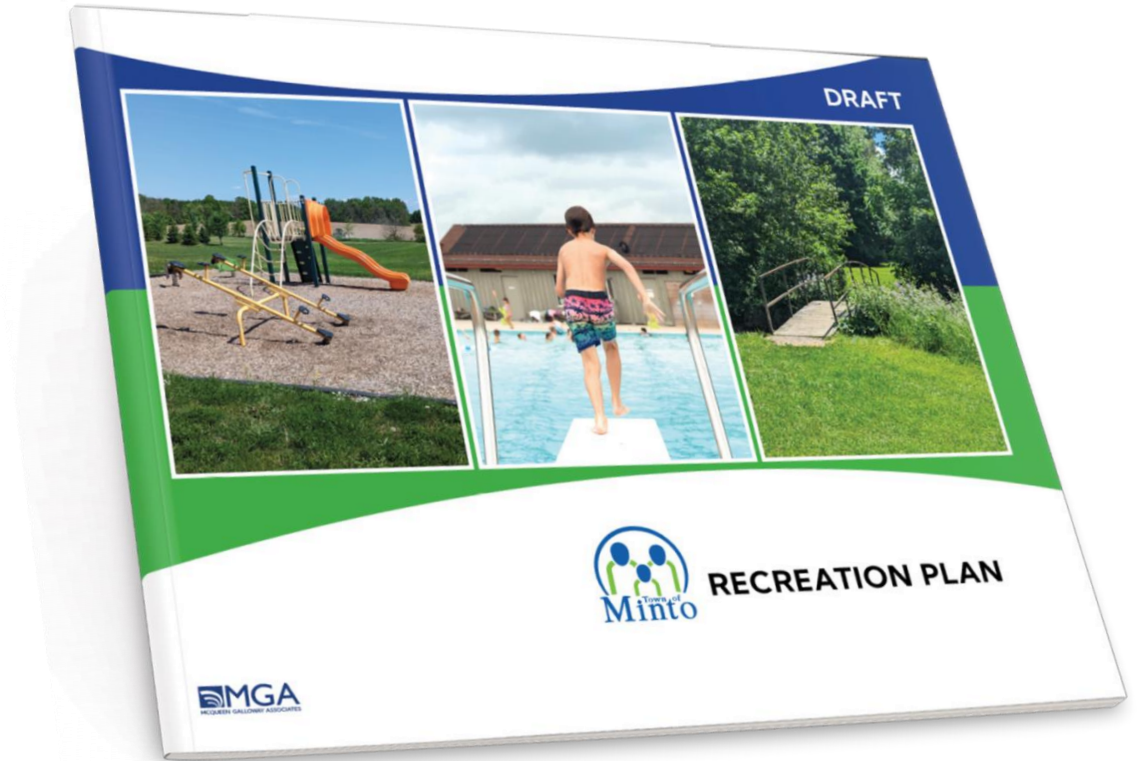




Town of Minto

DRAFT RECREATION PLAN





Congratulations on completing Strategic Plan, Economic and Community Plan, Cultural Plan and now Recreation Plan

WHY SHOULD COUNCIL AND STAFF DO A RECREATION PLAN?

- Blueprint Council and staff
- Recognizes financial pressures facing the Town
- Defines a clear and Strategic Vision
- Holds leadership accountable for delivering on goals
- Identifies timelines for budgeting and financial planning
- Gets the community engaged and gives residents a voice
- Addresses the gaps in services
- Legacy for Council and the community





THE PROJECT JOURNEY





PHASE 1 – Research

Kick-off Meeting with Project Team – February 2024

PHASE 1

- Policies and Plans
- Financials
- Utilization
- Facility Assessments
- Staff Structure
- Program and Event Analysis
- Trends and National and Policies Review





PHASE 2 – Community Engagement

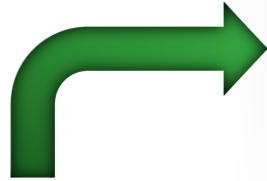


- 1. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS:**
Held on April 23 and 24, 2024, in Palmerston, Harriston, and Clifford.
- 2. STAFF ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP:** Conducted on April 24, 2024.
- 3. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:**
Held virtually on April 29 and 30, 2024.
- 4. STAKEHOLDER SURVEY:** Distributed to over 40 sport, recreation, and culture organizations.
- 5. PUBLIC SURVEY:** Conducted from May 15 to May 31, 2024, via the Town website's community engagement platform.
- 6. 1:1 INTERVIEWS:** Conducted with the Director of Finance, Director of Community Services, and the Programs and Facilities Coordinator.





PHASE 3 – Plan Development





RECREATION PLAN LAYOUT

The Recreation Plan has 5 sections with a total of **61 Recommendations** over 10 plus years.



**CORPORATE
POLICY**



**FUNDING OF
PARKS AND
RECREATION**



**PARKS AND
OPEN SPACES**



**INDOOR
FACILITIES**



**PROGRAMS
AND EVENTS**



EACH SECTION CONTAINS:

- i. Recommendation(s)
- ii. A Proposed Timeline - short, medium and long term

The overall Plan has:

- 17 recommendations – Ongoing
- 19 recommendations – Short term
- 18 recommendations – Mid Term
- 7 recommendations – Long Term

SECTION 4: INDOOR FACILITIES	
SUGGESTED TIMING	RECOMMENDATION
SHORT TERM	CLIFFORD ARENA Develop a site rendering and detailed implementation plan to fully convert the building to an accessible multi-use sports facility to meet new community-wide indoor facilities needs such as pickleball, volleyball, basketball, sport training etc.
MID TERM	ARENAS AND CURLING CLUBS Install new signage to better direct users to various amenities within each ice facility.
COMMUNITY HALLS	
ONGOING	PALMERSTON LIONS CLUBHOUSE Monitor Palmerston Lions Club willingness to continue to maintain the hall.
ONGOING	DREW COMMUNITY HALL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessibility improvements to access the hall.• Review annual usage of all Town Community Halls and reduce the number of halls to decrease operating and capital costs in maintaining community halls.
LONG TERM	CLIFFORD COMMUNITY HALL Upon completion of renovations to the Clifford Arena into a multi-use indoor sports facility, investigate a partnership agreement with the church group to manage and operate the community hall. This could be based on existing agreements in Drew Community Hall, Palmerston Lions Clubhouse, and Harriston Lawn Bowling.



CORPORATE POLICY



2 RECOMMENDATIONS – OVER 10 YEARS

- Classification of parks
- Standards for all parks that align with Strategic Plan and Policies





FUNDING OF PARKS AND RECREATION



12 RECOMMENDATIONS – OVER 10 YEARS

- Development charges
- Asset management plan – using outside consultants on building audits
- Capital levy to address short falls in reserves, operating budget and Parks and Recreation infrastructure
- Accessibility improvements





PARKS AND OPEN SPACES



28 RECOMMENDATIONS – OVER 10 YEARS

- Play structures need upgrades
- Improve the state of repair of park buildings, washrooms and amenities
- Assess unused amenities for alternative use
- Feasibility for dog park
- Connectivity of trails throughout the Town



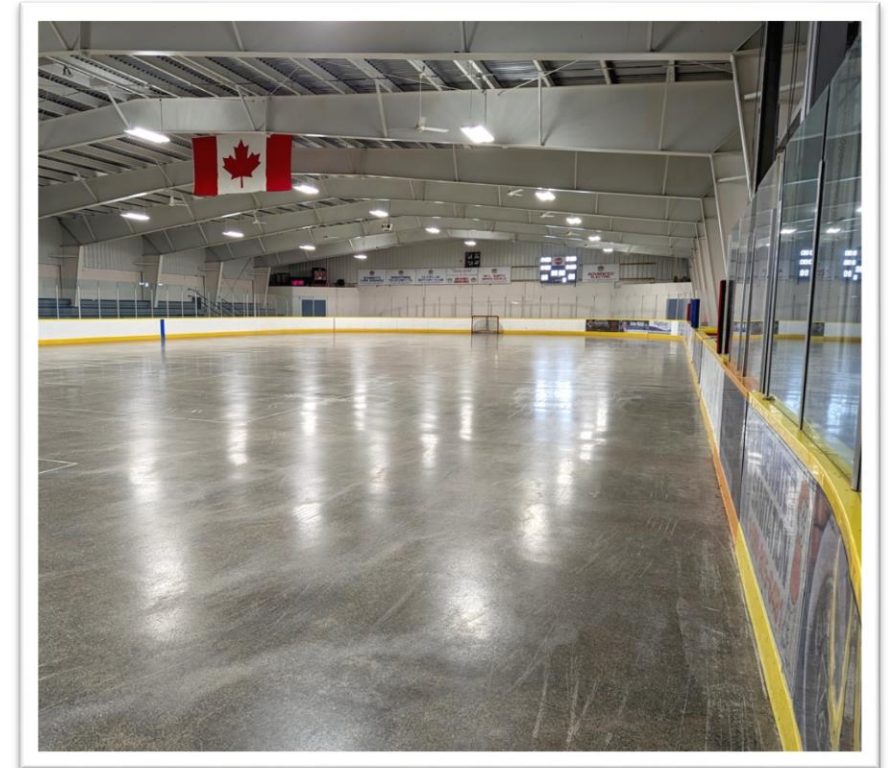


INDOOR FACILITIES



6 RECOMMENDATIONS – OVER 10 YEARS

- Moving forward with Clifford Arena to an accessible multi-use sports facility
- Accessibility improvements
- Signage improvements
- Review usage and volunteers willingness to continue these buildings





PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



13 RECOMMENDATIONS – OVER 10 YEARS

- Ongoing training and certification for program staff and childcare
- Volunteer framework to build capacity and quality
- Develop one-day sports tournament strategy
- Expand programming and day camp offerings



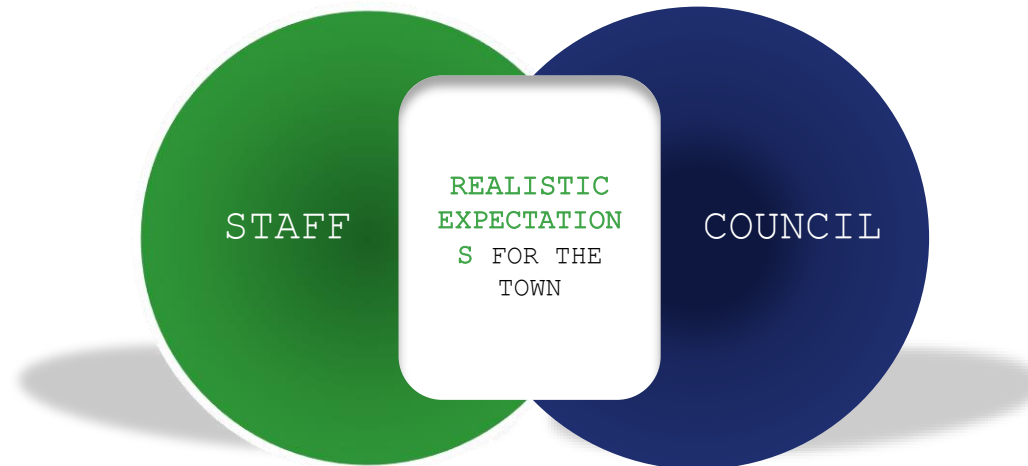


COUNCIL'S ROLE IN PLAN

In order to support improved maintenance, maintain facilities, improved amenities, better efficiencies and customer experiences...

COUNCIL NEEDS TO SUPPORT THE PLAN

STAFF NEED TO SUPPORT THE MASTER PLAN = Realistic expectations for the Town



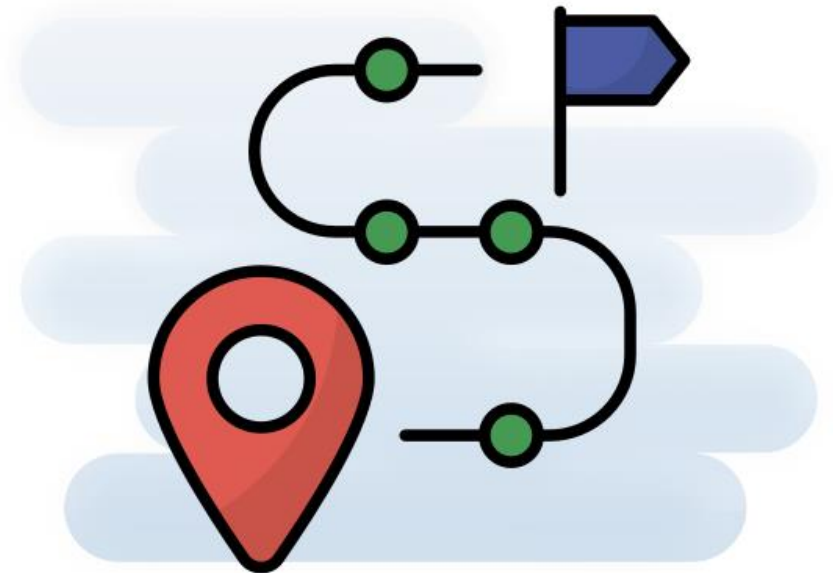


THIS PLAN – is a roadmap that needs to remain flexible.
Council and Staff need to be accountable in the delivery.

IN CLOSING

A review process should be conducted annually.

- New and changed information
- Financial review including new revenue sources
- Community feedback
- Changing trends
- Staff additions and changed duties
- Changing Town and County priorities
- Growth or decline impacts





Thank you!

MGA TEAM

info@mgagroup.ca

905.749.2152

Tracey McQueen, Andy Goldie, Jennifer Reynolds,
Terry Alyman, Pam Reynolds

PROJECT TEAM

Matt Lubbers, Greg Mallett, Gregg Furtney,
Belinda Wick, Gordon Duff

