

# SOUTHGATE RECREATION

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2026 RECREATION OPEN HOUSE  
PRESENTATION

# INTRODUCTION TO PLANS

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- Southgate Recreation Plan has been evolved from an original document published in 2011 to the current components. The current components are used to identify the past, the current and the future of Recreation.
- The plan is divided into three (3) main components:
  - Recreation Action Plan
  - Recreation Program Plan
  - Recreation Management Plan

# RECREATION ACTION PLAN

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## Components:

- Demographic Profile and Trends
- Parks, Open Space & Trails
- Recreation Facilities
- Fees and Charges
- Implementation Strategy
- Public Consultation
- Master Plan Goals
- Location Specific Plans

# RECREATION PROGRAM PLAN

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## Components:

- Research/Background Analysis
- Programs Past and Present
- Inventories (Indoor Facilities, Parks and Programs Offered)
- Identification of Programming Priorities and Goals
- Programming Results
- Programs in Development

# RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

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## Components:

- Inventories
- Asset Management Values
- Financial Summaries

# RECREATION ACTION PLAN

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- Southgate Recreation's guiding document for future planning is the Recreation Action Plan. Identified within this plan is the current trends and themes affecting our local recreation decision making.
- Trends and Themes specifically identified are:
  - Minor Sports and Sustainability
  - Affordability
  - Non-Traditional Sports and Activities
  - Extreme Sport and Activities
  - Passive Outdoor Activities
  - Other Identified Activities

# TRENDS IN MINOR SPORTS

## MINOR HOCKEY

Ice Rentals down 170 hour Less than 1000 hrs

**Recent decision changes by the governing association has resulted in a shift from stand alone facilities to regional centres. Small centre's have neither the number of youth participating nor the financial support to manage stand alone facilities.**

### **Factors:**

- **OMHA eliminated residency rules. Players can go anywhere to play. The initial trends are pushing players to larger centres.**
- **Southgate/ Dundalk has 4 Minor Hockey Organizations within 15 min drive, 8 Minor Hockey Organizations within 30 mins drive, 8 Regional Organizations within 1 hours drive and 3 Major Organization within 1 hour 15 min drive.**
- **Southgate/ Dundalk has 10 stand alone arena facilities within a 30 min drive.**
- **ORFA predicts 25% of indoor ice rinks will cease operations in the next 10 years, due to cost of management and cost of replacement.**
- **Users covering cost vs Municipal Funding has increased either registration fees or operating deficits. Both situations have made hockey unaffordable.**
- **Cost estimates to rebuild a municipal operated indoor ice facility is \$30 Million.**

# TRENDS IN MINOR SPORTS

## MINOR BASEBALL

**Two Sports Organizations Softball Canada and Ontario Baseball are fighting for participants. The number of players in rural Ontario can not support the two organizations. Neither game will succeed till organizations decide to work towards goals that align that support each other. With the success of the Toronto Blue Jays a shift to baseball is expected. A similar shift happened in 1993. Softball Canada has created a shift from Boys playing to emphasising Girls playing.**

**Assuming trends remain similar there should be an uptake on overall diamond usage with growing population.**

# TRENDS IN MINOR SPORTS

## MINOR BASKETBALL

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**The influx in players playing Basketball and the success of the Toronto Raptors, it is foreseeable that new organizations or an association will form.**

# MINOR SPORT SUSTAINABILITY

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## Factors affecting Sustainability:

- Increase in subdivisions and development is diversifying participants in youth sport. Hockey widely not supported / Basketball and Soccer increasing. Minor Hockey down 20%
- Inventories (Indoor Facilities, Parks and Programs Offered)
- Capacity to offer Programming Priorities and Goals
- Community Centre age and cost to replace
- Organization amalgamations trending to Regional Facilities

# RECREATION AFFORDABILITY

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- Cost of offering inventories to accommodate sport is exceeding the Municipalities capacity to afford.
- Cost to replace existing Community Centre \$30 Million
- Operating Deficit vs Users Pay becoming more of a determining factor in decision making.
- Necessary to partner in major cost inventories across multiple Municipalities to make sport affordable.

2025 Ice Rental revenues \$100,000 Hydro \$56,000 Natural Gas \$10,000 Insurance \$39,000 Negative \$5,000  
Ice Surface deficit \$100,000 if \$165,000 – 1000 hours usage = \$100 subsidy per hour. 300 hours is programming.

# FUTURE URBAN NEEDS

Population	Arena	Fieldhouse/ Gym	Ball Parks	Soccer fields	Pool
<b>Current</b>	1	1	2	1	Outdoor
<b>5,000</b>	1	1	3	2	Outdoor
<b>8,000</b>	1	1	4	4	Outdoor
<b>10,000</b>	1	1	5	6	Indoor?
<b>12,000</b>	1	1	6-7	6	Indoor
<b>15,000</b>	2	2	6-8	6 plus Mini	Indoor
<b>18,000</b>	2	2	7-10	8	Indoor
<b>20,000</b>	2	2	10	8-10	Indoor

# PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN CURRENT RECREATION ACTION PLAN / CAPITAL BUDGET

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2026:

- Sports Field Complex: Environmental Impact Study / Engineered Grading Drainage Plan / Access and Grading
- Community Centre Auditorium Sport Flooring
- Playground and Park Development Glenelg Subdivision
- Parkland Development Flato Parks

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2027:

- Sports Field Complex: Built Inventory Soccer Fields Ball Diamonds
- Flato Parkland Completed
- Community Centre Structural Requirements
- Commitment to Mount Forest Community Pool

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2028:

- Splash Pad and Pool Filtration Upgrades
- Sports Field Complex: Built Inventory Soccer fields Ball Diamonds completed

2029:

- Memorial Park Ball Diamond Retrofit: Tennis Courts / Pickleball Courts / Outdoor skating rink

2030:

- Decision on Dundalk Community Centre Future Use

2035:

- Regional Recreation Facility



# SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX 2026-28



# COMMUNITY CENTRE SPORT COURT FLOORING 2026

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# SPLASH PAD POOL FILTRATION UPGRADES 2028

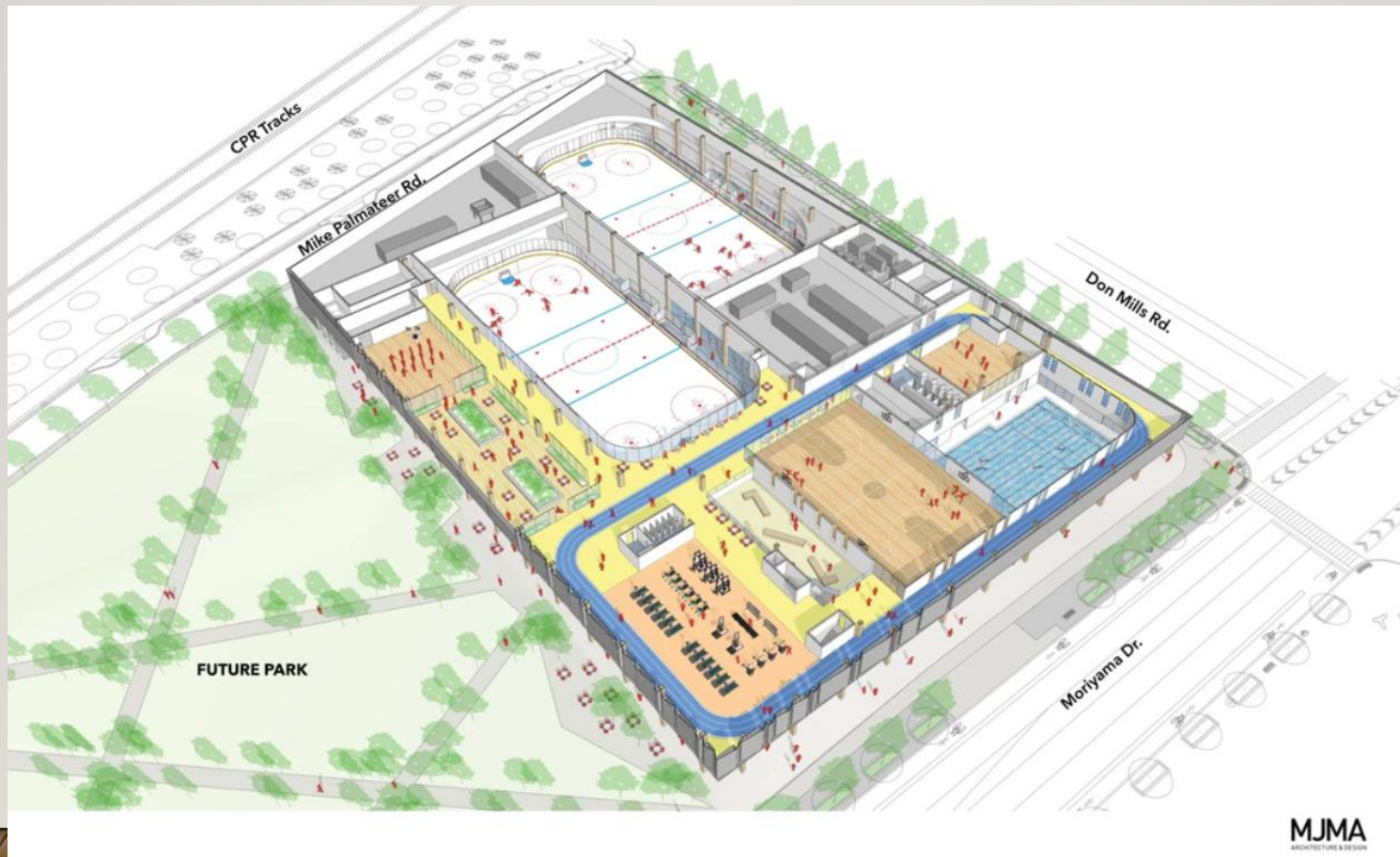


# MEMORIAL PARK BALL DIAMOND RETROFIT 2029

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# REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE 2035



# RECREATION SURVEY RESULTS

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Community survey completed in 2025:

- Public was asked to prioritize 15 Recreation Inventories
- Willingness to Travel
- Current Program Satisfaction
- Interest in Program Development
- Results: 70 Surveys Completed

# RECREATION SURVEY RESULTS

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## Top Inventories ranked:

1. Indoor Pool

2. Full Size Gymnasium

3. Soccer Fields

4. Outdoor Skating

5. Splash Pad

6. Baseball Diamonds

7. Beach Volleyball

8. Hole Mini Putt

9. Indoor Field House

10. Bike / X Country Ski Trails

11. Tennis Courts

12. Dog Park

13. Outdoor Pickleball Courts

14. Disc Golf

15. Cricket Pitch

Willingness to Travel: 65% stated  
20km was acceptable travel

# RECREATION SURVEY RESULTS

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Program Satisfaction: 95% rated programming – Strongly Enjoyed

0% rated programming – Did Not Enjoy

## Program Development Ranked:

1. Outdoor Soccer

2. Indoor Soccer

3. Summer Camps

4. Youth Leadership Course

5. Swim Club

6. Canoe / Kayak Days

7. Dedicated Youth Hang Out

8. Volleyball

9. Flag Football

10. Tennis

# SOUTHGATE RECREATION

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## MANAGEMENT PLAN

<b>Agreements</b>		
<b>Dundalk Agricultural Society (Community Centre)</b>	20 years	2034
<b>Dundalk Agricultural Society (Pat Dales Park)</b>	15 years	2038
<b>Dundalk Agricultural Society (Soccer Fields)</b>	15 years	2038
<b>Grey Highlands (Proton Station Community Centre)1987</b>	Ongoing	No term
<b>Melancthon (Arena and Dundalk Parks facilities)</b>	4 years	Dec 2027
<b>Wellington North (annual operating and capital cost of "ice oriented" activities)</b>	4 years	Dec 2027
<b>Mount Forest Community Centre Building Fund \$1,000,000 (\$100,000 over 10 years)</b>		
<b>Mount Forest Pool Build 2026 (\$250,000)</b>		
<b>Dundalk Lion's Club (Dundalk Lion's donation of \$900, for five free uses Community Centre, 10 (ten) free days including all park lands and Macintyre Building)</b>	Annually	
<b>Dundalk Community Centre Concessions</b>	Not tendered	
<b>Dundalk Soccer Club (operating grant \$1,000 annually)</b>	Closed	
<b>Dundalk Lawn Bowling Club (\$400 annually and maintains bowling pitch for uses of pitch and use of Macintyre Building)</b>	Annually	
<b>Hillside Academy Swinton Park CC usage (\$1,500)</b>	Annually	
<b>Holstein Minor Ball (start fund \$250)</b>	Held in Trust	
<b>Kids n Us Lease Dundalk Community Centre (\$400/ month)</b>	No limit on terms	

# ASSETS BELOW 30% LIFE EXPECTANCY

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## Parkland Assets:

- Memorial Park Ball Diamond Fencing
- Holstein Park Outdoor Washrooms
- Holstein Park Ball Lights
- Holstein Park Ball Bleachers
- Holstein Ball Park Shed Roof
- Hopeville Ball Park Lights
- Hopeville Diamond 2 Backstop
- Hopeville Diamond 2 Fencing

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## Parkland Assets:

- Dromore Ballpark Backstop
- Proton Station Ballpark Backstop

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## Facility Assets:

- **Dundalk and District Community Centre**
- Community Centre Interior Doors
- **Ice Surface Concrete Pad** \$2 million Grand Valley
- Auditorium Hall Flooring (to be replaced 2026)
- Refrigeration Plant Condenser (to be replaced 2030) Condenser \$120,000 Chiller \$120,000
- Lion's Pavilion Main Concrete Floor
- Holstein Pavilion Siding (to be replaced 2027)
- Holstein Pavilion Doors
- Holstein Pavilion Large Refrigerator



# ASSETS BELOW 30% LIFE EXPECTANCY

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## Facility Assets:

- **Swinton Park Community Centre**
- Swinton Park Community Centre Roof
- Swinton Park Community Centre Brick Siding
- Swinton Park Community Centre Doors
- Proton Community Park Pavilion Electrical Wiring
- **Memorial Park Pool**
- **Memorial Park Pool Concrete Decking**

Note 26 of 165 Identified Assets



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PROGRAM PLAN

# SOUTHGATE PROGRAMS OFFERED FREE / SPONSORED

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## Dundalk Community Centre

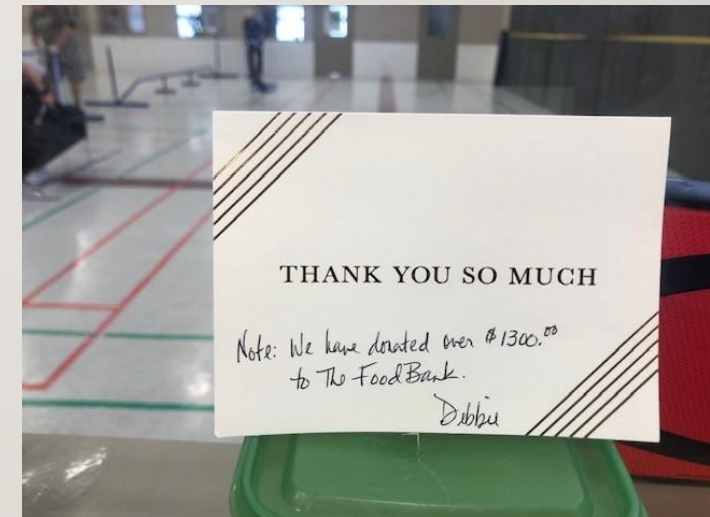
- Public Skating / Seniors Skating / Parent Tot
- Snow Day Hockey / Basketball
- After School Hockey / Basketball
- Pickleball

## Macintyre Building

- Lawn Bowling

## Swinton Park Community Centre

- Cards
- Senior Fitness



# SOUTHGATE PAID PROGRAMS OFFERED / RESULTS

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## Dundalk Community Arena

- Learn to Skate
- Learn to Play Hockey
- Adult Learn to Skate
- Youth Ball Hockey
- Adult Ball Hockey
- Ladies Ball Hockey (league)

# SOUTHGATE PAID PROGRAMS OFFERED / RESULTS

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## Dundalk Community Centre Auditorium

- Youth Basketball
- Adult Basketball
- Youth Badminton
- Adult Badminton
- Youth Indoor Soccer
- Playnastics
- Foodfit Camp

# SOUTHGATE PAID PROGRAMS OFFERED / RESULTS

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## Dundalk Community Parkland

- Learn to Play Soccer
- House League Soccer

# SOUTHGATE PROGRAM REVENUES

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- Arena Programs \$27,937
- Auditorium Programs \$10,533
- Summer Outdoor Programs \$11,211
- Pool Lessons \$11,819
- Public Swim \$10,667

Total Revenues \$72,167

# SOUTHGATE PROGRAM IN DEVELOPMENTS

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Leadership and volunteerism Program: 14–17 Year-olds

Environmental Program: Designed for youth in Holstein Park

Flag Football: Intermural program and partnering with locals

Tennis Program: Spring or fall program indoor on ice surface

Volleyball: Indoor and outdoor drop in and regular programs

Cricket: Learn to play program

Men's Ball Hockey: League

Southgate Minor Soccer Association: Volunteer run/Southgate Partnership

# SOUTHGATE PROGRAM GROWTH/RESOURCES

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Need for collaboration with schools both in Southgate and Grey Highlands Secondary School

- Continuing to build partnerships with teachers, classes, families and administration for resources, outreach and potential use of secondary spaces.
- Building on school trips for skating to include options for elective day programs.

# SECONDARY PROVIDERS

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- South East Grey Community Health Centre
- South Grey Spartans Minor Hockey
- Shooting Stars Girls Minor Hockey
- Dundalk Minor Softball
- Mount Forest Baseball Association
- Mount Forest Soccer Association
- Hopeville Softball Sarah and Jenna (Mason family)
- Lawn Bowling
- Jazz n' Pizzaz Dance Studio
- GO Adventure

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# OVERVIEW OF PARKLAND AND FACILITIES

# DUNDALK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE

## Repurpose Ice Surface

Decreased usage may require a redesigned ice surface to incorporate a field house / outdoor skating rink.

Other options for decreased usage, we may need to consider a shorter season for example being November 1<sup>st</sup> to February or March each year to make operational deficit and service affordable to the community and taxpayers.

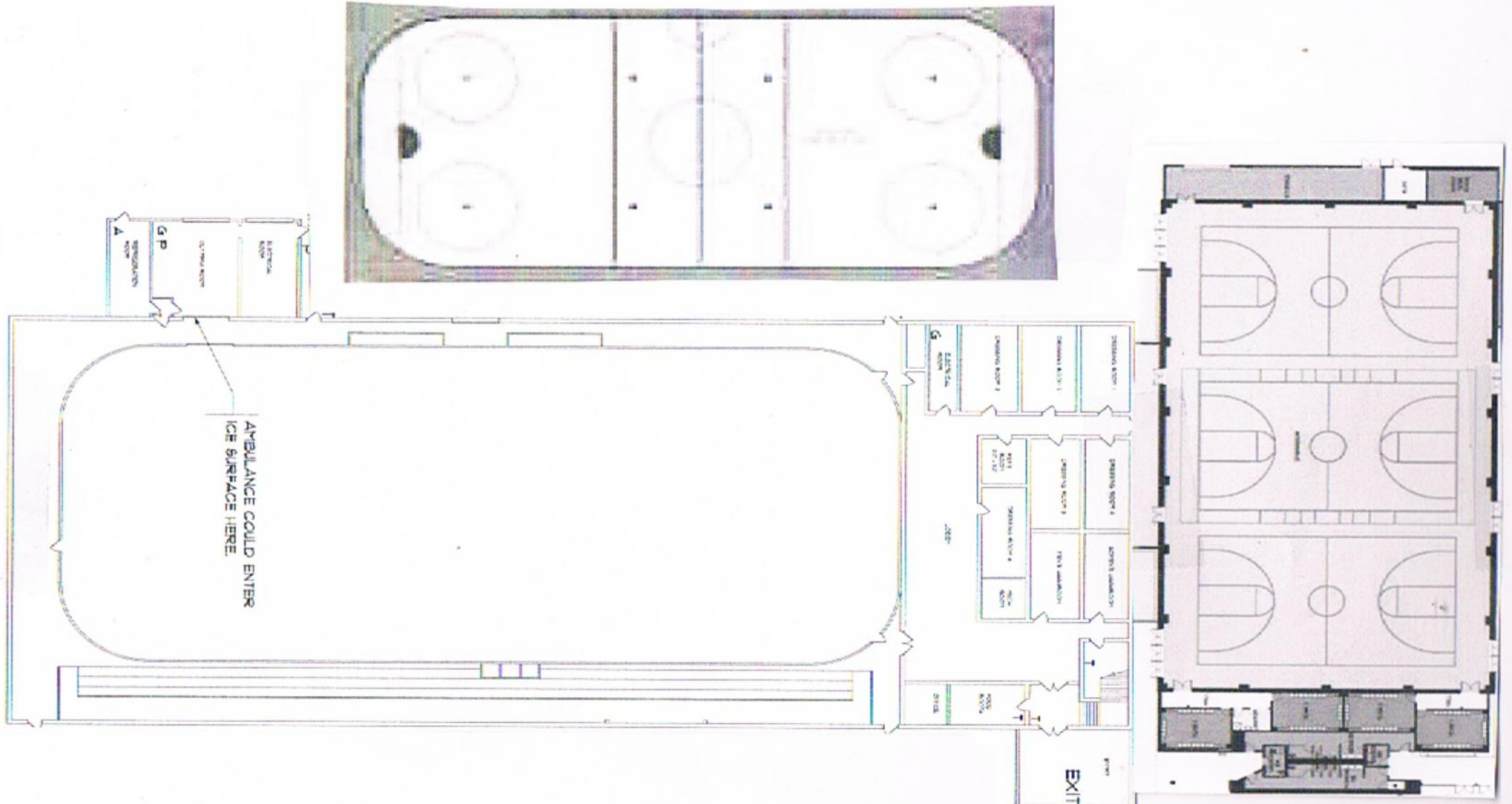
Current usage could justify the arena to continue to function.

## Replacement

Trends in Arena replacement have shifted from stand alone Facilities to Regional Multi-Pads. Current population demographics and numbers, imply that Dundalk could not support, in usage nor financially, a New Arena. Replacement should be considered with a Partnering Municipality of significant size that would support a regional facility. Current growth would imply a partnership with Shelburne on a new twin pad arena.



# COMMUNITY CENTRE FUTURE USE:



# FRANK MACINTYRE BUILDING



Facility Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Development	Accessibility access, may need entrance vestibule	2026	\$29,000
Repurpose to Dedicated Seniors Facility	Review current Senior's programs and facility requirements.	Ongoing	

# LION'S PAVILION



Facility Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Pavilion Improvements	Renovation Grant Received 2022	Completed	\$100,000
	Rebuild Entrance / Kitchen / Washrooms		
Main Hall Replacement	Finish renovations rebuild hall area	Completed	
Development	Include replacement in multi-use facilities.	5 to 10 years	
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	Possible location for new facility		
	Include replacement in Multi-use Facility. Possible location for new facility		

# MEMORIAL PARK POOL



Facility Development		
Recreational themes and infrastructure		
Goal	Action	Timeline
<b>Pool Replacement</b>	<p>Consideration be implemented in New Facility.</p> <p>Cost to replace may exceed Municipalities budget. Replacement should be considered with a Partnering Municipality of significant size that would support a regional facility. Current growth would imply a partnership with Shelburne and possibly incorporate into a new twin pad arena complex.</p>	>10 years
<b>Development</b>	Limited by design / Splash pad may add feature that extends value to community	
<b>Accessibility</b>	<p>Accessible access to pool</p> <p>Purchase accessible lift and access stairs</p>	Completed

# HOPEVILLE PAVILION



Facility Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
<b>Increase usage</b>	Research other potential land usage		
<b>Development</b>	Current usage does not warrant development		
<b>Surplus Land/ Infrastructure</b>	Lack of Community usage and decreasing ballpark usage, facility could be deemed surplus.		

# SWINTON PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE



Facility Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
<b>Building renovation</b>	Invest \$10,000 to create accessible fire exit and washroom.	2026	\$10,000
<b>Surplus Land/ Infrastructure</b>	Community investing in increased usage. Decision on declaring surplus on hold.	Future of Facility decision 2028	

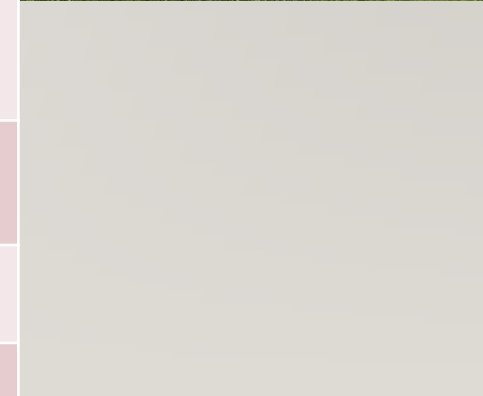
# HOLSTEIN PAVILION



<b>Facility Development</b>			
<b>Recreational themes and infrastructure</b>			
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Increase usage</b>	Research other potential building usage		
<b>Development</b>	Current seasonal usage does not reflect need/ washrooms newly renovated		
<b>Maintenance</b>	Siding needs replaced	2027	\$15,000
<b>Surplus Land/ Infrastructure</b>	Current usage has value to Community.		

# MEMORIAL PARK

Parkland Development		12 Acres	
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
<b>Add year-round element to park</b>	Create cross country ski trails throughout park and incorporate trails. (Location change Norm Jack Park)	Research	
<b>Extreme Sport BMX</b>	Good location to extend BMX park and add element of extreme BMX	< 5 years	?
<b>Community Garden</b>	Introduction of community garden in 2013 was a success.	Current	
<b>Volleyball</b>	Identify & build court in suitable location	2026	\$2,500
<b>Outdoor Racquet Sports</b>	Incorporate new multiple courts / pickleball courts under existing ball lights when ball parks move to new location.	Research	
<b>Splash Pad</b>	Design to fit existing Parkland	2028	\$150,000
<b>Accessibility</b>	Playground accessibility Public Washrooms	Current	
<b>Surplus Land/ Infrastructure</b>	Up to 25% could be surplus for Senior Housing or future Multi Use Facility	<5 years	



# PAT DALES PARK



Parkland Development		27 Acres	
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Playground Accessibility	Surface Upgrade to Fibre Mulch	Completed	\$2,000
Shade Canopy	Replace 10 Ash Trees	Completed	
Ball Park Lighting	Location change New Sports Park		
Soccer Field Development	Location change New Sports Park		
Snowmobile Start Point	Link Trails to parkland / parking	<5 years	
Dog Park	Possible Location	Current to 5 years	\$15,000
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	No available land leased from Agricultural Society		

# JOE LISANTI PARK



Parkland Development		.5 Acres	
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Playground Accessibility	Surface Upgrade to Fibre Mulch	Completed	\$1000
Development	No major development in < 5 years. Park is passive play area. Size limitations		
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	None, park limited in size		

# EGREMONT COMMUNITY PARK



Parkland Development		11 Acres	
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Increase water element to parkland / Pond access	Promotion of pond water activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kayak/ Canoe intro days</li> </ul>	Current	
	Clear coastline of brush for viewing / fishing		
Ball Park Lighting	Upgrade ballpark lighting		\$100,000
	Or deem surplus infrastructure		
Increase individual/ family usage	Introduce Frisbee golf /Volleyball or other park games	Current	
	Increase walking trails		
Extreme Sport BMX	Good location for development	< 5 years	
Playground Accessibility	Surface Upgrade to Fibre Mulch	Completed	\$1000
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	25% land could be deemed surplus.		
	Opportunity to expand park and recreation services in the west end of Southgate.		

# DROMORE COMMUNITY PARK



<b>Parkland Development</b>		<b>5.2 Acres</b>	
<b>Recreational themes and infrastructure</b>			
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Development</b>	No major development in < 5 years. Park is passive play area. No size limitations		
<b>Shade Canopy</b>	Increase Trees 25% coverage	< 5 years	
<b>Playground Accessibility</b>	Surface Upgrade to Fibre Mulch	Completed	\$1000
<b>Surplus Land/ Infrastructure</b>	75% of parkland surplus / possible development opportunity or returned to farmland		



# PROTON COMMUNITY PARK (HOPEVILLE)



<b>Parkland Development</b>		<b>8 Acres</b>	
<b>Recreational themes and infrastructure</b>			
<b>Goal</b>	Action	Timeline	Cost
<b>Shade canopy</b>	Increase shade canopy by increasing trees.	Current	
<b>Ball Park Lighting Development</b>	Decision on usage No major development in < 5 years. Park is passive play area. Primary usage minor baseball. No size limitations		\$100,000
<b>Surplus Land/ Infrastructure</b>	50% of parkland unused  Ball lights could be removed (one team)		



# SWINTON PARK PARKLAND



Parkland Development		1 Acre	
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
<b>Sport Court improvements</b>	Replace concrete sport pad. Cover pad with shuffleboard court material.	Future of Facility decision 2028	
<b>Development</b>	No major development in < 5 years. Park is passive play area. Size limitations		
<b>Surplus Land/ Infrastructure</b>	Facility could be surplus with new senior's centre / Community Trying to revitalize	Future of Facility decision 2028	



# PROTON STATION COMMUNITY PARK



Parkland Development		1.6 Acres	
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
<b>Development</b>	No major development in < 5 years. Park is passive play area. Size limitations		
<b>Shade Canopy</b>	Increase Trees 10% coverage	< 5 years	
<b>Surplus Land/ Infrastructure</b>	75% parkland is surplus / unused parkland could be sold for development such as Affordable Housing.	< 5 years	

# FLATO PARKS ASSUMED



<b>Parkland Development</b>		<b>2.5 Acres</b>	
<b>Recreational themes and infrastructure</b>			
<b>Goal</b>	Action	Timeline	Cost
<b>Parkland Assumption</b>	Complete deficiencies identified by Municipality.	Current	
<b>Naming of Parkland</b>	In consultation with Elliott Family on interest in Name associated with Former Councillor and Landowner Grant Elliott	Current	



# BUDGET:

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## **Operating Budget for 2026 Summary:**

Budgeted operation cost for all Recreation Department  
\$654,793

Transfer annually to Reserves \$135,000 Taxation

Capital Projects 2026 \$530,000 through DC charges and  
reserve fund.

Mount Forest Pool Project paid for through Solar Fund

\$.05 of every tax dollar goes to Recreation

# QUESTIONS:

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