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# Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023



# Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Municipality of Clarington is situated within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas and Chippewas of the Anishinabeg (uh-NISH-in-NAH-bek), known today as the Williams Treaties First Nations.

Our work on these lands acknowledges their resilience and their longstanding contributions to the area now known as the Municipality of Clarington.



# Project Team

## Municipality

**Clarington**

**Municipality of Clarington**  
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# Master Plan Purpose

Clarington is developing a Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan to guide future decisions over the next 10 to 15 years.

The Plan explores:

- Indoor recreation facilities;
- Outdoor parks and recreation facilities;
- Cultural and library facilities; and
- Program and service delivery.

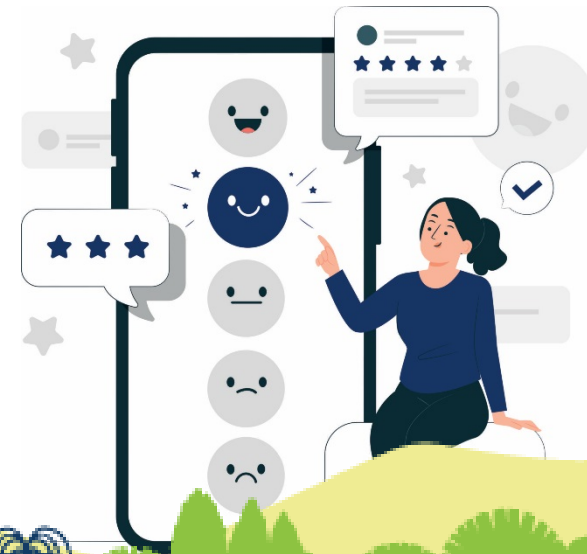




# Have your say!

We want to hear what you have to say about parks, recreation and culture in Clarington

- Participate in **today's discussion**
- Visit [www.claringtonconnected.ca/PRCMP](http://www.claringtonconnected.ca/PRCMP) to complete the **community survey** and enter **for a chance to win a prize!** You can also pick up a hardcopy at any Clarington facility. The survey will be open until December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Email your thoughts to [PRCMP@clarington.net](mailto:PRCMP@clarington.net) or drop off your comments to any Clarington facility.



# The Process



**Phase 1: Background Review**  
July to November 2023

We are here



**Phase 2: Community Consultation**  
November 2023 to January 2024



**Phase 3: Needs Assessments**  
February to March 2024



**Phase 4: Draft Master Plan**  
April to July 2024



**Phase 5: Final Master Plan**  
September 2024

The Master Plan is just getting underway and recommendations have not been developed.





# Key Building Blocks

## **Research and Trends**

Reviewing past studies and trends, examining utilization and participation data, etc.

## **Demographic Analysis**

How and where Clarington is growing, changes in age, ethnicity, income, etc.

## **Community Input**

Residents are being engaged through open houses and surveys, while stakeholders are participating in workshops.

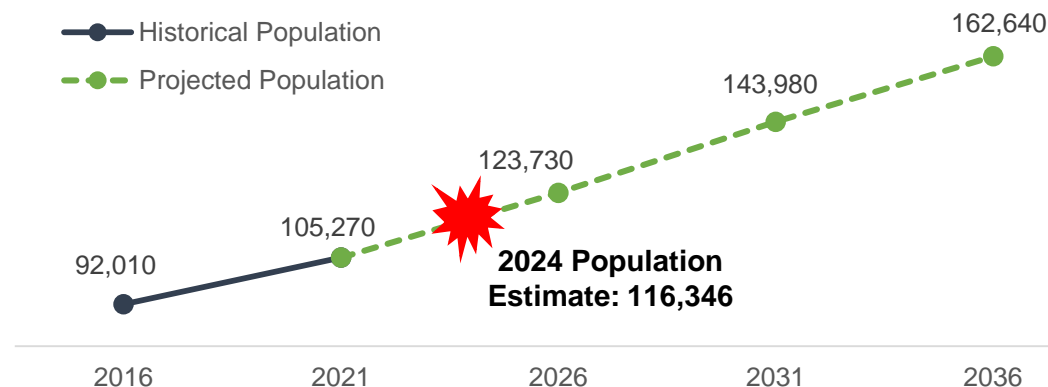


# Community Profile

Parks, recreation and culture facilities, programs and services are used by residents of all ages and backgrounds.

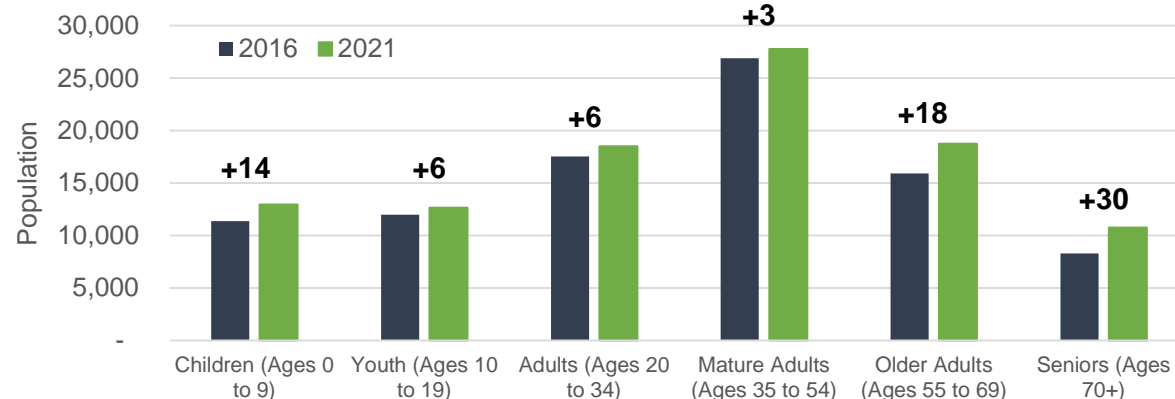
- Clarington will grow by 40%, reaching 162,640 residents by 2036.
- The majority of population growth is expected to take place in Bowmanville, Courtice and Newcastle.
- The community will continue to age and diversify in terms of cultural background, income, physical ability, etc.

## Historical and Projected Population Growth, 2016 to 2036



Source: Statistics Canada 2016 and 2021 Census, Region of Durham Envision Durham Adopted Official Plan

## Population Growth by Age, 2016 to 2021



Source: Statistics Canada 2016 and 2021 Census



# Trends to Consider

There are several trends impacting how Clarington provides parks, recreation and culture opportunities that need to be considered in preparing the Master Plan. Here are some examples.



Growing and Evolving  
Population



Residential Intensification



Park and Facility  
Renewal



Environmental Sustainability  
and Green Infrastructure



Multi-use and Multi-generational  
Community Hubs



Multi-use Park Facilities



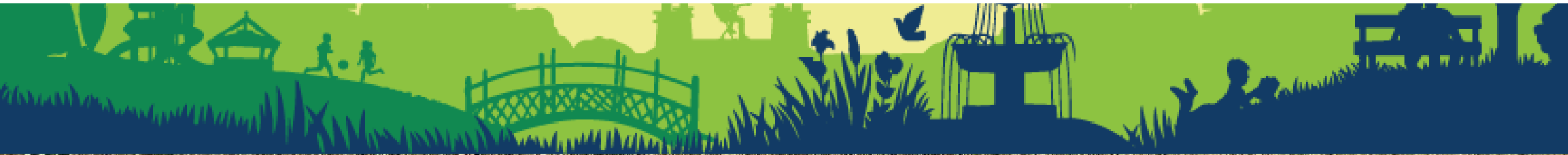
Emerging Activities and  
Facilities



Creative/Cultural Spaces  
and Libraries

# Parks and Trails

The Master Plan will evaluate future park needs and trail and waterfront opportunities. Clarington currently provides:





# Indoor Recreation and Cultural Facilities

The Master Plan will assess indoor recreation, cultural and library facility needs. The Municipality's inventory of indoor recreation and cultural facilities include:



Ice Pads  
(5 locations)



Indoor  
Swimming Pools



Gymnasiums



Multi-purpose  
Spaces



Fitness  
Spaces



Dedicated  
Youth Spaces



Dedicated  
Older Adult Spaces



Indoor  
Racquet Courts



Indoor Artificial  
Turf Field



Library  
Branches



Heritage Centre  
& Museum



School  
House



Visual  
Arts Centre

# Outdoor Recreation Facilities

The Master Plan will also assess outdoor recreation facility needs. Clarington's existing outdoor recreation facility inventory includes:



Rectangular Sports Fields



Shared Cricket Field



Ball Diamonds



Tennis and Pickleball Courts



Basketball Courts



Splash Pads



Outdoor Pool



Skate Parks



Leash-Free Dog Parks



Community Gardens



Outdoor Lacrosse Boxes



Outdoor Fitness Equipment



Playgrounds



Outdoor Skating Rinks



# Today's Discussion

We need your help to identify how we can improve parks, recreation and culture opportunities to continue to serve the needs of Clarington residents.

Keys to success:

- ✓ Please be **respectful**.
- ✓ **Mute** yourself when you're not speaking.
- ✓ **Raise your hand** if you would like to speak or **use the chat**.
- ✓ There are **no wrong or bad ideas!**





## QUESTION 1

How can we improve Cultural Facilities, Libraries, and Museums and what specific changes or improvements would you like to see?

(e.g. supply, quality, functionality, maintenance, design, amenities, etc.)



## QUESTION 2

How can we improve parks, recreation, culture, library and museum programs and services and what specific changes or improvements would you like to see?

(e.g. range of interests, accessible to all, location of offerings, time of day, etc.)







### QUESTION 3

How can we improve Indoor Recreation Facilities and what specific changes or improvements would you like to see?

(e.g. supply, quality, functionality, maintenance, design, amenities, etc.)







## QUESTION 4

How can we improve Parks and Outdoor Recreation Facilities and what specific changes or improvements would you like to see?

(e.g. supply, quality, functionality, maintenance, design, amenities, etc.)

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