

# RECREATION MASTER PLAN GUIDE





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- Brief overview of the Recreation Master Plan's purpose and goals.
- Highlights of the key elements covered in the plan.
- Importance of the plan in fostering a vibrant and healthy community.

### 2. Introduction

- Explanation of the significance of recreation in enhancing community well-being.
- Overview of the Framework for Recreation in Canada and its relevance to the Master Plan.

### 3. Vision and Goals

- Clear statement of the municipality's vision for recreation.
- Alignment of the vision with the five goals of the Framework for Recreation in Canada:
  - Active Living: Encouraging physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
  - Connecting People to Nature: Promoting outdoor activities and environmental stewardship.
  - Inclusion and Access: Ensuring equitable access to recreational opportunities for all residents.
  - Supportive Environments: Creating spaces that facilitate recreation and social interaction.
  - Recreation Capacity: Enhancing the municipality's ability to provide diverse recreational services.

### 4. Community Engagement

- Description of the engagement process used to gather input from residents, stakeholders, and community groups.
- Summary of key findings, concerns, and goals identified during the engagement process.

### 5. Needs Assessment

- Comprehensive analysis of the community's current and future recreation needs.
- Evaluation of existing recreational facilities, programs, and services.
- Identification of gaps and opportunities for improvement in various recreation areas.

## 6. Action Plan

- Detailed strategies and initiatives for each area of recreation, including but not limited to:
  - Active Transportation: Developing pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.
  - Parks and Green Spaces: Enhancing and maintaining parks for leisure and active play.
  - Trails: Establishing and expanding trail networks for various activities.
  - Aquatics: Improving aquatic facilities and programs.
  - Arenas and Sport Courts: Upgrading and maintaining sports facilities.
- Each strategy should be tied to one or more of the five goals of the Framework for Recreation in Canada.

## 7. Implementation and Funding

- Prioritization of initiatives based on feasibility and impact.
- Allocation of resources and identification of potential funding sources (e.g., grants, partnerships, municipal budget).
- Outline of a phased implementation timeline.

## 8. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Establishment of performance indicators to track progress toward achieving goals.
- Regular review and assessment of the plan's effectiveness.
- Flexibility to adjust strategies based on changing community needs and circumstances.

## 9. Conclusion

- Reiteration of the importance of the Recreation Master Plan in enhancing community well-being.
- Call to action for all stakeholders to collaborate in implementing the plan.

## 10. Appendices

- Detailed community engagement reports.
- Maps showing existing recreational facilities and potential expansion areas.
- Budget estimates for different initiatives.

This Recreation Master Plan guide aims to guide Canadian municipalities of varying sizes within the Province of New Brunswick in developing comprehensive and tailored recreation plans. By aligning with the Framework for Recreation in Canada's five goals, this template ensures that the plan contributes to the overall improvement of the community's physical, social, and environmental well-being.