

Parks and Recreation Master Plan



Waterfront Plan

Public Meeting: Intelligence Gathering & Listening Session Tuesday August 13, 2019 | South Stormont Community Hall





Presentation Outline

- Team Introduction
- Project Process, Timeline + Consultation Details
- Building on Previous Work: Overview of Previous Plans
- □ What has Changed?
- Breakout: Discussion Topics / Questions





Team Introduction



Sierra Planning and Management advice - strategy - implementation

- Recreation Facilities
- Parks
- Programming
- Service Delivery
- Financials
- Implementation

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- Waterfront Planning
- Conceptualization





One Process – Two Plans

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

- Facilities Indoor & Outdoor
- Parks & Trails
- Programming
- Service Delivery

Waterfront Plan

 26km of St. Lawrence River shoreline, as per 2005 Waterfront Plan





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• 10 year time horizon

• Achievable capital and

• Elevating the importance

• Harmonized consultation

• 2 phase approach

operating plans

of public assets



Project Timeline



- Consultation
- Needs Analysis (ongoing)
- Interim Reporting



January 2020 – April 2020

Phase 2: Recreation & Waterfront Plan Making

- Develop Options / Directions
- Community & Stakeholder Consultation
- Draft Plans
- Presentation to Committee / Council
- Plan Finalization

Consultation Details







Building on Previous Work: Parks & Recreation Plan

- **Previous Recreation Master Plan completed in 2007**
- **Recreation Development Plan completed in 2009**
 - **Key Recommendations:**
 - Strategic planning and investment to preserve and extend the life of key recreation facilities (i.e. Long Sault Arena, St. Andrews West pool);
 - Develop and recognize three areas as **Community Parks**; Create new soccer fields in Long Sault to grow minor soccer program; Create new water feature opportunities in Community Parks (Splash Pads);
 - Improve outdoor courts and create multi-use opportunities;
 - Improve program opportunities and levels of service; and
 - Providing accessible facilities to meet or exceed current legislation.

Building on Previous Work: Waterfront Plan

Previous Waterfront Plan completed in 2005 by JL Richards & Associates

Study outcome included recommendations for:

- Development of a Waterfront Philosophy;
- Short, medium and long term projects;
- Design Framework to organize and explain improvements;
- Trail system development;
- Branding;
- Land use planning; and
- Approvals.

• Community and stakeholder engagement informed the study.





Building on Previous Work

D Example **2005 Waterfront Plan** projects









Building on Previous Work

recommendations for waterfront assets.





South Stormont is Changing

Given South Stormont is growing.

Between 2011 and 2016, the Township grew faster than Cornwall and all of SDG combined.

Majority of growth occurring in Long Sault.

Municipality	2016 Pop.	Pop. Change	% Change
South Glengarry	13,150	-12	-0.1%
South Stormont	13,110	+493	+3.9%
North Dundas	11,278	+53	+0.5%
South Dundas	10,833	+39	+0.4%
North Glengarry	10,109	-142	-1.4%
North Stormont	6,873	+98	+1.4%
City of Cornwall	46,589	+249	0.5%

The Township is expected to continue to grow (+705 people by 2036).



+5.4%



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+7.2%

How is it Changing?

The Township is growing older.

South Stormont is expected to experience aging like other Ontario communities.





	20	2011		2016	
Age Cohort	Pop.	%	Pop.	%	Change
Children (0-9)	1,220	9.67%	1,360	10.37%	$ \longleftrightarrow $
Youth (10-19)	1,745	13.83%	1,485	11.32%	Ļ
Young Adult (20-29)	1,125	8.91%	1,240	9.45%	$ \longleftrightarrow $
Adult (30-64)	6,510	51.58%	6,515	49.68%	Ļ
Older Adult (65+)	2,020	16.01%	2,515	19.18%	
TOTAL	12,620	100%	13,115	100%	



New Recreation Opportunities: What has Changed?

2009 Recreation Development Plan Key Accomplishments:

- Long Sault Arena (2011 to 2019) Refrigeration plant upgrades, lobby & changeroom renovations, facility expansion, accessibility improvements.
- **3 Community Parks** Strategically located to serve all residents and tourists in South Stormont.
- Simon Fraser Park (St. Andrews West) (2012-2018) Pool and deck retrofit, washroom renovation (AODA), repaired play structure, and addition of community meeting room at new fire hall.





New Recreation Opportunities: What has Changed?

2009 Recreation Development Plan Key Accomplishments (Cont'd):

- Arnold Bethune Park (Long Sault) (2010-2016) -Developed 8 soccer fields, outdoor rink, splash pad, beach volleyball courts, and washroom renovation (AODA).
- Ingleside Community Park (2014-2019) Strategic planning of location and amenities, washroom renovation (AODA), developed play structure, multi-use courts, and splash pad.
- Multi-Use Courts (2012-2014) Upgrades to 3 existing courts (rubberized paint, pickleball lines). A fourth court was part of the Ingleside Community Park project.





New Recreation Opportunities: What has Changed?

Recreation Facility Inventory

Facility	2007 Plan	2019	Change
Indoor Arena	1	1	-
Ball Diamond	3	3	-
Soccer Field	3	10	+7
Tennis / Pickleball Court	8	8	-
Basketball Court	3	2	-1
Parks with Play Structures	14	16	+2
Outdoor Rink	6	7	+ 1
Splash Pad	0	2	+2
Outdoor Pool	2	2	-
Beach Volleyball	2	4	+2
Community Halls	0	1	+1
Meeting Room	4	4	-
Library	3	2	-1

Extended ice rental season at Arena

- **Increased program offer** (wellness, aquatics, etc.)
- volunteer organizations



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Improved support / services for

Updated Department Structure

New Waterfront Opportunities: What Has Changed?

- Renewed working relationship with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and ongoing discussions regarding further long-term partnerships on waterfront projects and land uses.
- **Township of South Stormont** has renewed interest in developing recreational opportunities along the waterfront and has retained consulting team to update the Recreation Master Plan and the Waterfront Plan in a parallel and coordinated process.
- Waterfront Development Committee has been reinstated.
- **Community and stakeholders need to be re-activated** to assist in guiding updates.





Moving Forward

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2019/2020 Recreation and Waterfront Plan Updates will build on past work by:

- Assessing the status of previous initiatives, actions and design framework;
- Exploring the feasibility and relevancy of uncompleted projects;
- Inventorying other township/county initiatives that have been implemented (e.g., soccer fields, traffic circles); and
- **Re-engaging the community and stakeholders** to refresh understanding of the Township's parks, recreation facilities, and waterfront area and document new ideas.

It is important that the Township has plans in place in order to help secure future grant opportunities.







Discussion Questions

Current Use

- 1. How do you and/or your family currently use recreation assets and waterfront areas in the Township?
 - Consider parks, recreation facilities, and/or waterfront areas.
- 2. What is your favourite place or space in the Township and/or along the waterfront?





Discussion Questions

New Ideas

- 3. What improvements would you like to see to make your recreation experiences better?
 - Consider parks, recreation facilities, and/or waterfront lands.
- 4. What improvements to the waterfront lands do you think would attract and enhance seasonal tourism?





Discussion Questions

Placemaking

5. When you imagine the future of South Stormont's parks, recreation and waterfront assets, what do you see?











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Consultation Timeline

Parks and Recreation Public Consultation Plan



Waterfront Public Consultation Plan



