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2018 Priorities

- Parks, Recreation and Facilities Master Plan / Strategic Plan
- Upgrading recreation registration software
- Maffeo Sutton Park Master Plan & playground replacement
- Westwood Lake Park Improvements Plan
- Facilities Asset Management Plan continuing on work conducted in 2017

About Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation department is divided into 3 sections: Recreation Services, Parks Operations and Facilities.

Recreation Services is responsible for the operations of recreation facilities and provides recreational program services to the community. Recreation operations is responsible for aquatics, arenas, fitness gyms, gymnasiums and various community spaces.

Recreation programs range from programs offered in the Activity Guide, to community events, to partnerships with various community partners like the local school district and health authority. The section processes annually over half a million drop-in admissions and close to 50,000 program registrations.

Parks Operations is responsible for maintaining over 1,400 hectares of parks, trails and protected areas that are divided into 170 km of trail, over 70 playgrounds, 27 sports fields, 12 dog off-leash parks, 5 community gardens and sport venues. Sport venues range from tennis, pickleball, lacrosse and sand volleyball courts to a disc golf course, skate parks and mountain bike trails.

The Facilities group focuses on the operations, maintenance and upgrades of Parks and Recreation facilities. The Energy Management Plan is maintained by this section which focuses on meeting targets for reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions throughout the City's facilities. The section also provides project support to other departments, i.e. Public Works and Police Services, for facility-related projects, upgrades and capital planning.