



The mandate of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) is to enhance the quality of life for Port Hope residents through a wide range of innovative, inclusive and accessible programming, providing opportunities for physical activity, social interaction and community engagement. Community and individual wellbeing are supported through a collaborative delivery system comprised of sustainable parks, recreation and cultural opportunities that are accessible to all. A number of master plans have been adopted to provide guidance to the department's operations, including but not limited to:

Leisure Services Master Plan - designed to meet the highest priority needs of Port Hope residents with a long-term vision for the delivery of parks, recreation, and cultural services that reflects the diversity of our community.

Active Transportation Master Plan - focusing on the value of promoting active transportation, trail development and utilization to create a healthy and sustainable community today and for years to come.

Cultural Plan - outlining a vision for cultivating the growth of Port Hope's unique and broad range of cultural assets, reflecting current community needs and future aspirations with a framework for fostering creativity and increasing cultural participation.

Age Friendly Plan - a community action plan outlining recommendations in a variety of areas to ensure policies, services and structures are designed to support and enable seniors to live in a safe and secure environment.

Parks

PRC is responsible for the management, maintenance development and construction of all community parks, neighborhood parks, waterfront area and trails within the Municipality. The department manages and maintains 191 hectares of parkland and open space including 45 Parks, 14 km of trails, 9 soccer fields, 15 ball diamonds, 22 playgrounds, 5 tennis courts, two beaches and park facilities such as the Memorial Park Band Shell and the Rotary Park Gazebo. Additional recreation opportunities include the Port Hope Skate Park at the Town Agricultural Park, the outdoor rinks at the Caroline Street Park and Garden Hill Park (weather permitting) and the Port Hope Dog Park at Baulch Road Park.

Recreation Facilities

The **Town Park Recreation Centre** houses the "Opportunity for Youth" Youth Centre, fitness room, Cameco Gymnasium, B.A.A. Board Room, Port Hope Minor Soccer Canteen, Kinsmen Kitchen and two multi-purpose program spaces. The **Ruth Clarke Activity Centre** houses a Community Hall with kitchen, a lower lounge, meeting space and a small fitness room, and provides friendly surroundings and activities for all adults 55yrs+. The **Canton Municipal Building** houses main level meeting rooms as well as a lower level fully accessible Community Hall with a kitchen facility. The **Jack Burger Sports Complex** is home to the community arena and pool facilities, community room, bright open lobby with canteen and a beautiful fully accessible mezzanine.

Recreation and Culture Programs

The PRC Department utilizes both a direct delivery of programs and services as well as a community development approach. This includes planning, coordination, facilitation and delivery of recreation, culture and leisure programs which contribute to the health and well-being of individuals to enhance the quality of community life in Port Hope.

A wide variety of high-quality programming for seniors, adults, youth and children including aquatics, recreation, day camp and cultural programs are delivered by experienced, HIGH FIVE certified staff. We are proud to hold a designation as a Youth Friendly Community and HIGH FIVE Accreditation. The Port Hope Leisure Guide is available online at www.porthope.ca, delivered to all Port Hope homes and copies are available at Municipal facilities. We are pleased to offer online registration through our website.

Cemeteries

PRC is responsible for the administration and maintenance of lot sales, burials, set ups and project management of all Municipal Cemeteries in Port Hope. The Port Hope Union Cemetery, St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery both located on Toronto Road and the Welcome Cemetery are active Cemeteries and there are 6 abandoned Cemeteries. A Cemetery Board of Management oversees all 9 of the Cemeteries which are administered and maintained by Parks, Recreation and Culture Staff.

Marina/Waterfront and Harbour Lands

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (PRC) is responsible for the management, operation, maintenance and development of the Port Hope Marina and waterfront lands associated with recreational use.

Jack Burger Sports Complex Revitalization Project

The \$7M Jack Burger Sports Complex Revitalization Project was completed in 2015 and is open to the public. The renovated facility is fully accessible and inclusive, including a new community room, change rooms including an accessible family change room, pool upgrades, elevator, centralized canteen, accessible arena seating and reception area.



Baulch Road Park Development

The Park project includes a trail, two regulation size soccer fields, comfort station and a dog park. The total budget for the park development was \$1,445,000 with funding received from Natural Resources Canada in the amount of \$1,345,000 and development charges of \$100,000.

The dog park project was funded through fundraising initiatives by the Port Hope Dog Park Association and development charge funds.



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