

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 15, 2012**

### PURPOSE

The 2012 Parks and Open Space Master Plan has two primary objectives. First, to provide an up-to-date planning document with all relevant information on the Town's parks and open space sources, current plans and proposals. Second, to address a number of gaps in the reports prepared to date. These gaps primarily focus on the park policies that are required to guide future planning and management of parks and open space.

### COMPLETED/OPERATIONALIZED - 20%

Completed the outstanding elements in Clock Park with exception of the Water Feature

The Bike Skills Park is completed and if funding is available additional features may be added

Staff continue to look for opportunities to link the existing linear trails system to form a looped system by assembling land as required

### IN-PROGRESS - 30%

Completion of the Millennium Trail segment through Rotary Field

Revisit the following elements of the Reservoir Park Plan for future town projects as funding is available: Maple Avenue Entrance, Look off and picnic area, Dock for non-motorized boating in large pond, and Change rooms

Complete the Bike Park Trail connection to Maple Avenue

Extend the Rail Trail both East and West to the Town boundaries

Work with other Municipalities and other levels of government to see the rail trail extended beyond Wolfville to connect with other communities

Two neighbourhood parks fully conforming to the recommended park classification system should be provided in the future either through the redevelopment of an existing park or through the acquisition of dedicated parkland in new residential developments. One in the east and one in the west

### NOT TO BE DONE - 15%

Continue to monitor developments with respect to environmental protection and park management practices and, as warranted, update the Town's policies and practices in the future.

Upgrade the informal trails within the Woodman Groove Subdivision

If possible, a municipal site should be acquired and/or protected for future sport field development. This property would remain undeveloped until it was required to meet future needs arising from the loss of non-municipal properties and/or unmet demand

### NOT COMPLETED - TO BE DONE - 10%

To the extent possible, and where required, agreements will be put in place to secure long-term community access to sport fields provided by non-municipal authorities

Prepare a user fee policy and a facility allocation policy to support the ongoing management of parks and open space resources.

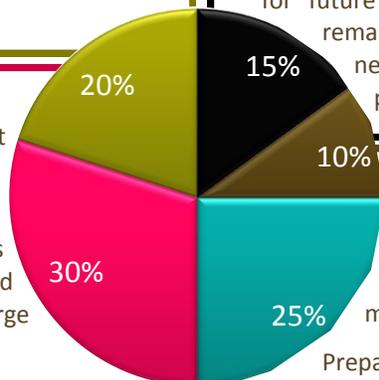
### MOVED FORWARD - 25%

The Town should adopt the Park Principles and Park Classification System outlined in the Master Plan as a guide for future park planning

Additional special open space therefore will only be assembled if the property in question has unique environmental, heritage or cultural significance

Increase the number of access points to the trails to provide for close access to the trails for as many users as possible

Adopt formal guidelines, as proposed in the Master Plan, to guide the parkland dedication process in new residential development.



# PARKS & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

## REPORT CARD



### **The following recommendations are moved forward to be considered in the Municipal Planning Strategy Review:**

- The Town should adopt the park principles outlined in the Master Plan as a guide for future park planning
- The Town should adopt the park classification system outlined in the Master Plan as a guide for future park planning
- The current supply of special open space areas is adequate. Additional special open space therefore will only be assembled if the property in question has unique environmental, heritage or cultural significance
- Adopt formal guidelines, as proposed in the Master Plan, to guide the parkland dedication process in new residential development.

### **The following recommendations are moved forward to be considered in the Active Transportation Plan:**

- Increase the number of access points to the trails to provide for close access to the trails for as many users as possible

### **Recommendations NOT TO BE DONE:**

- Upgrade the informal trails within the Woodman Groove Subdivision
- If possible, a municipal site should be acquired and/or protected for future sport field development. This property would remain undeveloped until it was required to meet future needs arising from the loss of non-municipal properties and/or unmet demand
- Continue to monitor developments with respect to environmental protection and park management practices and, as warranted, update the Town's policies and practices in the future.