOU)

There are 17 natural turf soccer fields of varying sizes (4 senior fields, 3 mid-size fields, 4 mini fields, and 6 micro-mini fields) located at the Fields of Uxbridge property, none of which are currently lit. At full build-out, the Fields of Uxbridge is proposed to have 19 fields, including 5 senior fields (4 unlit, 1 lit), 4 mid-size fields, 4 mini fields, and 6 micro-mini fields. This means an addition of one lit senior field and one unlit mid-size field at Fields of Uxbridge.

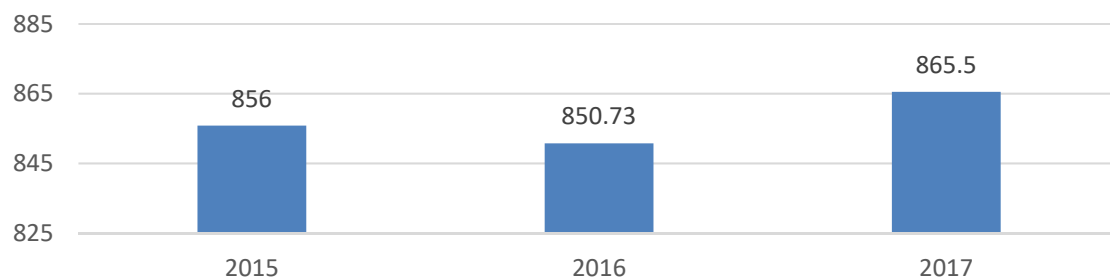
A number of future opportunities were identified for the Fields of Uxbridge through discussions with the Uxbridge Soccer Club. These include:

- An immediate need for washrooms, concessions stand, and appropriate storage facility. These items are identified in the municipal capital budget (see Section 5 for details and anticipated timing).
- Irrigation for at least two of the full-size fields to improve field quality;
- Outdoor artificial turf field (with the potential to be domed in the winter months). This could be used by a variety of other sports as well, such as football, lacrosse, rugby, etc.;
- An indoor soccer facility would be ideal to reduce travel time and expenses to use indoor facilities outside of Uxbridge. This type of facility could be used by a variety of other sports as well. The Uxbridge Soccer Club is currently using local school and church gymnasiums which are not ideal for winter soccer training; this puts the team at a disadvantage competitively.

Soccer fields in Uxbridge are scheduled directly by the users, in this case, the Uxbridge Soccer Club. The soccer fields at FOU are mainly used for games in the evenings (5:00pm to 9:00pm) Monday through Thursday. While no games are held on Friday evenings, the fields are often used for practicing. Saturday and Sunday are typically lightly used, mostly for practices, festivals, tournaments, etc. However, a lack of permanent washroom facilities and concession stand are a concern and often hinder the number of registered tournament participants.

Booking data received from the Uxbridge Soccer Club indicates that overall, the total number of hours booked at the Fields of Uxbridge has remained relatively stable / increased slightly between 2015 and 2017. This represents the sum of the total hours booked for each of the individual fields at the facility in each year.

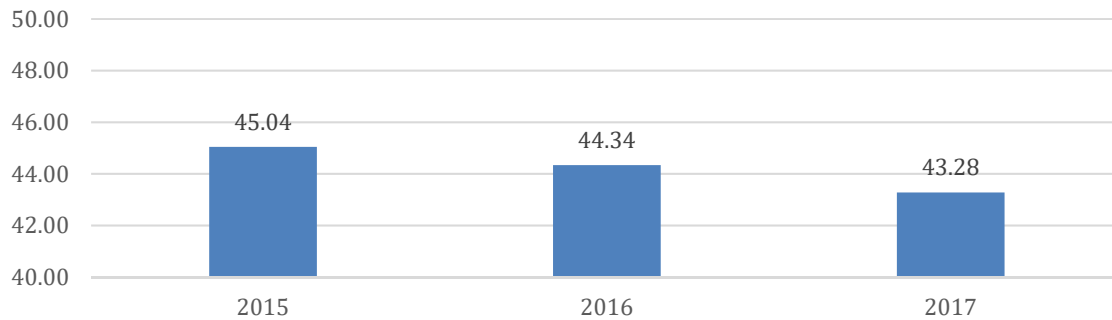
Exhibit 38: Total Hours Booked at Fields of Uxbridge



Source: Booking data provided by the Uxbridge Soccer Club (2015-2017)

While the total hours booked at the Fields of Uxbridge has increased slightly over the past three years, the average number of hours booked per field has remained relatively stable, indicating that more fields are actively being used in 2017 than in the previous years. Taking all fields into account, this translates to an average utilization rate of 9% in 2015, and 8% in both 2016 and 2017.

Exhibit 39: Average Number of Hours Booked per Field at Fields of Uxbridge



Source: Booking data provided by the Uxbridge Soccer Club (2015-2017)

While field use is typically rotated year-to-year to allow for field resting time, the most used fields at FOU include the following:

Exhibit 40: Fields with the Highest Utilization at Fields of Uxbridge (2015-2017)

Year	Field	Hours Booked	Utilization Rate
2015	FOU 11	105	20%
	FOU 13	84	16%
	FOU 18 ¹⁵	96	18%
2016	FOU 12	84	16%
	FOU 16	117	22%
2017	FOU 15	99	19%
	FOU 16	96	18%

Source: Booking data provided by the Uxbridge Soccer Club (2015-2017)

The soccer fields at FOU are in good condition, according to the 2016 Asset Management Plan, the parking lot and driveways are identified as being in fair condition.

¹⁵ While the Fields of Uxbridge has 17 designated soccer fields at present, there are additional fields that are used for practice purposes only and therefore not included in the inventory.

Herrema Fields

Herrema Fields is home to three (3) soccer fields. This includes 2 full-size irrigated fields (both lit), and 1 mid-size field (unlit), which can be reconfigured as 2 mini fields as required.

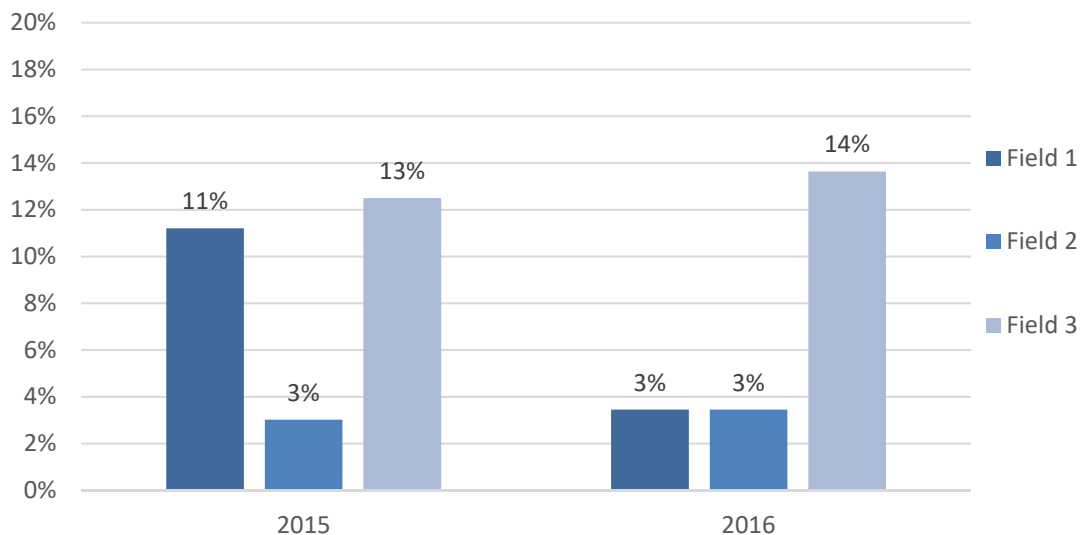
The soccer fields at Herrema Fields are used in a similar fashion to those fields located at FOU, however, because the full-size fields are lit, the prime time hours are extended (5:00pm to 11:00pm). These fields are typically booked by competitive adult teams.

The data received from the Uxbridge Soccer Club indicates that Field #3 (unlit and can be reconfigured into two mini fields) is used the most, with 14% of prime time booked in 2016. This is relatively stable from the previous year (13%). The utilization of Field #1 dropped from 11% to 3% between 2015 and 2016, while Field #2 bookings remained steady at 3%.

In 2015, there were a total of 165 hours booked for all three fields at Herrema Fields, with an average utilization rate of 9%. This number dropped in 2016 to a total of 120 hours booked, with a corresponding utilization rate of 6%.

It should be noted that the data received for 2017 did not include any bookings at Herrema Fields.

Exhibit 41: Herrema Fields Utilization Rates by Field (Prime Time)



Source: Booking data provided by the Uxbridge Soccer Club (2015-2017)

The 2016 Asset Management Plan identifies that most of the amenities at Herrema Fields are in good condition, with the exception of the outdoor lighting for the soccer fields, pavilion, and one of the playground structures which are considered to be in fair condition.

4.3.4 Tennis Courts

The Township has five (5) tennis courts located within its parks inventory. Tennis facilities are located at the Uxbridge Arena Park which is scheduled by the Uxbridge Tennis Club (UTC). Additional facilities are located at Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South) and Leaskdale Park which are available for casual play.

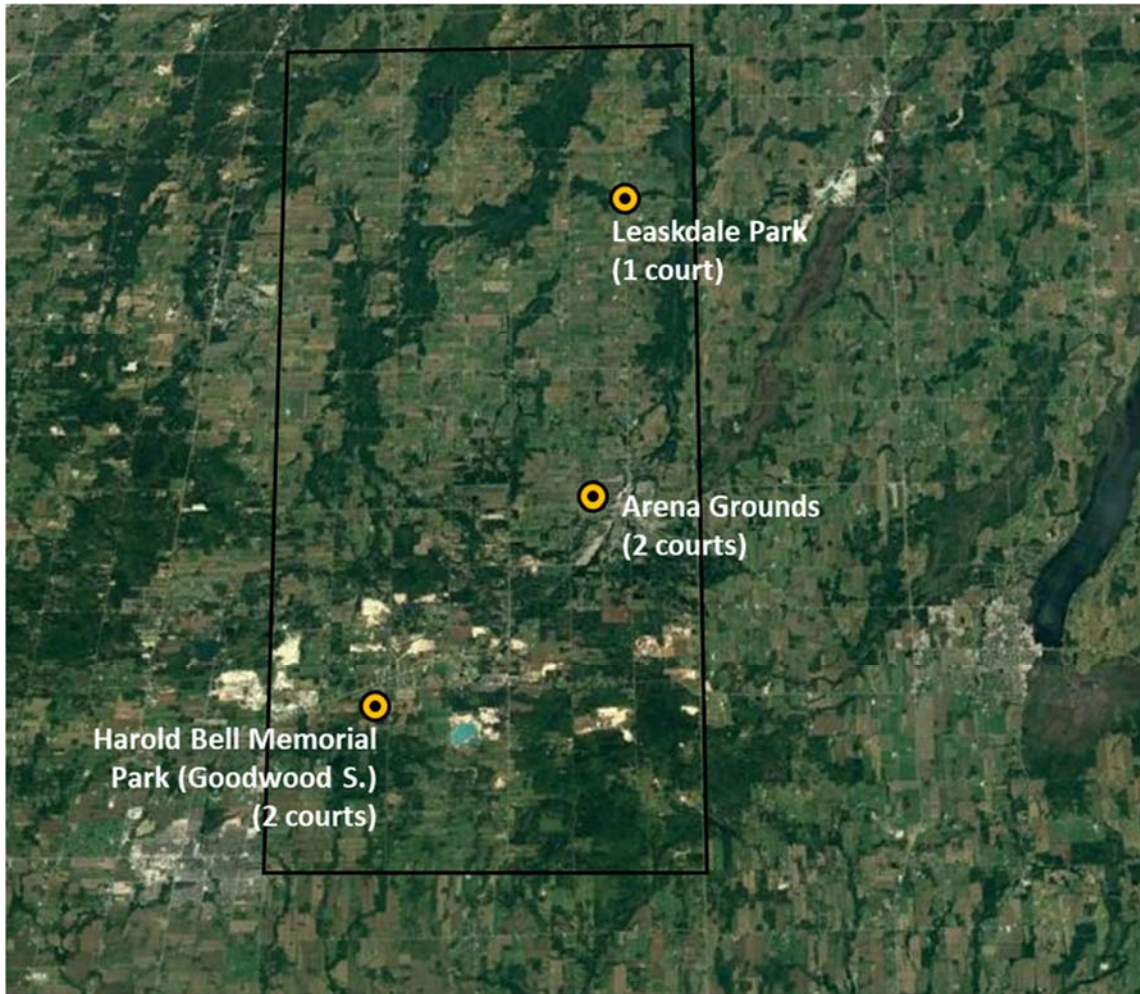
Exhibit 42: Inventory of Tennis Courts

Park Name	Tennis		Total
	Senior		
	<i>Lit</i>	<i>Unlit</i>	
Uxbridge Arena Grounds	2		2
Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South)	2		2
Leaskdale Park		1	1
Total	2	3	5

Uxbridge is currently providing one tennis court per 4,235 residents. This is within the level of service range when looking at comparable communities, which are providing tennis courts in the range of one court per 2,000 to 6,000 residents. This broad comparable range is likely due to the fact that tennis is a somewhat specialized sport, and therefore the provision levels often vary between communities depending on demand.

With the addition of four lit tennis courts, as proposed for development at the Fields of Uxbridge, the level of service for tennis courts within Uxbridge would be significantly be improved to one court per 2,352 residents.

Participation trends in tennis vary across communities, with continued growth typically being dependent on the local or regional clubs that actively promote the sport, provide programming, and offer venue opportunities. This, combined with the rapid growth in pickleball participation across the province (the Uxbridge Pickleball Club was recently formed and currently plays at St. Paul's Leaskdale Church), and evidence of growing registrations in tennis clubs (this is the case in Uxbridge as confirmed by the UTC), it is anticipated that the Township will continue to see demand and need for the existing courts and additional courts may be required in the future.

Exhibit 43: Uxbridge Tennis Courts Geographic Distribution

Source: Google Maps (2017), adapted by Sierra Planning and Management

Uxbridge Arena Grounds Courts

The Uxbridge Tennis Club uses the facilities at Uxbridge Arena Grounds and offers a variety of programs and activities to registered members, including junior tennis camps, group and private lessons, adult mixed doubles competitive league, tournaments, among others. At present, the UTC allocates time for member use and for public use based on the following schedule:

Exhibit 44: Uxbridge Arena Grounds Tennis Court Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
SUMMER (JULY / AUGUST)							
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Camps	Camps	Camps	Camps	Camps	Members	Public
4:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Members	Public	Members	Public	Members	Members	Public
SPRING / FALL (MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER)							
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Public	Public	Public	Public	Public	Public	Public
4:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Members	Public	Members	Public	Members	Members	Public

Source: UTC website and through discussions with UTC management team

The UTC is currently running seven summer camp sessions in 2017, utilizing the two tennis courts at the Uxbridge Arena Grounds. High enrollment numbers have resulted in an increased number of players per court to 10 players (the ideal number is 8 players per court for camps). This enables 20 players to participate per camp session. Even with this increase, the club is still experiencing the need for waitlists, which is typically 7 or 8 children per session.

Through discussions with the UTC management team a number of limitations related to the Uxbridge Arena Grounds were identified, including:

- Inability to hold inter-league tournaments due to the limited number of courts in this location (for example, the InterCounty Tennis Association requires a minimum of 3 courts in one location for tournament hosting, while 4 courts are preferred);
- Lack of a clubhouse facility – there is currently no designated area to host guests, book courts, or sign-up for programs; and,
- The club is continually experiencing an increase in demand for use of the courts by the public and its membership.

The UTC has a lease agreement with the Township for use of the Arena Grounds courts for a nominal fee. In return, 60% of the annual membership fees obtained are paid to the Township for maintenance of the courts.

The 2016 Asset Management Plan identifies that the tennis courts at the Arena Grounds are in fair condition. Of particular note is that the fencing, gates, posts, and anchors are now five years past their useful life limit, and other items, including penetration surfacing and outdoor lights, have now reached the end of their useful life.

Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South) Courts

The courts at Harold Bell Memorial Park are not programmed by the UTC, but are used on a casual basis by its members and the public. In the past, UTC tournaments (internal) have been hosted which utilize these courts in addition to those at the Arena Grounds, however, logistically, it is not ideal. The tennis courts at this location are identified as being in fair condition.

Leaskdale Park Court

From the field review, it is noted that the tennis court at Leaskdale Park is not maintained to the same standard as the other tennis courts in Uxbridge, namely the surface is asphalt rather than the preferred acrylic surfacing. This court is used for casual play by local residents.

The Leaskdale court is considered to be in fair condition, however the fencing is in poor condition.

4.3.5 Splash Pad and Skate Park

Bonner Boys Splash Pad

The Township manages one splash pad, located adjacent to the Uxbridge Arena. While there is no utilization data for the Bonner Boys Splash Pad, according to staff, this facility has been extremely well-used since opening in 2013. The splash pad operates from 10am to 9pm seven days a week for the summer months (typically July and August), and is considered to be in good condition.

Uxbridge Rotary Skate Park

There is one skate park facility within Uxbridge, located at the Fields of Uxbridge. The facility, designed for skateboarding, bicycling, rollerblading and scootering, opened in 2012 through joint funding provided by the Township, the Rotary Club, and a Trillium Grant from the provincial government.

With one skate park in the Township, the current level of provision is one skate park per 2,890 youth (ages 10 – 19). This is within the range offered by other communities, whose levels of provision ranged from one skate park per (less than) 1000 youth to 4,000 youth. The provision levels of each community depends on a number of local factors, including geographic distribution, age profile of the community, etc.

The 2016 Asset Management Plan identifies the facility to be in good condition.

4.3.6 Playgrounds

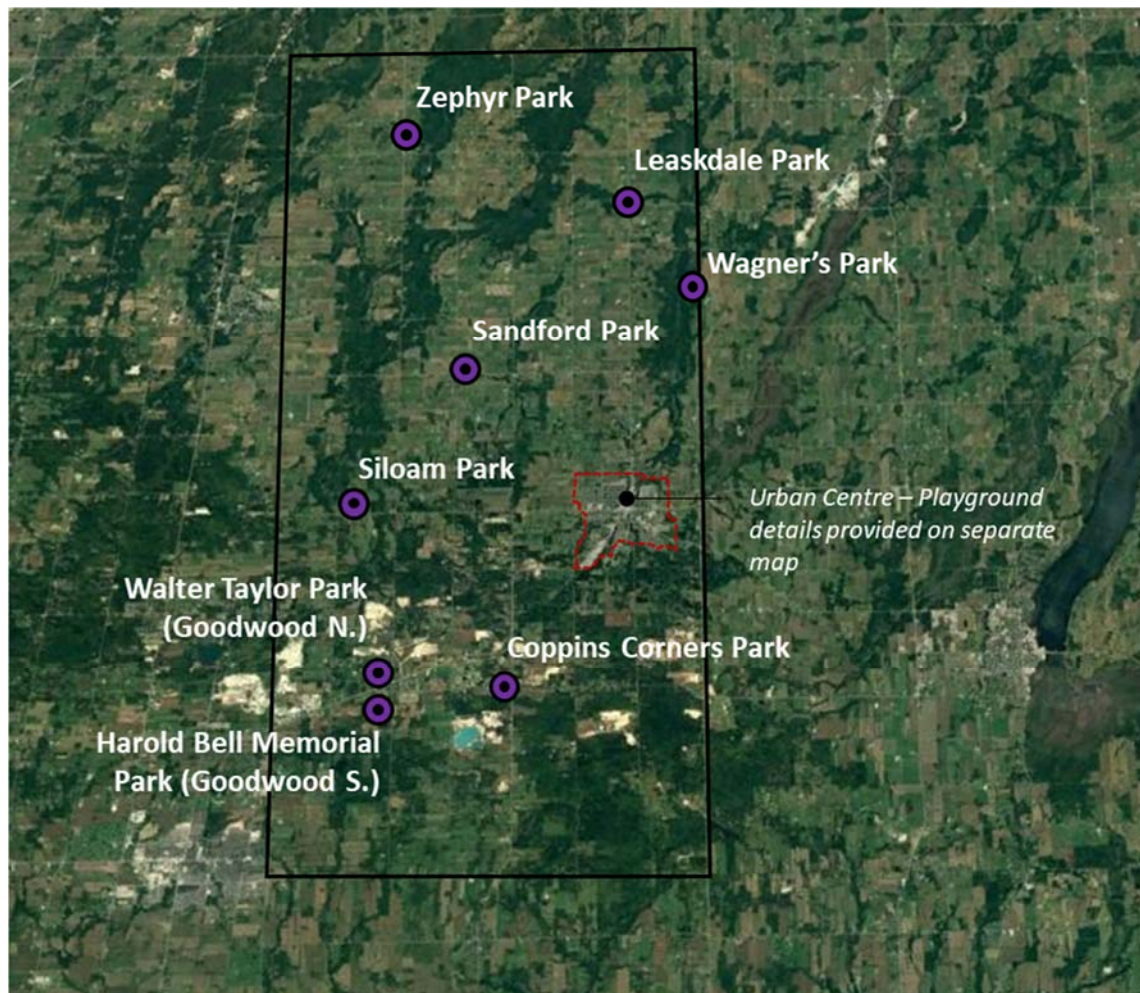
There are a total of 18 playgrounds within the Township's municipal supply, including two large structures at Elgin Park. An additional five playgrounds are located at school properties in the community.

The current level of provision for playgrounds within Uxbridge is one playground per 110 children (ages 0-9). This is slightly higher than levels of provision in comparable communities which ranged from one playground per 125 children to 300 children.

Playgrounds are important for fostering creative play and opportunities for physical activity and exercise, in addition to social engagement and gathering, especially within urban residential neighbourhoods. Playgrounds are typically designed for use by children and therefore should be located within an appropriate walking distance of residences. Neighbourhood characteristics, such as age profile, density, income, and ability, can provide guidance as to the degree of need and level of anticipated usage of these facilities.

Playgrounds are generally well distributed throughout the Township, with ten locations in the Urban Area, and eight playgrounds located in the rural hamlets.

Exhibit 45: Uxbridge Playground Geographic Distribution - Hamlets



Source: Google Maps (2017), adapted by Sierra Planning and Management

Exhibit 46: Uxbridge Playground Geographic Distribution – Urban Centre



Source: Google Maps (2017), adapted by Sierra Planning and Management

The 2016 Asset Management Plan identifies that the playground facilities at Wagner’s Park, King Street Parkette, and one facility at Leaskdale Park are in poor condition and past their useful life. Those playgrounds listed as in fair condition are located at Uxpool, Coppins Corners Park, Sandford Park, Siloam Park, Toronto Street Parkette, Elgin Park (one structure), and Testa Parkette (one structure), many of which are approaching the end of their useful life (within the next 5 years). All other playground facilities are in good condition.

Future planning for playground development and / or replacement and addressing important accessibility requirements (as stipulated by AODA) is an important strategy moving forward. The locations of fully accessible playgrounds should be considered at community parks where ancillary accessible amenities can be provided (i.e. accessible pathways, barrier-free washrooms, etc.), while partially accessible playgrounds and other playground innovations should be considered in local parks as play structures / features require replacement.

4.3.7 Other Sports Facilities

The Township's parks offer a number of other outdoor recreation facilities, including:

- Half-court basketball facilities located at Leaskdale Park, Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South) and Zephyr Park. Basketball nets are also located at many of the local school properties.
- A beach volleyball court located at Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South). It is understood that this facility is well used for local league play on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays throughout the summer months.
- A lawn bowling green located at the Uxbridge Arena Grounds.

4.3.8 Special Event Facility: Elgin Park

While Elgin Park has some sport and recreation related amenities (i.e. ball diamond, playgrounds, recently added adult fitness equipment, etc.), it is also the main location where special events occur within the Township. This includes the Fall Fair, Canada Day celebrations, Rib Fest, Art in the Park Festival, among others. In order to facilitate these events, Elgin Park contains additional amenities related to the hosting of special events:

- Band shell / amphitheatre with spectator seating;
- Washroom building;
- Horse ring with bleachers (on average, 6 horse shows / events are held annually);
- Tractor pull area with benches and communications tower;
- Ancillary buildings (Agriculture Building, Red Barn, Craft Building / Fair Board Building, and the Lion's Food Booth); and,
- Event infrastructure (water, hydro, etc.) throughout the park.

The 2016 Asset Management Plan identifies a majority of the amenities to be in good condition. The picnic shelter, demolition area, red barn and craft building are identified as being in fair condition, while the washroom building and wooden benches at the demolition area are in poor condition (in addition to the ball diamond, as identified above).

Through discussions with some of the groups that use Elgin Park, it is apparent that they are generally very satisfied with the condition, operations and maintenance of the facility as a whole. However, a number of important issues and concerns were identified, including:

- Washroom building is not accessible and is in need of upgrades;
- Concern related to the structural integrity of the Red Barn building;
- Lack of lighting along the Water Street connection (within park) to Elgin Park Drive is a safety concern;
- Lack of lighting at the horse ring limits the available times for use of the facility (i.e. into the evening hours);
- Due to the fact that Elgin Park hosts such a wide variety of events, competing uses of the park often limits availability of some of the amenities, namely the horse ring;

- Topography of the park (rolling hills and sloped areas) can limit the usable space available for special events; and,
- Parking on-site for certain special events, in particular the Fall Fair, is becoming constrained, as the event is currently running at capacity with the space available in the park.

While Elgin Park was classified as a Community Park in the preliminary classification, the Master Plan will address the appropriateness of this classification and whether an additional park typology may be warranted.

4.3.9 Trails

Within the Township of Uxbridge there are over 330 kilometres of managed trails, most of which are managed by a variety of groups, including Durham Region, the Conservation Authorities, local associations, and citizen groups. Because of the Township's extensive and growing network of trails, it has been officially designated as the Trail Capital of Canada by Industry Canada. Many of the trails located within the Township are considered to be multi-use and can be used for walking, jogging, running, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, cycling, mountain biking, and in some cases, horseback riding and motorized users (i.e. snowmobiling).

Two major trails systems, the Great Trail (Trans-Canada Trail) and the Oak Ridges Trail intersect in Uxbridge. The Township manages over 30 kilometres of trails, primarily located within parks, residential developments, and at the Countryside Preserve. These trails include the following:

Barton Trail is a 2.0 km trail that encircles the Barton Farms community. The trail connects with Herrema Fields, via residential streets and through woodlands in the area.

Brookdale Trail is a local 3.7 km portion of the Great Trail (Trans Canada Trail) which runs from Elgin Park to Brookdale Road.

Butternut Trail is a 1.5 km sidewalk loop through the residential area at Brock Street and South Balsam Drive, passing the original farm homestead and the namesake Butternut tree. It links to the South Balsam Trail to the south and the Quaker Trail to the north.

The Countryside Preserve has 6 kilometres (km) of marked trails within 140 acres of meadowland, woodland, wetland and ponds, located just south of the urban boundary of Uxbridge. Access is provided behind the shopping complex on Highway 47 at Concession 6. Permitted uses include walking, running, bicycling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

Ewen Trail comprises 3.4 km with the main trailhead at the intersection of Main Street and Mills Street. This trail travels through rural and urban areas, including a section through Elgin Park.

Historic Rotary Trail is mostly an on-street trail which runs through the oldest parts of Uxbridge, including Centennial Park and Elgin Park. It consists of 2.4 km of trails and has historical interpretive signage along its route.

John McCutcheon Way is an important part of the Great Trail (Trans Canada Trail) within Uxbridge and includes a refurbished rail trestle bridge.

Maple Bridge Trail is a single path that is 1.5 km in length, running alongside a stream with a connection to the Quaker Trail.

O’Neil Trail is a 2.4 km trail located on the Fields of Uxbridge site.

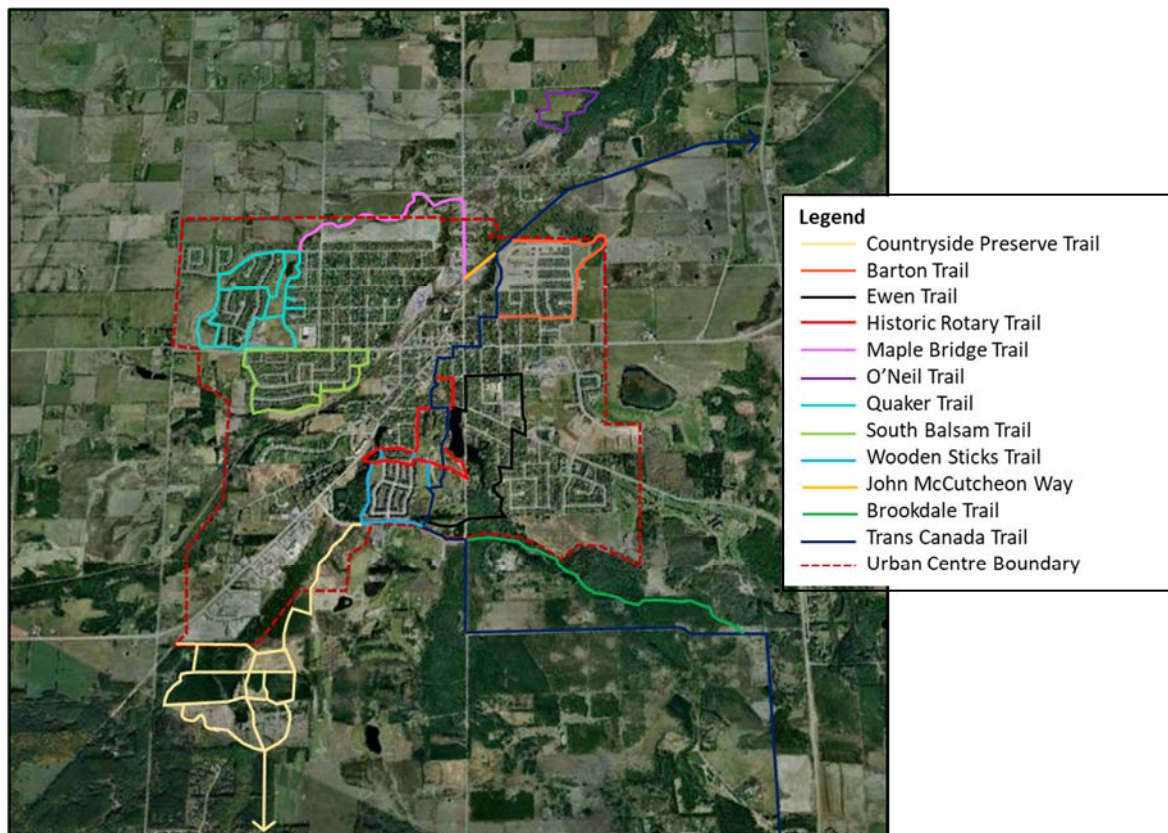
Quaker Trail is located northwest of the intersection of Brock Street West and Quaker Village Drive. The trail totals 3.7 km, with a portion of the trail located in Quaker Village Park and connections to the Uxbridge Historical Centre (museum).

South Balsam Trail is 2.5 km in length with some portions running along urban streets and others portions taking users through more natural settings.

Wooden Sticks Trail is approximately 2 km in length with sections running through Elgin Park, a dense wooded area, and the Estates of Wooden Sticks housing development.

These trails, as well as the portion of the Trans Canada Trail that run through Uxbridge, are depicted on the exhibit below.

Exhibit 47: Uxbridge Trail Facilities Map



Source: Google Maps (2017), adapted by Sierra Planning and Management

In addition to the Great Trail (Trans Canada Trail), Oak Ridges Trail, and Township-owned trails, there are a number of trail systems located within the Township that are under the management of local conservation authorities, including:

The South-East Uxbridge / East Duffins Headwaters is an extensive network of 100 km of trails spread over 1,000 acre of Durham Regional Forest’s main tract (managed by the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority) and the 4,000 acres of land managed by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority. Permitted uses include hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

In addition to the main tract of the **Durham Regional Forest**, identified above, there are a number of other tracts within the Township which offer trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

The Glen Major Forest and Walker Woods, Brock Tract and North Walker Woods are areas of environmentally significant forest on the Oak Ridges Moraine, and managed by the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority. There are over 50 km of trails located on these lands.

The South-West Uxbridge / West Duffins Headwaters area does not currently have any formal trails, however, there are plans to extend trails into the Goodwood Tract and the 7,200 acres of federal Green Space.

The South-East Uxbridge area has a number of opportunities for trail development in the future. In this area, to the south of the Countryside Preserve there is a connection to the Durham Regional Forest tract, accessed off of Wagg Road, where parking is also provided.

The Township has indicated plans to increase its network of trails and actively encourages a “green” link between Uxbridge and the Greater Toronto Area. This has recently been acknowledged and a step forward to realizing this ambition is now underway. In June 2017, the Green Durham Association received an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant for \$75,000 to be used to develop a master plan for a proposed trail linkage between the Oak Ridges Trail system and the northern section of the new Rouge National Urban Park, located on the eastern edge of the City of Toronto. A portion of this linkage will be within the Township of Uxbridge. Additional funding for the \$150,000 project will be provided by Parks Canada, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Oak Ridges Trail Association, and Green Durham Association.

Through discussions with user groups and members of the public, it became evident that there is concern about the current level of maintenance related to the trails within Uxbridge. It is understood that a majority of maintenance is currently done as a joint effort between the Township and local volunteers / user groups. With a growing trail network and limited funds within the Township reserves dedicated to the operations and maintenance of trails, this concern is well-founded.

5 Municipal Investment in Outdoor Recreation

5.1 Operating Investment

The operating budget for parks, trails and camps accounted for approximately 5.72% of the total proposed 2017 Operating Budget of the municipal corporation. Based on the 2017/2018 Operating Budget, in 2017, the Township of Uxbridge is budgeted to spend approximately \$644,000 in operating dollars for parks and trails – This amounts to approximately \$30 per capita and includes costs associated with the delivery of outdoor park facilities. This has decreased slightly over the spending per capita in 2015 (see exhibit 45 below), when the spending per capita for parks was \$36.86¹⁶.

Exhibit 48: Summary of Uxbridge 2017 Operating Budget

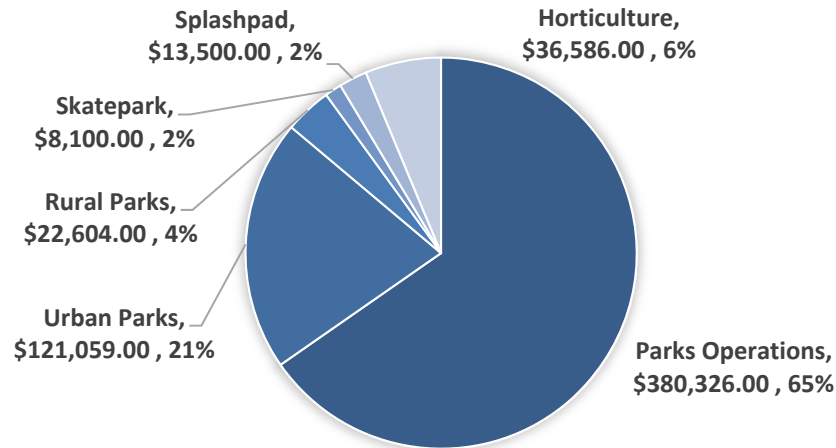
Item	2017 Budget	% of 2017 Budget
General Government	2,966,818	19.94%
Fire Services	1,369,235	9.20%
Development Services	746,269	5.02%
Public Works and Operations	5,215,142	35.05%
Arena and Parks	1,723,850	11.59%
Arena	1,141,675	7.67%
Parks	582,175	3.91%
Recreation, Culture and Tourism	1,372,060	9.22%
Cultural Facilities	238,020	1.60%
Tourism	62,542	0.42%
Heritage	3,500	0.02%
Uxpool	632,669	4.25%
Camps	206,214	1.39%
Programs and Administration	42,131	0.28%
Healthy Kids Program	125,000	0.84%
Trails	61,984	0.42%
Library	848,119	5.70%
Economic Development	11,700	0.08%
Financial Activities	112,000	0.75%
Other Expenses	222,715	1.50%
Contribution to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital	30,000	0.20%
Capital Projects Levy	260,280	1.75%
Total	14,878,188	100%

Source: Township of Uxbridge 2015/2016 Operating Budget

¹⁶ Figure is assumed to include parks only, and not include trails.

The majority of annual parks expenses are associated with the general operations of outdoor facilities, as well as the urban parks which not only serves the local resident base but are also attractors for residents in the surrounding hamlets and adjacent municipalities.

Exhibit 49: Township of Uxbridge 2017 Approved Parks Operating Budget



5.2 Outdoor Facility Cost Recovery

The exhibit below illustrates the 2015 per capita spending on parks for comparable communities in Ontario, that is, those communities within proximity to the GTA with urban centres and rural populations. This is based on 2015 Financial Information Return (FIR) data published by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) (latest data available). Municipalities are required to report municipal performance data in the Financial Information Return (FIR) on an annual basis. The data can be used in the calculation of performance measures for services provided. It should be noted that the information which is included in each individual category within the FIR cannot be confirmed and may differ slightly across municipalities.

Exhibit 50: 2015 Spending Per Capital Comparison for Parks

Municipality	Population	Expenditures	Spending Per Capita
Town of Uxbridge (2017 Budget) ¹⁷	21,178	\$644,158	\$30.42
Town of Uxbridge (2015 FIR)	21,178	\$780,581	\$36.86
Township of Brock	11,642	\$390,473	\$33.54
Township of Scugog	21,617	\$1,014,663	\$46.94
Bradford West Gwillimbury	35,325	\$1,558,924	\$44.13
Whitchurch Stouffville	45,837	\$2,555,383	\$55.75

¹⁷ Includes expenditures for parks and trails.

Source: Province of Ontario – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Financial Information Return (2015)

The exhibit below provides a breakdown of current revenues, expenses and cost recovery for each comparable municipality based on parks. Cost recovery for outdoor facilities often varies across municipalities based on differential rental rates, annual utilization and bookings.

Exhibit 51: 2015 Financial Information Return (FIR) Comparison

		A	B	C	C-A	A/C	B/C
	Recreation Services	Revenues with Grants	Revenues excl. Grants	Expenditures (after adjustments)	Net of Income (NOI) with Grants	% Cost Recovery with Grants	% Cost Recovery excl. Grants
Town of Uxbridge 21,178 population	Parks	\$ 54,914	\$ 53,594	\$ 780,581	\$ 725,667	7%	7%
Township of Brock 11,642 population	Parks	\$ 1,007	\$ 1,007	\$ 390,473	\$ 389,466	0%	0%
Township of Scugog 21,617 population	Parks	\$ 32,927	\$ 32,927	\$ 1,014,663	\$ 981,736	3%	3%
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury 35,325 population	Parks	\$ 88,003	\$ 69,608	\$ 1,558,924	\$ 1,470,921	6%	4%
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville 45,837 population	Parks	\$182,739	\$136,149	\$ 2,555,383	\$ 2,372,644	7%	5%

Note: Grants include Ontario Conditional Grants, Canada Conditional Grants, Ontario Grants – Tangible Capital Assets, and Canada Grants – Tangible Capital Assets. Source: Province of Ontario – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Financial Information Return (2015)

Based on the 2015 FIR statement for the Township of Uxbridge, the current rate of cost recovery for parks is 7%, including grant monies from provincial and other sources. This compares to a range of 0% to 7% for other comparable municipalities (excluding grants).

Municipal cost recovery for camps is estimated at 108% based on the Township's 2016 operating budget, as the Township does not run programming at a loss.

5.3 Planned Capital Investments

In addition of important operating dollars, the Township is planning to invest in significant capital initiatives over the next few years, including a new Fire Station, the Brock Street Culvert project, and a new Animal Shelter, which is a joint venture with the Township of Scugog. In addition to these approved projects, the Township's 2016/2017 Capital Budget identifies a number of projects to advance the development of the Fields of Uxbridge to 2026, for which a master plan was developed in 2016. These projects include new soccer field and upgrades to existing fields, additional parking facilities, irrigation and lighting for fields, pavilion and washroom facilities. It should be noted that the allocations identified in the Capital Budget for

the Fields of Uxbridge (and other projects) are provided for guidance and little or no funding is currently in place.

Other Capital Priorities for Recreation

For the purposes of this project, the 2017 to 2026 capital forecast for the Township of Uxbridge represents the Municipality's more recent statement of capital expenditures for parks and trails. Capital forecasts for the Fields of Uxbridge (FOU) are planned to amount to \$2.48 M between 2017 and 2026 – this includes investment in a washroom facility, tennis facility, site servicing, irrigation, and other items.

Additional park-related capital expenditures planned between 2017 and 2026 include future investment in Elgin Park – specifically, replacement of the washroom building and extension of the walkway lighting. Capital construction at Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South) includes new fencing and general field improvements. Specifically, the Municipality's 2017-2026 capital budget allots the following, as detailed in the exhibit below:

- \$2,855,000 for park-related projects; and,
- \$124,000 towards trail development and improvements.

Exhibit 52: Planned Capital Project for Parks and Trails in Uxbridge per the 2016/2017 Capital Budget

Project Description	Timing	Gross Project Cost
Parks		\$2,855,000
FOU - New washroom facility and site servicing	2017	\$1,100,000
FOU - Additional parking, water and sewer hookup	2019	\$550,000
FOU - Storage facility, irrigation, field lighting, pavilion, washrooms	2020	\$480,000
FOU - video camera system, irrigation	2021	\$80,000
Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood S.) – fence, field improvements	2021	\$100,000
FOU - irrigation	2022	\$150,000
Elgin Park - walkway lighting	2022	\$45,000
FOU - new tennis courts	2023	\$120,000
Elgin Park - replace washroom building	2023	\$230,000
Trail Development		\$124,000
South Balsam - bridge replacement	2017	\$30,000
Countryside Preserve - main entrance, replace boardwalk / bridge	2017	\$30,000
Trans Canada Trails land acquisition	2017	\$25,000
Barton Bridge - replacement	2018	\$15,000
Wooden Sticks Trail - improvements	2019	\$10,000
Maple Bridge Trail - improvements	2019	\$14,000

Source: Township of Uxbridge Capital Budget 2016/2017

6 Service Delivery and Programs

6.1 Current Municipal Model of Recreation Delivery

In general, the Township of Uxbridge has adopted a community development model of recreation delivery. More specifically:

- The Township is the provider of the first-resort for major outdoor recreation facilities and programs where there is no comparable offer in the private and volunteer sector.
- As it relates to event hosting and other activities / programs delivered by the volunteer sector (e.g. minor sport groups), the Township supports these initiatives through the provision of access to outdoor facilities for activities.

The primary municipal department for the delivery of outdoor recreation in Uxbridge is the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Tourism Department. This department has responsibility for the planning, investment, maintenance and operation of park facilities, playgrounds, sport fields, trails, arena, and community halls, as well as aquatics and ‘dry-land’ programming (i.e., fitness, public skates, summer camps and more, many of which occur in indoor facilities).

6.2 Supporting Committees and Partnerships

6.2.1 Committees of Council

There are a number of Committees of Council that support the delivery of recreation within the Township, in particular outdoor recreation. These committees generally have a mandate to support the planning and project details related to special facilities. This includes:

- Uxbridge Town Trails Committee: has a mandate to plan and implement, as well as advise Council on all matters related to trails in the Township. The committee also works closely with the local trail partners and volunteers.
- Pump Park Committee: is responsible for advising and reporting to Council on the development, fundraising, and design of the Pump Track proposed to be located at the Fields of Uxbridge.
- Accessibility Advisory Committee: has a broad mandate to effectively plan for accessibility needs and requirements for a range of community facilities, including outdoor recreation facilities and assets.

6.2.2 Partnerships with Community Groups / Organizations

The Township partners with a number of local and regional service providers through the provision of facility access for the delivery of programs and directly related to the provision of programming, including but not limited to the following:

Uxbridge Soccer Club (USC)

The Township has a lease agreement with the Uxbridge Soccer Club for primary use of the Fields of Uxbridge. As part of this lease, the USC maintains the fields (including grass cutting, turf repairs, seeding, line work, etc.). For any major field repairs or undertakings the USC works closely with the Town to develop an approach for the implementation and funding of these initiatives. The USC gets first right to use / access the fields, and can regulate (to a degree) the types of uses that can occur on the fields.

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program

The Township's Recreation Department partners with the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program to help children between the ages of 4 and 18 participate in sports and physical activity programming. To date, there have been 561 participants¹⁸ in the Uxbridge Chapter who have taken part in a variety of programs offered by the Township. The Uxbridge Tennis Club also partners with the Jumpstart Program.

The Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program is also a project partner for the Healthy Kids Community Challenge, as described below.

Durham Region

Grade 5 Action Pass: The Grade 5 Action Pass enables Durham Region Grade 5 students free access to public swimming, public skating, and other programs throughout the year. Within the Township of Uxbridge, students can use their pass for public swimming and public skating, however, students can use any of the participating recreation facilities including the Abilities Centre in Whitby, which offers drop-in classes and programs as part of this pass.

Healthy Kids Community Challenge: Within Durham Region, three municipalities (Ajax, Oshawa and Uxbridge) were chosen (in addition to 42 other communities across Ontario), to be a part of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge. The primary goal of this initiative is to support the well-being of children through the promotion of healthy eating, physical activity, and healthy behaviours for children. This is a short-term initiative which began in 2015 and will end in the spring of 2018.

Other important community partners for outdoor facilities include the Rotary and Lion's Clubs, as well as the Optimists Club and Bonner Boys, each lending volunteer hours and fundraising dollars to provide support for facility maintenance and capital development and infrastructure in park related infrastructure.

¹⁸ Source: Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program Uxbridge Chapter Dashboard. Obtained from https://jumpstart.smartsimple.ca/ex/ex_openreport.jsp on June 16, 2017.

6.3 Municipal Program Performance

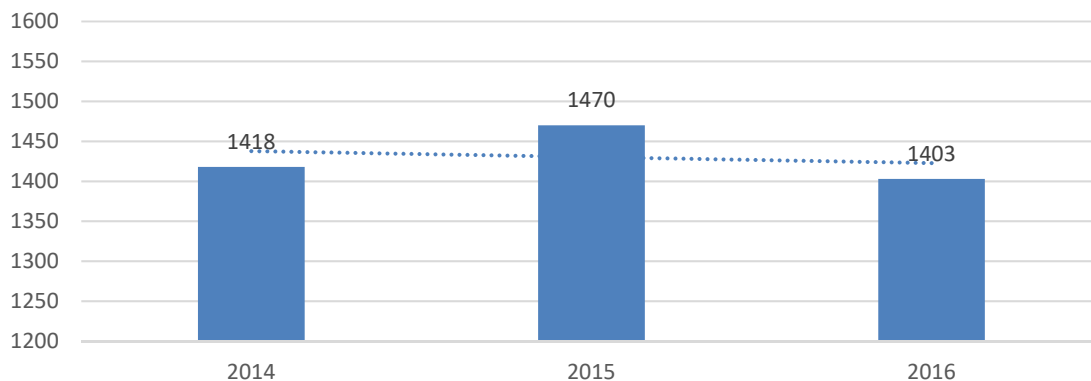
6.3.1 Existing Program Offer

The Township's program offer is mainly run out of the indoor facilities, such as the arena and pool. There are only a few Township-run programs that utilize the outdoor recreation facilities (parks, trails, and associated amenities). This includes summer camps, pole walking, and stroller fit, all of which are run out of Elgin Park. It should be noted that while summer camps are provided directly by the Township, pole walking and stroller fit programs are provided by independent contractors, but marketed and advertised by the Township.

6.3.2 Program Uptake and Participation

Participation in the camp programs in Uxbridge has remained steady over the past three years (2014 to 2016). While the figures in the exhibit below include both March Break and summer camps, a majority (+/- 90%) of the registrants are for the summer camp programs.

Exhibit 53: Camp Registrations, 2014-2016



Source: Program registration data provided by the Township of Uxbridge

The pole walking and stroller fit programs are drop-in, meaning the participants do not register for a set number of classes, and therefore, no program attendance data is available. However, speaking with Township staff and local residents, it is understood that these programs are quite popular and well-attended.

7 What We Heard

To date, a number of community engagement activities related to the development of the Parks Master Plan have been undertaken. This includes two surveys (one for the public and one for user groups), internal and external stakeholder interviews, and a community workshop to garner input from stakeholders and community members who currently use the facilities and will in the future. The following provides an overview of what we have heard thus far in the process.

7.1 Community Workshop

A community workshop was held on June 15, 2017 at the Seniors Centre in Uxbridge. This session was advertised through a variety of means - via both social and print media, as well as direct invitations being sent to all affiliated groups. It is estimated that there were over 50 community members in attendance at the session.

The sessions began with a brief presentation followed by an interactive workshop where attendees were split into smaller working groups to provide input on key topics of discussion. Attendees were asked the following questions:

1. How do you use the park-related assets owned/operated by the Township or other providers (such as schools, etc.)?
 - a) What is your satisfaction with Township facilities?
 - b) What services or program changes would be ideal?
2. What opportunities do you see for partnerships with other organizations?
3. What is your goal for parks in the Township 20 years from now?

The outcomes of the community session have been summarized into the following key themes.

Enhancing Trail System & Accessibility of Green Spaces

The maintenance and promotion of Uxbridge's trail system was a key theme of the community workshop. Participants noted that more funding is needed to enhance trail development and maintenance. There is also a need for additional trail links for active transportation options (e.g., cycling), as well as to existing green spaces across the Township. It was also noted that the trail system needed special protection, with adequate buffers and appropriate recreation uses.

Participants generally appreciate that there were walkable green spaces within their neighbourhoods and were interested in maintaining this level of accessibility. However, some noted the need for improvements, such as creating more sidewalks. In the future, participants would like to see better access to parks for children and older adults, better connectivity of green spaces within hamlets, and improved active transportation routes that link into green spaces.

Specific Facility Improvements

In general, participants would like to see the current supply of parks and green spaces better maintained before the Township expands its supply of facilities. This includes more accessible parking, better maintained washrooms, enforced park rules, and better access for pedestrians and cyclists. There was also a suggestion to form a Parks Committee to help achieve these goals.

Participants noted that Elgin Park is well-used for events and camps, and functions well with the existing partnership between the Fair Board and the Township. Participants also used Elgin Park for pole walking, stroller fit, car shows and utilized the playgrounds. To initiate more park use, participants noted that Elgin Park needs more trees and also suggested the potential of making Elgin Pond swimmable.

Quaker Commons was also noted to be a well-used and accessible park space, providing walking trails for the school, a tobogganing hill, and a ball diamond (located at the Arena Grounds adjacent to Quaker Commons). The splash pad at the Arena Grounds is also well-used and participants favoured the location due to its proximity to the arena.

Although participants agreed the Fields of Uxbridge offers a number of opportunities due to the amount of space available, they also noted the lack of pedestrian access. If further developed, participants would like to see the Fields of Uxbridge better connected and maintained by the Township.

Other suggestions included revitalizing Centennial Park, developing more pickleball courts and creating park space on Campbell Drive.

7.2 Public Online Survey

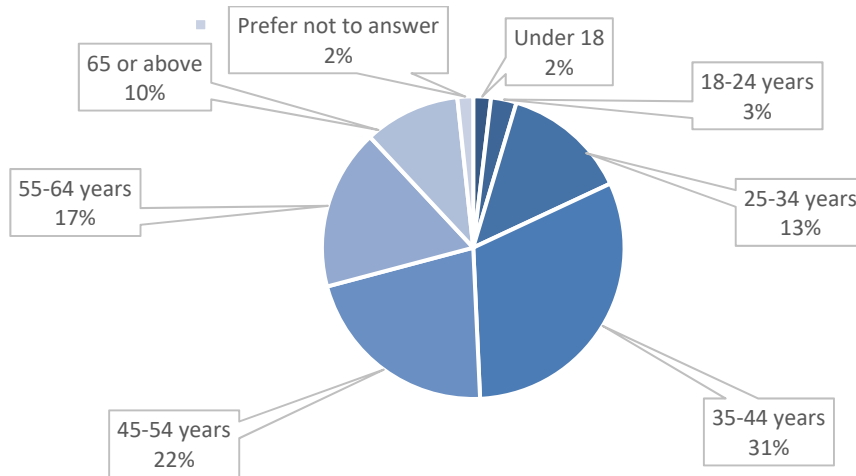
A public online survey was developed in order to garner input related to how the community currently uses the parks within Uxbridge, how satisfied they are with the existing infrastructure, and what changes they would like to see in the future. The survey was made available online on June 14, 2017 in conjunction with the Community Workshop, and was open for three weeks. In total, 602 responses were received. The following provides a summary of the outcomes of the public online survey.

7.2.1 Who We Heard From

Around 75% of online survey respondents identified themselves as being residents of the urban area of Uxbridge. The remainder of respondents reported living in hamlets such as Coppins Corners, Goodwood, and Sandford. A few respondents identified themselves as being residents of communities surrounding the Township of Uxbridge, such as Port Perry and north Pickering.

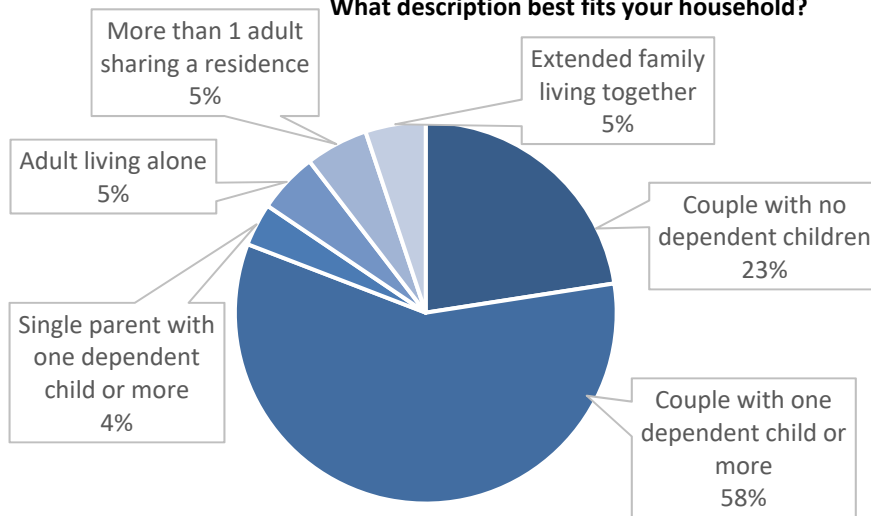
Older adults (that is, 55 years or older) accounted for 27% of respondents. Additionally, nearly half the respondents (44%) were between the ages of 25 and 44.

What is your age category?

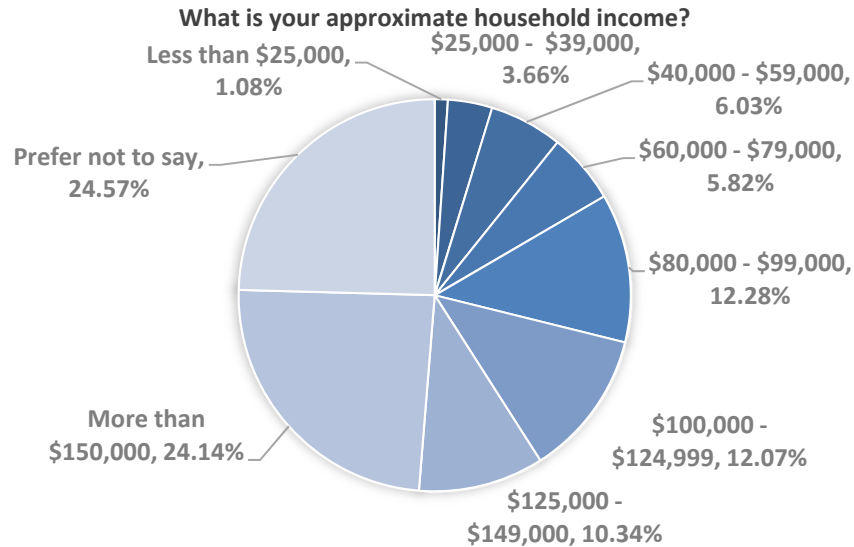


Over half of respondents (58%) indicated their household is best described as a “Couple with one dependent child or more”, while 23% said they were a couple with no dependent children. Together, these two household demographics likely encompass families with younger children, as well as older adults.

What description best fits your household?



While it appears that survey respondents represented various income brackets, 47% of respondents reported a household income of \$100,000 or higher. The 2011 Census reported that the average after-tax household income in Uxbridge was \$92,526. Approximately 11% of respondents indicated a household income of \$59,000 or less (that is, much below the Township average). The perspectives from lower income respondents are valuable, as it is expected that affordable access to facilities and opportunities will be important to this cohort of respondents.



7.2.2 Outdoor Facilities

When asked, approximately 84% of online survey respondents indicated they or their family members used outdoor municipal recreation facilities such as sport fields and courts.

Outdoor facilities were divided by type and respondents were asked which facilities they (and/or a family member) have used in the past year. The results summarized below indicate the most common responses for each outdoor facility type:

- Ball Diamonds: Elgin Park (73%);
- Soccer Fields: Fields of Uxbridge (85%);
- Tennis Courts: Quaker Commons (Arena) (75%);
- Other Sport Courts/Outdoor Activity Arenas: Rotary Skate Park (95% of those who use Skate Parks); and,
- Playgrounds: Elgin Park (83%).

Of those respondents who indicated that they use the outdoor facilities, most reported they felt “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied”. In particular, playgrounds and soccer fields had the highest levels of satisfaction. When asked to suggest ways to improve outdoor recreation facilities, the community responses indicated a need to maintain cleanliness of outdoor facilities and invest in repairs and upgrades. The most common responses are summarized below:

- Playground equipment across Township needs to be upgraded and include more options for children and youth of all age groups and abilities. Some respondents noted that a playground within walking distance from Campbell Drive would be beneficial.
- Lack of public washrooms, especially at larger parks such as Fields of Uxbridge.
- General maintenance upkeep at ball diamonds such as updating aging bleachers, grass cutting.

- Uneven and patchy soccer pitches at Fields of Uxbridge – respondents noted a need to address the holes and grass maintenance, as well as parking issues.

In addition, over half of the respondents (56%) indicated that the Township needs additional outdoor recreation facilities. While this was an open-ended question, many common themes prevailed. In particular, many respondents offered suggestions for the location of new outdoor amenities (e.g., outdoor pool, sports dome) and a significant number noted the importance of opportunities at Fields of Uxbridge and Elgin Park. Of those who offered suggestions, the most common responses for additional outdoor facilities included:

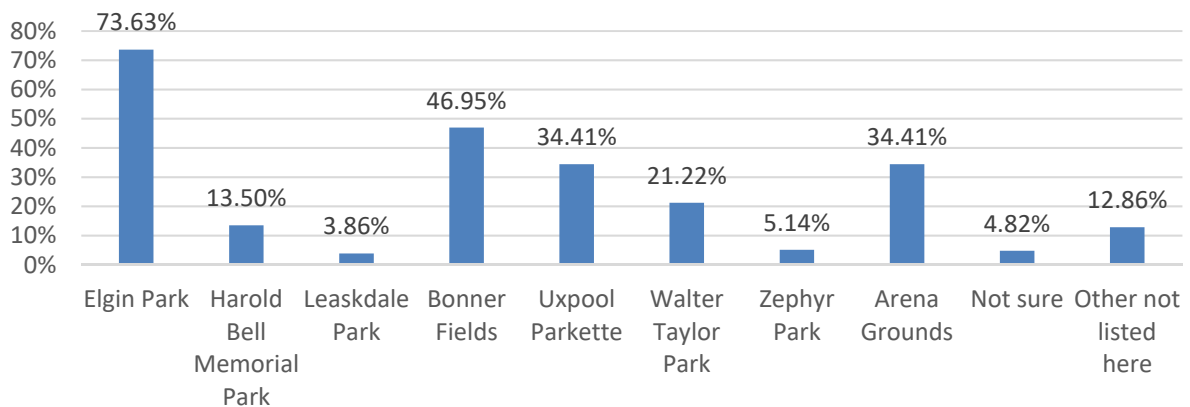
- A Pump Park – some respondents also noted their desire for BMX trails;
- A significant number of respondents indicated they would like to see an outdoor pool area with amenities such as slides and a splash pad;
- Off-leash dog parks and trails;
- Another notable suggestion was more horse riding-friendly facilities and trails – in particular, many respondents said Elgin Park would be an ideal place to target this activity; and,
- Outdoor sports dome for soccer, lacrosse and other related field sports. Many respondents suggested this could be located at the Fields of Uxbridge or at Elgin Park.

Ball Diamonds

Of the ball diamonds, respondents indicated they used Elgin Park the most (74%), which has one unlit diamond. This is followed by Bonner Fields, which included 47% of respondents and has two lit diamonds.

Although 45% of respondents indicated they were “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied” with the ball diamonds, a key concern for respondents is that they felt the ball diamonds are aging and could be upgraded. In particular, respondents suggested new seating, better mounding and drainage, new bleachers and benches at the Uxpool, Elgin Park and Bonner Fields ball diamonds.

Which baseball diamonds have you and/or a family member used in the past year?



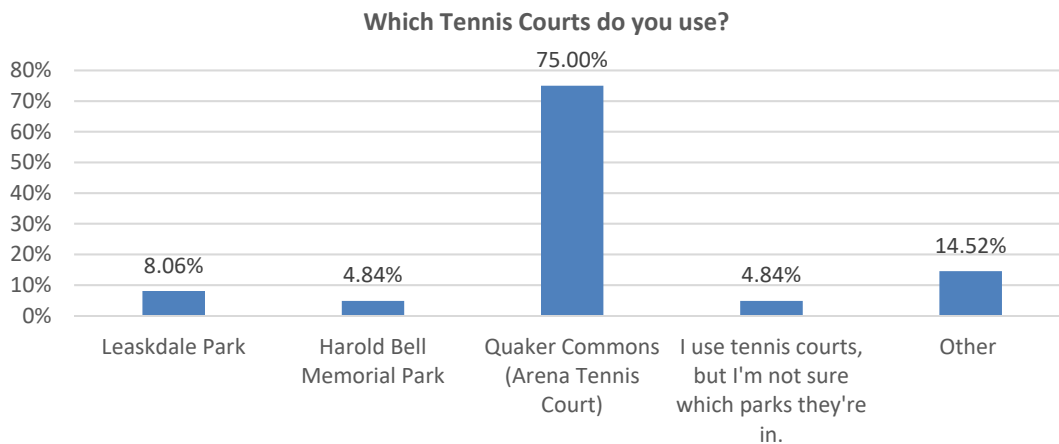
Soccer Fields

The use of soccer fields is heavily concentrated at the Fields of Uxbridge (85% of respondents), which has 17 unlit fields of varying sizes. The soccer fields at Herrema Fields were identified as being used by 39.2% of respondents.

Approximately 51% of respondents indicated they were “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied” with Uxbridge’s soccer fields. However, some respondents cited the following concerns: the need for ongoing grass maintenance, upgrading parking lot at the Fields of Uxbridge, and more washroom facilities.

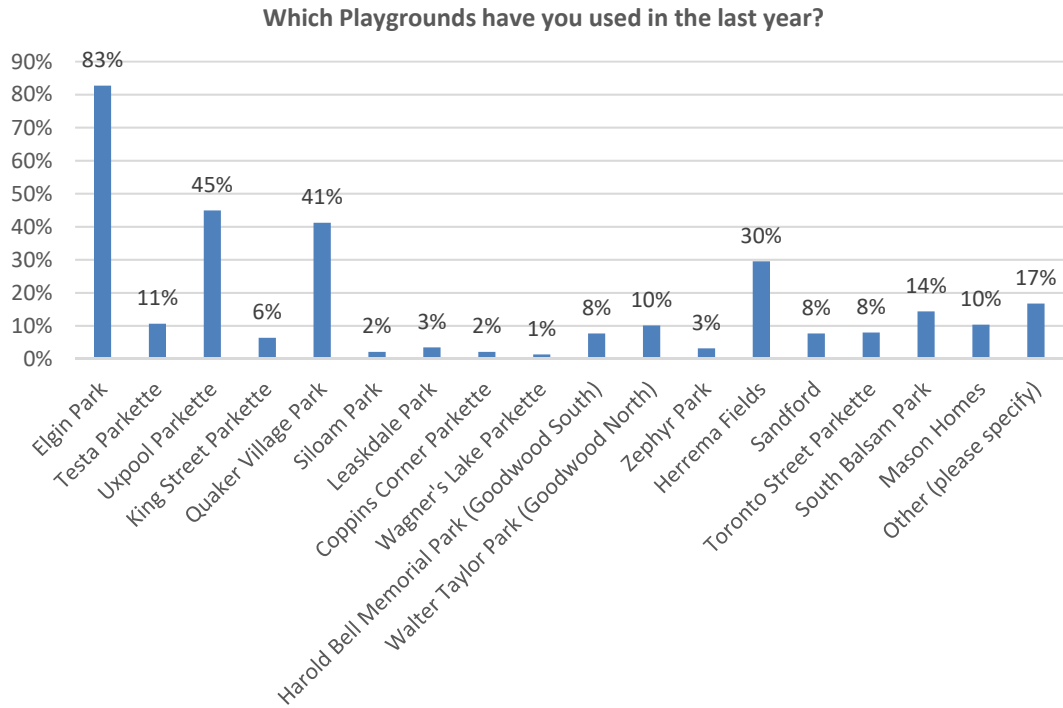
Tennis Courts

Similarly, the use of tennis courts in Uxbridge tends to be highly concentrated in one area. 75% of respondents indicated they use the tennis courts at Quaker Commons (beside the Arena).



Playgrounds

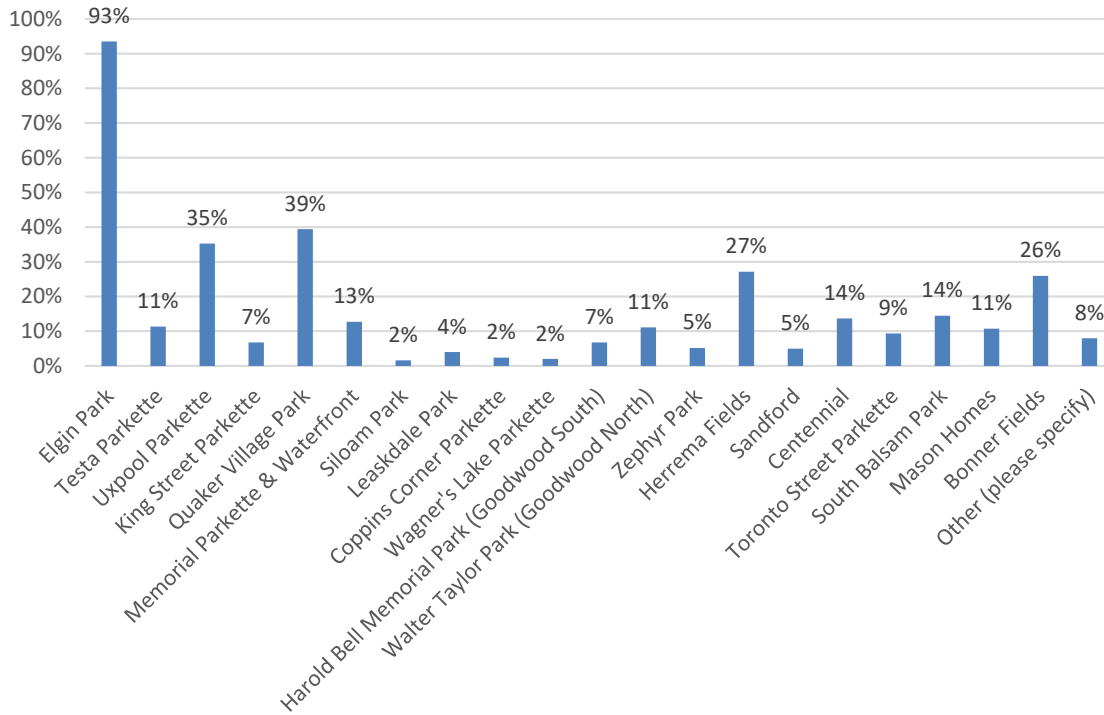
Of the Township’s playgrounds, Elgin Park (82.7% of respondents), Uxpool Parkette (44.9%), Quaker Village Park (41.2%) and Herrema Fields (29.5%) were the most used. Approximately 63% of respondents indicated they are “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied” with their experience of Uxbridge’s playgrounds. In addition to the common responses noted above, there was a general concern that playgrounds and playground equipment across Uxbridge should be upgraded.



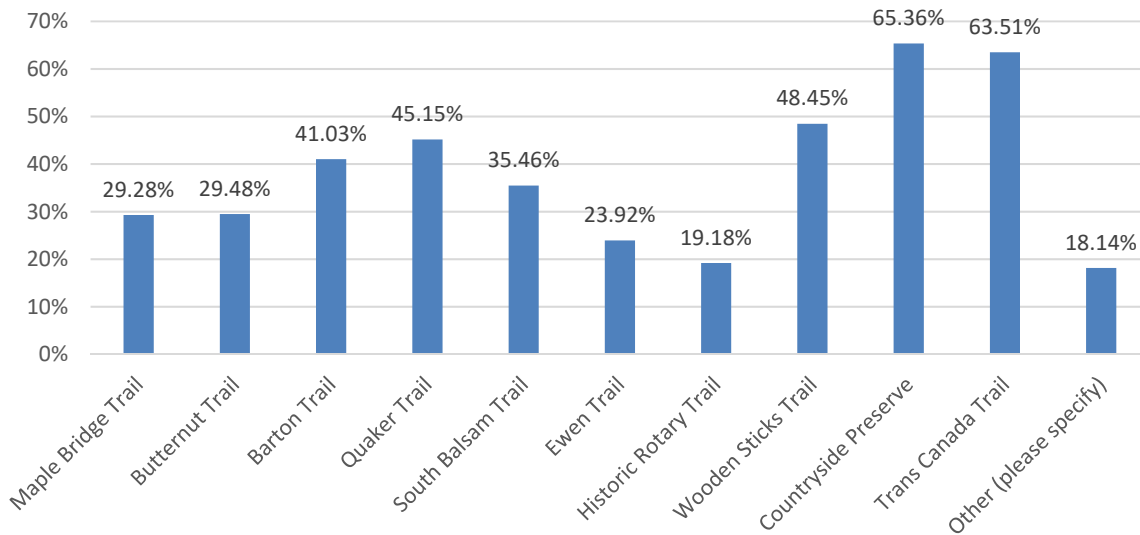
Parks & Trails

An overwhelming majority of respondents (98%) indicated they have visited a park or trail in Uxbridge in the last year. Of the parks, the majority of respondents indicated they visited Elgin Park the most (93%), followed by Quaker Village Park (39%) and Uxpool Parkette (35%), Herrema Fields (27%) and Bonner Fields (26%). This coincides with the high usage of these parks for their ball diamonds and/or sports fields.

Which parks have you and/or your family used in the past year?



Which Trails have you and/or your family used in the last year?



Trail use seems to be more concentrated in the south end of urban Uxbridge. Of the trails, 65% of respondents reported they use the Countryside Preserve Trail the most, followed by the Trans Canada Trail (64%) and the Wooden Sticks Trail (48%).

When asked to rate their experiences of Uxbridge’s parks and trails, most respondents indicated that the parks and trails met their expectations. In particular, safety and security ranked highest, with 92.9% of respondents indicating it met or exceeded their expectations. This is followed by 91.7% who said parking and the parks and trails met or exceeded their expectations, and 89.9% who reported that the range of outdoor facilities within parks met or exceeded their expectations. Conversely, 36% reported they were unsatisfied with the public washrooms at parks and trails, and 27% indicated they were unsatisfied with the access to garbage bins.

The importance of trails within Uxbridge was clearly heard from residents. Many respondents indicated that they felt the municipality could better capitalizing on being named the “Trails Capital of Canada”. The overarching vision for trails that was conveyed by respondents was for a comprehensive inter-connected network of trails, sidewalks, and safe crossing locations, with adequate signage and parking areas that can accommodate a wide variety of users. Respondents also indicated the importance of creating trail linkages to and through the numerous parks and open spaces within the Township, the most commonly noted was ensuring safe on-road and off-road connections to the Fields of Uxbridge.

Similar to the outdoor facilities question, survey respondents were invited to provide suggestions for parks and trails in an open-ended question. Of those who offered suggestions, the most common responses for additional outdoor facilities included:

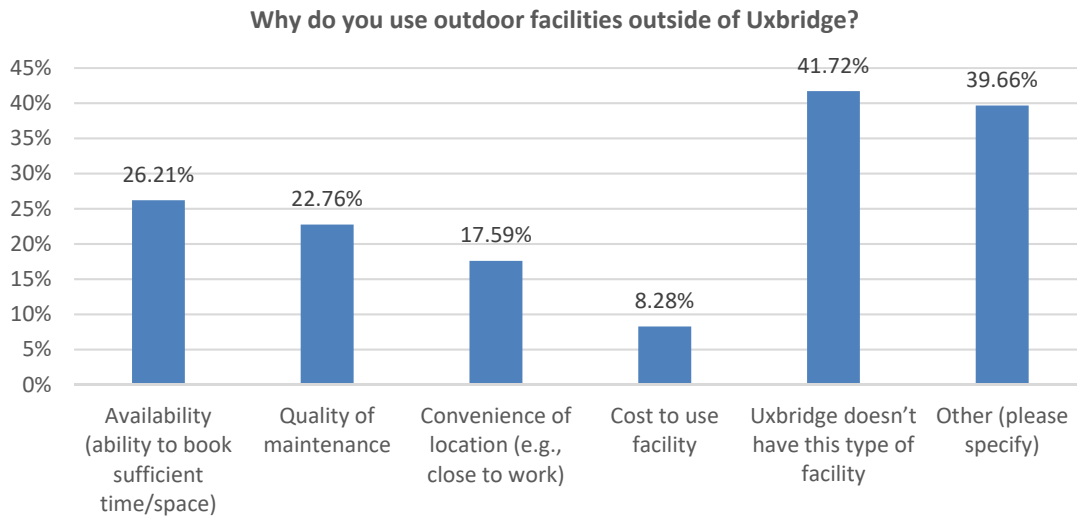
- Lack of garbage receptacles at parks and trails. This is related to concerns about cleanliness, primarily relating to dog waste. Relatedly, a number of responses noted their dissatisfaction with the number of residents who let their dog off-leash at various parks and trail. Similarly, there are respondents who are waiting for the off-leash dog park to be ready.
- Lack of public washrooms at parks and trails. These responses primarily identified the lack of restrooms at larger parks such as Elgin Park and Herrema Fields, but also noted the need for accessible washrooms at major trail routes.
- Wayfinding issues at the trails. Respondents suggested that more signage can help make the trails more user-friendly. Similarly, several responses indicated that increased winter maintenance of trails should be a priority for the Township.
- Support horse riding at parks and trails. Several respondents noted that the Township’s parks and trails could be more conducive to horse riding.

7.2.3 Use of Recreation Facilities Outside of Uxbridge

Just over half of respondents (53.2%) reported using outdoor recreation facilities outside of Uxbridge. Of these respondents, 24% indicated that they use outdoor recreation facilities in Stouffville, which included the ball diamond and soccer fields at Ballantrae Park, as well as parks across the town. Located immediately to the west of Uxbridge, Stouffville has a number of newer residential developments, with newer parks. About 21.4% of respondents said they use the Scugog Soccer Fields, a 40-acre property with 5 full-size soccer pitches, 5 mini fields and 4 micro fields. Other common responses included various York Region forest trails for horseback riding, as well as the Port Perry waterfront parks (Palmer Park and Joe Fowler Park).

Approximately 42% of respondents indicated they use outdoor recreation facilities in other municipalities because Uxbridge does not have the type of facility they use. Another 26% of respondents cited the availability and ability to book space a factor, while 23% said the quality of maintenance was a draw for them. Other common responses included:

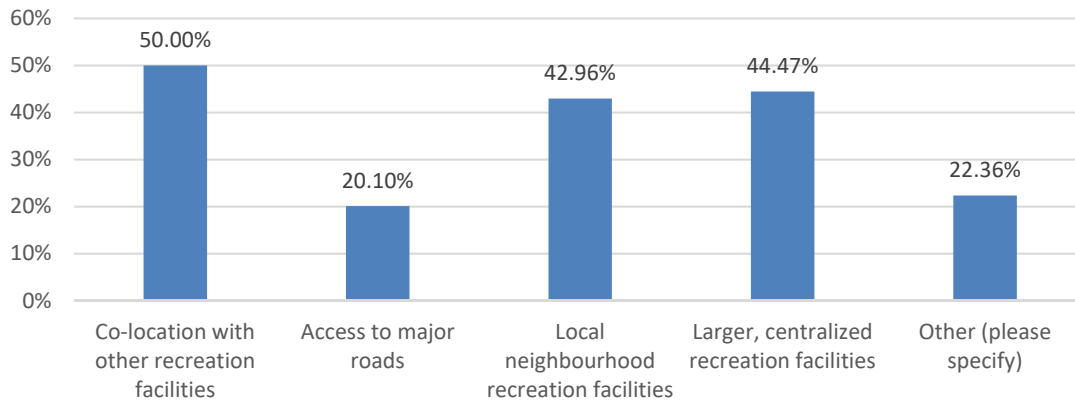
- Limited horse riding trails and facilities in Uxbridge;
- More variety in parks in other municipalities that are more family-friendly – for example, they have splash pads, playground amenities for wider age ranges, parks are located close to shopping areas ; and,
- Sports leagues rotate using recreation facilities in other municipalities, in addition to facilities in Uxbridge.



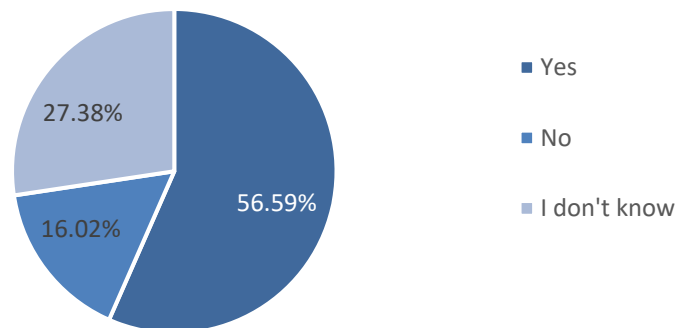
Over half (57%) of respondents agreed that the Township should be investing in new outdoor facilities. When asked about location factors that should influence new recreation investment, 50% of respondents believed that new facilities should be co-located with existing facilities. Relatedly, 44% of respondents indicated that larger, centralized facilities should be a factor when planning new recreation opportunities. However, 43% also noted local neighbourhood recreation facilities are important for new facilities. Other common locational suggestions included:

- Connections with existing trails and integrating new trail development for various uses;
- Promote walkability by ensuring new facilities have sidewalk access and are located close to residential areas; and,
- A more centralized recreation hub that offers diverse programming for children, youth and adults.

In your opinion, what are important location factors that should influence investment?



Do you think the Township should be investing in new outdoor facilities?



7.2.4 Programming

Approximately 45% of respondents said they and/or a family member participated in outdoor recreation programming run by the Township. Of these responses, 62% indicated their family uses the children and youth camps offered by the Township. Residents are informed of Township programming through a variety of channels – the Leisure Guide in particular plays a crucial role. About 81% of respondents indicated they heard about outdoor programming through either the online or hard copy version of the Leisure Guide. Almost half of respondents (49%) rely on word of mouth, while 31% receive their information about programming from a family member or friend.

Programming is generally viewed favourably by residents. Of those who participated in Township programming, most reported that they were satisfied with the quality of the services. In particular, 95% said that the class size met or exceeded their expectations; 97% indicated customer service met or exceeded their expectations; and 96% appreciated the quality of instruction.

While respondents did not indicate any significant gaps in programming, 12% indicated that the suitability and quality of facilities used did not meet their expectations, while 10.5% reported that the variety of programs did not meet their expectations. Of those who did not participate in Township-run outdoor programming, 42% reported that they prefer unorganized leisure activities and recreate on their own. Another 29% indicated their work schedule as a barrier, making it difficult to commit or attend programming activities. This is followed by 28% who said that the Township does not offer programs that interest them. Many respondents indicated that the activities they partake in (e.g., running, cycling) do not require formal programming. However, other suggestions included more outdoor programming geared for adults and older adults such as group fitness, outdoor swimming and beach volleyball. Respondents also noted the need for more sport courts (such as basketball, badminton and tennis), which would conducive to more program offerings.

7.3 User Group Online Survey

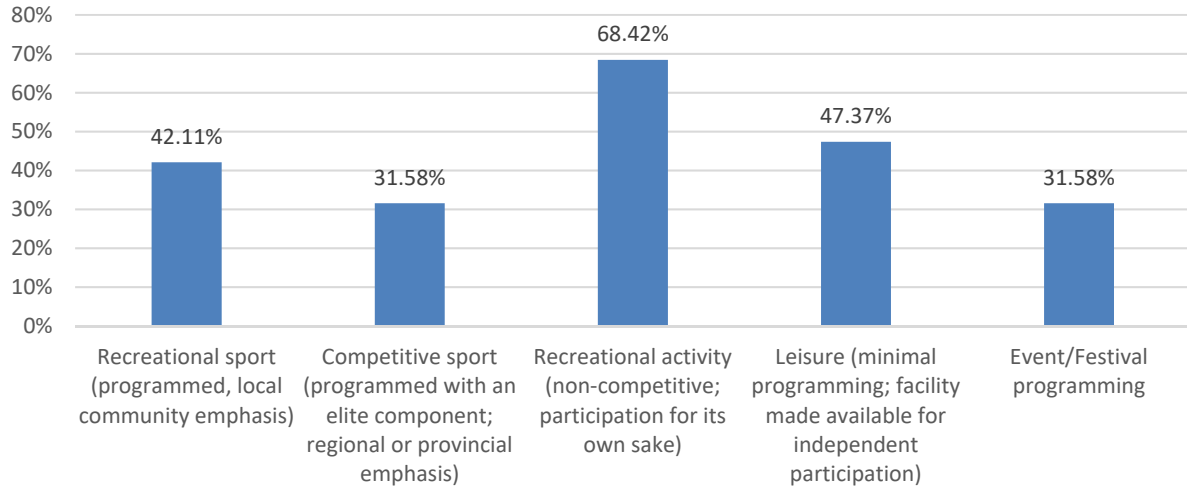
In addition to the public online survey, a survey designed specifically for those groups that utilize Uxbridge's park facilities was also prepared. This survey was released in conjunction with the public survey, and was sent directly to the key user groups, as identified by the Township.

The following provides a summary of the feedback received from the user group survey, which was available online from June 15, 2017 to July 21, 2017. The respondents provided feedback on the activities or sports their group is involved in, membership and programming trends, which facilities their group uses within the Township, and whether these facilities meet their group's needs.

The user group survey garnered 14 responses, with representation from a variety of community, sports and leisure organizations, as identified below. These groups represent a variety of recreational activities, including competitive sports, leisure programming and festival programming.

- Uxbridge Minor Lacrosse
- Goodwood Ladies Ball
- Uxbridge Soccer Club
- Uxbridge Youth Baseball
- Uxbridge Women's Soccer
- Uxbridge Town Trails Committee
- Durham Mountain Biking Association
- Green Durham Association
- Oak Ridges Trail Association
- Uxbridge Scott Agricultural Society
- North Durham Nature
- Uxbridge Tennis Club
- PumpPark Committee
- Uxbridge Lions Club

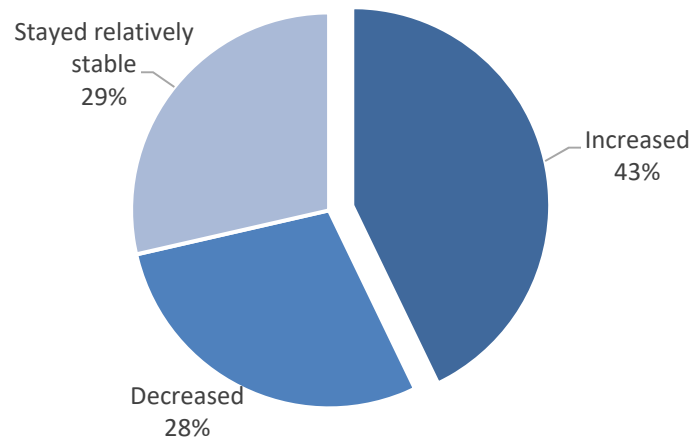
How would you best describe the nature of your group's activities?



Membership Trends

The user group survey gathered responses from a wide variety of community groups. Almost half of respondents (43%) indicated that their membership had increased over the past 5 years, another 29% indicated their membership has remained relatively stable, and 29% said their membership has decreased over the same time period.

Over the past five years, has your membership:



Program Popularity

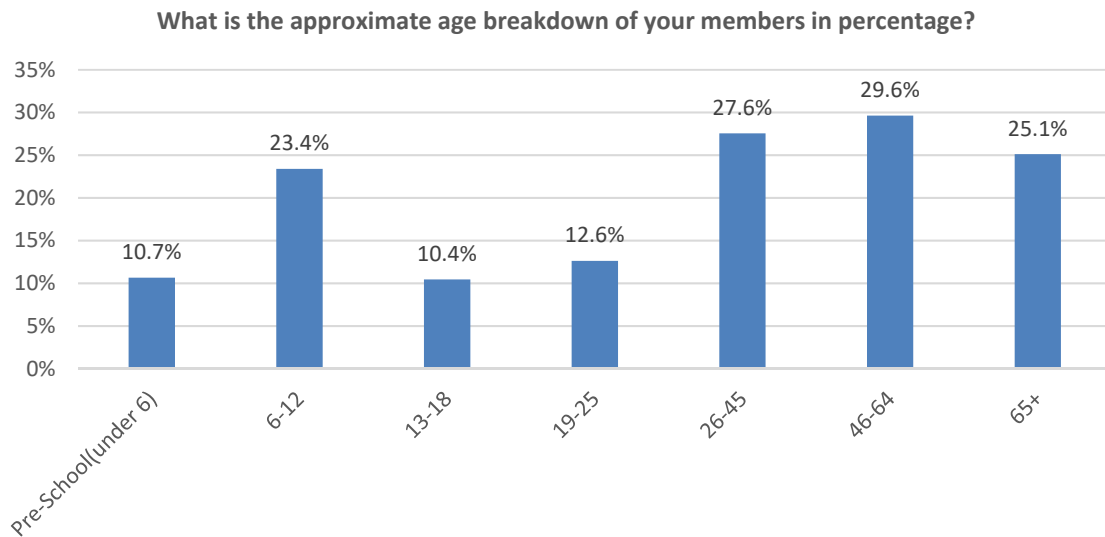
When asked “What programs are growing in popularity?” there were a variety of responses including field lacrosse, competitive baseball, volunteer trail activities and organized walking events, aerobics, Bioblitzes and butterfly counts. The only programs and activities noted to be declining in popularity were box lacrosse and women’s soccer. All other user groups indicated that none of their programs were declining in popularity.

Members Place of Residence

When asked where their membership live, respondents indicated communities across Uxbridge – 92% of user groups reported having members who live in urban Uxbridge. There are also strong segments of membership populations that are from outside of Uxbridge – 85% of user groups indicated they had members from other parts of Durham Region such as Scugog, Brock, Oshawa and Whitby. Other respondents also noted a significant draw from parts of York Region such as Stouffville and Mount Albert.

Age of Members

Respondents indicated that a majority (82.3%) of members are over the age of 25. Membership among children and youth is highest in the 6-12 age category.

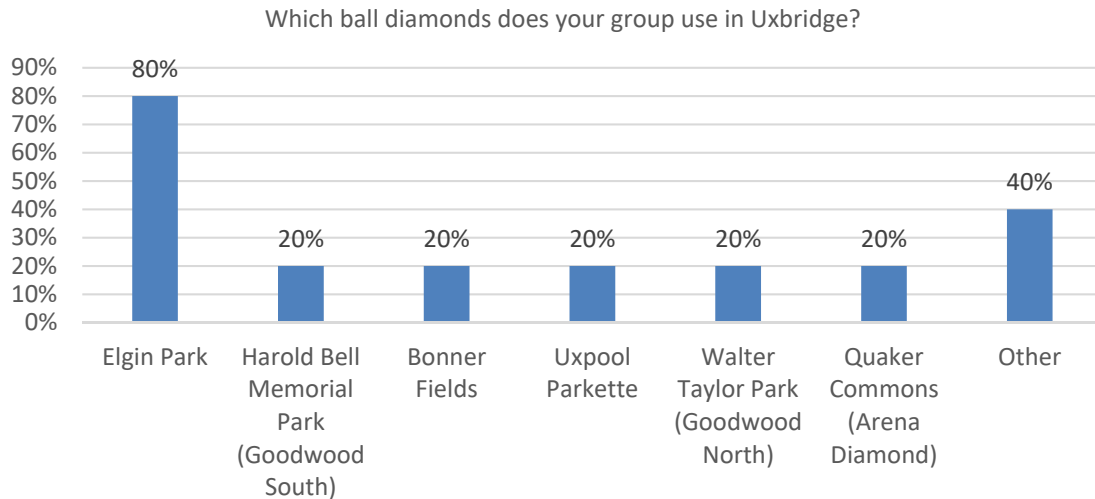


Current Use of Outdoor Facilities

The majority (80%) of respondents indicated that their group uses outdoor recreation facilities in the Township. This includes ball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts or outdoor rinks.

Ball Diamonds

Of the respondents who indicated they use ball diamonds (N = 5), 80% said they used Elgin Park, while 20% reported using Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South), Bonner Fields, Uxpool Parkette, Walter Taylor Park (Goodwood North) and Quaker Commons.



Soccer Fields

The Fields of Uxbridge were identified as the most used soccer fields (67%), while Herrema Fields was also used to a lesser extent (33%).

Tennis Courts

The tennis courts at the Arena Grounds was identified as being used by the one respondent to this question.

Trails

Many respondents indicated using the Township's trails for various activities such as walking, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing. Some trails that were mentioned included: Countryside Preserve, Durham Forest tracts, TRCA East Duffins Headwaters tracts, Trans Canada trails, Walker Woods, and Glen Major Forest.

North Durham Nature also noted using Elgin Park, Herrema Fields, and Quaker Commons for bird monitoring activities.

Facilities outside of Uxbridge

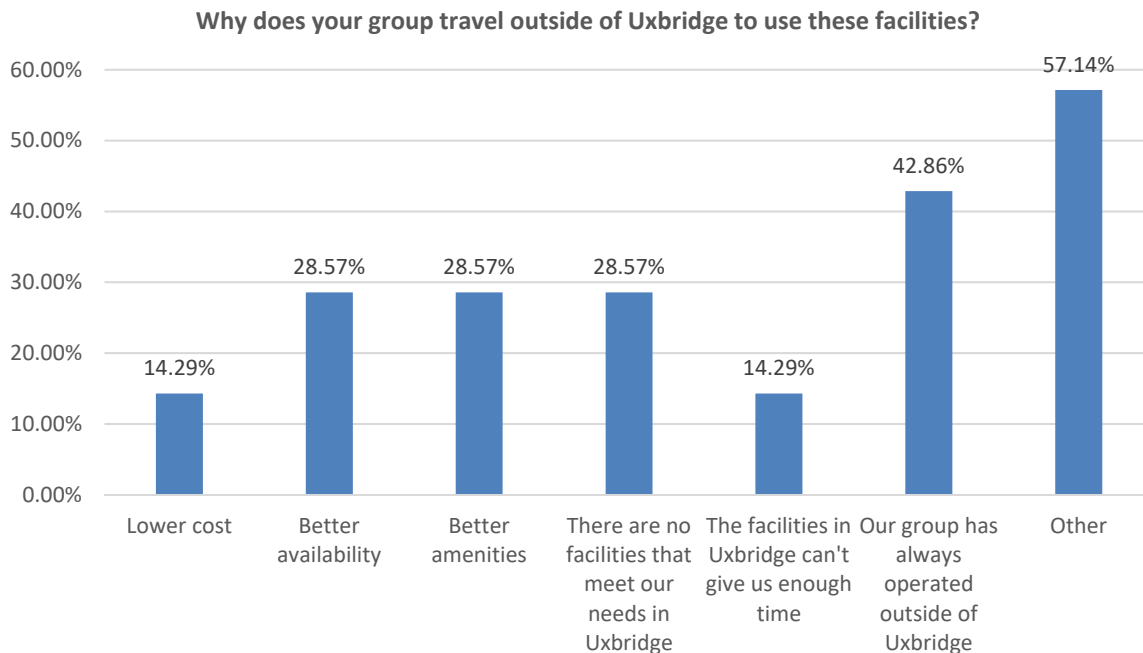
Over half respondents (57%) indicated that their group uses facilities outside of Uxbridge. Of those that indicated they use facilities outside of Uxbridge estimated what percentage of the time their group uses facilities outside of Uxbridge. One group estimated 100% of their time was spent using facilities outside of Uxbridge, while all other groups (N=6) estimated 40% of their time or less.

Facilities that were identified as being used outside of the Township include:

- Port Perry Arena;
- Soccer City in Stouffville, and other indoor soccer facilities in Oshawa, Whitby;
- Trails throughout Ontario; and,
- Equestrian riding facilities throughout Ontario.

The groups that use facilities outside of Uxbridge (N=7) identified the following reasons for why their group travels outside of the Township to facilities:

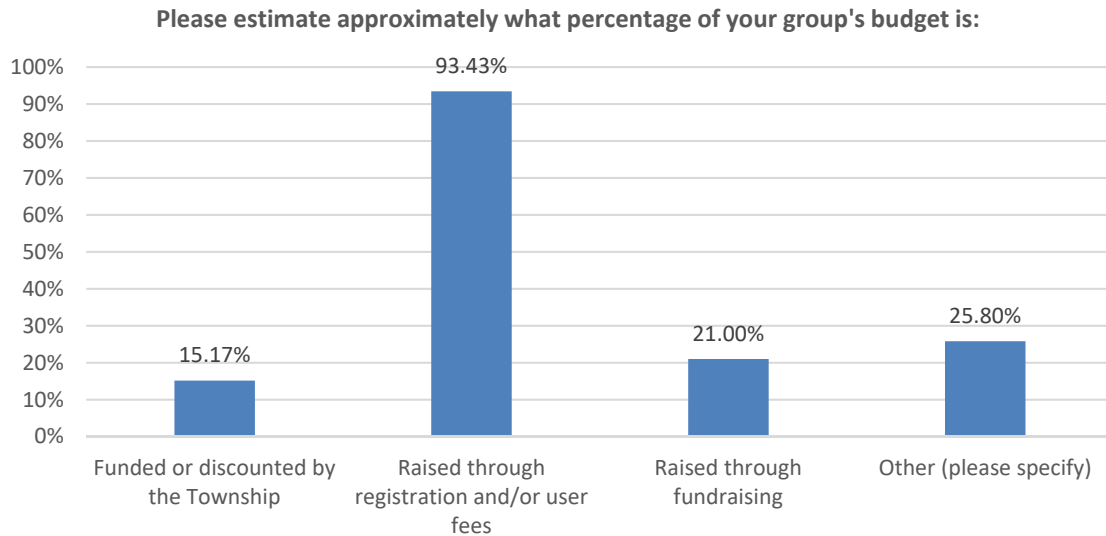
- More availability and better amenities that are not available in Uxbridge;
- The Uxbridge Horsemen's Association is unable to book activities at Elgin Park due to lack of availability/other activities;
- More isolated and challenging trails located outside of Uxbridge; and,
- No indoor soccer facilities for winter soccer.



User Group Operations

Of the respondents that answered the question regarding their group's budget (N=9), 33% indicated that they spend 20% of their budget or less to use facilities. 44% of respondents indicated they spend 50% of their budget or more to use facilities. Two respondents reported spending 100% of their budget using facilities, while two indicated spending 0% of their budget on using facilities.

The respondents indicated that on average a majority of their budget is raised through registration and/or user fees (N=10). 30% of respondents indicated that 100% of their budget is raised through this means.



When asked “What operating challenges does your group face?”, respondents (N=11) identified a number of issues such as lack of municipal funding (55%), difficulty attracting new members (45%), lack of volunteers (36%), aging membership base (36%), and lack of awareness about the group in the community (36%). Other common concerns included lack of investment in trail maintenance, connection and coordination, lack of facilities (e.g., two tennis courts insufficient for increasing demand), and facility conditions at the Fields of Uxbridge (e.g., issues with irrigation, lights, washrooms).

8 Trends in Outdoor Recreation

In order to plan outdoor recreation and community facilities effectively for the future, it is important to understand the demand for outdoor sport programs, services and facilities. Provided below is a high-level assessment with regards to general physical activity profiles and trends in participation at the national, provincial, and local level (based on available data), as well as trends in outdoor recreation facility design and innovations.

8.1 Benefits of Recreation and Physical Activity

Statistics Canada's 2010 General Social Survey outcomes indicate that perceived benefits of participating in physical activity at the individual-level throughout Canada range in motivators, from intrinsic motivators (i.e. relaxation, physical health/fitness and a sense of achievement) to extrinsic motivators (i.e. family activities, making new friends and acquaintances).

Community-level benefits of parks and recreational activities and programming that encourage physical activity include strengthening and maintaining a healthy community and improved overall quality of life. These community-level benefits of recreation and physical activity are achieved through:

- Improved social networks, interpersonal relationships and social cohesion and inclusion;
- Reduced self-destructive and anti-social behaviour, especially amongst youth;
- Improved personal health which leads to reduced healthcare expenditure and prolonged independent living in seniors;
- Reduction of stress and isolation; and,
- Improved productivity and work performance.

'A Framework for Recreation in Canada: Pathways to Wellness' (2015) is a national framework that explores the idea of "wellbeing" in the provision of recreation in Canada. The framework, which echoes the aforementioned study regarding the benefits of recreation, and guides the continued evolution of recreation in Canada, and is a joint initiative of the Interprovincial Sport and Recreation Council and the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association. This framework is premised on the assertion that recreation provides multiple pathways to wellbeing for individuals, communities and for our built and natural environments, and allows for a re-visioning of recreation's capacity for achieving wellbeing.

The national framework defines wellbeing as 'the presence of the highest possible quality of life in its full breadth of expression, focused on, but not necessarily exclusive to:

- Good living standards;
- Robust health;
- A sustainable environment;
- Vital communities;
- An educated populace;
- Balanced time use;
- High levels of demographic participation; and,
- Access to and participation in recreation and culture.'

8.2 Lifestyle and Socio-Economic Influences on Recreation and Sport Participation

Although knowledge levels and perceived benefits of physical activity remain high (80% of Canadians realize the importance of regular physical activity)¹⁹, inactivity levels, as well as overweight and obesity rates, are also high. This issue can be partially explained by the persistence of barriers to healthy lifestyles.²⁰ According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, approximately half of Canadians cite long work hours (including commuting time) and lack of time as the reason for not engaging in physical activity on a regular basis. Over the past 20 years, leisure time has been decreasing for Canadians.²¹ More Canadians are moving from organized sport to informal sports and other forms of active leisure.²² As research indicates, leisure activities that required less time commitment, had flexible drop-in opportunities, and were easier to access had a higher participation rate by Canadians.

8.3 Key Trends in Recreation Participation and Physical Activity

According to Active2010 Ontario's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy by the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion, the top three physical activities – as a proportion of Ontario adult²³ participants – included walking for exercise (69%) gardening and yard work (47%) and home exercise (31%). The top three physical activities engaged in by youth²⁴ included walking for exercise (60%), bicycling (49%) and swimming (46%). National data from Statistics Canada General Social Survey support Provincial trends where:

- Walking or jogging was the most common physical activity amongst Canadians, where there was an increase from 1992 (10%) to 2010 (12%);
- Exercise (e.g. yoga, weightlifting and aerobics) was the second most popular physical activity, where there was an increase from 1992 (5%) to 2010 (8%); and,
- Participation in outdoor activities and cycling has also increased.

¹⁹ Source: Parks and Recreation Ontario, *Investing in Healthy and Active Ontarians through Recreation and Parks Infrastructure* (2007)

²⁰ Source: Ipsos Reid Public Affairs, *2012 National Report Card* Submitted to Canadian Medical Association

²¹ Source: Canadian Heritage, *Sport Participation 2010* (2013)

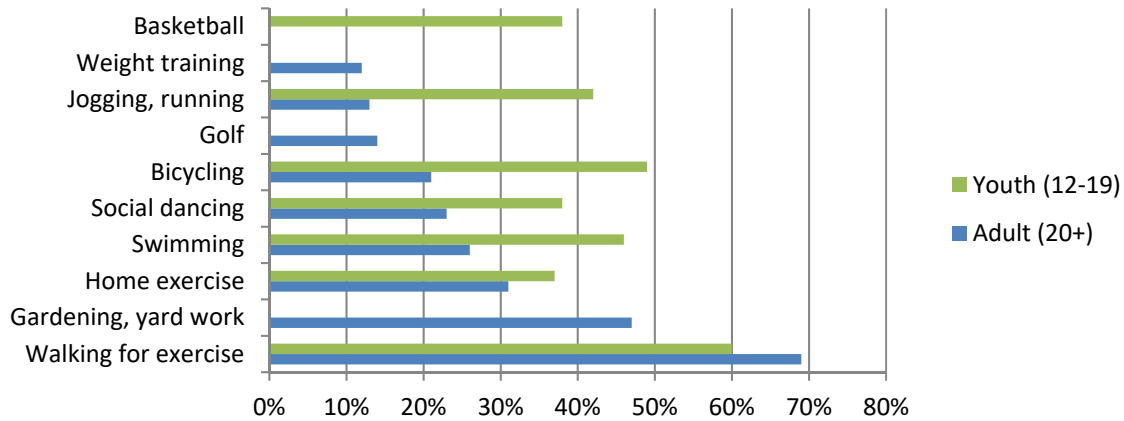
²² The term "sport" refers to organized and informal sport. Statistics Canada defines each as the following:

- a. Organized sport: includes a team or organized sports activities (amateur and professional), including the hosting of sporting events; and
- b. Informal sport: includes recreational sports and physical activities such as aerobics, bicycling, badminton, fishing, golf, hiking, jogging, riding, rowing, skating, skiing, swimming, tennis etc.

²³ 'Adults' in *Active2010 Ontario's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy* was defined as Canadian residents aged 20 and older.

²⁴ 'Youth' in *Active2010 Ontario's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy* was defined as Canadian residents ages 12 to 19.

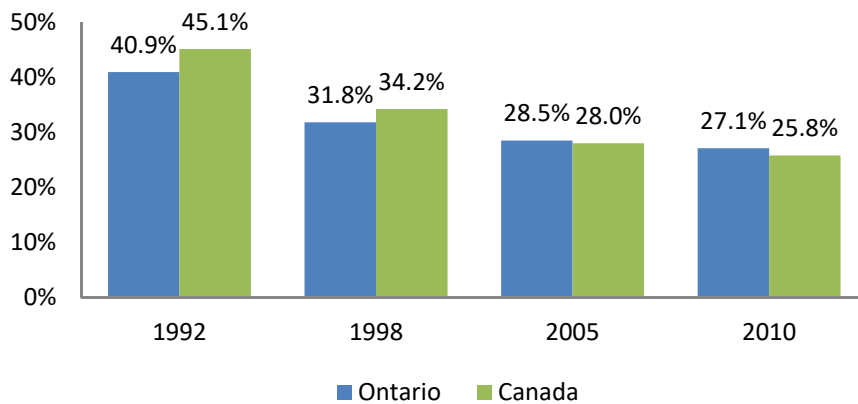
Exhibit 54: Most Popular Physical Activities for Ontario Youth and Adults



Source: Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion, Active 2010 Ontario’s Sport and Physical Activity Strategy

Despite the overall increase in the number of Canadians engaged in physical activity, sport participation has been in decline.²⁵ According to *Sport Participation 2010* (2013) by Canadian Heritage, the national sport participation rate declined between 1992 and 2010. The rate of sport participation decline has slowed down over the years, where the 1992 to 1998 rate of declining sport (-11%) was larger than the 2005 to 2010 decline (-2%). Although the proportion of Ontarians regularly engaged in sport²⁶ decreased from 1992 to 2010, this proportion became larger than the National average as of 2005, with the gap increasing into 2010.

Exhibit 55: Adult Canadians Regularly Participating in Sport



Source: Canadian Heritage, Sport Participation 2010 (2013)

²⁵ ‘Sport’ is defined by Sport Canada as an activity that involves two or more participants for the purpose of competition.

²⁶ Canadian Heritage categorized respondents and defined those as ‘regularly engaged in sport’ as individuals that participated in a sport at least once a week during the season or for a certain period of the year.

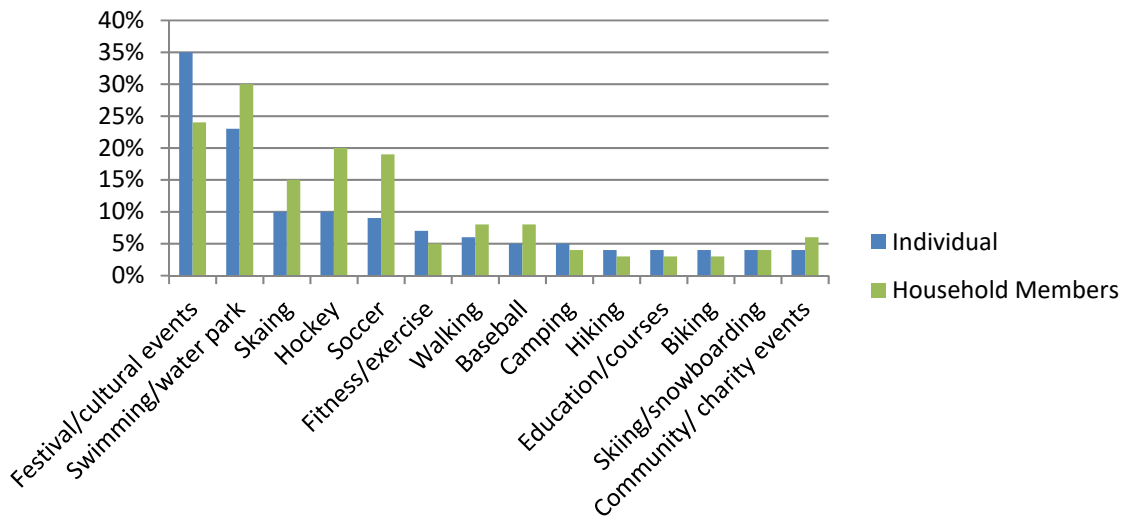
According to the 2010 General Social Survey, popular sports that drew over 500,000 participants included ice hockey (1.2 million), soccer (981,000), baseball (581,000), volleyball (531,000) and basketball (512,000).

Sports participation in terms of frequency of participation differed between children age groups. For Canadians ages 15 and older, the top three most practiced sports included golf (6%), ice hockey (5%) and soccer (2.7%). While soccer (42%), swimming (24%) and ice hockey (22%) were the top three most practiced sports among children ages 5 to 14.

Throughout Ontario, participation in recreation programs highlighted a mix between physical and social activities. The majority of individuals and household members throughout the Province participated in festival and cultural events, followed by swimming, skating, hockey, and soccer.

A 2009 study by Parks and Recreation Ontario²⁷, found that the top three new activities that Ontario residents tried in 2008 included working out/aerobics (21%), skiing/cross-country skiing/snowboarding (14%), swimming (8%), jogging/ running (7%), walking, and team sports (both at 6%).

Exhibit 56: Most Participated Recreation Programs by Ontario Residents



Source: Parks and Recreation Ontario, *Use and Benefits of Local Government Recreation and Parks Services: An Ontario Perspective (2009)*

These national and provincial trends are in-line with the trends occurring in Uxbridge. This is seen through the trend of walking for exercise on Uxbridge Trails, and relatively high participation rates in soccer compared to other outdoor sports.

²⁷ Use of Benefits of Local Government Recreation and Parks Services: An Ontario Perspective (2009)

8.4 Participation by Age Category

Adult Participation

The Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute publishes various bulletins tracking physical activity participation among various segments of the population. Their 2014-2015 Physical Activity Monitor reported the most popular physical activities for Canadians 18 years and older were: Walking (84%), Gardening (74%), Exercise at home (65%), and Swimming (58%). In addition, Jogging/Running (49%), Bicycling (49%), Weight Training (41%) and Social Dancing (39%) were also popular activities.

The Physical Activity Monitor reported that sports participation among Canadians has remained relatively the same between 2004 and 2015 – 34% of Canadians 18 years old and over indicated participating in a sport. The report also noted that sport participation decreases with increasing age from 57% of 18 to 24 year olds to 14% of adults 65 years and older. Compared to the average, a greater proportion of students and a lower proportion of retirees participate in sport.

Participation rates in most activities tend to decline with age. The proportion of adults participating in bicycling, swimming, weight training, skating, roller blading, jogging or running, home exercise, downhill skiing, snowboarding, bowling, and social dance, and team sports such as volleyball, basketball, soccer, ice hockey, baseball or softball, or football, and racquet sports generally decreases with increasing age. Conversely, younger adults (18 to 24 years) are least likely to participate in gardening or yard work.

The Physical Activity Monitor also collected information regarding frequency of participation for Sport participants:

- 7% participate everyday
- 20% report that they participate four to six times a week
- 38% say that they participate two to three times per week
- 23% indicate that they participate once a week, and
- 11% say that their participation is variable, or less frequent than once a week.

A greater proportion of adults aged 18 to 24 years participate in sport four to six times a week compared to 25 to 64 year olds. University educated adults are more likely than adults with a secondary school education to participate in sport once a week. A greater proportion of adults who are single or never married participate in sport four to six times a week compared to those who are married or living in a common law relationship.

Of those adults who participated in sport, the most frequently mentioned is hockey (25%) followed closely by soccer (18%). In addition, 13% mention participation in baseball or softball, 11% cite racquet sports, golf or basketball, 8% indicate volleyball, and 7% mention rugby or football. Younger adults (18 to 44 years) are more likely than older adults (45 to 64 years) to report playing soccer.

Trends in adult participation are reflective of those occurring in Uxbridge, with a high proportion of older adults residing in the community. These more active retirees, while not as likely to

participate in organized sports, often participate in walking for exercise. This likely translates to high usage of the trail system in Uxbridge by the older adult population.

Children & Youth Participation

In a 2014 bulletin “Kids Can Play!” the Canadian Fitness & Lifestyle Research Institute reported on the physical activity levels of children and youth. Approximately 75% of children and youth (between 5 years and 19 years old) participate in organized physical activity and sport, according to their parents. Participation rates decrease with the increase of age – over 80% of children between 5 and 10 years old participate in organized physical activity, compared to about 65% of youth between 15 and 19 years old.

Children and youth living in higher income households (\$80,000 or more per year) or whose parents have a university education are more likely to participate in organized physical activity and sport compared to those from lower income households and education levels, respectively. More specifically, children’s participation in organized activity and sport increases significantly with increasing parental education level and generally increases with increasing household income. For example, approximately 58% of those with a parent who has less than secondary school education participate in organized sport, compared to 80% with a parent who has a university-level education.

In 2013, the average Canadian couple with children spent \$778 on sports and recreation equipment, services and fees (Statistics Canada, 2014). 90 per cent of Canadians agree that organized sport participation is becoming too expensive, and 82 per cent know a child who cannot participate in organized sports due to the cost (KidSport, 2014).

8.5 Key Trends for Outdoor Recreation Facilities

According to a 2010 Parks and Recreation Ontario report²⁸, well designed and functioning recreation and sport facilities, trails and parks is key to creating and maintaining healthy communities. Many Ontario community’s recreation infrastructure²⁹ is in a state of decline, as the majority of publicly owned facilities were built between 1956 and 1980.

Key trends that have emerged in parks and trail facilities development include:

- **Multi-usage** – Increasing focus on multi-use parks and trail development and developing trail connections between parks;
- **Outdoor activities** – Outdoor activities represent the fastest growing recreation market. Soccer fields are typically in short supply relative to the demand for organized and

²⁸ Parks and Recreation Ontario, *Investing in Healthy and Active Ontarians through Recreation and Parks Infrastructure* (2007)

²⁹ Parks and Recreation Ontario defines recreation infrastructure as “indoor and outdoor places and facilities that offer specific health, social, environmental and economic benefits to the individuals and communities in which they live”. Examples of indoor recreation infrastructure include arenas, community centres and indoor pools. Examples of outdoor recreation infrastructure include parks, trails and outdoor pools.

- unorganized sport, leading to the continued use of fields and a growing demand for artificial turf;
- **Sport tourism** – Throughout Canada, sport tourism represents a growing market; and,
- **Accessibility** – Improving accessibility for people with disabilities due to the passing of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (2001) where municipalities are required to improve opportunities for participation for people with disabilities through the removal of barriers.

8.5.1 Trends for Parks Development

While each municipality sets its own goals and priorities in the development of its parkland system, current trends that can have an impact on the development / redevelopment of parks, trails, and other outdoor facilities include:

- Demographic changes: aging communities and rising senior needs for passive pursuits;
- Participation trends in traditional field sports;
- Active transportation and active living;
- Linking recreation and leisure services to the quality of life – as a key consideration in residential choice; and,
- Parks as cultural spaces.

Policy trends:

- Greater public engagement in the initiation of local park design; and,
- Going beyond traditional policies of parkland dedication: developer contributions to capital infrastructure as conditions of approval.

The trends identified above can help to provide guidance related to the development / redevelopment of the outdoor recreation facilities within a municipality. Current best practices in parks planning and development are identified as follows:

Planning for entire systems (holistic planning): Parks planning has historically taken a more fragmented approach, identifying parcels of green space to protect from residential development, and develop into active and passive parks. More recent trends in parks planning however, have focused on a more holistic approach that attempts to understand the role that each park and open space plays in the broader system within a community. As a result, greenways and trails are becoming increasingly important in order to connect these parcels of green space, particularly within urban areas but also in more rural municipalities that encompass a number of distinct communities, as is the case in the Township of Uxbridge.

Multi-use for multiple audiences: Parks and green spaces that tend to have the most influence in encouraging residents to participate in outdoor recreation and leisure pursuits, are those that provide a range of amenities that facilitate a broad variety of activities. As an example, well designed local neighbourhood parks may include a playground, walking paths, benches, and a playing field. Based on availability and original condition of the land, the park may also include a natural/naturalized area. Such a park functions to provide residents of all ages with a variety of opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Creating open spaces that are flexible enough to be used for a variety of events and activities by a variety of ages. This trend speaks to the “8 to 80” movement, which focuses on designing spaces that if everything in the space is great for an 8 year old and an 80 year old, then it will be great for all people. In addition, encouraging seniors to visit parks yields an added ‘stewardship’ benefit as they tend to observe and report any problems to authorities.

Parks as social hubs and gathering spaces: This concept emphasizes the development of parks as community places which can animate neighbourhoods and provide opportunities for events, programs, and day-to-day interactions. Providing a variety of seating options, such as park benches, landscape stones, and amphitheatres (such as that at the Arena Grounds), designing unique and flexible spaces, innovative landscaping and public art features, as well as shade and shelter, are key considerations that will contribute to an inviting and comfortable space for recreational and social activities to occur.

Parks as cultural and educational spaces: Linked with the trend of parks as social hubs and gathering spaces is the trend that parks are increasingly being developed with amenities that support arts, culture, and heritage. Examples include performance spaces, such as the band shell at Elgin Park, local art exhibitions, and community gardens.

Community involvement in park design: Community involvement at the design stage, by identifying which amenities the community would use, can help to ensure a park becomes a social hub, as those involved in the process often take ownership and feel a sense of pride when the project is realized. These parks also typically offer amenities that encourage community involvement and cohesion, such as community gardens, playgrounds, and playing fields. The park design should focus on ‘placemaking’ – i.e. the development of a park that reflects the community’s character through design. Placemaking is one of the two guiding principles for the Fields of Uxbridge site design.

Parkland dedication: In some provinces, such as New Brunswick and Saskatchewan, dedicated lands can be transferred from one subdivision to another, allowing a developer to provide more parkland on one site in exchange for providing less on another, often resulting in a more sizable parcel of land. Uxbridge is currently taking cash-in-lieu from developers for this same reason - to focus on creating destination parks which offer a variety of amenities rather than small individual parcels throughout the Town which often do not provide a range of amenities.

8.5.2 Trends in Trails System Development

Participation in Walking for Exercise

As identified above, walking as a recreational/leisure time activity has grown in popularity across the province, and is often the most common and popular activity above all other leisure pursuits in Ontario communities. Use of trails continues to grow with an increasing emphasis on healthy and active lifestyles, “walkable” communities, and given that it is a fairly universal activity (for those who are mobile). Walking and other trail activities are also typically low cost (or no cost) to participate, with a range and diversity of routes and alternatives available, offer the ability to participate alone or in groups and in either organized programs or spontaneously, and the availability and convenience of locations for walking at almost any time.

Community Connectivity

In addition to supporting individual and public health and promoting active-lifestyles, trails play an increasingly important role in creating community connectivity as a means of enticing people into the community to take advantage of recreation and leisure opportunities available not just by car, but via trails, walkways and bike paths. Walking and biking are emerging as some of the most popular fitness trends, and therefore, an interconnected trail system offers communities a way to recreate, access key community hubs, and commute to work without using a vehicle.

Accessible Pathway Design and Multi-Use Trails

Ensuring that some portions of the trail system are universally accessible is important to ensure use by multiple audiences. While it is recognized that universally accessible trails may not be realistic in some of the more natural areas, due to slope, general terrain, or other limitations, those trails located in more urban settings (sidewalks or otherwise) should be designed for universal accessibility (i.e. appropriate curb cuts, signage, etc.).

Trails as Sidewalks and Safe Walking Routes

Trails are increasingly becoming a common part of the overall pedestrian network for regular daily use to and from home and work, school and other destinations. These trails often provide important linkages between significant places within a community through the active transportation network. In relation to Uxbridge, an active transportation connection to the Fields of Uxbridge property from the Town centre is an important consideration.

Four-Season Use

As with parks, there is increasing emphasis on the year-round use of trails to support a greater range of activities throughout the four seasons. Related activities and types of trails have diversified to include leash-free dog-walking trails, skating trails, tobogganing trails, mountain biking and BMX trails, in addition to traditional seasonal and year-round trail activities such as walking, hiking, running, cycling, rollerblading, horseback riding, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, etc. There are related maintenance and equipment considerations however, for specific uses such as winter trail grooming for cross-country skiing and flooding/surfacing equipment for skating trails.

9 Preliminary Considerations and Next Steps

This background report provides a baseline for understanding the role of the Township as a provider of parks, outdoor recreation facilities and trails based on current and planned municipal investment as well as from the perspective of its partners, community organizations and residents. This input will help to inform the vision and principles in the Master Plan.

This report further assesses the existing demographics, economics and markets impacting demand for outdoor facilities, services and programs and recognizes the regional context within which the Township of Uxbridge is situated. More specifically, with modest growth anticipated in the short-term due to the servicing capacity issues, the Township should ensure that its current residents are provided with an appropriate supply of outdoor recreation facilities that are accessible, sustainable, of a high quality, and holistically meet their needs.

Based on the background information reviewed and analyzed within this document, a number of preliminary considerations become apparent, including:

1. Leverage the Township's key outdoor recreation assets

Uxbridge has an extensive trail system that could be more effectively leveraged to increase public access to, and use of, the Township's parks, open spaces and natural areas, as well as to grow tourism to the entire Township. The current maintenance practices of existing trails within the Township was an important factor identified through community and stakeholder engagement and will be considered in the options development.

Similarly, the Fields of Uxbridge development has the opportunity in the future to be leveraged to increase sports tourism to the Township, with the ability to host multiple tournaments as well as provide a variety of recreation opportunities to residents in a centralized location. This assumes the facility is developed as currently proposed and includes the adequate support amenities that are critical for tournament hosting (i.e. washroom and storage facilities, etc.).

2. Further develop active transportation connections

Key linkages within the urban centre, and beyond to connect with the rural areas, is important to the development of a cohesive trail and active transportation network. Ensuing pedestrian and cycling connections with the parks and open space system is crucial and will be considered in the development of options.

Specifically, the Fields of Uxbridge, located just beyond the northern edge of the Uxbridge's urban centre, is easily accessible by automobile, however, it is not as accessible by other modes of transportation (i.e. walking, cycling, etc.). The range of options developed in Phase 2 will consider connecting FOU with urban Uxbridge, new developments, as well as the rural hamlets through a variety of on-road and off-road means.

3. Ensure effective capital planning

The Master Plan will provide a plan for transition where decommissioning and / or new investment is warranted, as appropriate.

As an example, with a number of the ball diamonds in Uxbridge considered to be under-sized, use of these facilities by adult leagues is quite limited, however, they are still used by youth leagues. This leads to low utilization rates of certain facilities (i.e. Elgin Park diamond which is not lit). The range of options will consider whether the existing and future supply of outdoor sports facilities is appropriate based on a detailed needs assessment. Soccer fields, tennis courts, and other outdoor facilities will be assessed in the same manner.


With regard to specific facilities, capital planning for the Fields of Uxbridge can be expected to have a significant impact on the community's ability to centralize some of its sport-focused recreation facilities, enabling residents to have a range of options for various users and age groups. The Master Plan is being developed with the understanding that future implementation of the Fields of Uxbridge will occur. As such, the document will provide a series of recommendations which support a holistic approach to the future planning for outdoor facilities which complement and enhance this asset.

In summary, the Phase 2 work will include a comprehensive assessment of future recreation standards based on existing and projected needs; identify directional options and actions for the development and enhancement of outdoor recreation programming, service and facility provision; and outline a detailed implementation plan (showing tasks, timelines, roles, responsibilities and resources required) to ensure the successful enactment of recommendations.

Appendix A: Detailed Parks Inventory

Fields of Uxbridge



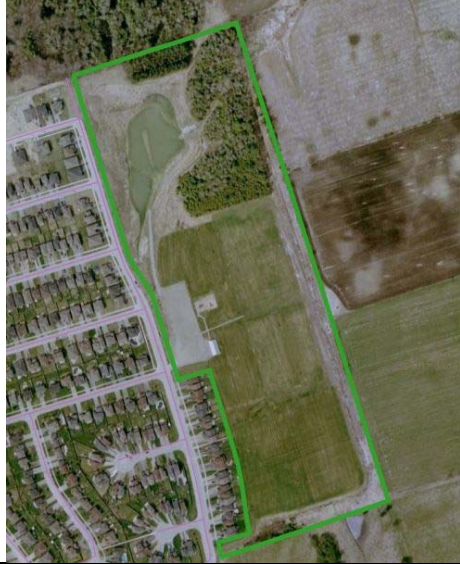
Facility Type:	Soccer Field
Address:	Main Street North & Ball Street, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	112.16 acres
User Groups:	Uxbridge Soccer Club, Women's Soccer League
Amenities:	Soccer Pitches (17) Skate park (1) Bike rack Interpretive signage Parking (gravel)
Condition & Observations:	Soccer fields: Good - well-maintained fields on large property. Skate park: good condition.

From PSAB 2016 Asset Management Plan

Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Parking lot (1967)	Fair – gravel
Skate Park (2012)	Good
Soccer Fields (2012/2013)	Good

Herrema Fields




Facility Type:	Park - Community Park
Address:	85 Herrema Boulevard, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	33.82 acres
User Groups:	Uxbridge Soccer Club
Amenities:	Playground (1 jr./sr. combined) Soccer pitches (3) – 2 are lit Parking (gravel)
Condition:	Playground: is in average condition. Soccer facilities: in average condition. Building: in good condition (but rarely used).

From PSAB 2016 Asset Management Plan

Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Storm Sewer (1999)	Good
Parking lot (1999)	Good
Outdoor lighting (2001)	Fair
Pavilion (2000)	Fair
Playground equipment (1999-2006)	Fair

Bonner Fields



Facility Type:	Ball Diamond
Address:	Reach Street/Capstick Lane, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	7.91 acres
User Groups:	Uxbridge Youth Baseball League, Men's Baseball Ux, Diamond Dusters Tournament (slo-pitch)
Amenities:	Ball Diamonds (2 senior-lit) Washroom / concession building Bleachers (4) – metal Parking (gravel)
Condition:	Ball diamonds: turf, fencing and netting in good condition. Bleachers: good condition. Washroom building: good condition.


From PSAB 2016 Asset Management Plan

Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Ball Diamond fencing (1994)	Fair
Bleachers – 4 (1995)	Good
Storm Sewer (1994)	Good

Parking lot/Roadway (1994)	Fair - gravel
Outdoor lighting – parking lot (1994)	Good
Ball Diamond lighting (1995)	Good
Pavilion (1999)	Fair
Ball Diamond luminaries (2008)	Good
Irrigation System (2006)	Good
Playground equipment (2008)	Good
Trails (2008)	Good

Quaker Village Park



Facility Type:	Park - Community Park
Address:	Quaker Village Drive & Brock Street West, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	14.9 acres
User Groups:	n/a
Amenities:	Playgrounds (2) Swing set (1 toddler swing, 1 child swing) Walking trails Benches (1) – wooden Picnic tables (4) - metal
Condition:	Good: All amenities are well-maintained. Some benches need to be repaired/replaced (at playground).

From PSAB 2016 Asset Management Plan

Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Playground Equipment (2008)	Good

Uxbridge Arena Grounds



Facility Type:	Park - Community Park
Address:	Quaker Village Drive & Brock Street West, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	12.52 acres (includes Arena)
User Groups:	Uxbridge Youth Baseball League, Men's Baseball Ux, Diamond Dusters Tournament (slo-pitch), Uxbridge Tennis Club, Uxbridge Lawn Bowling Club
Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ball Diamond (1 senior – lit) Tennis Courts (2 – lit) Lawn Bowling Green (1) Themed Splash Pad (1) Large gazebo with picnic tables Seating area / outdoor amphitheatre Benches (5) – metal Bleachers (3) – wooden Players benches (2) – wooden
Condition:	Average: All amenities appear to be well-maintained.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Lawn Bowling – Storm Sewer (1993)	Fair
Lawn Bowling - Parking lot (1994)	Fair
Lawn Bowling – Water & Sewer (1993)	Good
Lawn Bowling Green & Clubhouse (1993)	Fair
Lawn Bowling - Storage Shed (1994)	Good
Tennis – Subdrain & Culvert (1992)	Fair
Tennis - Base & Penetration Surface (1992)	Fair
Tennis – Fencing & Gates (1992)	Fair
Tennis – Anchors & Posts (1992)	Fair
Tennis – Outdoor Lights (1992)	Fair
Tennis – Fiberglass Surface (2011)	Fair
Splash Pad (2013)	Good

Elgin Park



Facility Type:	Park - Community Park
Address:	Main Street S, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	21.92 acres
User Groups:	Uxbridge Lions Club, Uxbridge Rotary Club, Fall Fair Board, Bonner Boys, Optimist Club of Uxbridge, Uxbridge Horseman's Association, Uxbridge Youth Baseball
Amenities:	<p>1 ball diamond (junior, unlit) - wooden bleachers (3) and wooden players benches (2)</p> <p>Playgrounds (2) – 1 junior play, 1 senior play – natural theme</p> <p>Swing set (1 toddler swing, 1 child swing)</p> <p>Band shell / amphitheatre with spectator seating (3 wooden/metal bleachers) and wooden stage</p> <p>Paved trail linkages</p> <p>Passive open space used for festivals and events</p> <p>Event infrastructure throughout (water, hydro, etc.)</p> <p>Picnic shelter</p> <p>Horse ring with wooden/metal bleachers (4)</p> <p>Tractor pull area with wooden benches (28) and announcer booth</p> <p>Ancillary buildings (Agriculture Building, Red Barn, Craft Building/Fair Board Building, Lion's Food Booth)</p>


	Parking (gravel) Additional bleachers and picnic tables located throughout property
Condition:	Baseball field, fencing and bleachers: looks to be in poor condition, outfield uneven in spots. Washroom building: in need of upgrades (AODA) and general maintenance. Benches at tractor pull area: in fair/poor condition, some wood showing usual wear and tear. Horse ring: in good condition (even base, fencing is well-maintained). Playground: in good condition. Paved trails: in very good condition.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Washroom/Storage Building (1957)	Poor
Watermains (1991)	Good
Picnic Shelter (1991)	Fair
Bandshell (2001)	Good
Playground structure (1996)	Fair
Baseball Diamond (1950)	Poor
Baseball Diamond Fencing (1970)	Poor
Wooden benches (1994)	Poor
Bleachers (2001)	Good
Fairboard Building/Brown Barn (1992)	Good
Red Barn (1970)	Fair
Craft Building (1975)	Fair
Craft Building Roof (2003)	Good
Driveway (2003)	Good
Outdoor lighting – 41 poles (2005)	Good
Paving around buildings (2005)	Good
Gate posts (2004)	Good
Sanitary Sewer Installation (2009)	Good
Craft Building Addition (2011)	Good
Waterline (2011)	Good
Playground equipment (2014)	Good

Uxpool Park




Facility Type:	Ball Diamond
Address:	1 Parkside Drive, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	4.37 acres (includes Uxpool, Curling Club and Senior's Centre)
User Groups:	Uxbridge Youth Baseball only (due to size restriction)
Amenities:	Ball Diamond (1 junior – unlit) Playground (1) Bleachers (2) - metal
Condition:	Fair condition

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Playground equipment (1990)	Poor

Veterans Memorial Park



Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park
Address:	Main Street S., Uxbridge, ON (adjacent to Elgin Pond)
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	0.742 acres
User Groups:	None
Amenities:	Washroom building / storage facility (canoes) Trails Passive open space Benches (3) – metal Picnic tables (1) - metal
Condition:	Trails and grounds in good condition. Building in need of some repairs/general upgrades.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Storage/washroom facility (1957)	Poor

Centennial Park



Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park
Address:	Centennial Drive, Uxbridge, ON (behind Town hall)
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	4.97 acres
Amenities:	Small pavilion/gazebo (lit) Benches (3) - wooden Interpretive signage
Condition:	Good: provides paved linkages to Historic Rotary Trail

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Outdoor Lights (1990)	Good
Trails Canada Pavilion (1999)	Good
Parking lot – west (1995)	Good
Parking lot – north (1990)	Good
Walkways – paved (1992)	Fair
Parking lot – wooden planter box (1990)	Fair
Building (1973)	Fair

Walter Taylor Park (Goodwood North)



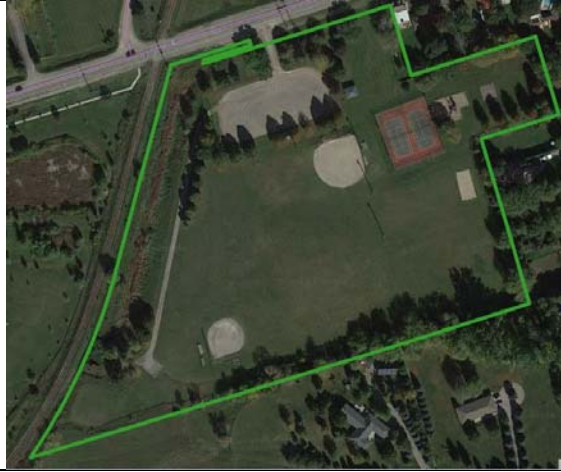
Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park
Address:	268 Highway 47, Goodwood, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	4.74 acres
User Groups:	Uxbridge Youth Baseball, Men's Baseball Ux, Goodwood Ball Men's, Goodwood Ball Ladies, Goodwood Minor Softball, Diamond Dusters Tournament (slo-pitch)
Amenities:	Ball Diamond (1 senior – lit) Playground Bleachers (2) – wooden Parking (asphalt)
Condition:	Playground: in good condition and looks relatively new. Ball diamond: average condition; lacks outfield fencing (near road).

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Ball Diamond field preparation/fencing (1960)	Fair
Outdoor lights (1972)	Fair
Bleachers (1998)	Fair
Additional Outdoor lights (2010)	Good
Playground equipment (2012)	Good

Harold Bell Memorial Park (Goodwood South)



Facility Type:	Park - Community Park
Address:	Goodwood Road (Highway 21), Goodwood, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	12.12 acres
User Groups:	Uxbridge Youth Baseball League, Men's Baseball Ux, Goodwood Ball Men's, Goodwood Ball Ladies, Goodwood Minor Softball, Uxbridge Tennis Club
Amenities:	Ball Diamonds (2 – 1 senior, lit; 1 junior, unlit) Soccer Pitch (1) Tennis Courts (2 –lit) Picnic shelter Basketball (half court) Beach volleyball court Washroom facility Playground (1) Bleachers (5) – wooden Players benches (4) - wooden Parking (gravel)
Condition:	Ball diamonds: good condition, well-maintained. Soccer field: Average condition but goal posts bent. Tennis courts: Fair condition – surfacing looking worn.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Ball Diamond #2 (1980)	Fair
Ball Diamond #2 lights (1986)	Fair
Ball Diamond #3 (1980)	Fair
Diamond fencing (1980)	Poor
Bleachers (1994)	Fair
Tennis court – base, post, fencing (1976)	Fair
Tennis court lights (1991)	Fair
Canteen Building/Washroom (1982)	Fair
Basketball court – half (1982)	Fair
Parking lot (1970)	Fair; gravel
Playground equipment (1993)	Good
Picnic shelter (1994)	Good
Tennis court – acrylic surface (2009)	Fair
Outdoor lighting (2012)	Good
Playground equipment (2013)	Good

Zephyr Park



Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park
Address:	Zephyr Road, Zephyr, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	14.04 acres
User Groups:	None
Amenities:	<p>Ball Diamond (1 junior– unlit) – lighting infrastructure in place, but power has been cut to this facility.</p> <p>Playground (1)</p> <p>Gazebo (with large picnic table seating)</p> <p>Basketball hoop</p> <p>Bleachers (3) – wooden</p> <p>Players benches (2) - wood</p> <p>Parking (gravel)</p>
Conditions:	<p>Fair condition. Basketball area is in need of improvements.</p> <p>Ball diamond in fair condition, backstop fence is rusting slightly and infield is becoming overgrown with grass/weeds.</p>

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Ball Diamond field (1972)	Poor
Ball Diamond fencing (1972)	Poor
Outdoor lights (1972)	Poor – not working
Bleachers (1998)	Fair
Playground equipment (2003)	Good

Leaskdale Park



Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park
Address:	Leaskdale Road, Leaskdale, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	4.34 acres
User Groups:	None
Amenities:	<p>Baseball Diamond (1 junior– unlit) Basketball – half court Tennis Court (1 – lit) Picnic Shelter Playground (1) Swing set (2 toddler swings, 2 child swings) Bleachers (1) – wooden Benches (1) – wooden Picnic tables (2) – 1 wooden, 1 wood/metal Parking (gravel)</p>
Condition:	<p>Poor. Playground in need of replacement, tennis court surfacing not ideal (asphalt) but fencing in fair condition. Baseball facility not well maintained (grass/weeds have overgrown infield, backstop fencing is rusted, bleachers look to be in need of repairs). Basketball backstops/hoops are rusted and have no nets.</p>

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Playground equipment (1996)	Poor
Playground equipment – composite (2006)	Fair
Playground equipment – composite (1997)	Fair
Pavilion / shelter (2003)	Good
Parking lot – paved (1997)	Fair
Basketball court (1985)	Good
Tennis court – single (1985)	Fair
Tennis court – fencing (1985)	Poor
Baseball diamond (1985)	Poor (not to be replaced)
Baseball diamond – fencing (1985)	Poor (not to be replaced)

Sandford Park

Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park
Address:	433 Sandford Road, Sandford, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	5.49 acres
User Groups:	None
Amenities:	Playground (1) Benches (2) - wooden Parking (asphalt)
Condition:	Playground: Fair condition.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Playground equipment (1998)	Fair

Siloam Park




Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park
Address:	9 Mill Run Gate, Siloam, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Size (Ac.):	4.24 acres
User Groups:	None
Amenities:	Soccer Pitch (1- unlit) Playground (1) Swing set (1 toddler swing, 1 child swing) Benches (2) - wooden Parking (gravel)
Condition:	Playground: Fair condition – looks dated, will likely require replacement in near future. Soccer field: Goal posts/nets look to be in good condition, well-maintained field area.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Playground equipment (2006)	Fair
Parking lot (1990)	Fair

Testa Parkette




Facility Type:	Playground
Address:	Ontario St. & Testa Rd., Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Scale:	Neighbourhood
Size (Ac.)	0.98 acres
Additional Play Equipment:	Swing set (1 toddler swing, 1 child swing)
Amenities:	Picnic tables (2) – metal Benches (2) - wooden
Condition:	Play Structure: average, usual wear and tear. Equipment is 12-15 years old – would be up for replacement in next 3-5 years. Sandbox lining in need of repairs.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Playground equipment (2006)	Good
Playground equipment (1991)	Fair

King Street Parkette



Facility Type:	Playground
Address:	King Street West, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Scale:	Neighbourhood
Size (Ac.)	0.208 acres
Additional Play Equipment:	Swing set (2 toddler swings, 2 child swings) Sandbox
Amenities:	n/a
Condition:	Poor: no recent investment.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Playground equipment (1970)	Poor

Coppins Corners Parkette




Facility Type:	Playground
Address:	Coppins Corners, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Scale:	Neighbourhood
Size (Ac.)	1.71 acres
Additional Play Equipment:	Monkey bars Swing set (1 toddler swing, 1 child swing)
Amenities:	Benches (1) - wooden
Condition:	Playground: average, usual wear and tear. Property is well-maintained.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Playground equipment (1991)	Fair

Wagners Park



Facility Type:	Playground
Address:	Foster Drive & Mayfair Drive, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Scale:	Neighbourhood
Size (Ac.)	0.97 acres
Additional Play Equipment:	Swing set (1 toddler swing, 1 child swing)
Amenities:	Benches (2) - wooden
Condition:	Poor: usual wear and tear but aged facility; sandbox lining broken on one side.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Parking lot (1990)	Poor

Toronto Street Parkette



Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park
Address:	Toronto Street North & Main Street North, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Scale:	Neighbourhood
Size (Ac.)	0.107 acres
Amenities:	Playground (1)
Condition:	Playground: fair condition. Overall: good condition. Well-maintained passive open space.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Playground equipment (1994)	Fair

Hodgson Parkette (South Balsam)



Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park	
Address:	South Balsam Street, Uxbridge, ON	
Map:	An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. A specific area, outlined in green, is located along a road that runs parallel to a larger road. The area contains grass, trees, and some structures.	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge	
Scale:	Neighbourhood	
Size (Ac.)	1.39 acres	
Amenities:	n/a	
Condition:	Good: well-maintained open space – with walking area.	

Coral Creek Parkette



Facility Type:	Playground
Address:	Coral Creek Crescent, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Scale:	Neighbourhood
Size (Ac.)	4.39 acres
Additional Play Equipment:	Monkey bars Swing set (2 toddler swings, 2 child swings)
Amenities:	Picnic tables (3) – wooden Adjacent to Bonner Fields.
Condition:	Playground equipment looks to be in relatively good condition.

Mason Homes Parkette



Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park
Address:	Apple Tree Crescent, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Scale:	Neighbourhood
Size (Ac.)	1.26 acres
Amenities:	Playground (1) Benches (2) – wooden Picnic table (1) - metal Pathway (gravel)
Condition:	Overall good condition. Well maintained passive open space.

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Asset (Year Constructed)	Condition
Playground Equipment (2010)	Good

Campbell Drive Parkette



Facility Type:	Park - Neighbourhood Park
Address:	Campbell Drive, Uxbridge, ON
Map:	
Ownership:	Township of Uxbridge
Scale:	Neighbourhood
Size (Ac.):	2.1 acres
Amenities:	Benches (metal) Gazebo Pathways (paved)
Condition:	Overall good condition. Well maintained passive open space with stormwater management pond.

