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In July 2006, the Township of South Stormont identified the need to develop a Recreational Master Plan to guide the strategic provision of recreational programs, facilities, parkland, and open space for the next ten years. The Township is committed to providing the "right" services in the areas of recreation programming, infrastructure development and operations for its residents whereby participation in physical activity throughout the municipality is enhanced and the service delivery is efficient and sustainable.

Why do a Recreation Master Plan?

It is an opportunity to:

- Review all recreational programs and services being offered in the Township;
- Communicate with citizens to determine their expectations and to encourage their involvement and participation in recreation services;
- Recognize the recreation potential and thus provide a wider range of recreational opportunities;
- Improve cooperation between recreation authorities, local developers, institutions, private agencies and community organizations;
- Recommend policies for acquiring parks and open space;
- Informed decisions about future financial requirements, staff additions, and land acquisition.

The study to develop a Recreational Master Plan begins by:

- Researching relevant background information about growth and development in the Township and relevant planning studies;
- Researching recreation trends in Canada and benefits or recreation;
- Examining socio-demographic and population trends, health status, and participation levels in physical activity;
- Undertaking an inventory of the existing parks and open space, facilities, and recreational programs operated by the Township.

The Recreational Master Plan then asks these fundamental questions:

- What are the interests of people, volume of participation, and satisfaction levels with the current offering of recreation programs, parks and facilities and what improvements would they like to see?
- What potential is there in the current inventory of parks and facilities to better meet the needs for recreation through setting standards, better design and change in funding?

- What delivery model that combines Township and volunteer involvement would best address the shifting interests and changing conditions for providing services in recreation?

An important component of developing this Master Plan has been engaging the residents of South Stormont through a mail-out survey and through two facilitated workshops to better understand their recreational needs, current level of participation in recreation, satisfaction with current programming and facilities, and how they think the recreational system can be improved.

1.1 Geography

The Township of South Stormont is located in eastern Ontario, along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, north and west of the City of Cornwall and has a population of approximately 12,500 people. South Stormont is part of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry that is also comprised of North Stormont, North Dundas, South Dundas, North Glengarry and South Glengarry. The largest hamlets within the Township of South Stormont are Ingleside, Long Sault, St. Andrews West, Newington and Rosedale, all of which are designated "Urban Settlement Areas" in the Official Plan for the United Counties. There are also the hamlets of Beaver Glen, Bonville, Harrison's Corners, Lunenburg, Lakeview Heights, Northfield and Osnabruck Centre which are designated as "Rural Settlement Areas" and the General Rural Area.

Highway 401 runs through the Township in an east-west direction, and Highway 417 also provides access from the north, through the Township of North Stormont. County Road 2 is south of the 401 and runs along the St. Lawrence River, providing a scenic route through the Township. The City of Cornwall lies to the west and is 13.5 kilometres from Long Sault and 30 kilometres from Newington. Ottawa is approximately 90 kilometres away and Montreal is approximately 120 kilometres away.

1.2 The St. Lawrence Seaway and the Lost Villages

The fastest growing areas in the Township of South Stormont today are those bordering the St. Lawrence in the hamlets of Ingleside, Long Sault, and Rosedale. Together these communities have a combined population of over 4,500. Prior to the flooding caused by the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project on "Inundation Day", July 1, 1958, over 6,500 people lived in six villages and three hamlets along the former shoreline. Many of these inhabitants moved into the new towns of Ingleside (New Town #1) and Long Sault (New Town #2) created to house the displaced residents and businesses. The new town plans were laid out with schools, churches, parks, homes on quiet streets and tracts for future businesses and industry. The towns have grown; however, a way of life, which had evolved from the first

settlements of the United Empire Loyalists to the bustling communities of the post-war era, is gone forever.

In the late 1970's, former residents of the lost villages, recognizing that the local history was going to be forgotten, established the Lost Villages Historical Society. Today, a museum, home of the Lost Villages Historical Society, is located in Ault Park near Long Sault where former buildings are arranged in a village-like setting.

Next year is the 50th Anniversary of the Inundation and as with any significant anniversary there is an opportunity to celebrate not only the life gone by but also to set direction for a new civic vitality in the communities of South Stormont and the premier open spaces along the St. Lawrence River.

1.3 Growth and Development

The ***Official Plan*** for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, adopted on July 18, 2005 identifies the vision and policies for growth and development for six Townships including the Township of South Stormont. The following is a summary of the policies that address planning issues related to parks and recreation:

- 3.04. Goal of O.P.: "To achieve a compact and energy efficient land use pattern that optimizes the use of available or planned… public service facilities (schools, health care, recreation and cultural facilities, fire, police and emergency services)…"
- 3.04. Objective of O.P.: "To provide and maintain an adequate supply of land for residential, recreational, open space, public service and employment uses to meet projected growth and development demands for the planning period of 20 years."
- The Official Plan "provides for a Major Open Space land-use designation for community-wide parks and recreation facilities and to identify urban reserves for long-term development"
- "The uses permitted in the Major Open Space designation will include parks, recreational facilities, cultural facilities, community facilities and open space uses."
- 3.06.7. "Parks, open spaces or green areas should be planned to meet a variety of leisure and recreation needs and should be readily accessible to users e.g. tot-lots, neighbourhood parks, community parks, wilderness parks, recreational trail systems"
- 4.06.2. "Local municipalities shall provide parks and open space facilities for the recreational and leisure benefits of residents in accordance with the park land dedication provisions of the Planning Act, or may accept cash-in-lieu.

New parkland that is provided in Urban and Rural Settlement Areas should have the following characteristics:

Contribute to the equitable distribution of parkland and green space within the community;

Be easily accessible by foot or bicycle from residential areas served by the parkland and preferably linked to other green spaces;

Be visible from many vantage points within the community;

Have significant street frontage, in proportion to their size, often fronting on two or more streets depending on their shape and function;

Be suitable for its function in terms of size, shape, topography and soil conditions;

Be located where possible, in close proximity to schools, community centres, other recreational facilities and other compatible community facilities.

(OP Policy 8.14.11: Park Characteristics.)

- 8.14.11. Parkland Dedication or Cash-in-Lieu: "It is policy to require the conveyance of parkland or the cash-in-lieu equivalent for residential and non-residential development as a means to implementing the policies for parks and open space areas of this Plan."

1.4 Relevant Planning Studies

One of the Township of South Stormont's unique features and most interesting opportunities is its waterfront on the St. Lawrence River. The majority of the waterfront lands are in public ownership. The landowner of those public lands is the St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC). The Commission is an Ontario provincial agency established in 1955 with the following mandate:

> "to provide recreation, tourism, cultural and educational opportunities for residents of Ontario and visitors to the province through the presentation and interpretation of historical attractions and the development and operation of parks, campgrounds, scenic parkways and recreational areas. The Commission reports to the government through the Minister of Tourism and Recreation."

The Township of South Stormont leases three large parcels of land from the Commission, Farran Park, 125-Acre Park and Lakeview Park. In 1995, the Township prepared its ***"Waterfront Plan for the Township of South Stormont"*** to evaluate opportunities to integrate Township initiatives with the lands of the Commission and guide development of the Waterfront Area. The following are highlights of the study with relevance to this study:

- Establishes Planning Principles:
  - "Accessible: The Township will work with the SLPC and local groups to maintain and improve specific points of access to the water, views of the water, and access to the waterfront for passive and active purposes"
  - "Public Ownership: The Township should take advantage of the public ownership of the water frontage and work with the SLPC to use the area for the benefit of the residents of the Township and tourists"
  - "Sense of Place: Provide a location that the residents and tourists will find attractive to visit regularly."
- Recommends that the Township and the SLPC include specific work related to the long-term agreements for development of facilities at Farran Park, the 125-Acre waterfront parcel, Lakeview Park, and the Long Sault parkette.
- Supports Recreation Master Planning to review demands for expanded recreation uses on the waterfront and suggests several initiatives;

- Outlines the importance of trail systems along the water, including extension of the Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail (LOWT).

A second planning study with relevance to this Master Plan project is the ***Five Counties Recreational Trails Master Plan***. Highlights of that plan are as follows:

- Creates a vision for an extensive recreational trail network within the Five Counties of Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry;
- Establishes trails as a key component of recreation. This is confirmed in the responses from the survey conducted as part of the Recreational Master Plan which show a high level of use of the bike path along the waterfront in South Stormont, and requests for more trails;
- Recommends a four-season, shared recreational trail system which will act as a catalyst in community economic development. As of 1994, the majority of trails were for snowmobiles. It appears most were developed independently of each other and as a result are not connected.

The *Five County Recreational Trails Master Plan* also details the following:

- Trail routing criteria;
- Key linkages and corridors;
- Opportunities for shared use;
- Trail management;
- Safety and trail etiquette;
- Communication plan;
- Sources of funding.

At the time of publication, the *Five Counties Recreational Trails Master Plan* concluded that an integrated network of trails would be economically and physically feasible, financially realistic if phased in over a period of time, and would be in the interest of the local and county government, the province and the private sector to build and maintain.

A third study that supports the goals of the Recreation Master Plan is the ***Economic Development Strategic Plan for the Township of South Stormont 2006.*** The plan recommends strategic goals for maintaining the basic supports for a favourable business climate and a healthy community and for promoting growth and development for residents and businesses that includes:

- Creating communities with green spaces, parks, and a full spectrum of recreation; and
- Developing plans and conceptual proposals for high quality waterfront development in selected areas that are not better suited for nature conservation.

2.1 The Benefits of Recreation

The importance of parks and recreation to individual lives, communities, economy and the environment has been demonstrated extensively over the years. One outstanding source is "*The Benefits of Parks and Recreation: A Catalogue*" prepared by the Parks and Recreation Federation of Ontario (PRFO) together with the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation. This catalogue was prepared in the late 1980's at a time of increasing competition for public funds – a stress that has increased rather than abated. This catalogue uses research from over 100 different sources to make conclusions about the benefits of parks and recreation.

The catalogue puts forward benefit statements relating to parks and recreation in four different categories – personal, social, economic, and environmental. The following is a selection of benefit statements that specifically supports the concerns and comments received by the residents of South Stormont during the public consultation process for this study. Some of the issues of importance were health promotion, activities for youth, maintaining natural areas, tourism, improving facilities, and community pride.

Personal Benefits

- Regular physical activity is one of the very best methods of health insurance for individuals.
- Leisure opportunities for youth provide positive lifestyle choices and alternatives to self-destructive behaviour.
- Parks and open spaces bring beauty to an area while giving people satisfaction and improving their quality of life.

Social Benefits

- Leisure provides opportunities for community involvement, and shared management and ownership of resources.
- Recreating together builds strong families, the foundation of a stronger society.
- Leisure opportunities, facilities and the quality of the local environment are the foundations of community pride.

Economic Benefits

- Small investments in recreation yield big economic returns.
- Recreation and park services are often the catalyst for tourism, a growing sector of our economy.
- Pay now or pay more later! Investment in recreation as a preventative health service makes sense.

Environmental Benefits

- Investing in the environment through parks and the provision of open space in residential areas, leads to an increase in neighbourhood property values through accessibility to environmentally friendly green spaces and associated recreation opportunities.
- The public is often prepared to pay for environmental protection and rehabilitation in their communities, and to support parks and recreation organizations that play a lead role in that protection.

More recently, the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion established an ambitious action plan, the ACTIVE2010 Sport and Physical Activity Strategy Vision placing a strong emphasis on promoting physical activity in the province, a big boost to the importance of providing recreational activities at the community level. The Strategy recognizes numerous benefits associated with habitual physical activity such as:

- Increased longevity;
- Psychological well-being;
- Promotion of pro-social behaviour and improved social cohesion;
- Increased labour-force productivity;
- Higher student achievement;
- Support of the economic growth of cities.

The vision of ACTIVE2010 is as follows: ACTIVE2010 will result in a culture of physical activity and sport participation within the province that directly contributes to healthier Ontarians, stronger communities, and reduced health care costs." Its goals are:

- To create opportunities for Ontarians to become involved in quality sport activities;
- To enhance opportunities for Ontarians to participate in daily physical activities;
- To increase the number of Ontarians who value participation in sport and physical activity as an integral and essential part of life in Ontario.

For more information, go to www.active2010.ca

2.2 General Recreation Trends in Canada

To better understand the social trends affecting our participation in physical activity, we consulted the document, "Illuminating our Future: Parks and Recreation in Canada February 18 - 21, 1998, Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia - A Canadian Parks Recreation Association event, Coordinated by Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants Ltd. and supported by Escom Software Services Ltd. and proceedings, July 30, 1999. The following is a sampling of some of the trends in recreation participation today.

Many people feel stressed and rushed in their daily lives and are finding that their free time is available in smaller segments of time. By providing services in small blocks of time, and by providing services in multi-use facilities with extended hours, the whole family can recreate when it is most convenient for them.

Along with more people with time restrictions, there are more people with special needs, more people who seek happiness through experience, more flexibility of gender roles and equity of sexes, and more cultural diversity. With this comes the need to better understand customers and their needs. There will be a need for more personalized services and an increased need for staff training and developing awareness of differences. The trend for increasing use of technology in society will be helpful, especially the use of sophisticated data collection systems which will increase the ability to access demographic data and analyze it for service improvements.

Youth is a demographic that merits special attention. Youth lead increasingly sedentary lifestyles and have high levels of un/underemployment resulting in youth poverty. The Canadian Parks Recreation Association (CPRA) suggests an overall renewed multi-faceted focus on youth that improves youth leadership, training and volunteer opportunities, develops specialized marketing strategies that advertise to youth by youth, and adapts the process to foster youth participation.

Another trend in society is the reduction in public sector spending on parks and recreation and the devolution of services to lower levels of government. The CPRA suggests that communities broker, facilitate and deliver; but not do it all directly. It also suggests that collaborating with allied sectors without losing core values, and bringing together multi-disciplinary teams to deliver services are potential strategies.

As a result of the public's lack of trust in government and large institutions, it is important that communities develop more effective protocols and processes for public involvement in decision-making and in community development.

This trend is also supported by research by the Rural Economy Project, which conducts research in rural issues in Canada through a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. In studying the role of the voluntary sector in rural community leadership, rural citizens rated volunteer and community groups as being most effective in their support for their community with local business leaders also received high rating. This also indicates that resource supports to volunteers are important.

2.3 How Active are We?

National surveys have been conducted in Canada since 1981 to determine what proportion of Canadians are active and what are the changing physical activity patterns across the country. In 2001, the Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute (CFLRI) reported that over the period 1998 to 2001, there has been a reduction in physical inactivity in each province and territory but it also reported that as many as 57% of Ontarians are insufficiently active for optimal health benefits.

The report found that the most popular physical activities for adults are:

- *Walking for exercise* *69%*
- *Gardening/yard work* *47%*
- *Home exercise* *31%*
- *Swimming* *26%*
- *Social dancing* *23%*
- *Bicycling* *21%*
- *Golf* *14%*
- *Jogging/running* *13%*
- *Weight training* *12%*

Fifty-seven per cent of youth aged 12-19 are not active enough for optimal growth and development. The report found that the most popular physical activities for youth are:

- *Walking for exercise* *60%*
- *Bicycling* *49%*
- *Swimming* *46%*
- *Jogging/running* *42%*
- *Basketball* *38%*
- *Social dancing* *38%*
- *Home exercise* *37%*

It is notable that those activities that are most popular among youth and adults are those that expand the traditional view of recreation as focused on physical infrastructure and highly structured programs. While the needs for recreation has become more personalized as described above, the nature of recreation has become very diverse.

2.4 A Community Profile of the Township of South Stormont

Population

According to the 2001 Census by Statistics Canada, The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG) collectively experienced a 1.6% decrease in population between 1996 and 2001. However, according to the same census, the Township of South Stormont itself experienced a 3.1% increase in population at 11,941 in 2001, up from 11,584 in 1996 during the same time period. During this time, it appears that South Stormont may have escaped the general trend of population decline in the area.

More recent figures from the 2006 Ontario Ministry of Finance population estimates show that SDG will grow 1.7% between now and 2011, and another 1.8% between 2011 and 2016. If South Stormont's growing trend from 1996 to 2001 is an indication, it may be a main contributor to this overall growth in SDG in the future.

South Stormont's population increase lends support to the need for additional recreational resources in the Township. However, if the Township plans new facilities with the idea that residents from surrounding Townships will also use them, it is important to keep in mind that the surrounding area experienced a decline in population leading up to 2001.

Estimated Population of Larger Hamlets

Long Sault	1800
Ingleside	1500
Rosedale	1200
St. Andrews West	650

Age

According to 2001 Census data summarized in the Champlain Local Health Integration Network Initial Integrated Health Services Plan, 2006, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry (SDG) had more residents 65 years of age or older (~16%) than any other sub-planning group in the region except Renfrew which had approximately the same percentage of seniors. The populations of the remaining sub-planning areas had 9-13% (approx.) seniors. South Stormont itself had 13.5% seniors which compares to a provincial average of 12.9%.

Considering that the population nation-wide is aging, and that South Stormont exceeds the provincial average for residents 65 years and older, it is important to consider this age group when improving recreational facilities and programs. With an aging population come several other trends. According to the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA), as people live longer, seniors will have longer retirements. They will have need for meaning in their lives and may turn to volunteering as a way to fulfill this need. In addition, seniors wishing to remain active will have physical needs that will need to be addressed as they age.

Income

According to the 2001 Census, the median household income for all households in South Stormont was $55 339, compared to a province-wide median of $53 724. Median family incomes for all families and median incomes in one-parent families were also above the provincial statistics. These numbers suggest South Stormont residents were better off than most Ontarians, and if these statistics are similar today, suggest that residents may have more money to spend on recreation. However, this does not necessarily suggest that the Township should increase fees for programs, as a general trend across the country shows that there is a greater divide between the “haves” and the “have nots”, and the “have nots” could be left out. Also, some income categories showed median incomes lower than Ontario as a whole.

According to the CPRA, as the divide between the rich and the poor grows, a “leisure gerontocracy” may develop, whereby recreation within a community is controlled by the elite. This must be avoided in order to ensure equal access to facilities and programs, and pricing strategies must not be such that the poorer segments of society, for example youth, are subsidizing the recreational activities of richer groups such as retired seniors.

Overall Health

In 2005, 57.5 % of the population aged 12 and over within the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU), which includes South Stormont, self-reported that they had excellent or very good health. This compares with a provincial figure of 60.7% in 2005, and is also lower than all other health units within the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (CLHIN) except Renfrew. The figures indicate that people in the EPHI may be less healthy than the province as a whole and less healthy than people belonging to other health units within the CLHIN. Other health categories in which the EOHU area scored worse than most other health units and Ontario as a whole were life expectancy for both sexes and infant mortality. Age-standardized mortality is the rate at which people are dying in a given population over a one year period of time, and is a good indicator of the overall health of a population. In 2006 SDG had a higher age-standardized mortality rate than Ontario.

Unfortunately, daily smoking in the EOHU area increased from 20.5% to 22.7% from 2003 to 2005 and was the highest of all health units except Renfrew. Heavy drinking also went up from 18.4% in 2003 (lower than the all-Ontario statistic) to 24.5% in 2005 (higher than all-Ontario).

The good news is that, despite some statistics being worse than nearby areas, some improved within the EOHU between 2003 and 2005. For example, the percentage of people self-reporting very good or excellent health increased from approximately 55% in 2003 to the above mentioned figure of 57.5%. Also, the percentage of overweight or obese people decreased from 59.7% in 2003 to 57.3% in 2005.

Physical Activity

In both 2003 and 2005 the EOHU reported the highest level of physical inactivity of all health units within the CLHIN but was comparable to Ontario as a whole. While it scored the poorest of all in the region, it did improve by a few percentage points from 2003 (48.7%) to 2005 (45.5%).

While the health of residents within the EOHU does not always compare favourably with other areas with the CLHIN, the most important comparisons to do are within the EOHU itself. If health and activity rates are improving over time, then progress is being made.

Given that access to recreation is an important factor in health promotion, and assuming that there is a demand for increased access in South Stormont, it might be reasonable to believe that if the need is met, the overall health standard of South Stormont residents would continue to improve.

Beginning January 1, 2007, the Government of Canada proposes to allow a non-refundable tax credit paid by parents to register a child under 16 in a physical fitness program. This move is designed to promote physical activity among children. Eligible programs are those supervised programs that put emphasis on cardio-respiratory endurance. Programs must last at least eight weeks with a minimum of one session per week, or, in the case of children's camps, five consecutive days – provided that more than 50% of the program time is devoted to physical activity. This tax credit program has the potential to increase demand on recreation programming offered in the Township of South Stormont.

A key component of developing this Recreation Master Plan is the creation of an inventory of the parks and recreation facilities in the Township of South Stormont. This section includes the methodology for creating the inventory and a profile of all the parks and recreation facilities. The next section provides an inventory of the recreation programs offered in the Township.

3.1 Inventory Methodology

The inventory of parks and recreation facilities was compiled using several sources of data and methods of collection. The following is a description of each of these sources and methods.

GIS Data (preliminary)

GIS data from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry were first used to create a series of four maps highlighting:

a) Land ownership,

b) Natural features and trails,

c) Parks and facilities, and

d) Recreation destinations.

These maps were used during both the public and the stakeholder consultation meetings to generate discussion.

Sandtown
Newington
Dixon
Bonville
Lunenburg
Ingleside
East Isle

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Parks and Facilities

Note:
This is not intended to replace a survey or to be used for legal description.

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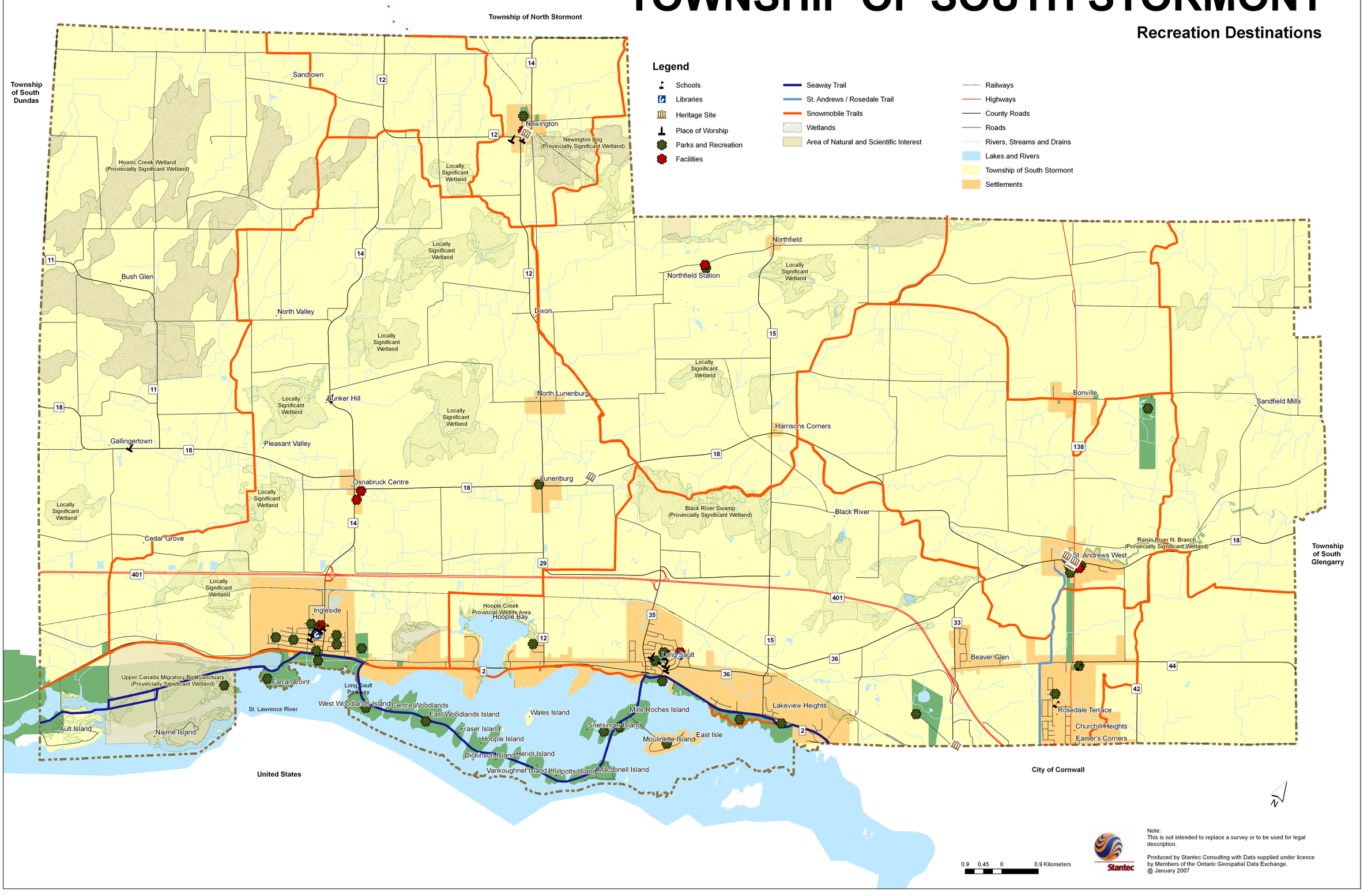
Recreation Destinations



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Public Land Schedule

The public land inventory/Schedule 'B' To The By-Law No. 61-1999, which lists lands owned by the Corporation of the Township of South Stormont that are used for recreation purposes, confirmed Township ownership of parks and facilities, and allowed cross-referencing with data collected in other ways.

Land Use Agreements

Copies of the official leases of properties leased from the St Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) and Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) provided details on the lands that are not owned by the Township, but which are leased and used by it. Further discussions are underway for other land holdings (Long Sault parkette). The following is a summary of the details of each lease agreement:

- ***125 acres in Ingleside:*** In 1988 the Township leased this area for a period of 5 years for the purposes of development, maintenance, preservation, administration and supervision of the property. Possession and control were also granted for 3 subsequent periods of 5 years after the first term expired. The last of these periods will expire in 2008.

- ***Farran Park:*** In 1992 the Township entered into a lease to operate, maintain, preserve, administer and supervise for park purposes the area known as Farran Park. In 2003 the Township renewed its lease agreement with the SLPC for an additional 5 years commencing on April 1, 2002. The annual rent is $10 000 and the lease will expire on March 31, 2007.

- ***Lakeview Park:*** In 2002 the Township entered into a 20-year lease, to expire on April 30, 2022, with the SLPC, for $1 per year, of 31 acres along the St Lawrence River. The permitted uses are for public day use only.

- ***Lancer Centre:*** The Township and the UCDSB shared the cost of construction of this indoor multi-use facility and in 1990 entered into a 20-year agreement that allows the Township to use the facility when school is not in session, i.e. on weekday evenings, weekends, and holiday. The Township pays rent to the UCDSB. Upon expiry of the 20-year agreement, it automatically renews itself for year to year.

Information from municipal staff

Information from municipal staff, who completed park and facility profile sheets, provided valuable data that was not always captured in the above mentioned legal agreements.

Site visits

Finally, all of the above sources of information were verified with site visits to each park and facility. Photographs were taken, diagrams of facility layouts were sketched and observations were recorded.

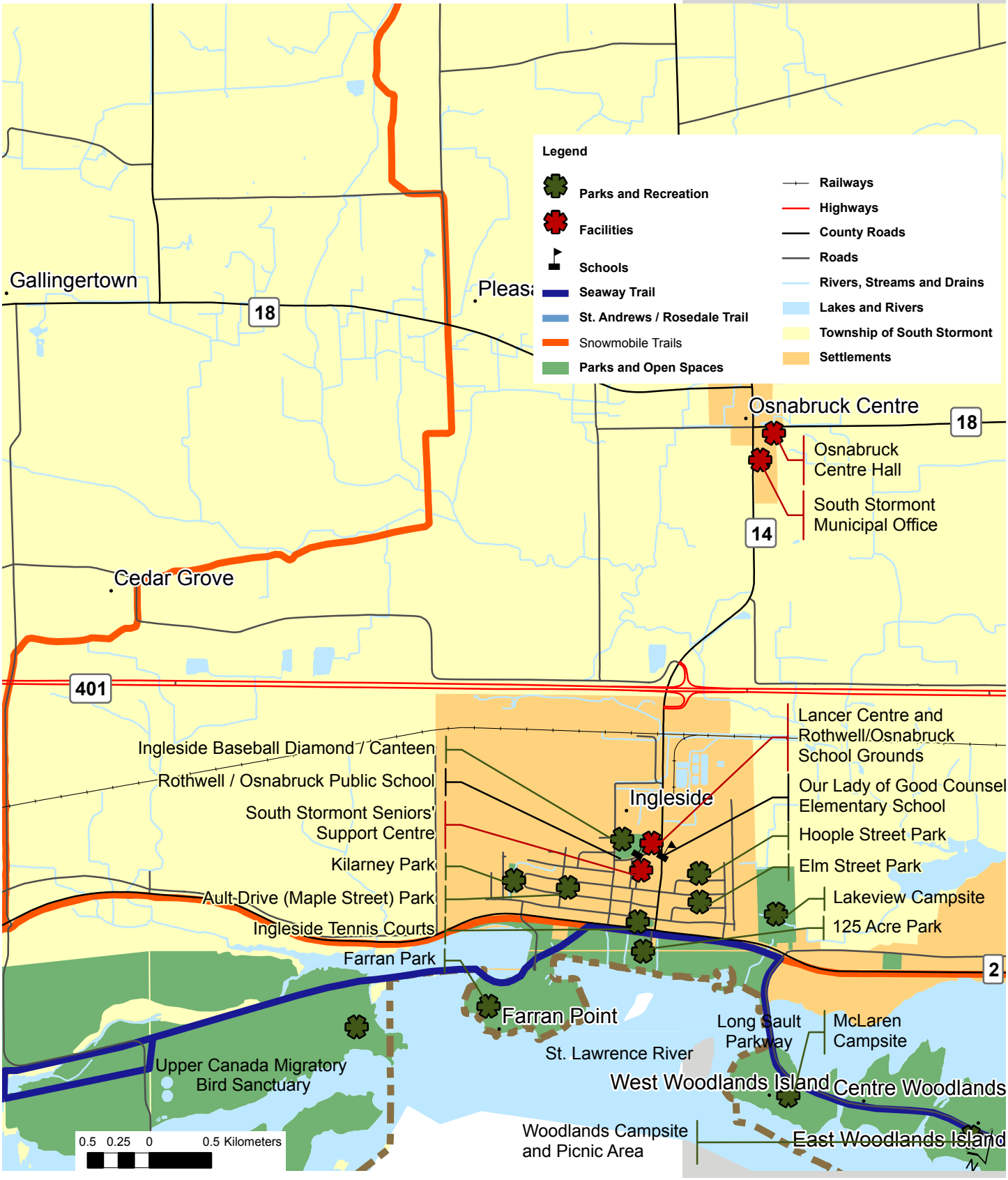
3.2 Park and Recreation Facility Inventory Profiles

Inventory profiles were created for each park and recreation facility. The profiles are organized into four geographic sectors:

- Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre
- Long Sault / North Lunenburg
- Newington / Northfield Station
- St. Andrew's / Rosedale Terrace / Bonville

Each profile provides a site or facility description, representative photographs, and a diagram of the facility layout. Also included are site observations related to the site layout, opportunities for improvements and needs for improvement or redevelopment.

PARK AND FACILITY INVENTORY



125 ACRE PARK

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Civic Address:	County Road 2, Ingleside
Legal Description:	Part of Block A, Plans 272, 274 Part of Lots 18, Centre Commons, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Concession 1.
Approximate Site Size:	50.58 hectares
Ownership:	St. Lawrence Parks Commission
Use Agreement:	Leased April 1988 for 20 years
Year of Acquisition:	*The Ontario St. Lawrence Development Commission acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project; 1961.*
Park Classification:	Waterfront Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	

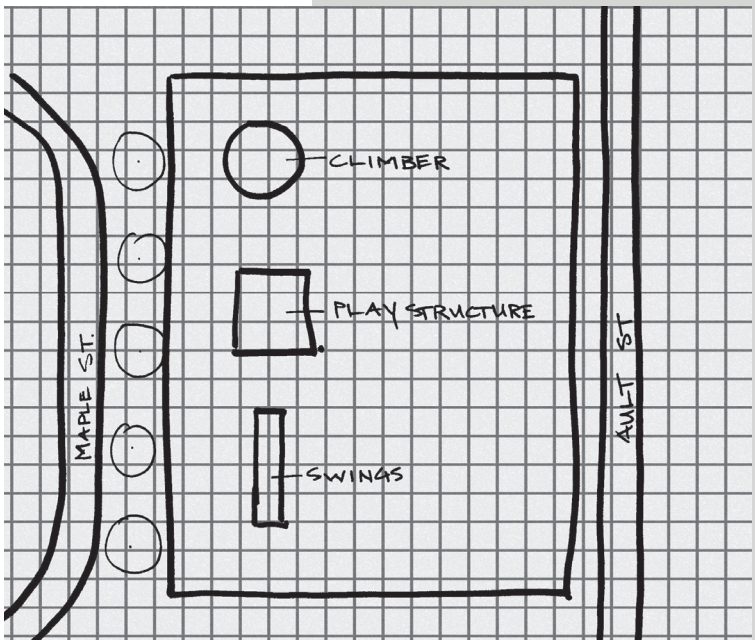
AULT DRIVE / MAPLE STREET PARK

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Civic Address:	Maple Street, Ingleside
Legal Description:	Plan 230, Block C
Approximate Site Size:	7 209 m^2
Ownership:	Township
Use Agreement:	None
Year of Acquisition:	*The Township of Osnabruck acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario as a result of the St.Lawrence Seaway Project; 1969.*
Park Classification:	Neighbourhood Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Play Structure

Playground

Open Play Area



ELM STREET PARK

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Civic Address: Elm Street, Ingleside

Legal Description: Plan 230, Block A

Approximate Site Size: 10 643 m^2

Ownership: Township

Use Agreement: None

Year of Acquisition: *The Township of Osnabruck acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project; 1969.*

Park Classification: Neighbourhood Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

Soccer Field
Play Structure
Swings
Baseball Diamond

Baseball Field

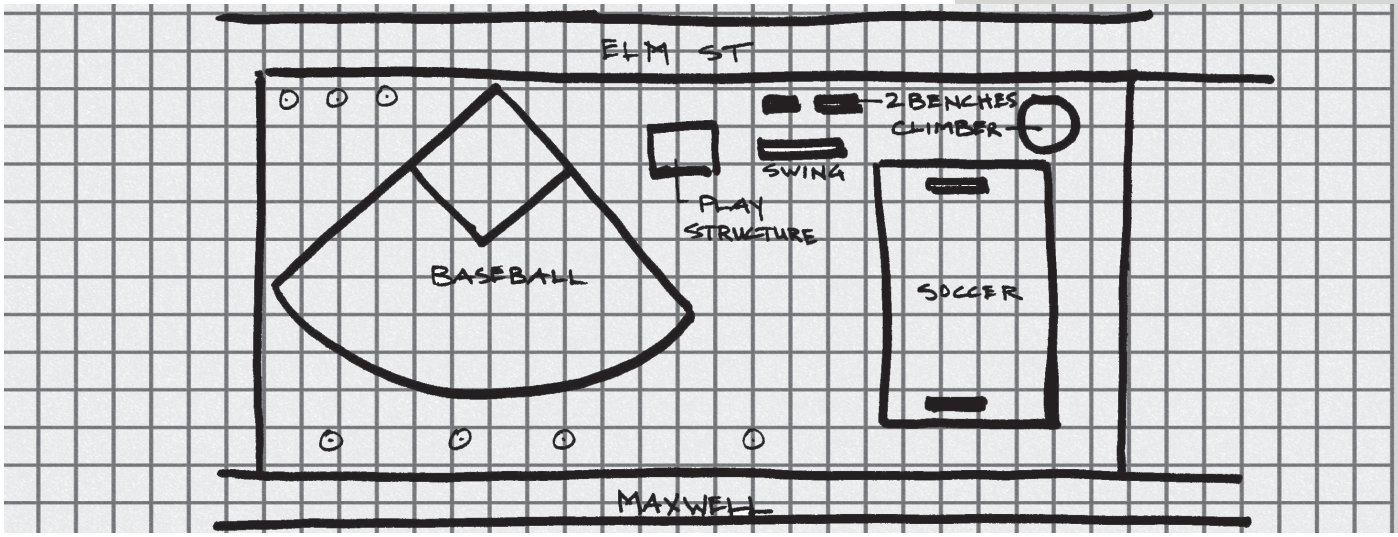
Playground

Soccer Field

Park Information

Comments

"(…) use (…) for younger divisions (…) in 2006 we purchased 6 new portable nets for Elm Street and our recreation staff were lining the field and cutting the grass.." And *"There is no parking"* And *"(…)we rent a portable washroom every week (…)"* Township of South Stormont Parks and Recreation, November 22 2006



FARRAN PARK

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Civic Address: 14704 County Road 2, Ingleside

Legal Description: Block A, Plan 274, Pt. Lot 21-24, Conc. 1

Approximate Site Size: 590 610 m^2

Ownership: St. Lawrence Parks Commission

Use Agreement: Leased April 2, 2002 for 5 years

Year of Acquisition: *The Ontario St. Lawrence Development Commission acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project; 1961.*

Park Classification: Waterfront Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

Campground
Play Structure
Beach (sand)
Boat ramps

Beach

Campsite

Playground

Park Information

Comments

"This campground has nearly 180 available lots, 55 of which are used by seasonal campers. In 2006 many improvements were made, including servicing more lots and cleaning up the showers and bathroom facilities. Over the past year Farran's has held numerous events including a Relay for life, pond hockey tournament, dog show, volleyball tournament, and prom party."
Township of South Stormont Parks and Recreation, November 22 2006

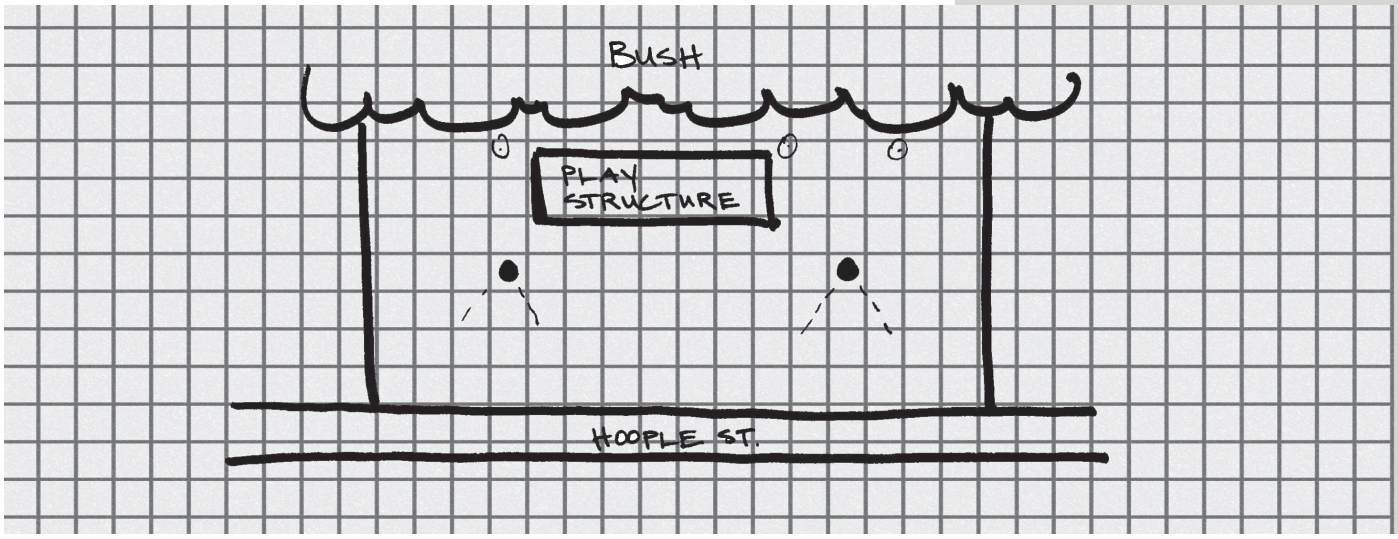
http://southstormont.ca/tourism/farrans.html

HOOPLE STREET PARK

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Playground

Civic Address:	Hoople Street, Ingleside
Legal Description:	Plan 230, Block B
Approximate Site Size:	9 856 m^2
Ownership:	Township
Use Agreement:	None
Year of Acquisition:	*The Township of Osnabruck acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project; 1969.*
Park Classification:	Neighbourhood Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Play Structure



INGLESIDE BASEBALL DIAMOND / CANTEEN

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Civic Address: Farran Drive, Ingleside

Legal Description: Plan 279, Pt. Block G

Approximate Site Size: 15 702 m^2

Ownership: Township

Use Agreement: None

Year of Acquisition: *The Township of Osnabruck acquired the property from Ontario Hydro for park purposes; 1984.*

Park Classification: Community Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

Baseball Diamond
Club House
Canteen Facility

Baseball Field

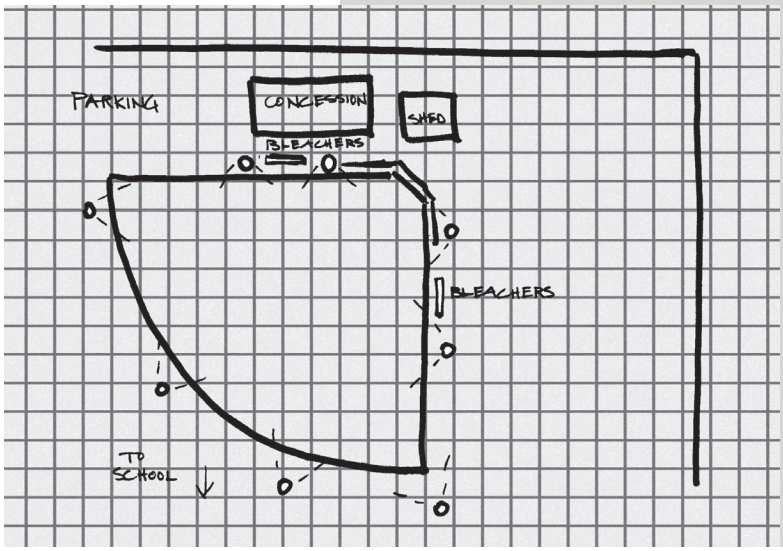
Park Buildings

Park Information

Comments

Good layout
High use
Room to expand

"This field is in fairly good condition, the infield drainage was repaired in 2005. The field is rented for adult softball 2 nights of the week and for traveling youth baseball 2 nights of the week."
Township of South Stormont Parks and Recreation, November 22 2006



INGLESIDE OUTDOOR RINK & TENNIS COURT

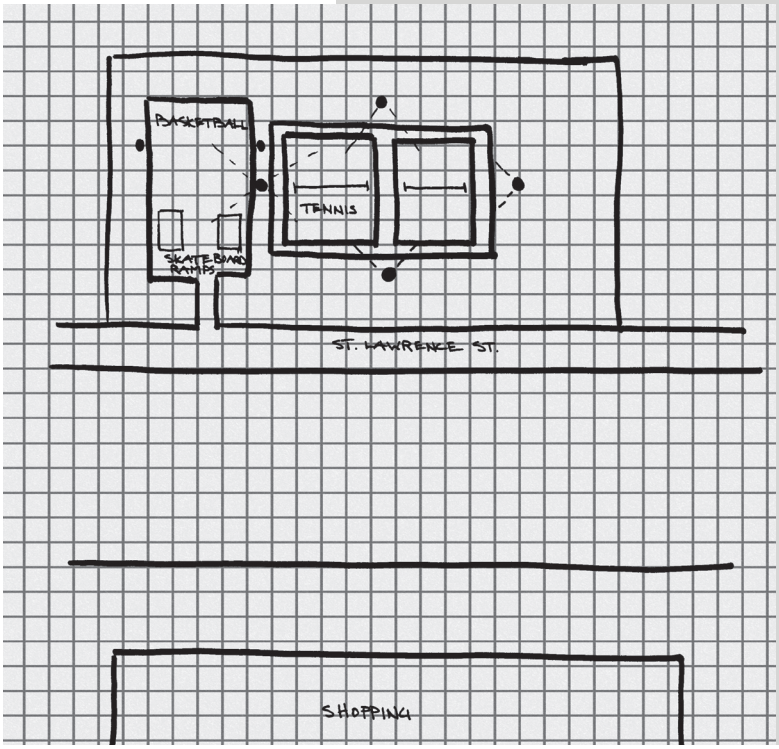
PARK INVENTORY

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Civic Address:	St. Lawrence Street, Ingleside
Legal Description:	Plan 230, Pt. Block G
Approximate Site Size:	21 716 m^2
Ownership:	Township
Use Agreement:	None
Year of Acquisition:	*The Township of Osnabruck acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project; 1969.*
Park Classification:	Community Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Outdoor Rink Skateboard Ramps Tennis Court Basketball Court

Tennis Court

Skateboard Park



LANCER CENTRE

FACILITY INVENTORY

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Civic Address: 1 College Street, Ingleside

Legal Description: Plan 279, Lots 6 and 7

Approximate Site Size: 28,502.19 m^2 (building and grounds)

Ownership: Township and UCDSB

Use Agreement: Yes

Year of Acquisition: *The Township of Osnabruck Public School Area acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project; 1960.*

Park Classification:

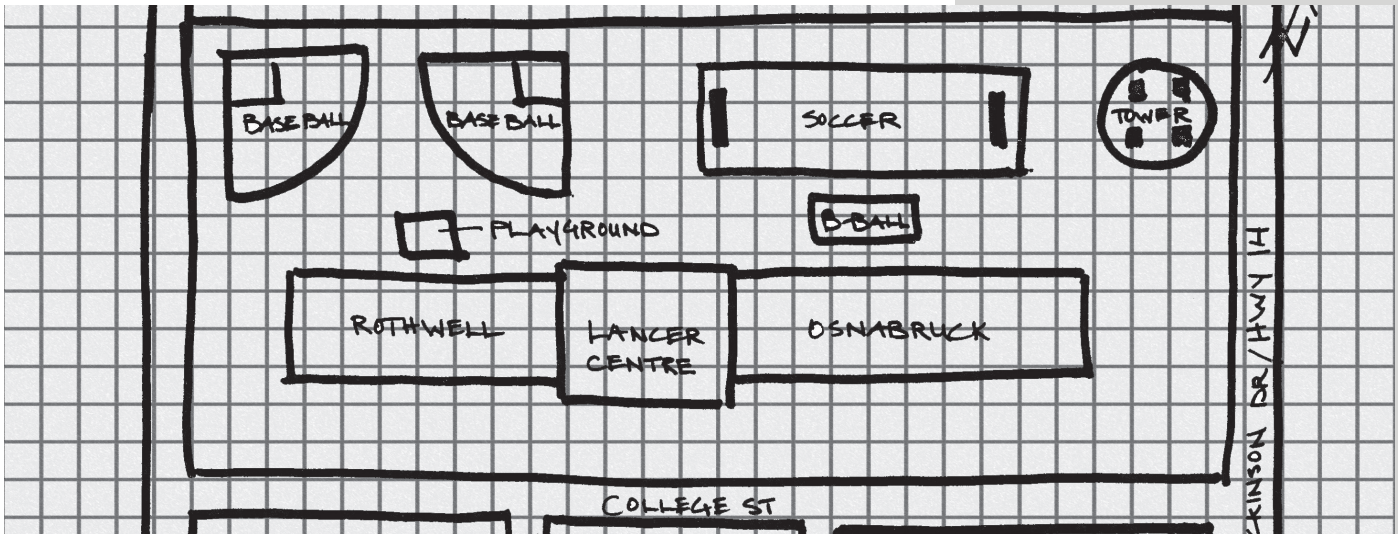
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

Multi-use Double Gymnasium
Community Centre
Mobile Stage
Municipal Recreational Office
Storage Space
Change Rooms
Servery

Park Information

Comments

"(…) available year-round for a variety of gatherings (…) This modern gymnasium is also home to many sporting activities over the year and can be available for tournaments and special events."
Township of South Stormont Recreational Services and Township Directory, Spring & Summer 2005



ROTHWELL/OSNABRUCK SCHOOL GROUNDS

PARK INVENTORY

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Civic Address: 1 College Street, Ingleside

Legal Description: Plan 279, Lot 7

Approximate Site Size: 28,502.19 m^2 (building and grounds)

Ownership: UCDSB

Use Agreement: Yes

Year of Acquisition: *The Township of Osnabruck Public School Area acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project; 1960.*

Park Classification: Community Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

Multi-use
Play Structure
Basketball Courts
Soccer Field
Baseball Fields

Park Information

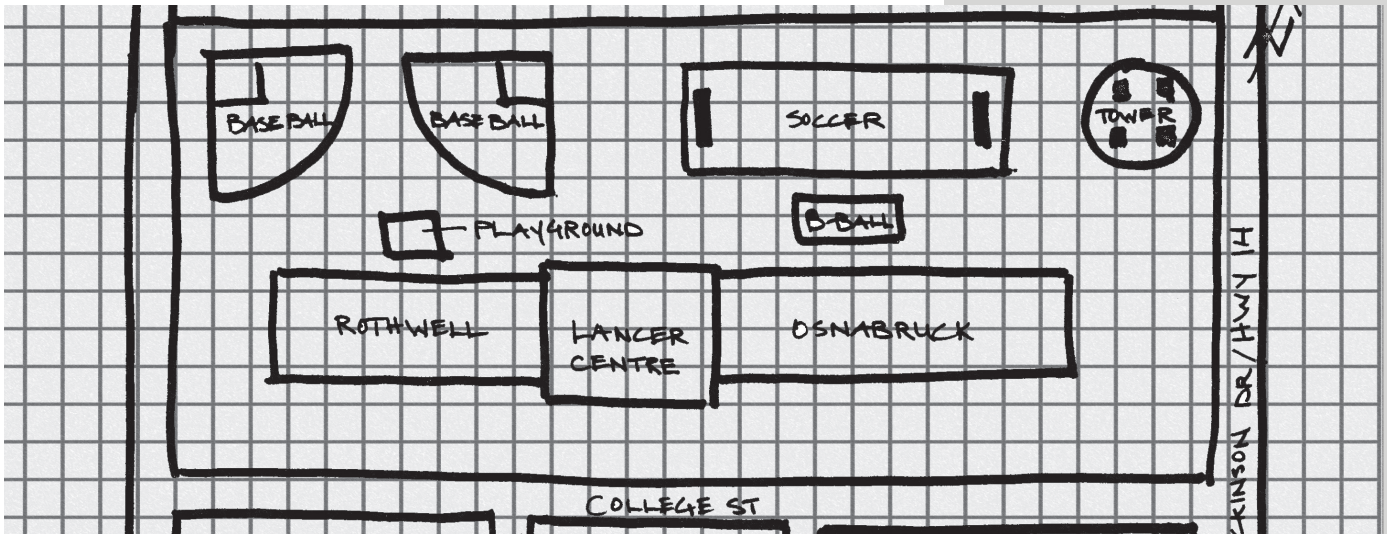
Comments

"(…) use (…) for older divisions (…)" Township of South Stormont Parks and Recreation, November 22 2006

Basketball Courts

Baseball Field

Soccer Field



OSNABRUCK CENTRE HALL

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Civic Address: 14978 County Road 18, Osnabruck

Legal Description: Pt. Lot 18, Concession 3

Approximate Site Size: 39 780 m^2

Ownership: Township

Use Agreement: None

Year of Acquisition: *Information not available.*

Park Classification: Special Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

Community Centre

Open Play Area

Park Information

Comments

"This building also acts as the water treatment plant for this small community and also holds two war cenotaphs." Township of South Stormont Parks and Recreation, November 22 2006

"This facility can be used year round for smaller gatherings (…)" Township of South Stormont Recreational Services and Township Directory, Spring & Summer 2005

KILARNEY STREET PARK

_Ingleside / Osnabruck Centre Sector

Civic Address: Percy Street, Ingleside

Legal Description: Plan 279, Pt. Block F

Approximate Site Size: 17 987 m^2

Ownership: Township

Use Agreement: None

Year of Acquisition: *The Township of Osnabruck acquired the property from Ontario Hydro for park purposes; 1979.*

Park Classification: Neighbourhood Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities: Play Structure

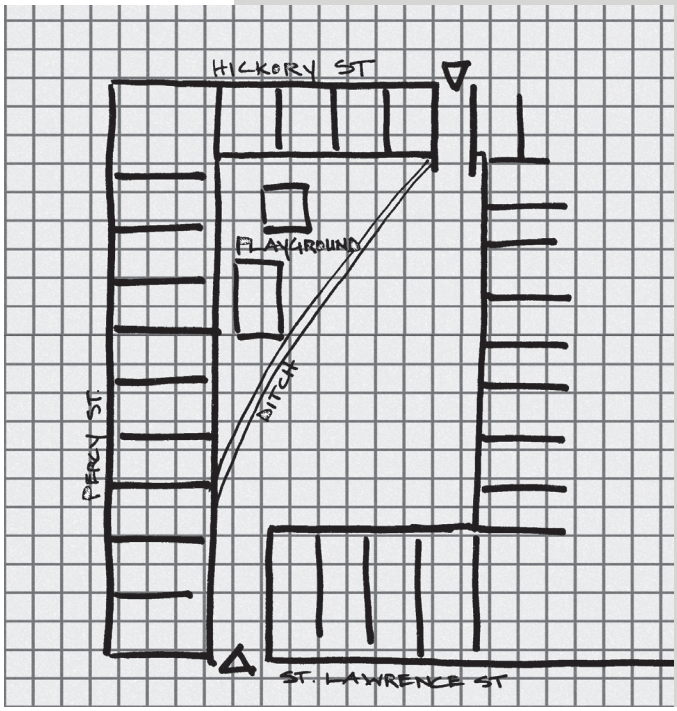
Playground

Open Play Area

Park Information

Comments

Park does not front on any roads; poor access and visibility.



LAKE ONTARIO WATERFRONT TRAIL

_Ingleside and Long Sault / North Lunenburg Sector

Civic Address:	Not Applicable
Legal Description:	Pt. Lots 18-38, Concession 1; Osnabruck Pt. Lots 26-38, Concession 4; Cornwall
Approximate Site Size:	24 km
Ownership:	St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC)
Use Agreement:	SLPC lease
Year of Acquisition:	*The Ontario St. Lawrence Development Commission acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project; 1961.*
Park Classification:	Trail
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Multi-use Pathway

PARK AND FACILITY INVENTORY

ARNOLD BETHUNE MEMORIAL PARK

PARK INVENTORY

_Long Sault / North Lunenburg Sector

Civic Address: 75 Simcoe Street, Long Sault

Legal Description: Plan 228, Block J, L, M

Approximate Site Size: 35 167 m^2

Ownership: Township

Use Agreement: None

Year of Acquisition: *The Township of Cornwall acquired this property from Ontario Hydro for park purposes; 1977.*

Park Classification: Community Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

Wading Pool (20' x 40')
Change House
Baseball Diamond (12 740 m^2)
Play Structure

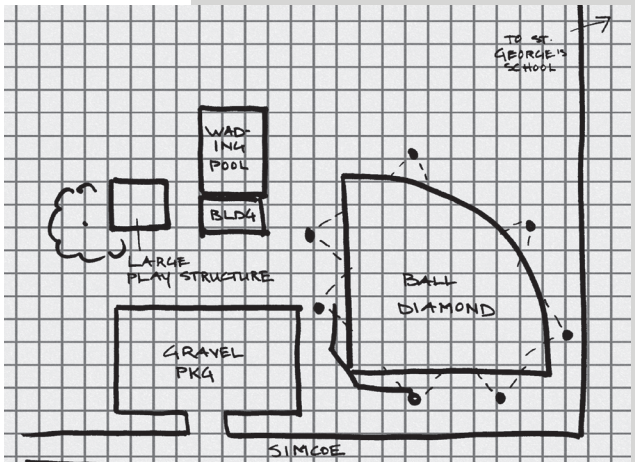
Wading Pool

Baseball Field

Park Information

Comments

"This wading pool and pool house are in good condition and are used for swimming lessons and public swimming, generally for those 9 years of age and younger. It serves as a great introduction into swimming for tiny tots who are overwhelmed by larger swimming pools." And *"[The baseball] field is in fairly good condition and is used strictly for an adult league ran by the owner of Grumpy's Sports Bar (…) he rents the field for 7 nights a week (…) the township takes care of dragging the field once per week and supplying chalk and lighting as well as use of the pool house bathrooms."* Township of South Stormont Parks and Recreation, November 22 2006



AULT PARK

_Long Sault / North Lunenburg Sector

Civic Address:	16355 Fran Laflamme Drive, Long Sault
Legal Description:	Plan 293, Block A
Approximate Site Size:	39 497 m^2
Ownership:	Township
Use Agreement:	None
Year of Acquisition:	*The Township of Cornwall acquired this property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project; 1968.*
Park Classification:	Special Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Lost Villages Historical Society

http://www.lostvillages.ca/en/html/our_museum.html

http://www.lostvillages.ca/en/html/school.html

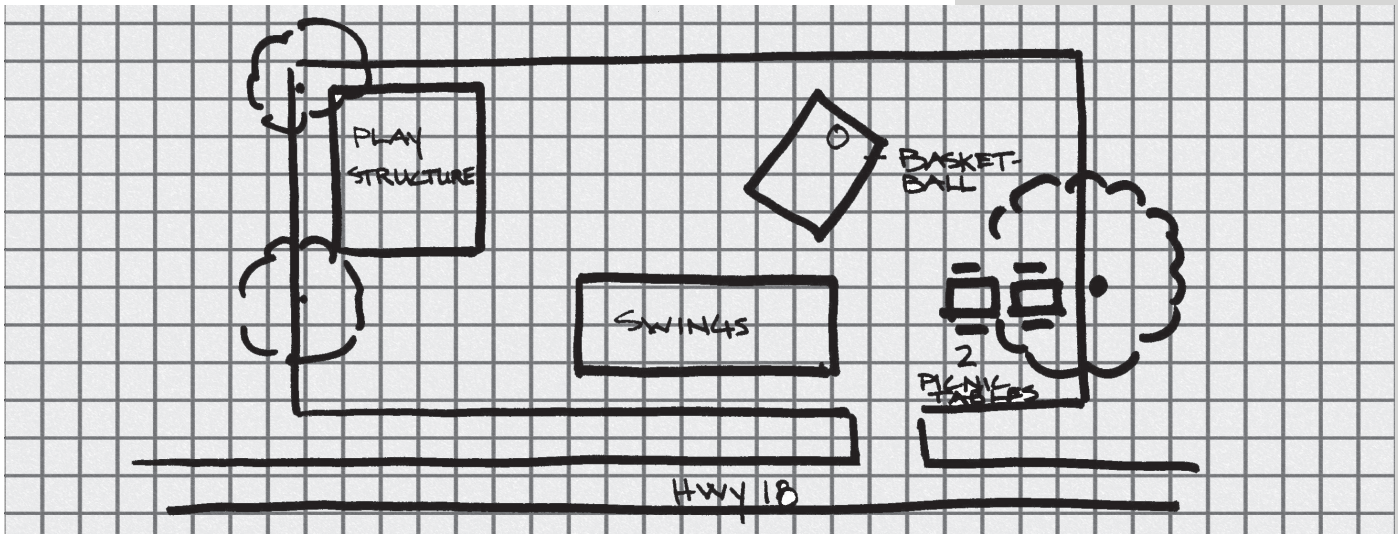
HENRY DE ROOY MEMORIAL PARK

_Long Sault / North Lunenburg Sector

Civic Address:	County Road 18, Lunenburg
Legal Description:	Pt. Lot 7, Concession 4
Approximate Site Size:	1 938 m^2
Ownership:	Lucinda Jean De Rooy
Use Agreement:	Leased May 2004 for 15 years
Year of Acquisition:	*The Township of Osnabruck entered into a lease for park purposes in June 1989 and renewed said lease in May 2004.*
Park Classification:	Neighbourhood Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Play Structure Basketball Court Picnic Area Swings

Playground

Park Entrance



LAKEVIEW PARK

_Long Sault / North Lunenburg Sector

Civic Address: County Road 2, Lakeview Heights

Legal Description: Block A, Plan 249

Approximate Site Size: 125 453 m^2

Ownership: St. Lawrence Parks Commission

Use Agreement: Lease May 1, 2002, 20 year term

Year of Acquisition: *The Ontario St. Lawrence Development Commission acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario as a result of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project; 1961.*

Park Classification: Waterfront Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

Outdoor Rink
Outdoor Swimming - Beach
Picnic Area

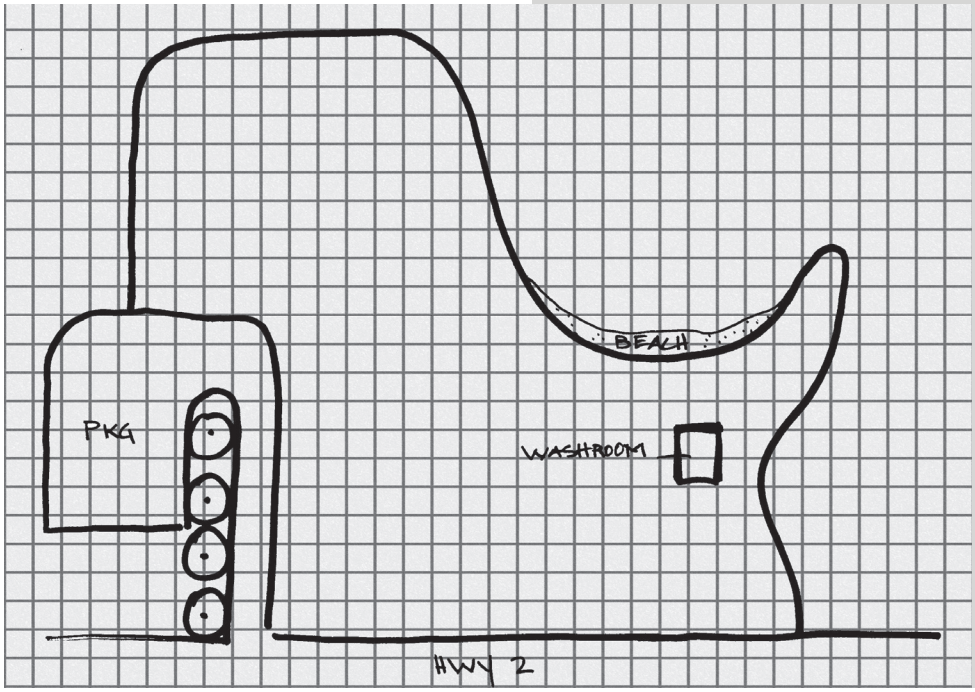
Beach

Picnic Area

Park Information

Comments

"Popular spot for picnics and relaxing" Township of South Stormont Parks and Recreation, November 22 2006



LONG SAULT ARENA

FACILITY INVENTORY

_Long Sault / North Lunenburg Sector

Arena

Civic Address: 50 Mille Roches Road, Long Sault

Legal Description: Pt. Lot 7, Plan 271

Approximate Site Size: 10,724.09 m^2 (building and grounds)

Ownership: Township

Use Agreement: None

Year of Acquisition: *The Township of Cornwall acquired the property from the Mille Roches Arena Co. Ltd. in 1964.*

Park Classification:

Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

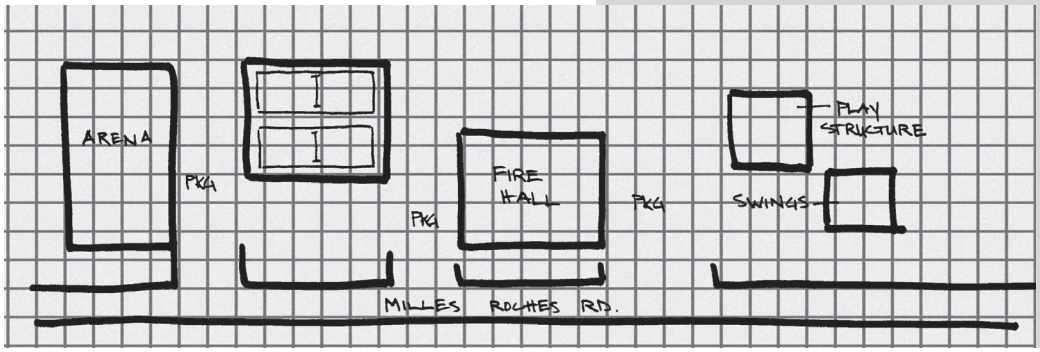
Arena
Fire Hall
Community Hall

Park Information

Comments

"This is the most used recreation facility in the Township, most of the building was rebuilt from scratch in 1994." Township of South Stormont Parks and Recreation, November 22 2006

"(…) available for large and small gatherings of all kind. (…) The facility also plays host to activities such as ball hockey, roller hockey, shuffle board, and could be rented for summer tournaments." And *"The John C. Cleary Room is an ideal location for private or public meetings and is available year-round. (…) This room can accommodate approx. 40 people."* And *" Ice rentals are only available from September to April."* Township of South Stormont Recreational Services and Township Directory, Spring & Summer 2005



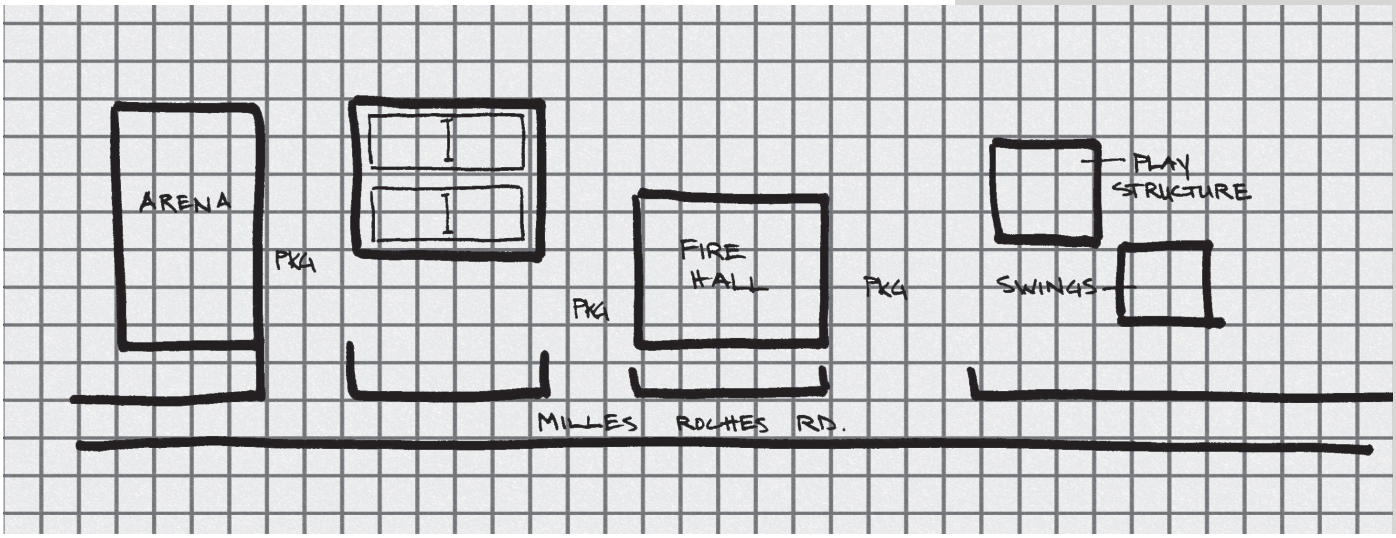
MILLE ROCHES PARK

_Long Sault / North Lunenburg Sector

Civic Address:	50 Mille Roches Road, Long Sault
Legal Description:	Pt. Lot 5, Plan 271
Approximate Site Size:	12 424 m^2
Ownership:	Township
Use Agreement:	None
Year of Acquisition:	*The Township of Cornwall acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario for park purposes; 1964.*
Park Classification:	Community Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Tennis Court Play Structures

Tennis Court

Playground



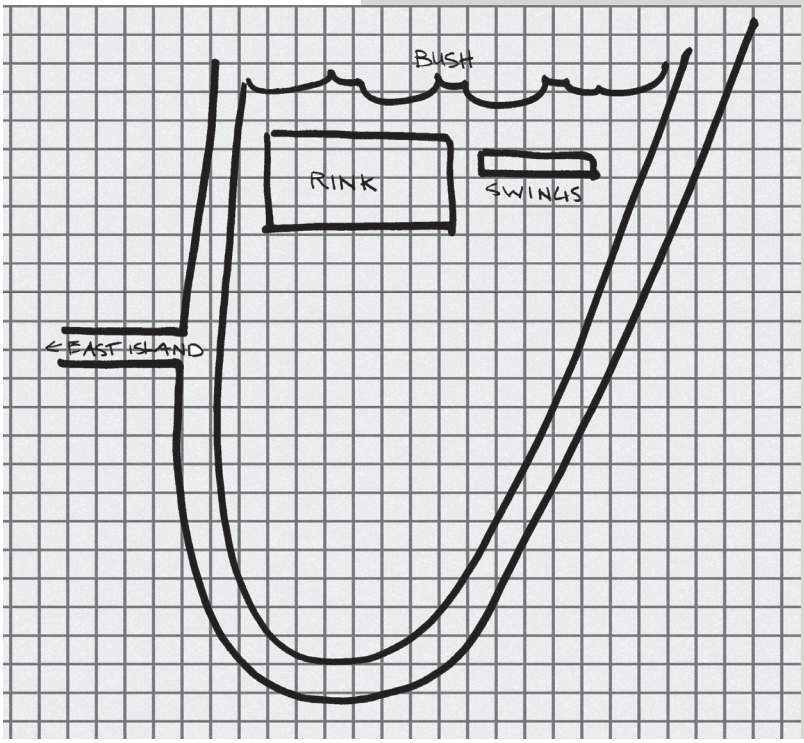
MOULINETTE ISLAND PARK

_Long Sault / North Lunenburg Sector

Civic Address:	Island 17, Long Sault
Legal Description:	Block D, Plan 261
Approximate Site Size:	12 672 m^2
Ownership:	Township
Use Agreement:	None
Year of Acquisition:	*The Township of Cornwall acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario for park purposes; 1968.*
Park Classification:	Neighbourhood Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Outdoor Rink Swings

Outdoor Rink

Open Play Area / Playground



SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

_Long Sault / North Lunenburg Sector

Civic Address:	50 Saunders Avenue, Long Sault
Legal Description:	Block P, Plan 228
Approximate Site Size:	1,902 m^2
Ownership:	Township
Use Agreement:	Facility use agreement expiring December 2010.
Year of Acquisition:	*The Township of Cornwall acquired the property from Ontario Hydro in 1977.*
Park Classification:	
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	

WALES VILLAGE PARK

_Long Sault / North Lunenburg Sector

PARK INVENTORY

Playground

Civic Address: Loyalist Crescent, Ingleside

Legal Description: Plan 282, Pt. Block D

Approximate Site Size: 4 047 m^2

Ownership: Township

Use Agreement: None

Year of Acquisition: *The Township of Osnabruck acquired the property from Ontario Hydro in 1985.*

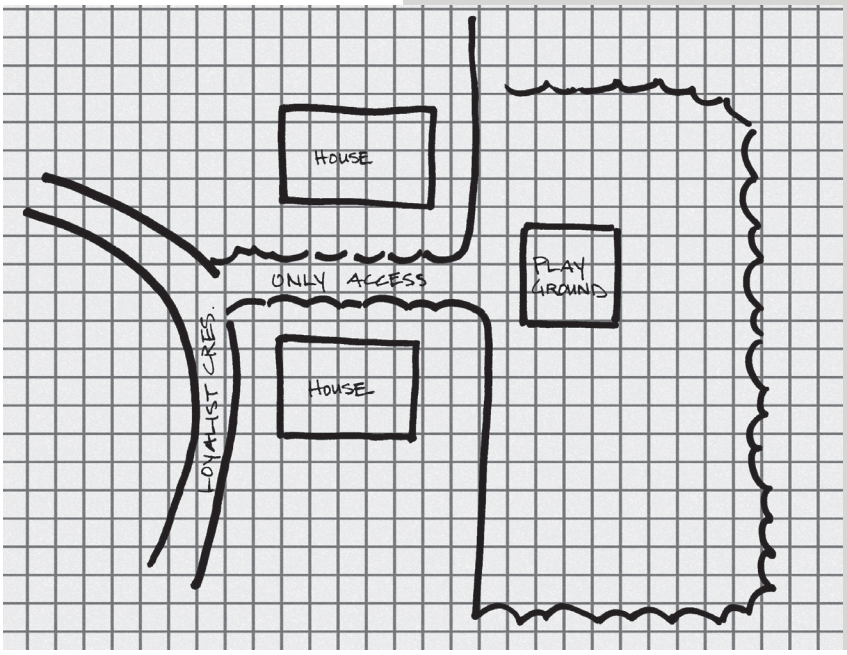
Park Classification: Neighbourhood Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities: Play Structure

Park Information

Comments

Park does not front on any roads; poor access and visibility.



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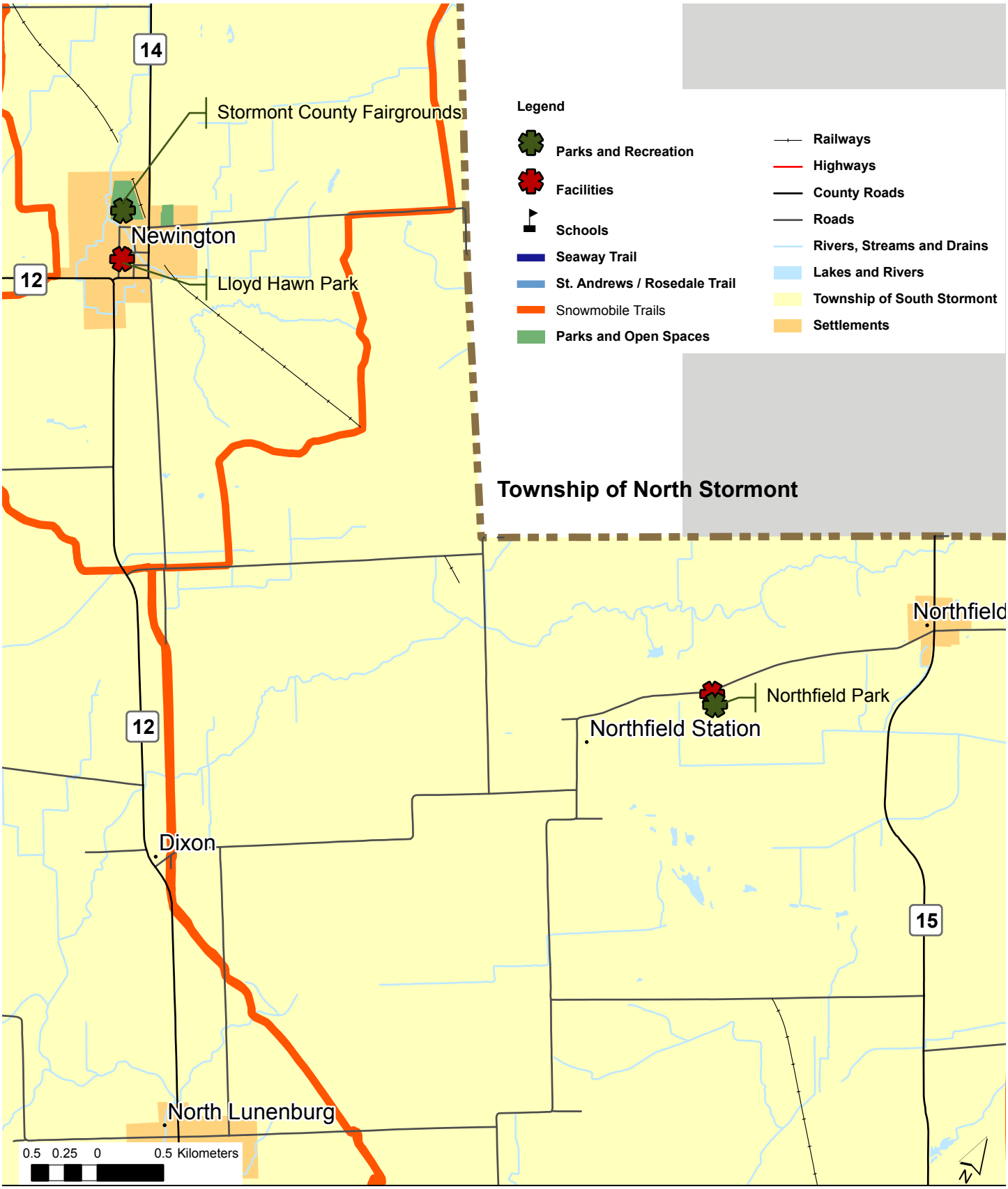


LLOYD HAWN PARK

_Newington / Northfield Station Sector

Civic Address: 4 Fairground Drive, Newington

Legal Description: Lot 34-35, Plan 7

Approximate Site Size: 3 035 m^2

Ownership: Township

Use Agreement: None

Year of Acquisition: *The Township of Osnabruck acquired the property from Harry and Helen Summers for park purposes in 1964.*

Park Classification: Neighbourhood Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

Outdoor Rink / Basketball Court
Rink House / Community Centre
Play Structure
Used for summer events

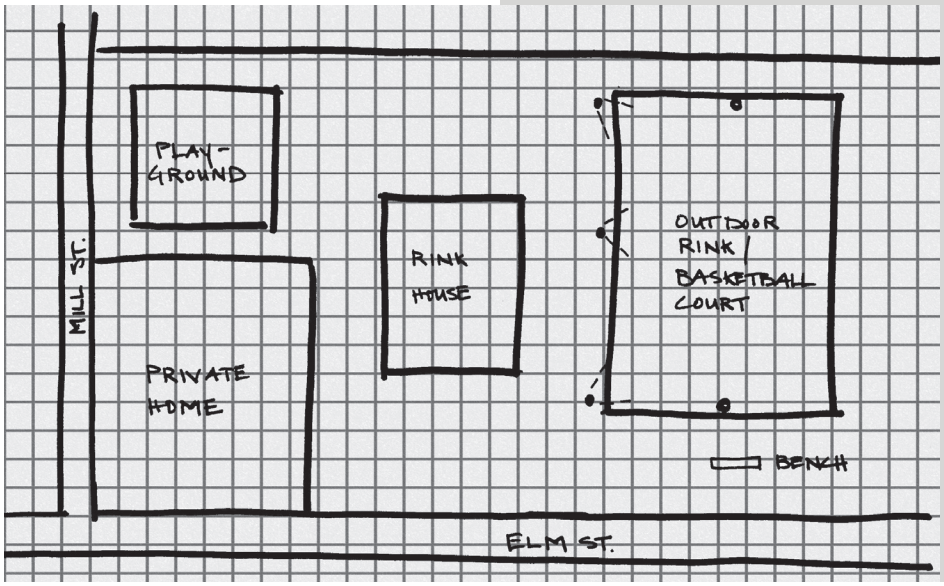
Playground

Outdoor Rink / Park Building

Park Information

Comments

"[The Rink House] can be used year round for smaller gatherings (…)" Township of South Stormont Recreational Services and Township Directory, Spring & Summer 2005



NORTHFIELD PARK

_Newington / Northfield Station Sector

Parking Lot

Civic Address: 16130, Northfield Rd, Northfield Station

Legal Description: Pt. Lot 35, Concession 9

Approximate Site Size: 10 279 m^2

Ownership: Township

Use Agreement: None

Year of Acquisition: *The Township of Cornwall acquired the property from the Northfield United Church for park purposes; 1979.*

Park Classification: Neighbourhood Park

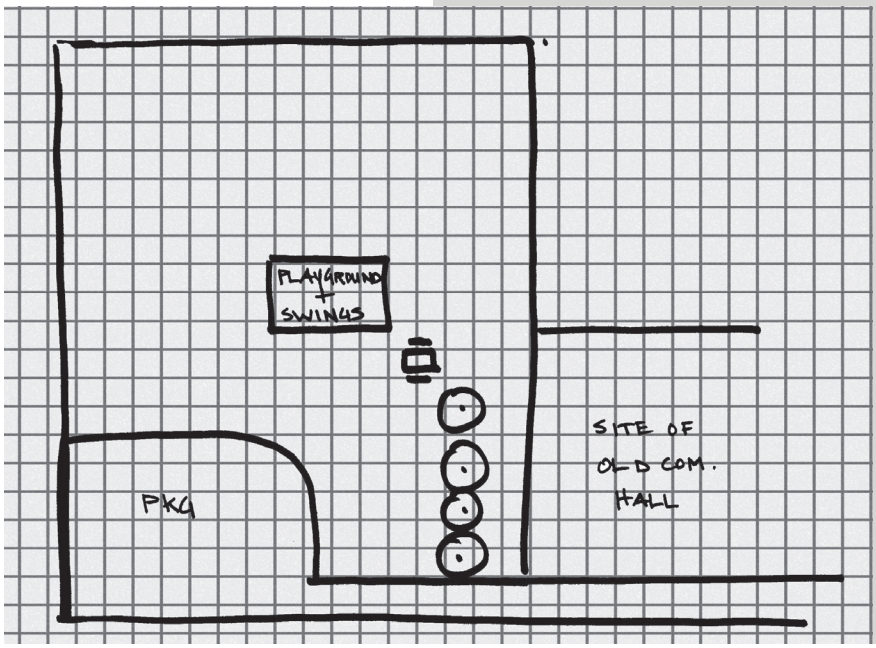
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:

Play Structure
Picnic Area
Swings

Park Information

Comments

Low use
Need for upgrade



STORMONT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

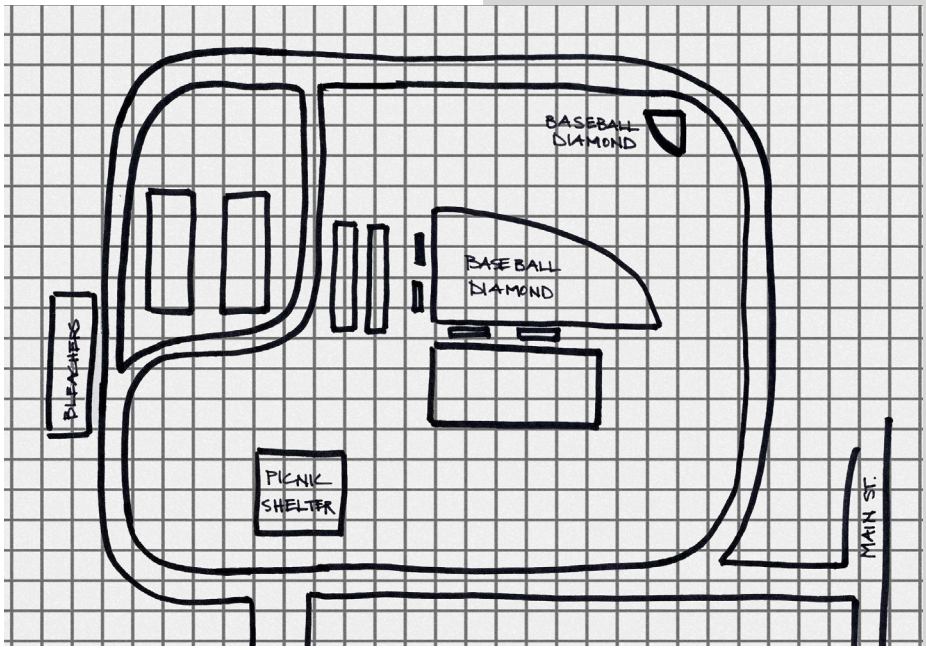
PARK INVENTORY

_Newington / Northfield Station Sector

Civic Address:	3666 County Road 14, Newington
Legal Description:	Pt. Lots 85, 86, Plan 7
Approximate Site Size:	80,815.10 m^2
Ownership:	Stormont Agricultural Society
Use Agreement:	None
Year of Acquisition:	*The Stormont Agricultural Society acquired the property from J. William Duval for park purposes; 1929.*
Park Classification:	Agricultural Fair Grounds
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Baseball Diamonds Picnic Area

Entrance

Baseball Field



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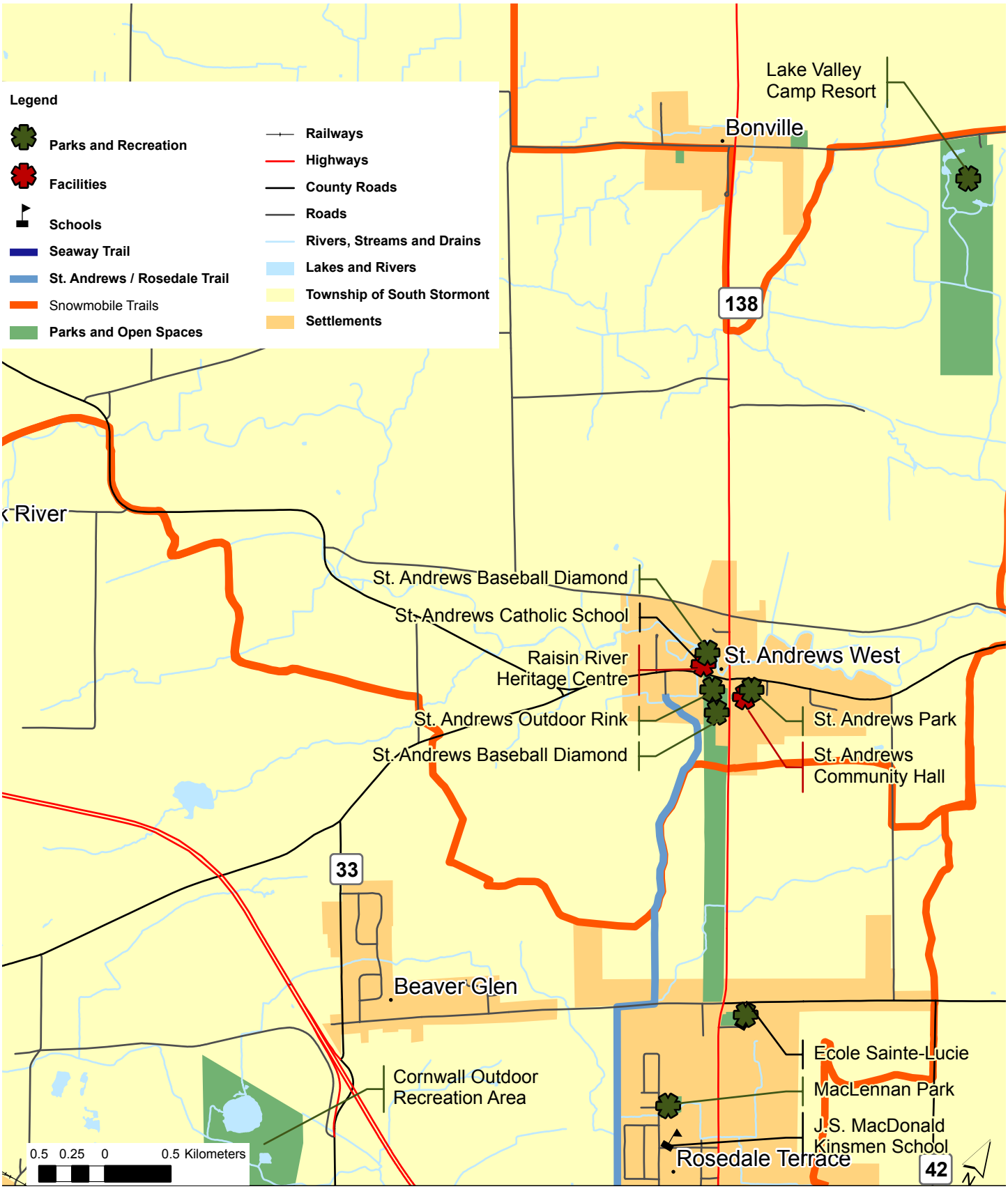


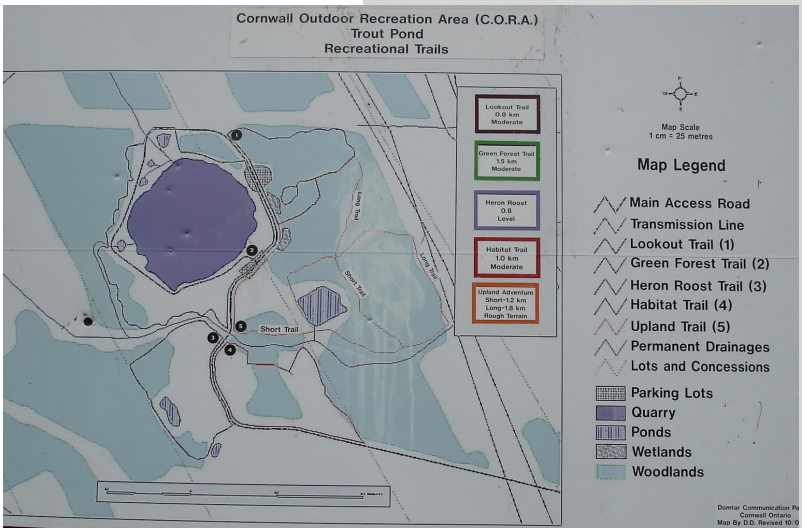
CORNWALL OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA — PARK INVENTORY

_St. Andrews / Rosedale Terrace / Bonville Sector

Civic Address:	Cornwall Centre Road
Legal Description:	Pt. Lots 19 and 20, Concession 4
Approximate Site Size:	726 490 m^2
Ownership:	Ministry of Natural Resource
Use Agreement:	A community partner
Year of Acquisition:	*Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario (Ministry of Natural Resources) acquired the property from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario in 1967.*
Park Classification:	Conservation Area
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Pathways

Waterbody

Pathway



MACLENNAN PARK

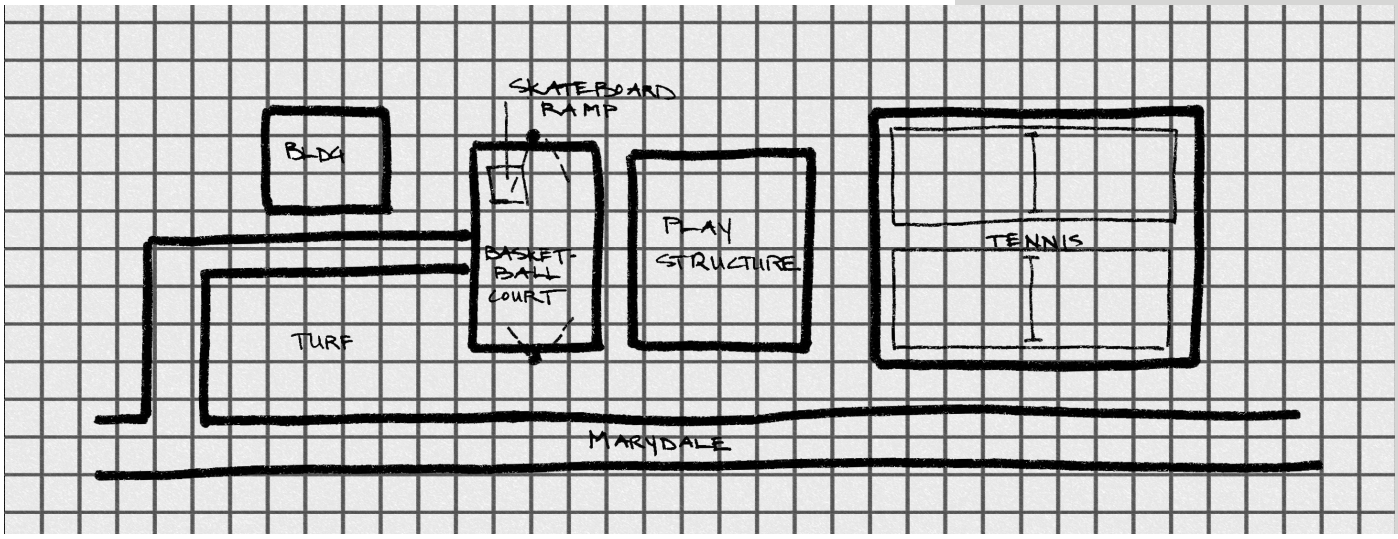
_St. Andrews / Rosedale Terrace / Bonville Sector

Civic Address:	Marydale Avenue, Rosedale Terrace
Legal Description:	Block F, Plan 263
Approximate Site Size:	23 997 m^2
Ownership:	Township
Use Agreement:	None
Year of Acquisition:	*The Township of Cornwall acquired the property from Donalda Mary MacLennan for park purposes; 1977.*
Park Classification:	Community Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Basketball Court Play Structure Skateboard Ramp Tennis Court Outdoor Rink and Rink House (in winter)

Park Building

Basketball Court / Rink area

Tennis Courts



RAISIN RIVER HERITAGE CENTRE

FACILITY INVENTORY

_St. Andrews / Rosedale Terrace / Bonville Sector

Civic Address:	17283 County Road 18, St. Andrews
Legal Description:	Pt. Lot 13, Concession 5 Pt. 1 on 52R-1586
Approximate Site Size:	485.619 m^2
Ownership:	Township
Use Agreement:	Facility use agreement; Cornwall Township Historical Society, SDG Library, School Board
Year of Acquisition:	*The Township of Cornwall acquired the property from the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Roman Catholic Separate School Board in 1980.*
Park Classification:	
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Library

ST. ANDREWS BASEBALL DIAMOND

_St. Andrews / Rosedale Terrace / Bonville Sector

Baseball Field

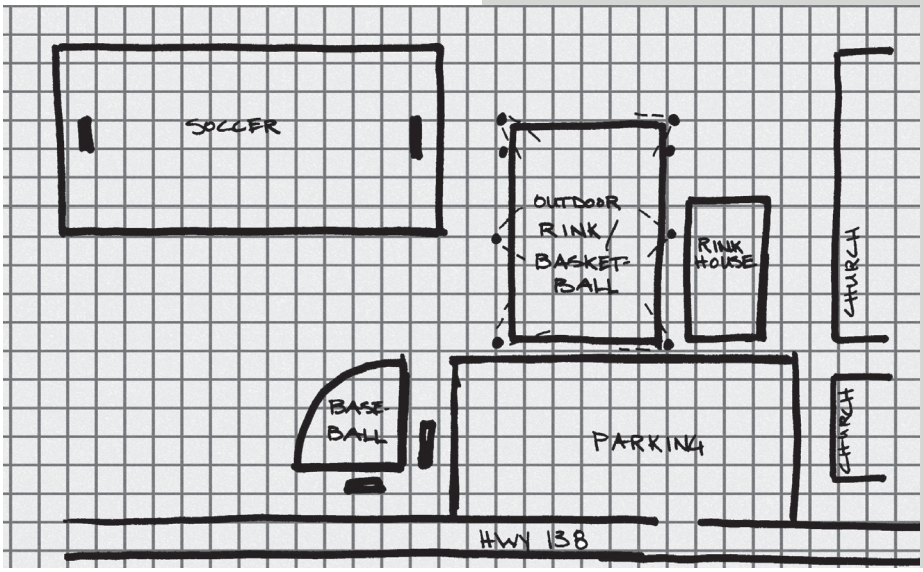
Civic Address:	5201, Highway 138, St. Andrews West
Legal Description:	Pt. Lot 13, Concession 5
Approximate Site Size:	20 460 m^2 (building and grounds)
Ownership:	Roman Catholic Episcopal / St. Andrews Parish
Use Agreement:	Lease
Year of Acquisition:	*The St. Andrews Parish acquired the property from the Roman Catholic Separate School Board in 1956.*
Park Classification:	Community Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Baseball Diamond Soccer/Football Field

Park Information

Comments

Need for upgrade

"The current soccer/football field plays host to a recently developed minor soccer program that appears to be growing fast and also to an adult team. The field at this point is under lease from the Church but maintained by the Township." Township of South Stormont Parks and Recreation, November 22 2006



ST. ANDREWS PARK

_St. Andrews / Rosedale Terrace / Bonville Sector

Civic Address: 5201 Highway 138, St.Andrews West

Legal Description: Pt. Lot 2, Concession 5, Pt 1 on 52R-760

Approximate Site Size: 14 649 m^2

Ownership: Township

Use Agreement: None

Year of Acquisition: *Information not available.*

Park Classification: Community Park

Recreational Facilities and Amenities:
Outdoor Swimming Pool (33' x 66')
Pool House
Tennis Courts
Play Structure

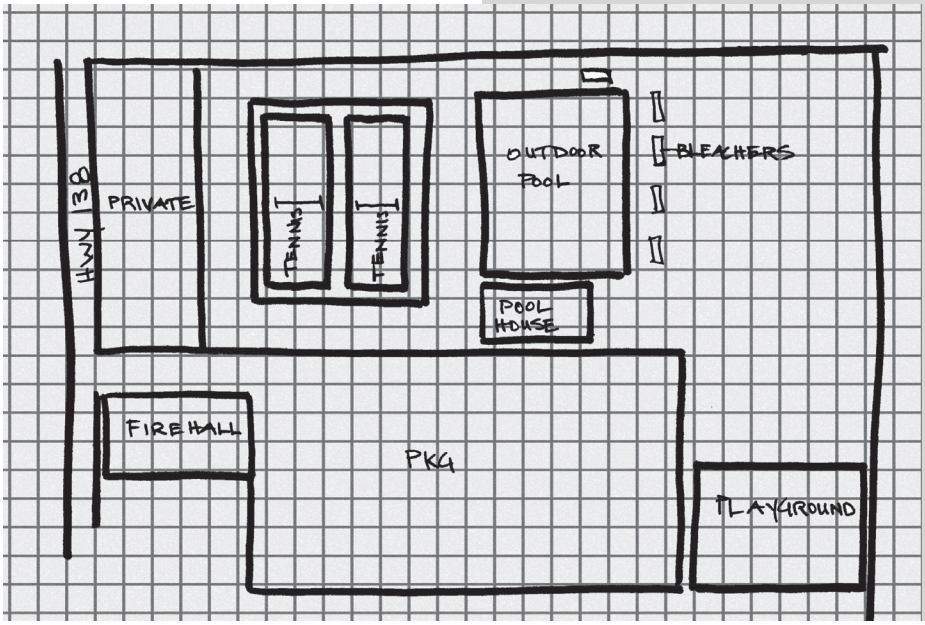
Outdoor Pool and Pool House

Playground

Park Information

Comments

"This pool is approximately 30 years old, (…) all levels of swimming lessons here as well as our swim team competitions. In 2006 a new pool heater was added (…)" Township of South Stormont Parks and Recreation, November 22 2006



ST. ANDREWS / ROSEDALE TRAIL

_ St. Andrews / Rosedale Terrace / Bonville Sector

Civic Address:	St. Andrews West to Rosedale Terrace
Legal Description:	Pt. Lots 13 and 14, Concession 5
Approximate Site Size:	5 km
Ownership:	John and Elva Barjarow and Township of South Stormont
Use Agreement:	Lease agreement expiring August 2024
Year of Acquisition:	*Information not available.*
Park Classification:	Trail
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Multi-use Pathway

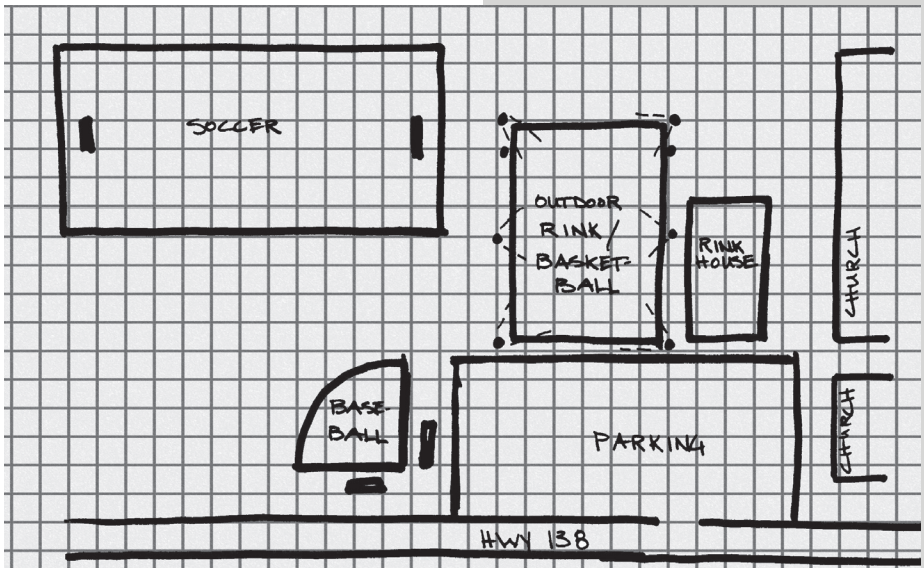
ST. ANDREWS OUTDOOR RINK

_St. Andrews / Rosedale Terrace / Bonville Sector

Civic Address:	5201, Highway 138, St. Andrews West
Legal Description:	Pt. Lot 13, Concession 5
Approximate Site Size:	6 432 m^2
Ownership:	Roman Catholic Episcopal / St. Andrews Parish
Use Agreement:	Lease
Year of Acquisition:	*The St. Andrews Parish acquired this property from the Roman Catholic Separate School Board in 1956.*
Park Classification:	Neighbourhood Park
Recreational Facilities and Amenities:	Outdoor Rink Rink House Basketball Court

Soccer Field

Outdoor Rink



3.3 Park Inventory by Recreational Activity

From the data collected for each park site, a chart was created to highlight the park sizes, types and quantity of recreational facilities, and related amenities found on each of the park sites. This information is used later in the report to establish existing service level standard for various park facilities in the Township.

Sector	Hamlet/ Community	Park / Facility	Size (hectares)	Soccer	Baseball	Outdoor Rinks	Tennis Courts	Play Structures	Basketball	Outdoor Pool	Skateboard Ramp	Picnic Area	Trail	Buildings	Other
Ingleside	Ingleside	Ault Dr Park	0.72					3							
	Ingleside	Elm St Park	1.06	1	1			3							
	Ingleside	Farran Park	59.06					1				1			Campsite, Beach
	Ingleside	Hoople St Park	0.99					1							
	Ingleside	Ingleside Baseball Diamond/Canteen	1.57		1									canteen, club house	parking, lighting, bleachers
	Ingleside	Ingleside Rink and Tennis Courts	2.17			1	2		1		1				lighting
	Ingleside	Rothwell/Osnbabruck School Grounds		1	2			1	1						
	Osnabruck	Osnabruck Centre Hall open space	3.98												
	Ingleside	Kilarney Park	1.80					3							
	Ingleside-Long Sault	Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail (LOWT)											1		24 km long, linear
	Ingleside	125 acres E of Farran	50.59												currently undeveloped
Long Sault	Long Sault	Arnold Bethune Memorial Park	3.52		1			2		1		1		change house	lights, bleachers
	Lakeview Heights	Ault Park	3.95												Lost Villages Historical Society
	Ingleside	Wales Village Park	0.40												
	Lunenburg	Henry de Rooy Memorial Park	0.19					2	1			1			
	Lakeview Heights	Lakeview Park	12.55			1						1			change rooms, beach
	Long Sault	Milles Roches Park	1.24				2	2							arena and fire hall
	Moulinette Island	Moulinette Island Park	1.27			1		1							
Newington	Newington	Newington Park/Lloyd Hawn Park	0.30			1		1	1					rink house/ community ctr	lights
	Northfield Station	Northfield Park	1.03					2				1			
	Newington	Stormont County Fairgrounds			1							1		agricultural buildings	
St Andrews		Cornwall Conservation Area	72.65									1			
	Rosedale Terrace	MacLennan Park	2.40			1	2	2	1		1			rink house	
	St Andrews	St Andrew's Baseball Diamond	2.05	1	1										bleachers
	St Andrews	St. Andrew's Park	1.46				2	1		1				change house	bleachers
	St Andrews - Rosedale	St Andrews/Rosedale Trail											1		5 km long, linear
	St Andrews	St Andrew's Rink	0.64			1			1					rink house	lights
TOTAL			225.59	3	7	6	8	25	6	2	2	7	2		

Figure 1: Summary of Park and Facility Inventory

3.4 Summary of all Park and Recreation Facilities

All of this information was then summarized in spreadsheet format that can be easily updated as required.

Village or Area	Name of Facility	Type of Facility	Civic Address	Site Size	Adjacent Land Uses	Owner	Remarks
Ingleside	**125 Acre Park**	Waterfront Park	County Road 2	125 acres / 505,858 m2		Leased from SLPC	
Ingleside	**Ault Drive Park / Maple Street Park**	Playground	Maple St., Plan 230, Block C	1.78 acres/7,209 m^2	Residences	Township	The Township delivers the program
Ingleside	**Elm Street Park**	Playground Swings Soccer Field Baseball Diamond	Elm St. Plan 230, Block A	2.63 acres / 10,643 m^2	Residences	Township	The Township delivers the program Primary use: Soccer
Ingleside	**Farran Park**	Campsite Playground Beach (sand)	14704 County Rd. 2 Pt. Lots 21-24 Concession 1			Leased from SLPC	
Ingleside	**Hoople Street Park**	Playground	Hoople St. Plan 230, Block B	2.4 acres/9,856 m2	Residences	Township	The Township delivers the program
Ingleside	**Ingleside Baseball Diamond / Canteen**	Baseball Diamond Club House Canteen Facility	Farran Dr. Plan 279, Pt. Block G	3.88 acres / 15,700 m2	Lumber Yard, School, Residences	Township	The Township delivers the program Primary use: Baseball Good layout; High use; Room to expand
Ingleside	**Ingleside Library**	Library	10 Memorial Square		Open Space, Senior's Centre	Township	
Ingleside	**Ingleside Outdoor Rink** **Ingleside Tennis Courts**	Outdoor rink Skateboard Park Tennis court Basketball Court	St. Lawrence St. Plan 230, Block G	5.37 acres/21,716 m2	Parkland	Township	
Ingleside	**Lancer Centre**	Double Gymnasium Community Centre, Mobile Stage, Municipal Rec Office, Storage, Servery	1 College St. Plan 279, Lot 6 and 7		Rothwell/Osnabruck Public School	Township and UCDSB	Multi-use indoor facility
Osnabruck Centre	**Osnabruck Centre Hall**		14918 County Rd. 18	39,780 m2		Township	
Osnabruck Centre	**Osnabruck Centre Park**	Open parkland	County Rd. 18 Pt. Lot 18, Concession 3	9.83 acres / 39,780 m2	Township Hall and Residences	Township	The Township delivers the program
Ingleside	**Kilarney Park**	Playground	Percy St. Plan 279, Part Block F	4.44 acres/17,987 m2	Residences	Township	The Township delivers the program Poor access
Ingleside	**Rothwell/Osnabruck School Grounds**	Playground Basketball Nets Soccer Field Baseball Diamonds	1 College St. Plan 279, Lot 7	28,502.19 m2	Lancer Centre	UCDSB	Elementary Public School
Ingleside-Long Sault	**Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail (LOWT)**	Trail	Ingleside to Long Sault	24 km long	River, SLPC	SLPC	
Long Sault	**Arnold Bethune Memorial Park**	Wading Pool Change House Baseball Diamond Playground	75, Simcoe St. Blocks J, L, M, Plan 228	8.69 acres / 35,167 m2 (total) 20' x 40' (pool) 12740 m2 (ball diamond)	OPP Station, Residences, Schools	Township	Primary Use: baseball, swimming
Lakeview Heights	**Ault Park**	Lost Villages Historical Site	16355 Fran Laflamme Drive, Plan 293, Block A	9.76 acres / 39,497 m2	Residences	Township	The Township delivers the program
Lunenburg	**Henry de Rooy Memorial Park**	Playground	County Rd. 18 Pt. Lot 7, Concession 4	0.48acres / 1,938 m^2		Leased from DeRooy	
Lakeview Heights	**Lakeview Park**	Outdoor Rink Outdoor Swimming - Beach Picnic Area	County Rd. 2, Plan 249, Block A	31 acres / 125,453 m^2	Residences, River	Leased from SLPC	The Township delivers the program
Long Sault	**Long Sault Arena/Community Centre**	Arena	50 Mille Roches Rd. Lot 7, Plan 271		Fire Hall, Tennis Courts, Open Space	Township	
Long Sault	**Long Sault Library**	Library	50 Mille Roches Rd.		Located in Fire Hall	Township	
Long Sault	**Milles Roches Park**	Playground Tennis Court	50 Mille Roches Rd. Pt. Lot 5, Plan 271	3.07 acres / 12,424 m2	Fire Hall, Library, Nursing Home, and Residences	Township	The Township delivers the program
Moulinette Island	**Moulinette Island Park**	Outdoor Rink Swings	Island 17 Block D, Plan 271	3.13 acres / 12,672 m2	Residences	Township	The Township delivers the program
Long Sault	**Seniors Citizens Club**	Meeting space	50 Saunders Dr. Block P, Plan 228	1,902 m2		Township	Leased to Seniors Groups
	Wales Village Park	Playground	Loyalist Cres	1 acre / 4,047 m2	Residences	Township	Poor access
Newington	**Lloyd Hawn Park**	Outdoor Rink Rink House Playground Basketball	4 Fariground Dr. Lot 34-35, Pt Lots 32-33, Plan 7	0.75 acre / 3,035 m2	Residences	Township	The Township delivers the program Other uses: Summer Events
Northfield Station	**Northfield Park**	Playground	16130, Northfield Rd. Pt. Lot 35, Concession 9	2.54 acres / 10,279 m2	Residences and Farms	Township	The Township delivers the program Low use; Need for upgrade.
Newington	**Stormont County Fairgrounds**	Baseball Diamond Picnic Area	3666 County Rd. 14		Residences	Stormont Agricultural Society	
	Cornwall Outdoor Recreation Area	Outdoor Recreation Area		180 acres / 726,490 m2		MNR	Township is community partner
Rosedale Terrace	**MacLennan Park**	Playground Skateboard Ramp Tennis court Outdoor Rink Rink House	Marydale Av. Block F, Plan 263	5.93 acres / 23,997 m2	Residences	Township	Primary use: ice rink The Township delivers the program
St. Andrews West	**Raisin River Heritage Centre** **St. Andrews Library**	Library	17283, County Rd. 18 Pt. 1, RP-1586		Schools	Township	Library in Heritage Centre
	St. Andrews Baseball Diamond	Baseball Diamond Soccer Field	5201, Hwy 138, Pt Lot 13, Concession 5	5.06 acres / 20,460 m2	Church, Residences, Farm	Church: Township has agreement to use	The Township delivers the program Need for upgrade and condition assessment report available
	St. Andrews Park	Playground Tennis Court Outdoor Swimming Pool Pool House	5201, Hwy 138 Pt. Lot 12, Concession 5 RP 52R-760, Pt. 1	3.62 acre / 14,649 m2	Fire Hall and Residences	Township	Primary use: Pool and Tennis court pool is 33' x 66' Township delivers swim program
	St Andrews to Rosedale Trail	Trail	St Andrews to Rosedale	5 km		Township / Leased from Barjarow	
	St. Andrews Rink House, Outdoor Rink	Outdoor Rink, Rink House, Basketball	5201, Hwy 138, Pt Lot 13, Concession 5	1.59 acres / 6,432 m2	Church and Residences	has agreement to use	The Township delivers the program, Primary use: Ice Hockey and skating
Other	**Hill Centennial Park**	Open parkland	Pt. Lot 30-31, Concession 9	3 acres / 12,140.48 m2	Farmland and Residences	Township	Primary use: closed

The Township of South Stormont relies on both its *Parks and Recreation Department* and a host of community organizations to plan and provide recreation programs.

4.1 Recreation Programs offered by the Township

The Township role in the delivery of recreation programs is in the areas of administration, equipment upgrades, program registration, games scheduling, advertising, training for volunteers, and follow-up. Other than swimming and summer park programs, which are supported by paid positions, all programs are run by volunteers.

The recreation programs offered through the Parks and Recreation Department are primarily focused on children and youth up to thirteen (13) years of age in three areas of sport programs:

- Indoor sports such as basketball, ball hockey, roller hockey, badminton, volleyball runs out of the Lancer Centre over the winter months;
- Swimming programs such as public swimming, competitive swimming and Red Cross training is offered at the outdoor pools in the spring/summer season;
- Outdoor sports such as soccer, t-ball, and Little League Baseball during the spring/summer season.

General programming for families and adults is limited to:

- Public skating at the Long Sault Arena in the winter; and
- Seniors shuffleboard at the Long Sault Arena in the summer.

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At present, the Township is not offering programming in the arts, theatre, dance or fitness, except for:

- Tap dance for children and youth 5 years of age and up at the Lancer Centre, which is well attended attracting participation levels comparable to the indoor sport programs such as basketball and volleyball
  Note: the last season for this activity was Spring 2006 and it is doubtful that it will continue without new volunteer support

The Township is not offering March Break and summer day camps programming but is active in providing significant community support to run several annual special events including:

- South Stormont Pond Hockey Tournament at Farran Park in Ingleside in February;
- St. Andrew's Stingray Regional Swimming Competition at St. Andrew's Pool.
- Special events during the summer. A summer activity special events calendar offers day programs, especially for our children and youth.

4.2 Recreation Programs offered by Community Organizations

When the residents are looking to get involved in hockey and skating programs, they look to the programs offered by the volunteer recreation organizations. Similarly for those searching for a greater range of children, youth, and adult programming, residents look to the community organizations and volunteer coaches, of which there are many.

Fundamental to the success of these programs is the support provided by the Township. The community uses the parks and facilities, owned or leased and maintained by the Township. The Parks and Recreation Department provides leadership, marketing, and operational support, primarily in the role of the Events, Programs and Marketing Co-ordinator.

Recreation programs offered by community organizations, much like the programs provided by the Township, are primarily focused on sporting programs but offers programming to a wider range of ages, including more youth and adult programming. Non-sporting programs offered by the community are geared to the needs of children and youth.

Programs offered in Township Facilities (rental charges apply)

Sports

- Minor Hockey program (ages 4 – 18) provided by South Stormont Minor Hockey Association (SSMHA)
  Note: Township staff sits on the SSMHA executive
- Skating (ages 4 and up) provided by the Long Sault Skating Club
- Men's slo-pitch softball (League play)
- Women's slo-pitch softball (League play)
- Mixed adult slo-ptich softball (League play)
- Men's softball
- Men's lacrosse
- Recreational adult beach volleyball
- Men's roller hockey
- Youth Lacrosse
- Adult soccer
- Ingleside soccer
- Youth off-ice training program
- Basketball camp (Lancer Centre)

Dance

- Let's Dance Jazz School (ages 3 and up)

Fitness and Martial Arts

- Yoga lessons (all ages)
- Karate (ages 4 and up)

Programs offered in Local Churches

Children's Programs

- Girl Guides of Canada
- Co-Ed Beavers
- Ingleside Cooperative Play Group (parents and newborns)

Special Interest / Training Programs

- Safety Program (ages 6-9)
- Home Alone Program (ages 9 and up)
- Babysitting Course (ages 10 and up)
- First Aid Level I (ages 6-9)
- First Aid Level II (ages 10 and up)

Note: Township takes registration but rental charges apply

The following is summary of participation in the programs offered in the Township in 2006. This information is used later in the report to further understand the current interest level in various recreation programs.

Fall 2006 PROGRAMS	Year of Birth	Male	Female	Total
Mini Basketball (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)	2002	2		**2**
	2001	3	1	**4**
	2000	1	2	**3**
	1999	4	5	**9**
	1998	2	2	**4**
			Program Total =	**22**
Basketball Grades 4-7 (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)	1997	3	2	**5**
	1996	2	3	**5**
	1995	2	3	**5**
	1994	6	1	**7**
			Program Total =	**22**
Men's Adult Basketball (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)		16		
			Program Total =	**16**
Co-ed Adult Volleyball (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)				
			Program Total =	**22**
Co-ed Adult Badminton (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)				
			Program Total =	**12**
South Stormont Minor Hockey Assoc. (L.S. Arena)				
(born between 1989 - 2002)				
			Program Total =	**310 (approx)**
Long Sault Skating Club (L.S. Arena)				
(born between 1998 - 2003)				
(numbers includes power skating, learn to skate, and Figure skaters)				
			Program Total =	**65 (approx)**
Let's Dance Jazz School (J.C. Room)				
(born between 2002 - 1998)				
			Program Total =	**52**
Karate (J.C. Room)				
(all ages)				
			Program Total =	**17**
Babysitting & First Aid Courses (J.C. Room)				
(born between 1998 - 2000)				
			Program Total =	**45**
Yoga Lessons (all ages)				N/A
Co-ed Beavers (ages 5 – 7)				N/A
Girl Guides of Canada				N/A

SPRING/SUMMER 2006 PROGRAMS	Year of Birth	Male	Female	Total
Co-ed Ball Hockey (L.S. Arena)				
(township program)	2000	5	1	**6**
	1999	8	1	**9**
	1998	7	1	**8**
	1997	8	1	**9**
	1996	11		**11**
	1995	20	3	**23**
	1994	5	2	**7**
	1993	2	4	**6**
	1992	3		**3**
			Program Total =	**82**
Co-ed Roller Hockey (L.S. Arena)				
(township program)	1995	4		**4**
	1994	4	1	**5**
	1993	3	1	**4**
	1992	6	1	**7**
			Program Total =	**20**
Upper Canada Baseball - Travelling Teams				
(township program)				
(1 boys team & 1 girls team)	91-92	12		**12**
	89-93	11		**11**
			Program Total =	**23**
T-Ball				
(township program)	2001	11	3	**14**
	2000	6	1	**7**
	1999	6	4	**10**
			Program Total =	**31**
Rookie Ball				
(**NEW** township program)	1998	10	1	**11**
	1997	11	5	**16**
	1996	3		**2**
			Program Total =	**29**
Co-ed Recreational Soccer (Ingleside)				
(township program)	2002	12	4	**16**
	2001	18	7	**25**
	2000	18	11	**29**
	1999	11	14	**25**
	1998	14	4	**18**
	1997	12	7	**19**
	1996	9	9	**18**
	1995	8	14	**26**
	1994	12	5	**17**
	1993	6	8	**14**
			Program Total =	**207**
Co-ed Recreational Soccer (St.Andrews)				
(**NEW** township program)	2002	6	3	**9**
	2001	8	5	**13**
	2000	6	4	**10**
	1999	6	5	**11**
	1998	5	6	**11**
	1997	6	8	**14**
	1996	1	4	**5**
	1995	8	6	**14**
			Program Total =	**87**
Co-ed Traveling Soccer Team (U-13)				
(**NEW** township program - also have to play in house)				
		11	5	
			Program Total =	**16**
Red Cross Swimming Lessons (L.S., St.And, Ingl)				
(township program)				
			Program Total =	**210 (approx)**
Stingrays Swim Team (St.Andrews Pool)				
(township program - also included in lessons #'s)				
			Program Total =	**30 (approx)**

Special Event Programs (various locations)
(township Program)

July & August	2005	2006	Increase
- Number of Events Held	43	55	**12**
- Number of Youth Participants	669	1047	**378**
- Average of Participants/ per event	15.6	19	**3.4**

Off-Ice Training (L.S. Arena)(New)	
Program Total =	**15**
Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League (Long Sault)	N/A
Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League (Long Sault)	N/A
Mixed Adult Slo-Pitch Softball League (Long Sault)	N/A
Men's Softball (Ingleside – 2 groups)	N/A
Babysitting Course	N/A
Lancer Centre Basketball Camp (ages 6 – 18)	N/A
Recreational Adult Beach Volleyball (Farran Park)	N/A
Men's Lacrosse	N/A
Men's Roller Hockey	N/A
Women's Ball Hockey League (L.S. Arena)	N/A

WINTER 2006 PROGRAMS	Year of Birth	Male	Female	Total
Mini Basketball (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)	2001	3	1	**4**
	2000	2	2	**4**
	1999	3	2	**5**
	1998	5	3	**8**
	1997	3	4	**7**
			Program Total =	**28**
Basketball Grades 4-7 (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)	1996	4	6	**10**
	1995	3	5	**8**
	1994	4	2	**6**
	1993	3	1	**4**
			Program Total =	**28**
Men's Adult Basketball (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)		16		
			Program Total =	**16**
Co-ed Adult Volleyball (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)		8	13	
			Program Total =	**21**
Co-ed Adult Badminton (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)		8	4	
			Program Total =	**12**
Tap Dancing Lessons (Lancer Centre)				
(township program)	1990		1	**1**
	1991			
	1992		1	**1**
	1993		4	**4**
	1994			
	1995		1	**1**
	1996		4	**4**
	1997		4	**4**
	1998		1	**1**
	1999		3	**3**
	2000		2	**2**
	2001	2	4	**6**
			Program Total =	**27**
South Stormont Minor Hockey Assoc. (L.S. Arena)				
(born between 1998 - 2001)				
			Program Total =	**323 (approx)**
Long Sault Skating Club (L.S. Arena)				
(born between 1998 - 2003)				
(numbers includes power skating, learn to skate, and Figure skaters)				
			Program Total =	**75 (approx)**
Let's Dance Jazz School (J.C. Room)				
(born between 2002 - 1998)				
			Program Total =	**45 (approx)**
Karate (J.C. Room)				
(all ages)				
			Program Total =	**18 (approx)**
Babysitting & First Aid Courses (J.C. Room)				
(born between 1998 - 2000)				
			Program Total =	**50 (approx)**
Yoga Lessons (all ages)				N/A
Co-ed Beavers (ages 5 – 7)				N/A
Girl Guides of Canada				N/A
Ingleside Cooperative Play Group (parents & newborns)				N/A

Volunteer efforts by community organizations and individuals also operate outdoor rinks and rink houses and offer senior outreach services, activities for seniors, and library reading programs.

Volunteers are also active in civic organizations that provide leadership and advocacy to social and recreation issues that are important to their community. These organizations include the

- South Stormont Sports Hall of Fame;
- South Stormont Chamber of Commerce;
- EnviROzone Committee;
- Rosedale Terrace Association;
- Moulinette Island Association;
- Newington Association; and
- Other area service clubs.

Lastly, community organizations and individuals organize, host, and/or provide support to several annual events each year. Some of these special events include:

Winter:

- South Stormont Minor Hockey Association Tournaments (December and March)
- South Stormont Pond Hockey Tournament (with the Township) (January)
- Long Sault Skating Club Regional Skating Competition (February)
- Rothwell Osnabruck High School Basketball Alumni Weekend (February)
- Cornwall Avalance Men's Hockey Tournament (March)

Spring/Summer/Fall:

- South Stormont Chamber of Commerce Home & Trade Show (April)
- Heart and Stroke Foundation Big Bike for Stroke (May)
- Canadian Series Car Racing (May – September)
- Cancer Society Relay for Life (June)
- Cornwall Minor Lacrosse Annual Tournament (June)
- Lost Villages Historical Society Bus Tours (June – September)
- Canada Day Celebration in Ault Park (July)
- St. Andrews Stingray Regional Swimming Competition (with the Township) (August)
- Lung Association Sandblast Volleyball Tournament (August)
- Stormont County Fair (September)
- Cornwall District Kennel Dog Show (September)
- Eastern Ontario Hydroplane Classic (September)
- South Stormont Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Ceremony (September)

2006 PROGRAMMING HOURS (Approx)

The following list contains all of the ***known*** programs operated by the Township. These hours include programs operated by the Township as well as other associations and individuals. They do not include special events such as the Cornwall Motor Speedway.

PROGRAM	TOTAL HRS
Arena Ice Rentals	2,563
Public Skating	130
Soccer (youth & Adult)	200
Swimming Lessons & Swim Team	352
Public Swimming	420
Summer Event Programming	225
Arena Summer Rentals	236
Beach Volleyball	56
Lancer Ctr. Basketball Rentals	268
Lancer Ctr. Volleyball	56
Lancer Ctr. Badminton	56
Youth Baseball/Softball	56
Adult Softball	368
Lancer Ctr. Tap Dancing	28
John Cleary Room – Karate & Dance	212
John Cleary Room – Training Courses	44
Yoga, Beavers, Girl Guides	N/A
Library Programs	N/A
TOTAL ESTIMATED HOURS =	**5,270**

The public consultation process involved consulting with stakeholder committees, community groups and public representatives on needs, interests and opinions through surveys and interactive workshops.

5.1 Survey

In early November each of the 4700 households in the Township received a survey in the mail. In addition to the mail-out, surveys were available at public facilities and an Internet version was posted on the Township website. Survey recipients were asked to mail, drop off or fax completed surveys to the Township. 123 surveys were returned, making the response rate approximately 2.7%. While no analysis was conducted to determine if results were statistically significant, the low response rate likely means they were not. Therefore, results should be used as a guide only, and not interpreted as representing the opinions of a majority of the residents of the Township.

To reflect the Township's efforts to accommodate those residents with disabilities, one survey question asked about special needs and how they affect the person's participation in recreational activities, if at all.

Survey Methodology

Questions in Section A were designed to help develop a profile of respondents in order to better understand the characteristics of people interested in recreational activities in South Stormont. When linking responses to other questions to this demographic data it is possible to understand who has what opinions. For example it is possible to determine which age group is most satisfied with recreational programming, and which is least satisfied.

Questions in Section B reveal respondents' interest in recreation, their opinions about program delivery and the quality of programs and facilities, as well as their overall satisfaction with current activities.

Finally, questions in Section C ask for respondents' suggestions for improving recreational activities in the Township. They serve to highlight *who* should be targeted, and *what* facilities and programs are needed. Open-ended questions allowed respondents to add any additional comments they may have had regarding recreation in South Stormont.

Township of South Stormont

2006 RECREATIONAL SURVEY

Stantec Consulting is working on behalf of the Township of South Stormont to survey the recreational practices and needs of the community. This information will be used for the development of a Recreational Master Plan.

The purpose of the Recreational Master Plan is to guide the strategic provision of recreational programs, facilities, parkland and open space within the municipality for the next ten years.

There are three sections in this survey. Section A asks for some general information about your household. Section B consists of questions about your household's participation in recreational activities and your level of satisfaction with these activities and the facilities available. Section C asks for your suggestions for improving recreational services in South Stormont.

All households in the Township of South Stormont are being mailed a copy of this survey. **The success of this initiative depends on the time you take to complete this survey.** We thank you for your participation.

*Please mail, fax, or drop off your completed survey by **Friday, November 10, 2006,** to the Township of South Stormont at one of two locations:*

Municipal Office:	Parks & Recreational Services Office
P. O. Box 340	Long Sault Arena
4949 County Road 14	60 Mille Roches Road
Ingleside, ON K0C 1M0	Long Sault, ON K0C 1P0
613-537-2362 Telephone	613-534-2419 Telephone
613-537-8113 Fax	613-534-3836 Fax

Alternatively, the survey may be downloaded from the Township of South Stormont website and completed surveys emailed to info@southstormont.ca

The Township is committed to collecting and using information responsibly and only to the extent necessary. Information collected herein will be used for Township of South Stormont recreational development purposes only.
You may choose not to answer a question.

SECTION A - *General Household Information*

1. Residence _____ (Street Address) _____ (Postal Code) **2.** How many people live in your household? _____

3. How many years have you lived in South Stormont? ☐ 0-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 11-20 ☐ 21-30 ☐ 30+

Please answer questions 4-6 and 13 for each member of your household, or ask them to complete the questions. Assign a number for each member of the household and record all answers pertaining to that person after the same number each time.

4. What is the year of birth of each member of your household?
#1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____ #6 _____

5. What is the sex of each member of your household? Male/Female
#1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____ #6 _____

6. On average, how many hours per week do members of your household have to spend on leisure and recreational activities?
#1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____ #6 _____

7. In your household are there any persons with disabilities or special needs? If so, please briefly describe the disability/special needs and how it affects the person's participation in recreational activities, if at all
_____

SECTION B - Programs, Facilities and Participation

8. How important are recreation programs and facilities to your household? ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 (1=low satisfaction, 5=high satisfaction.)

9. Generally, how satisfied are you with South Stormont's inventory of parks and facilities? ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5
(Facilities include fields, pools, trails, play structures, picnic areas, arenas etc.) (1=low satisfaction, 5=high satisfaction.)

10. Do you believe the Township should have the primary role in the delivery of recreational programs?
☐ Yes ☐ No Comments: _____

11. Should local volunteer committees share the responsibility of delivering recreational programs?
☐ Yes ☐ No Comments: _____

12. Would you consider volunteering to help run any programs/activities? If yes, which ones? (Nobody will be calling you to volunteer)
_____

13. During the past 12 months, did the members of your household participate in any of the following activities?

- Organized cultural/artistic activities (e.g. art, dance, music, theatre etc.)
- Organized sports/physical activities (e.g. soccer, aerobics, swimming etc.)
- Outdoor recreational activities (e.g. hiking, cycling, fishing, snowmobiling etc.)
- Social group or club (e.g. Service Club, Bridge Club, Youth Group, etc.)
- Non-academic classes (e.g. babysitting course, carpentry, language courses etc.)

Please briefly describe the types of activities in which your household participated in **South Stormont only**, indicate the park or facility where the activities were held, the participant's **overall** level of satisfaction (1=low, 5=high) with the activities and the reasons for their level of satisfaction. When commenting on satisfaction, please comment on the quality of both the **program** and the **facility**.

Household Member	**Activity**	Park/Facility	Level of satisfaction **1(low) to 5(high)**	Reasons for level of satisfaction **(comment on quality of program & facility)**
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If necessary, you may write on a second page and securely attach it to this survey.

14. In the last 12 months, did anybody in your household have to go outside the community of South Stormont to participate in an activity? If so, please indicate **what** the activities were, **where** they had to go and **why** they had to leave the community.

SECTION C - *Suggestions and Comments*

15. Which groups, if any, do you believe the Township should provide additional programs for?
☐ 0-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 11-15 ☐ 16-20 ☐ 21-35 ☐ 36-60 ☐ 60 + ☐ Persons with disabilities

16. If you think new or improved parks and facilities are required in South Stormont, please check the types you would like:
☐ Soccer fields ☐ Baseball diamonds ☐ Indoor pools ☐ Outdoor pools ☐ Tennis courts
☐ Play structures ☐ Picnic Area ☐ Campground ☐ Arena ☐ Outdoor rinks
☐ Bike trails ☐ Hikin g trails ☐ Other (please specify)

17. In the interest of everyone in your household, are there any recreation programs or activities that you feel should be developed?

18. If you have any other comments about the recreational activities, programs and facilities in the Township of South Stormont, please write them here:

THANK YOU!

*Funding for this program was made possible through a generous grant by **Communities in Action Fund***

Summary of Survey Results: Programs, Facilities and Participation

Q8. How important are recreation programs and facilities to your household:

1 2 3 4 5 (1-low importance; 5=high importance)_
Respondents: 122

Mean (average) score: 3.85
Median (typical): 4

Q9. Generally, how satisfied are you with South Stormont's inventory of parks and facilities:

1 2 3 4 5 (1-low importance; 5=high importance)_

Mean score for level of satisfaction: 3.10
Median: 3

Q10 Do you believe the Township should have the primary role in the delivery of recreational programs? Yes / No

93.4% (114/122) believe the Township should have the primary role in the delivery of recreation programs
6.6% (8/122) do not believe…

Q11 Should the local volunteer committees share the responsibility of delivering recreation programs? Yes / No

84.9% (101/119) believe volunteer committees should share responsibility
15.1% (18/119) do not believe…
Comments focused on need for volunteer training and recognition

Q13 During the past 12 months, did the members of your household participate in any of the following activities?

- Organized cultural/artistic activities (e.g. art, dance, music, theatre etc.)
- Organized sports/physical activities (e.g. soccer, aerobics, swimming etc.)
- Outdoor recreational activities (e.g. hiking, cycling, fishing, snowmobiling etc.)
- Social group or club (e.g. Service Club, Bridge Club, Youth Group, etc.)
- Non-academic classes (e.g. babysitting course, carpentry, language courses etc.)

Answers to this question covered a very wide variety of activities. The purpose of the question was to identify the most common activities and determine how well liked they were by participants. The table below summarizes the data collected. Respondents listed many other activities, but for the purpose of analysis, focus was kept on activities with the highest number of participants.

Interestingly, 2 of the top 3 activities, both in terms of numbers of participants and level of satisfaction, were biking and hiking/walking. These activities require no programming by the Township, just the provision of well maintained, safe and scenic trails, and therefore provide good recreational value for the Township. However, people likely only participate in biking and hiking/walking during daylight hours and during the warmer months, and therefore other activities should be provided during off-times.

Not surprisingly given national trends, soccer is high on the list in terms of participation levels, and participants are also relatively satisfied, though there is definitely room for improvement.

The lowest level of satisfaction was for baseball. Township staff should conduct an evaluation of the program and/or facilities to determine how to improve this experience.

	Biking	Hockey	Hiking/Walking	Skating (Arena)	Soccer	Library	Basketball	Boating	Ball Hockey	Pool Swimming	Tennis	Baseball	Dance	Babysitting Course	Swim Lessons
# Participants	87	61	52	45	29	27	14	14	13	11	7	6	6	5	4
Average	**3.9**	**4.1**	**4.3**	**4**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**3.6**	**3.9**	**3.6**	**3.4**	**3.3**	**2.3**	**4.3**	**4.6**	**3.5**
Range	2-5	1-5	2-5	1-5	2-5	1-5	2-5	2-5	3-5	1-5	1-5	1-4	3-5	4-5	1-5
Median	**4**	**4**	**4.8**	**4**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**4**	**3.3**	**3.5**	**4**	**2**	**4.5**	**5**	**4**

1=low; 5=high

Q14 In the last 12 months, did anyone in your household have to go outside the community of South Stormont to participate in an activity? Is so, please indicate what the activities were, where they had to go and why they had to leave the community?

ACTIVITY	RESPONSES	
Recreational Swimming	**18/123**	**14.63%**
Hockey	**14/123**	**11.38%**
Soccer	**14/123**	**11.38%**
Theatre	**14/123**	**11.38%**
Dance	11/123	8.94%
Gym/Fitness/Aerobics	11/123	8.94%
Golf	10/123	8.13%
Curling	7/123	5.69%
Swimming Lessons	6/123	4.88%
Broomball	5/123	4.07%
Hiking/Walking	5/123	4.07%
Bowling	4/123	3.25%
Girls Hockey	4/123	3.25%
Indoor Soccer	3/123	2.44%
Language Courses	3/123	2.44%
Music (concerts and lessons)	3/123	2.44%
Art	2/123	1.63%
Babysitting Course	2/123	1.63%
Ball Hockey	2/123	1.63%
Baseball	2/123	1.63%
Downhill Skiing	2/123	1.63%
Football	2/123	1.63%
Gymnastics	2/123	1.63%
Lacrosse	2/123	1.63%
Non-Academic Courses	2/123	1.63%
Public Skating	2/123	1.63%
Tennis	2/123	1.63%
Yoga/Pilates	2/123	1.63%
Basketball	1/123	0.81%
Bridge Club	1/123	0.81%
Chess Club	1/123	0.81%
Competitive Swimming	1/123	0.81%
Computer Course	1/123	0.81%
Cycling	1/123	0.81%
Karate/Martial Arts	1/123	0.81%
Lawn Bowling	1/123	0.81%
Library	1/123	0.81%
Pottery	1/123	0.81%
Seniors Classes	1/123	0.81%
Service Club	1/123	0.81%
Volleyball	1/123	0.81%
X Country Skiing	1/123	0.81%
Youth Group	1/123	0.81%

Summary of Survey Results - Suggestions and Comments

Q15 Which groups, if any, do you believe the Township should provide additional programs for?

Age Group:

11-15:	**46/123 = 37.4%**
16-20:	**37/123 = 30.1%**
6-10:	29/123 = 23.6%
36-60:	30/123 = 24.4%
60+	31/123 = 25.1%
0-5:	14/123 = 11.4%
21-35:	16/123 = 13.0%
Disabled:	16/123 = 13.0%

Q16 If you think new or improved parks and facilities are required in South Stormont, please check the types you would like:

Parks and Facilities:

Indoor Pools:	**40/123= 32.5%**
Outdoor Pools:	**29/123= 23.6%**
Outdoor Rinks:	**33/123= 26.8%**
Arenas:	**23/123= 18.7%**
Bike Trails:	21/123 = 17.0%
Soccer Fields:	19/123 = 15.5%
Hiking Trails:	19/123 = 15.5%
Play Structures:	19/123 = 15.5%
Picnic Areas:	18/123 = 14.6%
Baseball Diamonds:	14/123 = 11.4%
Tennis Courts:	11/123 = 8.9%
Campgrounds:	9/123 = 6.5%

(Indoor or outdoor pool: 55/123 = 44.7%
(Indoor or outdoor rinks: 49/123 = 39.8%

Other Parks or Facilities suggested:

OTHER PARKS OR FACILITIES	RESPONSES	
Library Improvements	13/123	10.57%
Community Centre/Meeting Room/Banquet Facility	8/123	6.50%
Golf Course	4/123	3.25%
Teen Drop-In Centre	3/123	2.44%
Indoor Soccer	3/123	2.44%
Boat Launch	3/123	2.44%
New park using open space near LS wading pool	2/123	1.63%
Cross Country Ski Trails	2/123	1.63%
Waterfront Development	2/123	1.63%
New park in I, S of HWY 2	2/123	1.63%
Curling Rink	1/123	0.80%
Amateur Theatre	1/123	0.80%
ATV Trails	1/123	0.80%
Mobile Concessions	1/123	0.80%
Indoor Water Park	1/123	0.80%
Downhill Skiing	1/123	0.80%
Lawn Bowling	1/123	0.80%

Q17 In the interest of everyone in your household, are there any programs or activities that you feel should be developed?

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	RESPONSES	
Fitness/Gym/Aerobics	9/123	7.32%
Dancing Classes	3/123	2.44%
Tennis Lessons	3/123	2.44%
Adult Recreational Soccer	3/124	2.44%
Walking Club	3/125	2.44%
Music Programs	3/126	2.44%
Art Programs	3/127	2.44%
More use of Lancer Centre	2/123	1.63%
Yoga/Pilates	2/123	1.63%
Broomball	2/124	1.63%
Art in the Park	2/125	1.63%
Seniors Programs	2/126	1.63%
Naturalists Club	2/127	1.63%
Football	2/128	1.63%
Gymnastics	2/129	1.63%
Academic Courses	2/130	1.63%
Irish Dancing Classes	1/123	0.80%
Kids Yoga	1/123	0.80%

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	RESPONSES	
Competitive Soccer	1/123	0.80%
Dog Training	1/123	0.80%
Scouting	1/123	0.80%
Girls Hockey	1/123	0.80%
Under 4 Soccer	1/123	0.80%
Play Group	1/123	0.80%
Minor Softball	1/123	0.80%
Beach Volleyball	1/123	0.80%
Martial Arts	1/123	0.80%
Winter Carnival	1/123	0.80%
Programs for kids with autism	1/123	0.80%
Cycling Club	1/123	0.80%
Swimming Program at LS pool	1/123	0.80%
Sailing	1/123	0.80%
Badminton	1/123	0.80%
Volleyball	1/123	0.80%
Floor Hockey	1/123	0.80%
Computer Courses	1/123	0.80%

Interestingly, many of the indoor activities could be accommodated in a multi-purpose gym / community hall.

Q18 If you have any other comments about the recreational activities, programs and facilities in the Township of South Stormont, please write them here.

(Note: Comments with simple requests for specific programs and facilities were captured in other aspects of survey analysis.)

This is a summary of the comments received. A full account of all comments can be found in Appendix A.

Hiking and Walking:

Respondents are generally very happy with the hiking and walking trails, in particular the Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail (LOWT). Some would like to see the LOWT paved all the way to Upper Canada Village.

Soccer:

Respondents commented on the high price of soccer programs and the need for further association with the Canada Soccer Program.

Swimming Programs:

Comments centered mostly on the need for more swim programs as well as poor customer service in regards to existing programs. One person commented on the excellent swim programs offered in St. Andrews.

Skating and Hockey:
The majority of comments were in regards to the need for more outdoor rinks and better maintenance and Township support for existing rinks.

Recreation Facilities:
The need for a variety of new facilities was the most common comment. See Appendix A for specific requests for facilities.

Parks and Open Spaces:
Comments were primarily about how the Township should manage existing parks and open spaces and acquire new ones.

Waterfront:
Recreational development and preservation of the waterfront were the most common themes of comments regarding this area.

Libraries:
Comments were consistently about the high quality of library programs but the poor quality of the facilities. These respondents would like to see more of the budget going towards libraries, and were disappointed they were not mentioned in the survey.

Youth and Senior Programs:
Respondents are concerned about the need for activities for people in these age groups. The need for youth programs to keep them out of trouble is especially important.

Recreation Programs – General:
A variety of general comments, from very positive to very negative, were made. See Appendix A for more details.

Community Involvement:
Respondents would like to see more public involvement in decision-making, and more access to information about how facilities are managed.

Access and Mobility:
Comments centered on the lack of transportation between communities in South Stormont.

Good Job!:
Also expressed appreciation for being asked.

5.2 Opportunities Workshop

On November 1, 2006, a Workshop was held in the evening at the Long Sault Fire Hall. A total of 29 members of the community participated, along with Township Staff, Derek McMillan and Kevin Amelotte. A presentation to a broad-based stakeholder group on the research findings on trends, community needs, interests and opinions, and current state of park, recreation and facility challenges and opportunities. This was followed by an interactive working session to identify opportunities for the delivery of recreational services and programs.

Public Workshop "As we Heard it"

All comments from the public meeting have been summarized below. Analysis of comments reveals several themes in regards to the wish list of parks, facilities and programs.

As has been heard elsewhere in the public consultation process, **more ice rinks** are desired in order for skaters and hockey players to have more time on the ice.

The idea of a ***free boat launch*** on the St Lawrence River came up several times, as did the need for expansion and upgrades to the Township's three libraries.

A ***multi-purpose indoor facility with gymnasium*** would satisfy many residents, as most felt the agreement to use the Lancer Centre is too restrictive and not good value.

Meeting attendees believe that ***more soccer fields*** are required in the Township in order to accommodate a growing interest in the sport.

In terms of the coordination of effort between the Township and the community, many people felt that ***better communication between the Township and recreation groups***, particularly the smaller groups, was necessary. Ideas for improving communication included having representatives from each specialized group report to the Recreation Committee or a paid Township staff member concerning their specific needs. The need for better program advertising, more effort to reach out to smaller, less organized groups, and better use of the website and internet were identified as communication issues. In terms of how to share responsibilities between the Township and the community, most felt that the Township should provide facilities, equipment, volunteer training, fundraising support, etc. but that the community should deliver much, but not all, of the programming.

The issue of ***waterfront development*** was discussed. Most people felt the waterfront needs to be developed for low impact recreational activities such as trails, benches and soccer fields, but that large-scale private development that would block public access and compromise the view and scenery should not be permitted.

5.3 Roundtable with Recreational Leaders

On November 15, 2006, an interactive discussion session was held in the evening at the Long Sault Fire Hall to hear directly from key stakeholders from community organizations, sports and cultural groups, and special interest groups including the Waterfront Development Committee. The findings from the earlier workshop were presented, followed by presentations by the various groups on their efforts and challenges to offer programs in the Township and their recommendations to improve park and recreation service delivery.

Roundtable Discussion with Stakeholders in Recreation

The following is a summary of the Roundtable Discussion.

South Stormont Minor Hockey Association (SSMHA)
After presenting the program and the benefits to participants, the presentation focused on the need for a second ice pad and an expanded facility. A second pad would be used for tournaments, including fundraising tournaments, practice time, conditioning/training camps, girls' hockey, high school teams, broomball, figure skating and public skating. An expanded facility would allow girls to have their own change room, and could include a meeting/ banquet space for special events, and office space. The SSMHA suggested investigating creative funding solutions such as private partnerships like the one in Kemptville. The SSMHA would like to be involved in every step of the process.

Libraries
The library presentation stressed the need for expanded and upgraded facilities including a larger space in Ingleside. Children have been turned away from programs due to a lack of space, and maintenance such as painting, signage and lighting are needed.

Lakeview Heights Outdoor Rink
The Township supplies boards, hockey nets, water, garbage can, picnic table and lights, and cuts the grass. However, the boards are old and in need of painting, and the nets are in poor condition and are a safety hazard because of their weight. The Township could help by cutting the grass, replacing the nets, inspecting boards and replacing or painting boards as needed. The volunteers who supply the hose and start and maintain the rink by watering and clearing snow are grateful for the water and lights.

Open discussion focused on the Ingleside rink and its demise due to volunteer frustration resulting from the unsuitable location on the paved surface next to the tennis courts. The surface was too big and ice would not stay frozen. There are now lots of volunteers willing to help, and money has been fundraised. A new location, perhaps across from the plaza, is needed. Keeping the pond rink open longer was suggested but crossing County Road 2 is a safety issue.

Waterfront Development Committee

Highlights from the Waterfront Plan include the need for bike path improvement, signage and view preservation. Public access needs to be improved, perhaps with a boat launch. Also noted, was the potential danger in cycling on the Long Sault parkway; perhaps it could be widened to accommodate bicycles. Pressure to allow residential development along the waterfront should be resisted.

Soccer

No organized association exists. Township staff currently organizes the program and puts much emphasis on soccer last year because membership is growing quickly and is comparable to minor hockey. Coaching clinics were helpful. More fields are required; perhaps on the 125-Acre Park on the waterfront.

Kids Softball/T Ball/Rookie Ball

The program is just 2 years old and the organizer needs guidance, possibly with coach training. Lack of port-a-potties at R-O School means kids must go to the bathroom at the large diamond nearby, and lack of benches is a safety hazard. Again, the possibility of locating baseball diamonds and soccer fields on the 125-Acre Park in Ingleside was brought up. Others at the meeting felt there was enough interest to create an association, which would help recruit volunteers and mean longevity for the program.

Pond Hockey

Discussion focused on making elements of the pond hockey tournament permanent, such as a power pole for lighting which would eliminate the need for a noisy generator, so the rink could be enjoyed for a longer period of time.

Rosedale Recreation Association

The Association has done much work already, with fundraising, play structure upgrading, and a new soccer program. It would like to have bathrooms at MacLennan Park, on-line instead of 1-day registration, and more support from Township with grant applications.

Other

The basketball program is running well but the Lancer Centre agreement should be looked at. Most people agreed that the community should run most programs while the Township provides facilities etc. Coaching training would help to volunteer recruitment.

To develop the Recreation Master Plan for the Township of South Stormont, we have taken into account related policies and studies pertaining to parks, recreation and open space in the Township, considered current research into the benefits and trends in recreation, and created a community profile on demographics, health and physical activity for the population of South Stormont. We have also profiled the existing parks, open spaces, recreation facilities, and recreational programs offered in the Township. Essential to developing our understanding on how recreation "works" in the Township, we have listened to the valuable input from residents about their parks and facilities, their participation in recreation programs, and how they would like to be involved in bettering the system of recreation delivery.

6.1 Recreation Today

The following is a summary of our analysis of the information collected and reviewed.

Public opinion

Throughout the study process, residents have come forward to express their views on the future of parks and recreation in their community. The public survey results indicated that the community rated the importance of recreation programs and facilities to their household as high, giving it a median or typical score of 4 out of 5. However, their satisfaction level was lower with a score of 3 out of 5, neither high nor low.

Recreation Programs

The diversity of recreation programs offered is not as broad as indicated by current trends in recreation, nor did the interests or special needs of the public fully match up with the current offering of recreation programs in the Township. The focus of current programming is on activities for children whereas some of the greatest need for programming is for youth and seniors.

Parks and Open Space

Many of the neighbourhood and community parks were planned more than 20 years ago and are in need of renewal. Currently there is no formal process for developing new parks acquired through the land development process. Further, the majority of the public land available as open space is not owned by the Township and is either secured through short-term leases such as the three waterfront parks or operated by community organizations to address specific interests such as fairground and conservation activities. This may curtail any plans for more recreational development.

Recreation Facilities

Indoor recreational programs are operated from two main buildings, the Long Sault Arena, which the Township owns and the Lancer Centre, which the Township pays fees to the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB)

to use. While there are several smaller buildings throughout the Township suitable for meetings or evening activities, most are located in parks and are intended to support specific outdoor uses such as skating, swimming and ball games. Multi-purpose programming space to support a greater diversity of programs is lacking.

Community Involvement

What is clear is that there is high level of commitment by members of the community in the delivery of recreational activities, mostly on a volunteer basis. The results of the public survey indicated that over 90% of the respondents believe that the Township should have a primary role in the delivery of recreation programs; almost the same number (85%) believe that volunteers and volunteer committees should share the responsibility of delivering recreation programs. This indicates strong support for a recreation service delivery model led by the Township, specifically in the areas of facilities, equipment, and volunteer training, with as many opportunities as possible to engage the community to plan, manage, coach, and / or deliver services directly to the public. Areas identified for improvement were better communication between the Township and recreation organizations, more representation in decision-making, and more promotional support.

Overall, the Township of South Stormont is doing a lot of things well. The parks and facilities are well maintained and upgrades are implemented in a responsive and efficient manner. Every effort is made to maximize the programming space available and strong support is given to community groups to assist them in operating programs through administrative, training, and equipment support. Each year volunteers are recognized for their community efforts at a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

By virtue of developing a Recreation Master Plan for the next ten years, the Township of South Stormont is poised to take parks and recreation to another level of achievement. Based on our findings and our forethought as to what that next level can look like, we have formulated a vision statement for parks, facilities, and programs in the Township.

6.2 Vision and Guiding Principles

The Vision

The Township of South Stormont's parks, recreation facilities and recreational programs enhance the quality of life of its residents. These essential assets provide opportunities for active living through a wide variety of quality recreation services that connect people to each other and to the land. The residents of South Stormont will treasure and care for this legacy, building on the past to provide for future generations.

Guiding Principles

We have also created a set of planning principles to guide the development of recreation services for the next ten years. We anticipate that this will help direct the strategies and action plan that the Township and the community will use to plan, design, manage, and operate parks, recreation facilities, and programs in the future. These guiding principles are:

Leadership

- Establish the Township of South Stormont as a leader in recreation services among communities in Eastern Ontario and along the St. Lawrence River;

Essential Service

- Develop fully programmed, fully operational, and well-maintained parks and facilities that are essential elements that create a livable, dynamic, and economically vibrant Township;

Connected System

- Protect and develop multi-use and special purpose trails as a continuous system with linkages, notably to parks and open spaces and community facilities and services;

Diversity and Accessibility

- Provide a wide variety of high quality recreation services and opportunities for all residents and ensure access regardless of interest, age, sex, income, cultural background, or handicap;

Future Needs

- Pursue all opportunities to provide parks and recreation services, in the hamlets, rural areas, in the natural areas, and along the waterfront that meet both current and future park and recreation needs;

Collaboration

- Coordinate the planning, protection, development, management, and funding of parks, natural areas, and trails and the community's recreation needs and concerns with the Township and other landowners of public lands;

Civic Involvement

- Involve citizens in the planning process for and delivery of parks, facilities, and recreation programs throughout all stages.

The Ten Year Action Plan represents a new direction for the Township of South Stormont in establishing a proactive program of initiatives and capital projects in the area of parks, facilities, and recreation programming. For those projects where a capital expenditure is recommended, the proposed cost scheduling is based on the Township current spending on recreation. In each case, a budget is allocated for planning and design in the year(s) prior to implementation giving an opportunity to revisit the project scope and the recommended budget.

Key Actions are identified in four areas of focus:

- Governance Protocol and Processes
- Recreation Programs
- Parks and Open Space
- Recreation Facilities

This is followed by an Implementation Plan Summary itemizing all recommended capital projects and the annual projected cost schedule for each project by year for the next ten years.

7.1 Governance Protocol and Processes

The Township will establish its role in the delivery of recreation services in partnership with the local community where the Township will have a role as follows:

- As a provider of core services such as neighbourhood, community, and regional parks and trails; community centers, pools, and indoor ice pads; and basic facility programming such as swimming, public skating, and children and youth sports programs;
- As a partner, helping community groups achieve their recreation goals by providing program support including program development, equipment purchase and/or storage, and advertising and promotion;
- As a broker, acting on behalf of the community by identifying new recreation opportunities and bringing together the resources of the Township, volunteers, and recreation service providers to create new ventures in the Townships;
- As a facilitator, helping community groups to understand and promote their objectives through an effective public communication process.

To that end, the Township will develop more effective protocols and processes for public involvement in decision making.

Key Action 1 – Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee

The Township will redefine the membership of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee to better reflect what is now known to be the recreation priorities of the community:

- Addressing the specific needs of the youth and senior population;
- Parks planning with an emphasis on linking and expanding the greenspace system of neighbourhood and waterfront parks, trails and open spaces;
- Creating opportunities for better communication among residents and for mentoring and skills training of community volunteers.

The Township will assign specific roles to members of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee to promote the priorities described above while continuing to represent a broad interest in parks and recreation:

- 1 Youth representative
- 1 Seniors representative
- 1 Parks, Trails and Open Space representative
- 1 Communication / Community "builder" representative
- 1 Member-at-large representative

For the purpose of partnering to achieve common objectives, the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee will hold a joint meeting two times a year with their partner organizations including:

- Area Recreation and Parks Boards (*see Key Action 3*)
- South Stormont Minor Hockey Association
- New! South Stormont Soccer Association
- Planning Advisory and Economic/Waterfront Development Committee (PEWDC)
- The Library Board

Key Action 2: Community Improvement Foundation or Committee

The Township will consider establishing a not-for-profit Community Improvement Foundation to work with the Township Council and the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee to develop dynamic partnerships with public and private entities for the purpose of fundraising and developing premier Community Improvement Projects to benefit local residents, businesses and tourists to the area. An alternate approach would be to establish a Community Improvement Committee without the not-for-profit status. Further work is required to evaluate which options would be in a better position to access outside funding.

Key Action 3: Area Recreation and Parks Associations

The Township will promote the establishment of area Recreation and Parks Associations with the following mandate:

- Implement the park improvement program,
- Advocate for neighbourhood park and recreation issues,
- Administer Township programs grants directed to local communities;
- Report to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on a bi-annually basis;
- And other issues as identified from time to time.

These Associations could be established to cover each of the four geographic areas of:

- Ingleside Area
- Long Sault/Lakeview Heights Area
- Rosedale/ St. Andrews/ Bonville Area
- Newington/ Northfield Station/ Lunenburg/ Osnabruck Centre Area

Key Action 4: Communication Strategy

The Township should consider adopting a communication strategy that is composed of the following:

- Effective marketing and advertising of recreation programs, parks and facilities geared to both local recreation interests as well as the interest of visitors to the area including tourists and prospective businesses;
- Public meetings on all Key Projects and Initiatives;
- Annual open meetings of the joint Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee, area Recreation and Parks Associations, and other recreation partners to report on the past and future year's work plan and to obtain feedback from the public;
- Integrated planning meetings with other departments and other public landowners such as Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB), and the St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) to promote the value and benefits of recreation and to enhance joint planning and development opportunities;
- Quality Assurance surveys conducted for all recreational programs offered by the Township and by community organizations;
- Resident surveys and benchmarking analyses conducted every 5 years to measure and compare how efficiently and effectively recreation services and programs are being delivered to the community.

7.2 Recreation Programs

As indicated earlier, the diversity of recreation programs offered in South Stormont is not as broad as indicated by current trends in recreation and as expressed by people who participated in this study. Their satisfaction level ranged from very low to very high.

Key Action 5: Recreation Programming

Benchmarking against other municipalities was researched for recreation programs offered and utilized. The Township currently only tracks the number of participant hours offered. The benchmarking study consulted was the OMBI (Ontario Municipal CAO's Benchmarking Initiative) 2005 Performance Benchmarking Report. Two comparisons were made, one with the Ontario median and one with Brant County, a municipality with a large rural population similar to the Township of South Stormont.

- The median in Ontario for participant hours offered is 3.4 hour per capita annually; in Brant County, the participant hours is 1.2 hours per capita. Presently the participant hours offered in South Stormont by the Township and by community organizations (not including special events) is 0.4 hours per capita. The Township would need to triple its offering of programming to match the benchmark standard set by Brant County and increase its programming eight-fold to match the Ontario benchmark standard.
- The biggest challenge to increasing recreation programming in South Stormont is the unavailability of suitable indoor space to offer programs. Residents indicated through the public survey that they are going outside the Township to enjoy a great many recreation activities and at least half of the activities that they listed take place indoors. A second challenge is having the resources to develop the volunteer base to take on the increased programming *(see Key Action 8)*.
- Improvements to recreational programming in the Township can best be met by considering the construction of a new Multi-Use Recreation Facility *(see Key Action 19)*.
- Developing new programs and establishing the community groups to take on the increased programming should start now *(see Key Action 8)*.

Key Action 6: Soccer Association

Interest in soccer programs is increasing dramatically in the Township. Over the period of 2006 to 2007, the participation level is expected to increase by 25%. In addition to the demand for more soccer fields *(see Key Action 15)*, is the need for a management model to further develop and operate

the sport. Throughout the province, soccer is commonly run by community-based soccer associations.

- Establish a South Stormont Soccer Association, similar to the South Stormont Minor Hockey Association, which would have the responsibility of sport development, establishing/operating a league and team structure, program registration, and scheduling.

Key Action 7: Ice Rink Program

A high level of support from the community to provide new or improved recreation facilities was for rinks. Outdoor rinks were more popular than arenas but overall 40% were interested in new or improved rinks in general.

- Currently community volunteers run the rink program with assistance from the Township to supply rink boards, hockey nets, water service, rink lights, garbage cans and picnic tables. The community of Lakeview Heights felt that there is strong interest in volunteering to support their local rink but no information was received on volunteerism in other areas of the Township.
- The biggest challenge faced by community volunteers is having appropriate sites for flooding and standards for rink size. This can be addressed when park improvements are being assessed *(see Key Action 13: Park Improvement Program).*
- To support growth in the provision of outdoor rinks and ensure adequate volunteer support, the Township should consider increasing its support through a grant program to the area Recreation and Parks Associations to fund the hiring of rink monitors to assist in ice-making, snow-clearing, and programming.

Key Action 8: Events, Program and Marketing Coordinator

Positive feedback was received on the efforts provided by the Events, Programs and Marketing Coordinator at the Township. It became apparent through the course of this study that considerable effort was being expended to fostering connections with individuals and groups to support new programming initiatives and operate basic programming, primarily in sporting activities for children. However administrative duties to support programs which was taking time away from program development and marketing initiatives.

- The Township should consider providing administrative support so that this position can focus on program development and marketing;
- It is recommended that this position also approach program development with the intention of turning over programs to the volunteers and community groups, where feasible. An example is establishing a Soccer Association to run the soccer program *(Key Action 6)*. This would allow the position to continue developing an

interest in new programs until such time as a new Recreation Facility is built *(see Key Action 19)* and the program base can be expanded. The need for additional program staff will be assessed at that time.

7.3 Parks and Open Space

The Township should adopt a planned approach to developing and improving its parks.

Key Action 9: Standards for Parkland Acquisition

The Official Plan establishes policies on the conveyance of land for parks and open space through the land development process that is in accordance with the parkland dedication provisions of the Planning Act or may accept cash-in-lieu.

- A target of a minimum of 2.0 hectares for 1,000 population or approximately 8 – 10 percent of developable land will be pursued (which equates roughly to the 5% parkland dedication set out in the Planning Act). Currently the service level for all communities is 2.56 hectares for 1,000 population (not including the large parcels of public parkland under ownership by other jurisdictions). In order to ensure an adequate supply of parkland over the next 20 years based on an estimated growth of 3.1% every five years, the Township will need to add approximately 1.0 hectare of land every 5 years to maintain its current service level;
- The average size of park for active recreation is 1.3 hectares with more than half of those parks being 1.0 hectares or smaller. This restricts the development of park facilities to those geared to playgrounds, courts, and standalone sport fields. Major open space provided by the three waterfront parks under lease allows for the development of destination parks offering facilities such as sport field complexes, outdoor pool facilities, and group picnic areas. When waterfront lands under lease are added to the parkland inventory of Township-owned lands, the parkland to population ratio increases to 8.0 hectares per 1,000;
- In general, a standard of parkland to population ratio higher than the minimum target is recommended not only to permit the development of destination parks, but also to ensure good access to parkland by a population that is spread over a large sparsely populated geographic area;
- The Official Plan establishes a policy on parkland dedication that establishes the characteristics to be met when acquiring parkland. These characteristics, if followed, will result in adding new parks that are highly functional and well integrated into its neighbourhood;

- Payment-in-lieu of parkland dedication should be considered where the lands to be dedicated are not the right kind, are not located in the best place, or are too small to accommodate the community's recreational needs. Where cash-in-lieu is taken, it should be used for the acquisition of new parkland or improvement of existing parks and recreational facilities accessible to the area being developed.

Key Action 10: Parkland Classification

The Township will establish a hierarchy or classification of parks and open space to ensure that community needs for parks and recreation are being met at the scale of the neighbourhood, community and region.

Neighbourhood Parks are suited by its size and location for local park facilities such as children's playgrounds and seating areas, open grass areas for informal play and where space permits, activities suited to children and youth such as small sport fields for informal games, and courts for basketball, volleyball and winter rinks.

Community Parks are generally larger than neighbourhood parks and are developed to accommodate the recreational needs of a wider geographic area by offering the larger and more active recreational facilities such as full size sport fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, boarded rinks, skateboard parks, outdoor swimming pools, field houses, and parking lots. These parks may also offer local recreational facilities such as children's playgrounds.

Regional Parks are destination parks such as waterfront parks, fairgrounds, and special parks such as the site of the Lost Villages Society Museum.

Within the Township there are 28 park sites and trails:

Neighbourhood parks	11	
Community parks	8	(including 2 use agreements)
Waterfront parks	3	(lease agreement)
Conservation Area	1	(MNR – no formal agreement)
Agricultural Fair Grounds	1	(owned and operated by Fair Ground)
Trails	2	
Special Park	2	(Lost Villages)

Key Action 11: Park Inventory

The Township will maintain an up-to-date inventory profile for each site including information on acquisition such as date of acquisition, legal description, and size; dates of park development and improvements; record drawings; condition assessment information, and photographs of park features. This information will be useful for planning park improvement and life cycle repair and replacement programs. This information may also assist in promoting parks for economic development purposes. A 2006 inventory profile for each site forms part of the Final Recreational Master Plan.

Key Action 12: New Park Development Program

The Township will establish a process for new park planning and development as follows:

- The Township planner will consult with the Township park representative when reviewing and approving subdivision plans that yield new parkland or cash in lieu of parkland;
- The Recreation Master Plan will be considered when new parks are taken so that consideration is given to location, size and configuration to accommodate the recreational activities needed not only by the subdivision but also the surrounding neighbourhood;
- The Township park representative will work with the area Recreation and Parks Associations to develop a new park design that meets the needs of the community regardless of whether the plan is funded by the Township or the developer;
- Given that the Township does not have Development Charges, the Township will consider a requirement that all new neighbourhood parks acquired through the development approval process be built and 100% funded by the developer. An alternative approach would be that all basic construction services in coordination with subdivision construction activities such as tree clearing if required, filling, grading, drainage, site servicing, pathway bases, and seeding would be the responsibility of the developer (in accordance with the approved park design plan) and all above ground improvements such as play equipment, courts, pathway paving, trees and seating areas would be the responsibility of the Township.

  Capital expenditure: Developer-funded program; the alternative would have the Township budgeting $200,000 for each new park added.

- The Township planner will consult with the Township park representative when drafting subdivision agreement conditions related to new parkland;
- The Township will develop standard park details for items, such as pathways, play area safety surfaces, courts, and planting, to ensure that all new parks whether constructed by the developer or by the community are built to Township standards.

Key Action 13: Park Improvement Program

As described in the previous section, many of the parks in the Township were planned more than 20 years ago and are in need of renewal. Each park should be audited to assess how well the park is used, where functionality can be improved, and how the park can be made more attractive to the neighbourhood. The following are some questions that can be used to initiate discussion when auditing the parks:

- Does the park provide children's play experiences suited to a wide range of ages?
- Is there an accessible path from the street to each of the play areas in the park?
- Are the play areas situated at a safe distance from the street and passing cars?
- Does the park promote walking and cycling by providing a pathway that can be used to enhance the overall walking / cycling network in the neighbourhood?
- Is there a focal point in the park with benches and/or picnic tables where neighbours can gather in an attractive and shady setting?
- Are play and sport facilities situated in a way to prevent conflict between different uses and adjacent homes?
- Is there an open area for informal play?
- Where compatible with surrounding uses, can new facilities suited to youth such as basketball, volleyball and ball hockey be added?
- Where compatible with surrounding uses, can small sport fields such as T-ball and mini-soccer be added to allow for neighbourhood pick-up games?
- Can the streetscape and park be improved with more tree planting?

The Township will establish a two-step process for the improvement of existing parks:

Step One: Conduct a park audit for each park every 10 years to assess how well the park meets the recreation needs of the community and the current standards in park development:

- The audit may be initiated and conducted by the area Recreation and Parks Associations with assistance from local residents;
- The Township may provide the community with the assistance of a park design professional to work with local residents to prepare the park improvement plan;
- The Park Improvement Plan will be considered for adoption by Council upon receipt of a recommendation from Parks and Recreation Associations;
- The Township may consider providing budget dollars for park improvement plans; the Township will consider this money be proposed beginning in 2012 and on-going.

Capital expenditure: $1,500 per year for a total program cost of $7,500 over a 5-year period.

Step Two: Undertake park improvements through a new Community Partnership Program where projects are initiated by the community and jointly funded by the community and by the Township:

- The Community Partnership Program will operate as a 50/50 matching program with the Township providing budget dollars that are matched by community fundraising and leveraged goods and services to a total maximum project value of $20,000;
- All projects must be identified in an approved park improvement plan;
- The program will operate on a first come first serve basis beginning in the year following the completion of the first Park Improvement Plan.

Capital expenditure: $20,000 per year proposed beginning in 2013 for a total program cost of $80,000 over a 4-year period.

Key Action 14: Community Park Improvements

Over the next ten years, the Township will undertake improvements to upgrade at least one community park in each of three areas: Ingleside, Long Sault, and Rosedale/St. Andrew. These parks have unique facilities and serve not only the local community but also the general rural area, the improvement plan for these parks will be led by the Township in collaboration with the area Recreation and Parks Associations. The parks recommended for improvement are:

Milles Roches Park:

- Undertake work to make the park attractive and fully functional. This is supported by our site review and by public comments received. A program should be established for the open space between the parking lot for the Long Sault Arena and the Fire Hall. Possible uses include hard court play, outdoor rink, a civic memorial, and gazebo/patio for community events. A pathway system should be created to link the Fire Hall, Arena, tennis courts, and playground. The streetscape should be improved with a sidewalk and street trees;
- Reinstate the area impacted by the removal of the water tower in 2007.

Capital expenditure: $5,000 in 2007 to reinstate area of water tower; $5,000 to prepare a redevelopment concept plan in 2012; and $50,000 for park construction in 2013 for a total program cost of $60,000 (proposed).

St. Andrews Community Park:

- While this park offers a broad range of park facilities such as tennis courts, an outdoor pool and change house, and a large children's playground, these park elements are dispersed and not well integrated. Further, the parking lot dominates the central area of the park. A park improvement plan should review the locations of the play facilities, consider expanding the area contained by the pool fencing, and recommend pathways and additional play features to create better flow between facilities. The parking lot should be reconfigured to formalize the area needed for parking and to create more greenspace. More trees should be added to provide shade and improve the attractiveness of the park.

Capital expenditure: $5,000 to prepare a redevelopment concept plan proposed for 2014; and $50,000 for park construction in both 2015 and 2016 for a total program cost of $105,000.

Ingleside Community Park:

- The planning for this park should be combined with future plans to create a new Multi-use Recreation Centre in Ingleside

Capital expenditure: *(see Key Action 19)*

Key Action 15: New Soccer Fields

The community has identified the need for additional soccer fields to meet a growing interest in soccer. This is consistent with the national trend showing that participation in soccer continues to increase. In the Township of South Stormont, registration in soccer programs in 2006 topped 300 participants and is expected to increase to 400 participants in 2007 with the greatest need for children and youth programming. The sport of Ultimate has not yet established a foothold but popularity is increasing as seen in the nearby urban centers. Currently, there are 3 soccer fields in the Township:

- Small soccer field in Elm Street Park (no room to expand);
- Large soccer field behind the Lancer Centre on school property (use agreement);
- Large soccer field in St. Andrews Baseball Park (church lease).

None of these fields are candidates for improvement due to limited space or ownership status. New sites need to be found if more soccer fields are to be added.

The current population-based standard for soccer fields in the Township is 1 field for 4,000 population. Benchmarking against other municipalities indicates that the Township has a low standard even compared to urban areas, which generally have a lower population-based standard than rural townships with widespread populations.

- The Township should add 2-3 additional soccer fields immediately. These fields should be a combination of mini-soccer fields and full size fields for youth and adult play. A candidate site is the 125-Acre site where it may be possible to construct at least 3 new fields without having to undertake major grading and drainage works. This is dependant upon lease/ ownership arrangements.

  Capital expenditure: $5,000 to construct 3 basic soccer fields as soon as possible.

- The growth in the sport should be assessed annually and fields should be added to keep pace with demand;
- Additional fields should be added to the 125-Acre site creating the opportunity to not only meet the needs of the local community but to promote Tournament events *(see Key Action 17: 125-Acre Park)*.

Key Action 16: Sports Field Upgrades

While undertaking an audit of all neighbourhood and community parks as part of the Park Improvement Program *(see Key Action 13)*, each sport field should undergo a condition assessment and evaluated for potential to upgrade or redevelop to better meet the needs of the sports users. For instance, it has been observed that none of the ball fields are suited to the needs of young children who play t-Ball. Similarly none of the fields are built to meet the training needs of Little League baseball. The area Parks and Recreation Associations should undertake discussions with the ball and soccer groups over the next 5 years and identify field improvements projects to the Township. An immediate priority is the updating the soccer field at St. Andrews Park.

Capital expenditure: $10,000 to upgrade soccer field at St. Andrews Park immediately and $20,000 for ball diamond upgrades in the future for a total program cost of $30,000.

Key Action 17: Waterfront Park Development Projects

Most people who responded to the Recreational Survey and attended the public workshops felt that the waterfront parks should be developed for recreational activities having a low impact on the natural environment such as sport fields, trails, and benches, but that large-scale private development that would block public access and compromise the scenic quality of the landscape should not be permitted. This point of view is consistent with the recommendations of the "Waterfront Plan for the Township of South Stormont" and with the mandate of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission which owns the public waterfront lands. In addition, there was strong support to secure long-term leases, preferably a 99 year lease at a nominal annual lease rate ($1.00 per year), to allow the Township to invest major capital expenditures to create premier recreational facilities as follows:

Farran Park:

- Negotiate a long-term lease with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission beginning with a business plan for the redevelopment of the park to include a park concept plan and capital investment plan; upon approval of the plan, finalize the terms of the long-term lease agreement to begin in 2008;
- Prepare a park redevelopment master plan and construction program to include an upgraded washroom facility with indoor programming space, a single tank outdoor pool and splash pad, boat launch improvements, a new park entrance and improved highway crossing for cyclists and pedestrians;
- Undertake a program to control the goose population.

Capital expenditure: $2,000,000 to construct a new outdoor pool and $50,000 each year to undertake park improvements for a total program cost of $2,450,000 over a period of 10 years.

125-Acre Park:

- Negotiate a long-term lease with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission once the current lease expires in 2008; to facilitate negotiations, prepare a business case for the redevelopment of the park to include a park concept plan and capital investment plan;
- Prepare a detailed park development plan and construction program to include high quality soccer fields suited to both community and tournament play, sport field lighting, parking area, and trail network connecting the 125-Acre site to Farran Park and the Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail;

Capital expenditure: $3,000 to undertake a park concept plan and $100,000 the following year to start construction of a soccer complex for a total program cost of $103,000.

Lakeview Park:

- Consider negotiating a long-term lease with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission in advance of the current lease expiring in 2022 so that the lease agreements for Farran Park, 125-Acre Park, and Lakeview Park all begin in 2008;
- Prepare a detailed park development plan and construction program to include improvements to the field house, picnic area, and beach area.

Capital expenditure: $3,000 to undertake a park concept plan and $100,000 to start construction park improvements at a future date for a total program cost of $103,000.

Long Sault Parkette:

- Consider a long-term lease agreement with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission;
- Prepare a park development plan to improve the waterfront area around the Marina, in cooperation with the marina owners, to include vehicle access, parking areas, trails to the waterfront, landscape improvements, and an improved highway crossing for cyclists and pedestrians across SDG County Road 2 between Long Sault and the Marina.

Capital expenditure: $5,000 to undertake a park concept plan and $100,000 to construct park improvements the following year for a total program cost of $105,000.

Key Action 18: Trails and Linkages

Trends research in recreation and physical activity show walking to be the most popular physical activity among youth and adults. Biking is the second most popular activity among youth. This trend is further supported by the survey and workshop participants where two of the top three activities in terms of participation in the last 12 months were biking and hiking/walking. The responses also indicated that the facilities for biking and walking were reasonably good. There is a good business case to continue to improve these facilities because:

- It is easier to build on what you do well than starting from scratch;
- Biking and walking is the most accessible activity to the largest number of people;
- It has a high health promotion value.

The Township should continue working with:

- The St. Lawrence Parks Commission and the Planning Advisory and Economic/ Waterfront Development Committee to expand and improve the trail systems along the St. Lawrence and create safe and accessible connections to the communities situated near the waterfront;
- The neighbouring Counties of Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry to implement the vision of the Five Counties Recreational Trails Master Plan;

To create more walking and cycling routes within the Township linking communities, the Township should also promote the discussion of walking and cycling with members of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee, the area Recreation and Parks Associations, landowners of utility corridors and natural environment lands, and Township planning and roads staff. One

success story is the Rosedale – St. Andrews Trail that was developed by the local community, the Township and Ministry grant dollars. Implementing pathway linkages connecting neighbourhood streets, community facilities, and green spaces in both existing and future neighbourhoods should be a priority.

7.4 Recreation Facilities

The highest level of support from the community to provide new or improved recreation facilities was for pools and rinks. Indoor pools were more popular than outdoor pools but overall close to half the respondents indicated an interest in pools. Outdoor rinks were more popular than arenas but overall 40% were interested in new or improved rinks in general. Other facilities not identified in the survey but were suggested by several respondents were improved libraries and community centre/ meeting room/ banquet facilities. Both of these types of facilities were also identified strongly in the workshops with the public and key stakeholders. Another issue raised in the discussion is that generally, the interest is in a new facility in their own community and prefer not to support buildings outside the Township.

Benchmarking against other municipalities was also researched for indoor pools, indoor ice pad, and community centres. The benchmarking study consulted was the OMBI (Ontario Municipal CAO's Benchmarking Initiative) 2005 Performance Benchmarking Report. Two comparisons were made, one with the Ontario median and one with Brant County, a municipality with a large rural population similar to the Township of South Stormont.

Indoor Pools: Currently, South Stormont has no indoor pools. When compared against the Ontario median, the population of South Stormont would require 0.3 pools. In other words, the population would need to triple to match the Ontario benchmark. Brant does not have an indoor pool so no comparison can be made. Generally speaking, small municipalities and rural townships have higher service levels than larger urban centres. In its favour, South Stormont is a growing population and has a strong tourist base at Farran Park in the summer months. The business case for a pool can be improved by strategically locating a pool to benefit both local residents and visitors.

Indoor Ice Pad: Currently, South Stormont has 1 ice pad, the Long Sault Arena. When compared against the Ontario median, South Stormont exceeded the benchmark standard with one ice pad but was comparable to Brant. On this basis, there is no strong case for an additional ice pad.

Community Centres: Currently, South Stormont has 1 community centre, the Lancer Centre to which the Township contributed capital funding and pays fees to the UCDSB. When compared against the Ontario median for community centres over 10,000 square feet, South Stormont exceeded the benchmark standard but was comparable to Brant County.

Key Action 19: New Multi-use Recreation Centre and Pool

A new multi-purpose indoor facility with gymnasium would satisfy many residents, as many felt that the agreement to use the Lancer Centre is too restrictive and not good value. The addition of a pool and programming space / meeting rooms would expand the possibilities for a wide range of programming to meet the needs of every age group. By locating other community facilities such as new Library, new Township offices with the new pool and recreation centre would not only create a dynamic civic focus but would also create efficiencies in construction, operations and maintenance over the long term. Consideration should be given for the Centre to be located in the heart of the community.

- Terminate the use of the Lancer Centre at the end of the use agreement with the Upper Canada District School Board;
- Select a site for the new recreation centre centrally located in its community, near other community facilities such as schools and churches, and with some vacant land that would be suited to mixed use infill development; the site should have good road access to the other communities of the South Stormont and have proximity to the waterfront; visibility from SDG County Road 2, also known as the Heritage Highway, is also preferable. A recommended site could be in Ingleside adjacent to the Ingleside Tennis Courts and opposite the commercial plaza;
- Prepare a feasibility study to establish the size, program, and location of the new recreation facility and to initiate a funding strategy;
- Create a new community park adjacent to the new recreation facility building on the existing tennis courts and skateboard park and consider new park facilities such as senior's area, outdoor day care area (playground), and gardens for community events;
- Undertake a detail design and construction program for the new 26,000 square foot recreation facility and new community park.

Capital expenditure: Set aside $25,000 per year over a 4 year period to undertake planning and design; with a further proposal of $3,600,000 for a new pool and community centre in 2011; $1,600,000 for a new Library and Social centre in 2011; and $50,000 for a new community park in 2011 for a total program cost of $5,350,000 (building cost based on $200 per square foot to construct).

Key Action 20: Ice Pad

The community provided strong support for more ice time. Twinning with the existing ice pad at Long Sault Arena would be the preferred approach when an additional ice pad is needed.

- The Township should work closely with the South Stormont Minor Hockey Association, which has the best handle on participation and growth trends, to determine when an additional ice pad is needed;
- The Township should explore several business models for financing, constructing and operating the new Arena where options other than Township owned and operated are also considered; precedents for other models have been tried and proven successful in other nearby municipalities.

Key Action 21: Condition Assessment of Existing Recreation Buildings

The Township should establish a program to assess the condition of each of its buildings and to identify a 20-year repair and replacement programs. Every five years the condition assessment should be updated to respond to changes made to building in the previous five years and to extend the planning horizon by five years.

Capital expenditure: $6,000 to conduct the condition assessment for the Long Sault Arena and $3,000 for the 7 small buildings (field houses, rink houses, pool houses and Osnabruck Centre community hall) for a total program of $28,000 and $14,000 for an update in 5 years.

7.5 Implementation Plan – Ten Year Capital Budget

Attached is an implementation plan that summarizes the capital expenditure projects and programs itemized above. The matrix lists all park and building projects and itemizes the year that each project will occur beginning in year 1 and ending in 10 years. Annually, the implementation plan should be reviewed and adjusted to reflect changes in priorities and funding opportunities. Budget figures should also be adjusted, as better costs are known.

Ten Year Capital Budget - Recreation

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
Parks											
New Park Development											
Design and Build one new park every 5 years			200,000					200,000			400,000
Neighbourhood Park Improvement Programs											
Neighbourhood Park Audit Program (4/yr)	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000						60,000
Community Partnership 50/50 Program (3/yr)		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	270,000
Sports Field Upgrade Program											
Soccer field upgrades (St. Andrews Park)	10,000										10,000
Ball Diamond Upgrades (2 main fields)						30,000		30,000			60,000
Milles Roches Community Park											
Upgrades related to water tower removal	5,000										5,000
Redevelopment Concept Plan						18,000					18,000
Implement Improvement Plan							150,000				150,000
St. Andrews Community Park (Pool)											
Redevelopment Concept Plan								25,000			25,000
Implement Improvement Plan									250,000		250,000
Ingleside Community Centre Park (see new Ingleside Community Centre)											
SubTotal (Neighbourhood/Community Parks)	27,000	42,000	242,000	42,000	42,000	78,000	180,000	285,000	280,000	30,000	**1,248,000**
Farran Park New Pool and Park Improvements											
Planning and design	225,000										225,000
Construct new pool and washrooms		2,000,000									2,000,000
Park improvements (include boat launch)			800,000								800,000
125 Acres - Sports on the Waterfront Park											
Phase 1: Construct 3 basic soccer fields	5,000										5,000
Planning and design						120,000					120,000
Construct park improvements (soccer fields, paths)							1,500,000				1,500,000
Long Sault Parkette by the Marina											
Planning and design	10,000										
Waterfront Improvements			100,000								
Lakeview Park											
Planning and design									32,000		32,000
Construct park improvements										400,000	400,000
Sub-Total (Waterfront Parks)	240,000	2,000,000	900,000	0	0	120,000	1,500,000	0	32,000	400,000	**5,192,000**
Recreation Facilities											0
											0
Multi-use Recreation Centre and Library (not including proposed new Township Offices)											0
Planning and design				530,000							530,000
Construct new Centre with Pool (18,000 sf)					5,600,000						5,600,000
Library and and Social Centre (8,000 sf)					1,500,000						
Community Park					500,000						500,000
Field House Improvements											
Condition Assessment (6 buildings)										18,000	
											0
Sub-Total (Recreation Facilities)	0	0	0	530,000	7,600,000	0	0	0	0	18,000	**8,148,000**
Total (Parks and Buildings)	**267,000**	**2,042,000**	**1,142,000**	**572,000**	**7,642,000**	**198,000**	**1,680,000**	**285,000**	**312,000**	**448,000**	**14,588,000**

Survey Question C18:

"If you have any other comments about the recreational activities, programs and facilities in the Township of South Stormont, please write them here"

(Note: Comments with simple requests for specific programs and facilities were captured in other aspects of survey analysis.)

Hiking and Walking

"We really like the hiking paths"

"The bike path should be paved from the bird sanctuary to Upper Canada Village (for roller bladders as well as cyclists)."

"Sidewalks are in very poor shape in some areas for walking. Some trees need trimming."

"Maintenance and creation of bike paths seems to be the facility that benefits the greatest demographic."

"Continue to keep bike path upgraded. Best money that was ever spent. More people are getting active and staying healthier because of it. Should continue to have it paved all the way to Upper Canada Village.

Soccer

"Further develop association with the Canada Soccer Program."

"Soccer seems pricey considering it's run by volunteers. There are a lot of kids on the fields and not much parking. Why can't the kids play where they live?"

Swimming Programs

"The cost of private swim lessons fluctuates for no particular reason. A standard fee should be available at the time of signing up for the session, not 2 weeks after the lessons start. This is poor customer service for a taxpayer of South Stormont. This survey arrived after the deadline of Nov 10/06. Perhaps they should have been mailed earlier."

"We definitely need a swimming program. We pay taxes in S.S. but in order to participate in the life guarding programs in Cornwall throughout the year we have to pay an additionally fee for non-residents. A pool would create jobs for teens."

"Our daughter's swimming lesson program was cancelled without notifying us. When we called about it we were informed that you did not have our phone number, yet we had been called to arrange the lessons some 6 weeks earlier.

"Pool programs in St Andrews are excellent!"

Skating and Hockey

"Hockey program is the best and well organized. Need more outdoor rinks!"

"The arena in Long Sault is great – well maintained and clean."

"Newington rink house is a wreck inside therefore needs to be better maintained. Also, new equipment could be put to use. Also, basketball nets and chalk on court aren't as they used to be, maybe a "refresher" would influence activities."

"Newington outdoor arena requires work – volunteers will help, but money and machinery may be required. Would be nice if ice could be maintained longer. Suggest signage explaining why vandalism only harms what volunteers have tried to build. i.e. "THINK BEFORE YOU BREAK IT!!!"

"I look after the Lakeview Heights outdoor rink on Columbia Ave. Calls to the Township for slight improvements are ignored!"

"We would like to see an outdoor rink beside the arena where the zamboni could clean the surface. With the help of volunteers to water the ice and install the boards, this would be a great facility for young families to use."

"We really could use some outdoor rinks. The Long Sault arena is too congested. No realistic free skate times for school aged kids."

"The Skate Canada Tiny Tots program pales in comparison to that of girls hockey (beginner) in Cornwall. Twice the ice times for half the price, plus many more instructors to assist."

Recreation Facilities

"We have what we need in South Stormont, except for an indoor pool. The facilities are well run in South Stormont."

"Raise money for outdoor pool either near tennis courts or at one of the town parks in Ingleside. Ice rink on Maple St/Ault Dr. Park. Volunteers to maintain."

"Would like to see an indoor water park to boost tourism in this area."

"We could easily fill a second ice pad and incorporate space for a community hall. Potential to lease space to private sector for affiliated interests, i.e. Pro Shop, Bar and Grill, Fitness Club etc."

"I think better use could be made of the Lancer Centre. It was supposed to be there for the people to use and it's way too expensive."

"We have to travel to Cornwall to work out. We need one big sports centre like the Nepean Sportsplex. It is great example of what we need.

It has something for everyone. It would be used by everyone. Great for tournaments. Our Township can support this!"

"I think space for activities/programs are needed. Volunteers provide manpower for free but space is very expensive to rent."

"Arena in Long Sault could be used for art etc, activities during summer."

"Keep money in the Township! For example, (the Township of) South Stormont gave $250 000 to the pool in Cornwall."

"Smoke-free policy of Long Sault Arena should be enforced or monitored. Some hockey players were still smoking in dressing rooms!! Complainers were told to change dressing rooms and were not well treated. Some players decided to play in Cornwall arenas instead."

"More pride needs to be taken with our facilities and anyone crossing over to another association should have to pay $1000.00 to discourage dilution."

Parks and Open Spaces

"When the Township approves sub-divisions, it should be mandatory that there is a recreation area, playground within the sub-division. A prime example of bad development is Parkway Estates. No playground. It should be built by the contractor then turned over to the Township."

"The Ingleside-Osnabruck Rotary Club had a plan for a 9 hole golf course in the area south of Ingleside, only for Township residents and guests. Perhaps if land is acquired, this could be done yet."

"Do not spend a nickel on parks if you are going to pass a pesticide by-law. It will be a mess of weeds like Ottawa that nobody uses."

"The outside of our arena is a mess and a slap in the face to those residents in Long Sault especially, and the old Township who gave so much so the area would enjoy such a great facility. The management of the arena is extremely questionable. Clean up the Long Sault marina (eye sore).

"People who travel should not have to pay to find a picnic area. In the Gaspe every small setting had a beautiful picnic spot. I think our all-service Food Centre draws a lot of tourists."

"I would like to see improvement in sport equipment and baseball diamonds. Basically, improve what we have."

"There is a beautiful open space in Long Sault by the schools. Instead of making it recreationally friendly we have signs and bylaws against motorized recreational vehicles. Facilities should be available to encourage volunteers to coordinate stuff, not to be a hurdle they have to spend time trying to get over."

Waterfront

"The waterfront should be developed for tourism."

"Develop the waterfront, even if it's with private money."

"Please leave the waterfront the way it is! Don't make the same mistake Cornwall did!"

"Volunteers with dogs could keep the Farran's Beach cleaner. We no longer picnic or swim or take visitors there. What a shame! Some forested and wetland areas should be protected beside the waterfront."

"Free or reduced price for LS parkway in summer."

"Continued access to waterfront and bicycle path."

"Develop a beach-boat launch, picnic area on vacant land east of Farran campground – give us what Iroquois-Morrisburg has!"

Libraries

"Isn't the library part of the Township's recreational program? Is there overlap with the recreation committee? More funds for library infrastructure and resources."

"I would have liked to have seen some mention of libraries within the category of recreation. Our 3 libraries are extremely important to the young and old of our communities, and importance and value should be placed on them."

"Why is the library not mentioned anywhere in this survey?"

"Library facilities in South Stormont need considerable improvement: the Ingleside branch is much too small for the demands placed on it. The library is one of the first places newcomers to the community look for information and is an important community meeting place for all age groups but particularly for the very young and the elderly who do not use other recreation facilities as much as other age groups. It is discouraging to see no mention of libraries on your survey."

"Libraries come under parks and recreation and should have been mentioned (in survey). Everybody has own interests and all of them should have been covered. Long Sault library has following needs. Painting of walls long overdue. It has been more than 30 years since last painting. Carpet is original and needs replacing. Fungus growing in corners due to leaky pipe in wall. Fungus spores being inhaled by patrons, including children. Carpet seams have separated, causing tripping hazard. Many ceiling lights do not function. Bring in Public Works electrician and ensure accordance with Health and Safety Act. Library requires expansion, perhaps to east of the current building, or find larger location."

"An expanded library should be undertaken for all age groups. Usage of present one has grown tremendously in the last several years and new people moving into Ingleside and area look for a library that offers books

and programs for all ages and our present staff are working under difficult circumstances but are doing a fantastic job."

"More of the budget has to be spent towards libraries"

"More of the recreation budget should go to support 3 South Stormont libraries."

"Why wasn't the library mentioned? Not everybody plays sports for recreational time."

"It's a shame that only $3000.00 of the budget is put forth for our libraries. This should really help our literacy rates and our children's development/ success in school."

Youth and Senior Programs

"As a single senior who loves to walk, hike, fish (but not alone) I would like to be able to join groups for those purposes. (There are) More single, elderly, especially women. I would like to see some creative (and not costly) programming to encourage our activities while supporting our sense of safety and sociability."

"I realize hockey is very big in the area but not everyone enjoys it. There should be more choice. I have 4 boys and refuse to put them in hockey because of the cost and they don't enjoy it."

"We are retired – don't know much about current programs or facilities now that our children are grown up and gone."

"Programs for young teens are needed all year, not just in summer."

"I think the programs you do run, you do very well. We just need more if we're going to keep kids off the streets!"

"Seniors have a centre in Long Sault and Ingleside and an array of services. Teens need a centre with activities that keep them safe and active and off the streets and away from drinking/drugs/vandalism. "

Recreation Programs – General

"I really enjoyed the summer programs you had available during this past summer. I like the fact there is no commitment-you pay as you go and you do it if you can. That is what my life is like. You should provide recycling bins for cans and plastic bottles at the hockey arena"

"More programs promoting community, spring cleanups, fundraising. All programs should be examined to ensure everyone could participate."

"We are new to the area. Our children are used to programs in Cornwall and want to stay with their friends."

"First off, try to run the programs right. Have proper equipment that works. As a family I refuse to use the recreational programs offered because they are run half-assed. Believe me, with 4 kids, I have tried recreation lots,

always disappointed and no longer bother with your programs."

"I don't know about the rest of the Township but I am very pleased with our facilities in St. Andrews. Even if we don't participate in any activities, I feel it's very important to constantly improve facilities for young kids when they need it most (4-10 years)."

"All ages must have a form of recreation. We should acquire the land south of Hwy 2 in Ingleside and use the space for local and visiting participants."

"Recreation should be made available in town according to size, i.e. those of over 1000 should have more than small. Now WHO should decide and PAY – the system of amalgamation has pretty well cut off any community from doing anything."

"More family friendly programs"

Community Involvement

"Have an open meeting sometime to listen to suggestions from the children in the Township, to their ideas and suggestions."

"I would like to know how much money is allocated to the various parks and why that money is not spent each year, or what happens to any left over money. What parks are top priorities and why do some parks get nothing? This whole recreation committee is a joke. What do they actually do?"

"I suggest an "advisory committee" composed of youth-middle age and seniors representing their group to council on programs of interest to them. The more the public is involved the better."

Access and Mobility

"We find it difficult to get to many activities etc. as they primarily take place in the Long Sault and Ingleside areas. There is not much activity in our Myers Rd area."

"We need to look at establishing a bus service to Cornwall from Ingleside and Long Sault. Already have one in St Andrews."

Good Job!

"I believe this is a fabulous advancement for the Township. Not from this area originally, I have always looked upon this area as a "diamond in the rough", gold waiting to be mined and continually asked myself why it has not. There is a wealth of recreational opportunities at all levels, ages, seasons, indoor and outdoor. One central recreational area may be something to consider. Recreation is an extremely important part of our community and lives and develops numerous skills. It also enhances economic growth. Looking forward to new growth in a new direction."

"We believe that with their present resources, the Township is doing a fine

job of providing recreational activities."

"Overall they are (programs) already well organized."

"Thanks for taking the time to be pro-active. The recreation department is doing a great job!"

"I think you are doing a really good job. I realize you have budget constraints."

"Thanks for the survey."

Public Meeting Comments

Q1: What kinds of recreation activities do you, your family, and friends participate in?

Group #	Responses
1	Participation in: swimming (2), Girl Guides, skating (4), hockey, waterfront, parks, river boating, walking on bike path, snowmobiling, curling, biking on path (2), broomball, library, parkway
2	Facilities/programs available in S.S: hockey, baseball, library, darts, hiking, soccer, cross country skiing, cycling, pond hockey, tennis, volleyball, basketball
3	Private sailing club open for members, parklands
4	Participation in: bike path, basketball, soccer, t-ball, softball, beaches, home exercise, swimming, bird sanctuary, hockey, skating, horseback riding, libraries, camping, bowling, scuba diving, golf, walking, darts, splash/water park, tennis, Lancer Centre, outdoor rink, pond hockey

Q2: The Township would like to know what the "right" mix of parks, facilities and programs is. Are the facilities and programs available in South Stormont to support your recreational needs? What would you like to see offered, developed, improved to better serve your needs and the needs of the community? (wish list)

Group #	Responses
1	Facilities are limited Should be able to get a sticker from Township to launch boats from provincial parks Schools should not be charging for use of their facilities, gym Would like a 2nd ice pad, curling rink, recreation centre and/or meeting centre, public boat launch, soccer pads, public beach, library upgrade, washroom facilities for bike path, swimming pool upgrade. Would like arena/recreation centre (gym)/library in one facility Control geese population
2	Wish list: twin pad, curling rink, gym, exercise room, multi-purpose room, baseball, hiking, Senior's games, soccer, library expansion, boat launch
3	Expansion to trails between Long Sault and Ingleside - promote walking, enforcement of bylaws regarding snowmobiles and ATV's, boat launch, signage and facility/program expansion for library, Welcome centre

4	Community centre (Lancer Centre not meeting needs), hockey arena – more ice, libraries Bike path needs better access, paving; Outdoor basketball space in Ingleside needs adjustment; More promotion of soccer in St Andrews; Farran's Park washrooms and sand in poor condition; More locations for swimming (Ingleside); banquet facility; More ice time for hockey, broomball, public skating; On-going maintenance of libraries including better signage, Ingleside expansion of library, St Andrew's library needs handicap access, lighting, painting, flooring, Long Sault needs painting, flooring; more signage for scuba diving; Splash/water park; maintenance of tennis courts in Ingleside, lessons

Q3: The Township would like to encourage more coordination of effort between municipal staff and the community in planning and operating recreation programs and facilities. From your point of view, is this reasonable? Do you see a potential? If so, what kind of programs do you think should be offered by the Township and which ones by the community? How would this happen?

Group #	Responses
1	Have people from each specialized group report to Recreation Committee concerning their specific issues Need for community fundraising Paid Township staff person should share info by communicating with someone from each group Township should have subsidized facilities that community can use Before putting out recreation brochure, check with each specialized group first Volunteers should be covered by Township liability Good volunteer base exists that should be maximized - SS has more volunteers than Cornwall minor hockey Have community associations run things like dances, youth groups etc. with funding from grants, community, fundraising Big differences between the different communities within Township Need for better advertising, public education about recreation committees, programs etc
2	General feeling is Township supports groups well e.g. hockey, pond hockey, library Existing groups: Minor Hockey Association; Rosedale Terrace; Friends of the Library; Figure Skating Hockey Rinks: Township offers material, volunteers look after rinks Pond Hockey: Supported financially by Township, volunteers organize Smaller groups need more attention, Township should reach out to them, better communication between Township and staff Support from Township better if smaller interest groups are better organized Citizens should drive needs, allocation of resources; Township should support, react to those needs Q: Do Township employees have resources, training, time to support recreational needs if citizens? Township may reach out to community for participation in recreational facilities, programs…

3	People with specific interests should plan, fundraise, implement, eg. construction of facilities If Township can't afford it, look to community, private investment, e.g. curling, pool Need more specific sports organizations, e.g. soccer association – develop associations through volunteers Newsletter for South Stormont (green handbook is good) Sponsor groups Need openness re: budgets, salaries, etc.
4	Need for better communication: better promotion, advertising, website Need more paid staff to make programs run Need better coordination of staff Should be blend of paid staff and volunteers Better use of website i.e. printable on-line registration forms, program outlines etc. Need more partnerships e.g. can kick Volunteers need training, recognition, positive experience, Township should collect feedback from participants to know how programs can be improved Township should offer: soccer; swimming; baseball; basketball; adult basketball, volleyball, badminton; bike path; libraries; outdoor rinks; boat ramps; better beach Recreation as a tourist draw

Q4: The Township owns and leases significant open space on the St. Lawrence (Farran's Park, 125-Acre Park, and Lakeview Park). What is your vision for these lands? Is there potential for more development? If facilities could be developed, what types would you like to see.

Group #	Responses
Open Discussion	Enhance parks, campsites at Farran's Park, 125 acres in front of Ingleside should be soccer fields Lakeview Heights should be finished to replicate Farran's Electricity in some Farran's Park makes profit, approx 30K a few years ago Don't develop waterfront at all b/c it is slippery slope to more development; it's a jewel as it is Property in front of Becker's should be left alone – enforce bylaws there Avoid privatized development along waterfront e.g. hotels, condos etc. Across from Becker's should be developed into something accessible to com, paved access for strollers, bikes etc. soccer fields, parking, draw for bikers on path, washrooms, maybe canteen for revenue, Piece of grass in front of Ingleside plaza good for outdoor rinks, has electricity Problem of cars parked along HWY 2 (fishers etc.), proper parking is needed Most people feel waterfront should not be developed with private businesses etc. Develop some areas so the water can be enjoyed instead of just driving by and seeing nothing Front of Long Sault may be under lease to develop benches etc – under negotiation SLPC moves slowly Art in the park – theatre etc on regular basis Important to have a vision if we want to attract tourists, residents, etc. Derek: We need public input, communication from public in order for us to provide communication back

South Stormont Minor Hockey Association

Participant profile:

- 5-17 years of age
- open to girls but somewhat limited
- all levels including IP (Initiation Program)
- no body contact program has been good for participation
- 7 months long, involved in 2 leagues, try to host tournament for every level offered
- Staff are supportive of special events

Benefits:

- Teaches fair play, responsibility, involvement in sports, social environment, represents community outside SS.

Facilities:

- Large dressing rooms compared to others, good universal accessibility, large lobby, 1 meeting room. Arena is where everything happens in the winter. Have outgrown existing facility.

Requirements:

- Program is good but could be top notch
- New adjoining ice pad would allow more ice time – crucial for tournaments
- All coaches want practice time now, including lower levels
- Now use 40 hrs of ice/week – could use 5-10 more hours consistently if ice was available
- Individual teams would also use extra ice time
- Could have specific fundraising tournaments, conditioning/ training camps
- Approximately 40-50 girls now play in Cornwall. Would like to increase girls play in SS, but have to be part of Ontario Women's Hockey Association and would be asked if there is ice time available.
- Whichever com. gets 2nd ice pad first will benefit most
- Dressing rooms co-ed so girls on co-ed teams have no place to change

Others who would use ice if it was available:

- High school hockey teams need tournament space – school credit for hockey program?
- Broomball – used to be available but no longer
- Figure skating competitions
- Public skating

New Facility:

- Need meeting/banquet facility, preferably above ice, with kitchen/ servery
- Could have service provider run canteen/café etc

- Community meeting centre for meetings, weddings, special events, parties etc.
- Office space for hockey association, skate sharpening
- SSHMA wants to be involved in every step of planning!!! Get fundraising going.
- Look at other communities: Kemptville – partnership with private company built facility with funding from municipality
- Look at creative funding solutions: private partnerships
- Is land available for 2nd pad?

Open Comments:

- Someone said not enough parking, others said it was fine
- Is there an opportunity to partner with council which needs new offices?
- Company in Toronto wants to build for-profit super pad in Cornwall for AAA which will have big impact on non-profit programs. It will take people away from these programs and compete. Volunteers will be lost because they will become paid coaches.
- Township needs to decide how much involvement they want to have with private enterprise before going forward
- Going private not good for masses – costs will go up

Libraries

- Library looking for expansion in Ingleside because it is too small
- Documents, maps etc should be in libraries
- Signage and lighting important
- Open to partnerships with other groups
- Painting required
- Township must keep libraries in mind every year, have long range plan, need to know demographics so how best to accommodate people
- Children have been refused from programs due to lack of space
- Staff said libraries are passive recreation facilities; Township is just landlord, provides space, doesn't provide programs/book purchases etc. (United Counties of SDG does)
- All branches have active Friends of groups

Lakeview Heights Outdoor Rink

- Dimensions are 28' x 60'
- Open Comments:
- Ingleside doesn't have outdoor rink – volunteers quit and boards went to school, volunteers got frustrated because ice wouldn't stay frozen because area was too big and on paved surface, (was beside tennis courts), need grass or cement with curl on each end
- Have Ingleside rink across from plaza
- lots of volunteers available now and money has been fundraised
- Township doesn't want it on school property because of

insurance
- Could use pond hockey rink but safety problems with crossing highway, open water (flag system?)
- Pond should be used for longer, kept open longer
- Staff: no actual budget for outdoor rinks and no staff - If they maintain rinks they have to maintain them to certain standard for insurance reasons. Now, if community wants to open a rink Township will provide resources

Waterfront Development Committee

Highlights:

- Improve bike path, signage, vistas
- Lakeview Park – change rooms
- Need better overall access to waterfront, boat launch
- Biking on Long Sault parkway not safe – widen for bike lanes?
- Lots of seniors use bike path
- Not safe to bike on HWY 2 either
- Only marina is privately owned, resist pressure to change it to residential development
- Farran Park: can use boat launch there for cost of 25$ (yearly?) membership– do we really need free public launch?
- Township doesn't own waterfront property, but has leases with Parks Commission

Soccer

- Facilities lacking, program is not well organized (1 person said this), but volunteers are available
- Membership growing fast
- This year there was coaching clinics, helped a lot, Kevin put lots of emphasis on this program this year
- 195 kids this year, with others on waiting list, comparable to minor hockey in popularity
- One woman thinks program is great but locations (Elm St, Rothwell school) are separate – bad if kids play at different fields
- Parking a problem
- 125 acres In front of Beckers/next to Farran Park – negotiating to purchase from SLPC, now leasing, could use Farran Park washrooms (which need upgrades)
- Need organized association with executive etc - staff organizes now
- Campers at Farran from outside community register their kids in soccer too
- Soccer is revenue neutral
- Need washrooms
- Township owns chunk of land near ball diamond but it is zoned for commercial

Kids Softball/T Ball/Rookie Ball –

- 2yr old program, kids start at 4 yrs
- 70 kids
- Needs guidance for how to make it better, possibly coach training, help with promotion (that's been good)
- Diamonds located behind Rothwell Osnabruck school were upgraded last year to good standard (with government grant)
- Now lacking port-a-potties (can't be on school property), now go to bathroom at large Ingleside diamond, storage area
- Seating/bleachers is problem, no benches for players which is hazard, need dugouts
- Township diamond is being used
- Volunteer base has to increase if it is to grow and serve older kids (House League) – need higher levels to ensure longevity so kids can move up and stay in sport, now they have to go to hard ball
- Upper Canada Little League exists
- Would like to see ball diamonds with soccer fields on 125 acres in Ingleside
- Organizer doesn't think it's large enough for association – needs at least 3 more coaches, (she IS association) – but association would mean longevity – ask kids' parents to get involved – others at meeting think she could get association together
- Ball diamond in Ingleside not good for youth: too big

Pond Hockey – co chair

- Started as promotion for Township
- Would like permanent power pole on west side of entrance to Farran Park: would avoid cost, stink of generators and would benefit bike path too
- Could put rental trailer for rest of winter after tournament
- Brewer Sports Club of Stormont and Dundas, non-profit service club - 60 members
- Have fundraised over the years
- Promotes youth sports – in mandate
- Put on Sandblast event
- Would like to look at deals with Lancer Centre because not getting fair deal now

Rosedale Recreation Association – MacLennan Park

- People come in from St Andrews, Bonneville, concession road, Cornwall
- Raised 60 000$ from yard sales, car washes etc and added on to play structure
- Emotional support from Township
- Would like a bathroom in brick bldg
- Started soccer, 85-90 kids in first year
- Store soccer equipment in St Andrews portable

- Have on-line registration instead of just 1 day of registration
- Splash park – will be starting to fundraise/ask service clubs but would like Township to do one for themselves
- Would like to see more applications for grants with support from Township
- Want to see Master Plan implemented: need council support

Basketball

- Program runs well
- Lancer Centre should be looked at

General Discussion

- Staff asked: Where does the municipality fit in? See comments about associations
- Associations ensure Township doesn't dictate what they should do: they decide themselves
- Someone said Township should provide facilities, fields, nets, infrastructure, etc. but not programs - others agreed
- Staff doesn't think there are too many programs, just not enough people to run them
- Have people with expertise come in and teach how to coach – then people who have no experience with that sport can coach – provide level 1 coaching program?
- In North Stormont, each community has own recreation committee, but it doesn't seem to work as well as sports associations might