



# Parks & Recreation Master Plan



A **Parks & Recreation Master Plan** is being prepared for the Municipality of South Dundas to guide and manage the development of facilities, programs and services over the next ten years. The Master Plan will explore:

- Indoor recreation facility needs such as community meeting spaces, arenas and gymnasiums.
- Outdoor recreation facility needs such as sports fields, hard surface courts, playgrounds, splash pads and special event spaces.
- Parks, open spaces, waterfront and trails.
- Service delivery, including policies and programs.



**Background Research and Consultation**  
December 2021 – February 2022



**Needs Assessment and Draft Master Plan**  
February – May 2022



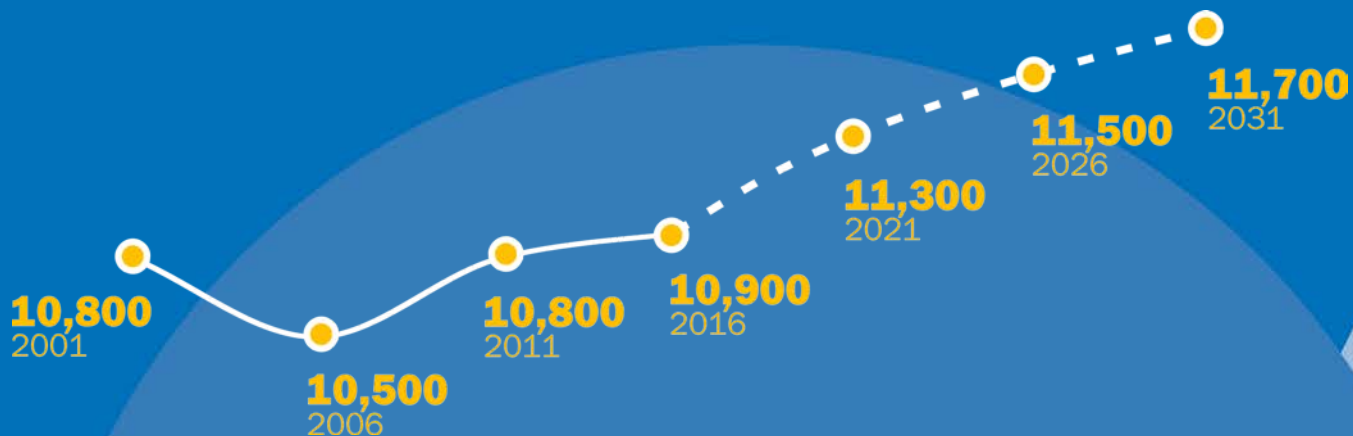
**Finalize Master Plan**  
June 2022



# Parks & Recreation Master Plan South Dundas Profile

## Population Growth

The population is projected to grow to **11,700 residents by 2031**. Most of the growth is expected to occur in Morrisburg, which currently makes up approximately 22% of the Municipality's total population.



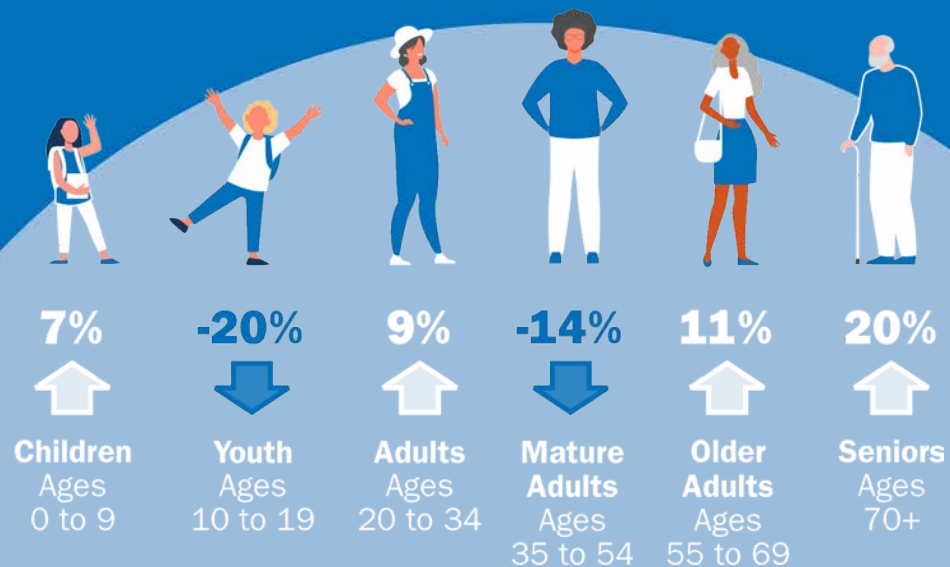
## Income

**\$65,067** was the median household income in 2015. 14% of residents were experiencing low-income.



## Age Groups

Between 2011 and 2016, the population of children, adults, older adults and seniors **increased**. The population of youth and mature adults **decreased**.





# Key Trends to Consider

## Facility Trends

- Recreation facilities are **aging**, requiring municipalities to reinvest, replace or repurpose infrastructure.
- **Accessibility** legislation requires that new / renovated municipal facilities accommodate persons with disabilities.
- Modern municipal facilities serve as **community hubs** and, where possible, are **multi-use** in design to provide a variety of civic programs and services for all residents.

## Participation Trends

- Physical activity levels have remained low for a number of years due to a **lack of free time** and other related factors.
- **Unstructured and self-scheduled activities** are growing in popularity.
- There are increasing **requests for emerging activities** such as pickleball and outdoor fitness equipment.

## Parks and Trail Trends

- Parks are being recognized for their **environmental role** in improving air quality, mitigating flooding from extreme weather, and reducing the urban heat island effect.
- A connected trail system offers **personal health and wellness benefits** by promoting outdoor physical activities.

## Service Delivery Trends

- **Partnerships** between municipalities and community organizations enhance efficiencies.
- **Community development** models support community organizations to deliver programs and services.

## COVID-19 Trends

- Increased **usage of parks and trails**.
- Impact on **programs and organizations**.



# Have your say!

Help shape the future of parks and recreation in South Dundas. Whether you are a regular or occasional facility or park user, if you participate in organized sports or unstructured activities, or even if you haven't participated, we want to hear from you!

[Click here](#) to complete a [survey](#) to tell us how you participate in parks and recreation and tell us what your priorities are for improvements.

Send us your thoughts and ideas anytime during the planning process to [masterplan@southdundas.com](mailto:masterplan@southdundas.com).

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