

**Parks & Recreation
2017 Master Plan**
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Claresholm

Where **Community** Takes Root

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VISION

In 2015 the Town of Claresholm Strategic Plan was implemented with short term strategies, one of which was to “Develop a Facility Enhancement and Recreation Master Plan” which is keeping with the strategic plans 5 goals:

1. *Policy and planning for responsible, sustainable growth*
2. *Economic & Community Development to revitalize Claresholm*
3. *Sound responsible Governance & Strengthen Internal Operations*
4. *Improve and expand partnerships, Collaborations, Relationships*
5. *Livable Community for a Vibrant, Healthy Life*

A priority delivery outcome in the Town’s Strategic Plan was the creation of a Facility Enhancement and Recreation Master Plan. This plan will provide the Town with an effective, and efficient planning tool that reflects changes to the Town’s goals and objectives which incorporate public and stakeholder input. Recreation related recommendations, guidelines and next steps are provided to better assist the Town of Claresholm to:

- Set out how the Municipal Development Plan goals and objectives, municipal plans and adopted policies can be implemented;
- Create a framework to guide public and private decision making;
- Outline costs associated with infrastructure;
- Identify potential investment, partnership and funding opportunities.

Recommendations are based on an analysis of life cycle conditions, site assessments, comparisons to similar communities, and community input. In addition, various current plans and information have been reviewed for this plan to ensure that approved policies, guidelines and recommendations are integrated and/or enhanced as a common outcome.

MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (2008)

Community Vision: Claresholm will be a vibrant caring community with a diverse population of involved citizens committed to sustainability, and the health and well-being of its population

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2010): GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Recreation, Parks and Open Space

Goal: To preserve and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Claresholm through the maintenance of existing park facilities and the acquisition and improvement of new parks, recreational facilities, trails, bikeways, and open spaces.

- To enhance existing Parks and Open Space through increased maintenance.
- To provide a greater variety of recreational opportunities and facilities for different interests and age groups in the community, from youth groups to senior citizens
- To encourage more open space, parks and pathway systems and to complete a Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan.
- To maintain Claresholm’s high profile as an important centre providing quality recreational facilities for residents and visitors.
- To promote outdoor recreation, community interaction and ensure a diverse range of activities for Claresholm’s youth.
- To work towards expanding and improving the Claresholm Campground, acknowledging its increased use and importance to the local economy.

Residential Development

Goal: To encourage and support the development of safe attractive and functional residential neighbourhoods...”

- To encourage pedestrian friendly communities
- Make pedestrian and cyclist movement attractive and safe, reducing reliance upon private cars for local trips

Community Culture, Wellness and Safety

Goal: To continue to develop, provide and enhance the positive elements sustaining Claresholm's vibrant and socially diverse local culture and community wellness.

- To ensure that Claresholm is promoted as a safe and caring community for young families to live, work and raise a family.
- To assist and support youth (or groups/agencies who work with youth), with finding opportunities for appropriate activities that enhance youth experience, provide leadership skills, and advance their contributions to the community.
- To promote and support cultural interests, including art exhibits/showings, presentations, live and film theatre, and musical events and activities within the community.

STATUTORY DOCUMENTS	
Municipal Development Plan (MDP) (2010)	Land Use Bylaw (2009)
Prairie Shores Area Structure Plan (2011)	Southwest Area Structure Plan (2010)

NON-STATUTORY DOCUMENTS	
Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP)	Joint Use Agreements

DETAILED DESIGN MANUALS	
Design Guidelines for Downtown Claresholm	

PLANNING & GUIDING POLICIES

The Town will adopt a new Area Structure Plan (ASP) before any large areas are approved for development.

(Policies for new residential areas as outlined in the MDP guidelines)

ASSESSMENT

Although related to the development of new areas, policies can also be used to guide recommendations of recreation and cultural facilities in existing areas. Comparison and consistency in parks planning ensures that gaps in the community are met, and helps the town stay mindful of:

- Sustaining existing park land and amenities
- Capitalizing on opportunities to enhance existing parks/facilities
- Maintaining a transition and connections between amenities

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN POLICY

A parks and recreation master plan is needed to address identified specific needs and concerns for the community for present and future recreation sports facilities.

PARKS AND RECREATION POLICIES:

Maintenance takes priority, and the town will remain focused on maintaining and upgrading existing facilities (MDP)

Playgrounds to be inspected weekly, monthly, and yearly in accordance with Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and documented. Ensure structures are safe in compliance with CSA. Existing playgrounds listed for replacement should be in accordance with policy. Professional installation is mandatory, no volunteer groups for major portion of installation. Repairs, maintenance, inspections and replacement will be budgeted for annually

ASSESSMENT

These policies ensure that the Town of Claresholm provides a standard of care for the community in accordance with Canadian Standards Association. Well maintained play grounds ensure families and tourists have safe recreational areas.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE POLICIES

The town will ensure parks and open spaces are planned and developed in such a manner as to meet the needs of all residents at different stages of life and

abilities that offer passive and active recreation opportunities (MDP)

ASSESSMENT

These policies provide a park design criteria that are reflective of the needs assessments of the community for 2017 to 2022, while also creating a community for all ages in the planning considerations.

- Connections of park destinations via a town wide pathway system linking existing pathways and sidewalks
- Ensuring park designs for seasonal use
- Continuing Claresholm’s focus on parks and safety
- Encouraging service groups, and community members to invest or reinvest in the park spaces to provide recreation

TRAILS AND PATHWAYS POLICIES

Develop a network of recreational trails and bikeways throughout the community that will be accessible to all residents (MDP)

PARTNERSHIP POLICIES

The Town will work co-operatively with school authorities in the planning of joint use sites. Joint use of these sites between the Town, school authorities and community organizations will be encouraged and pursued whenever practical.

Continue to work with the MD of Willow Creek to develop, maintain and enhance policies that are cost efficient and beneficial to the public.

ASSESSMENT

The above captures the Town’s interest to partner with the school board and the MD of Willow Creek to deliver quality recreation facilities, services and programming. Currently relationships with such partners are in good standing.

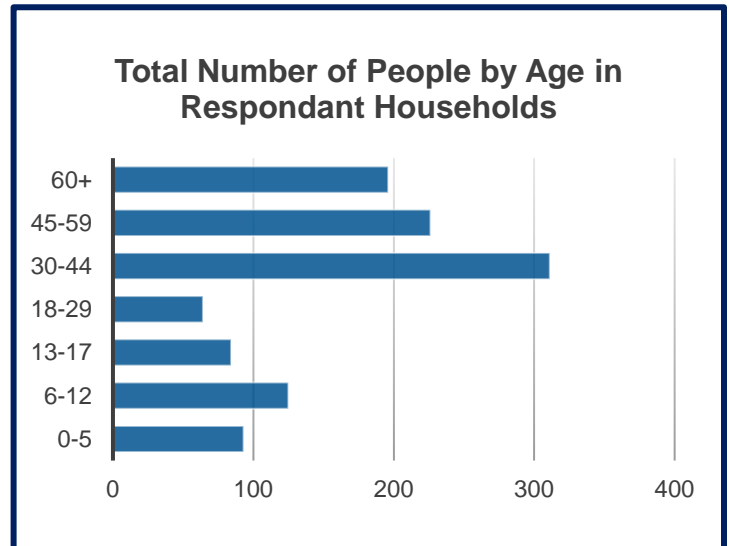
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Town presented a draft copy of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan on July 31, 2017. The public was asked for input in the form of a survey that was

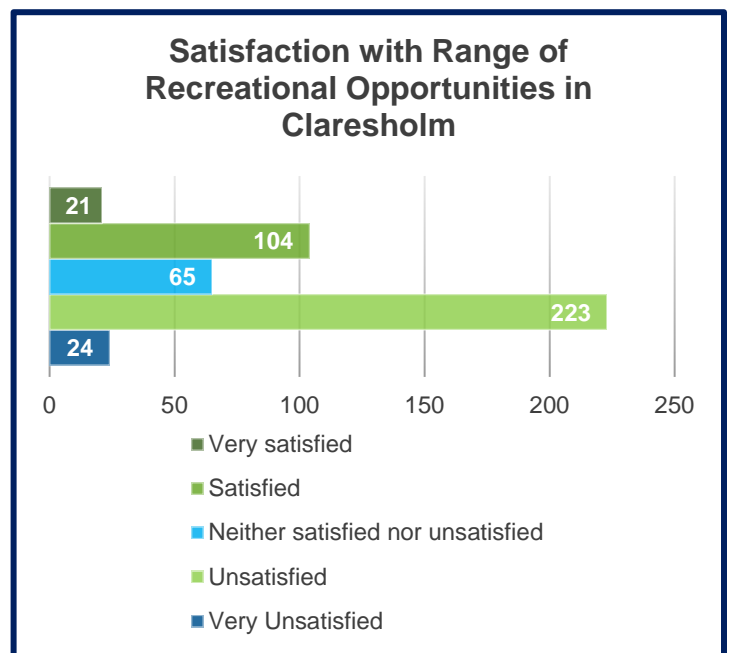
available from July 31st to August 18th. This was posted through social media, on the Town’s website, and paper copies were made available throughout Town.

There were 441 responses, with 87% of respondents being residents of Claresholm and the remainder from the MD of Willow Creek or surrounding municipalities within the MD.

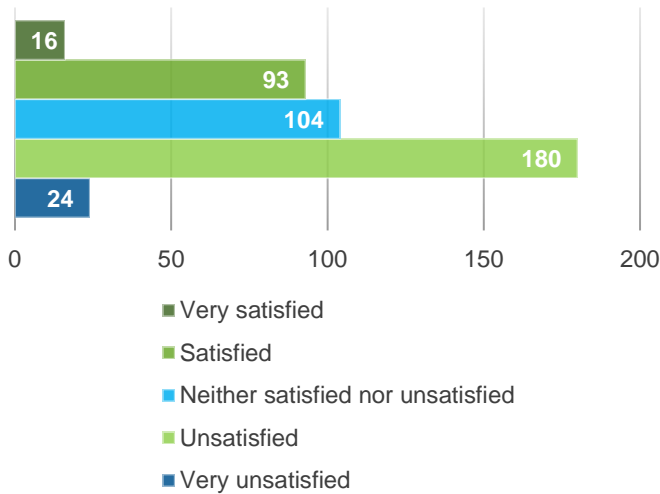
The age demographic of respondent households was weighted towards those 30+ with families, which are most likely to be using these recreation facilities.



Approximately half of the responses received focused on the outdoor fitness parks.

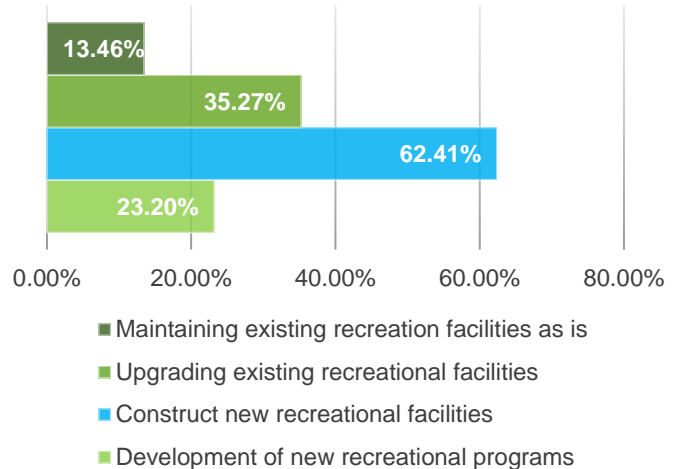


Satisfaction with 2017 Parks & Recreation Master Plan Projects & Priorities



Respondents were also asked where they thought the town should focus its efforts; maintaining existing facilities, upgrading existing facilities, constructing new facilities, or development of new programs. Responses were heavily weighted towards construction of new facilities, however many of these responses, based on comments provided, were focused on the new construction of outdoor fitness equipment.

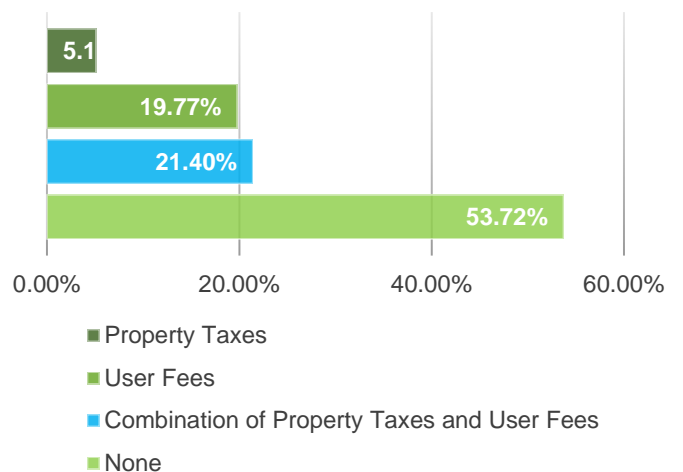
Where Should the Town Focus Their Efforts and Money



Further comments provided in explanation to responses on satisfaction levels, along with general comments regarding recreation facilities, programs or services in the Town of Claresholm included a wide range of responses. A few common themes were present in the responses. These included:

- Approximately 200 responses in favor of two outdoor fitness parks, one at Centennial Park and one at Patterson Park
- The community needs more activities and things to do for youth and teens – suggestions included bowling alley, movie theatre, more youth programming, outdoor pool.
- Appreciation for focus on trails and pathways and for even greater focus in these areas. One specific request made by way of petition was to extend the pathway system on 8th Street West all the way north to Derochie Drive.
- Requests for new facilities such as a Multi-Use Recreational Facility and indoor courts for activities such as pickleball.
- A few comments regarding the desire for a larger, upgraded, and relocated skate park, including expansion to allow for BMX bikes as well.
- Importance and urgency for Arena upgrades.
- Request for aesthetic fencing of the dog parks rather than chain-link.

Where Would Increases In Taxes/Fees be Supported to Meet Recreation Need



As a result of the public input the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was updated to include two outdoor fitness parks, one at Centennial Park and one at Patterson Park. The plan was also updated to include additional pathways, including an extension on

8th Street West north to Derochie Drive as well as a planned pathway system at the south end of Town, east of The Bridges Golf Club. Other minor changes included aesthetic fencing of the Eastside Dog Off-Leash Area and expansion of the Skate Park to allow for BMX bikes.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS FOR SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Work cooperatively with the Town, service groups and organizations for the benefit of Claresholm's recreation future. This would include yearly grant applications for funding to ensure the community of Claresholm can continue to offer parks and recreation for all members.

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

Livable communities combine economic and social criteria to foster vibrant and comprehensive neighbourhoods with amenities and job opportunities as well as social spaces that are all in close proximity to homes satisfying the daily needs of residents. The incorporation of recreation culture within community planning contributes to the long-term success and sustainability of communities and the vitality overall. Strategically locating recreational facilities, public space and attractions improve access to all, while also increasing the community health and happiness.

Source: Ponoka Recreation & Culture Master Plan 2016-2036



A PLANNING & PROGRAMS GUIDE:

Recreation facilities and programs are a vital part of the community. Providing spaces for socialization

and physical activity. The future facilities will have to keep up with growth and changing demands of the Town. The planning and direction of these facilities has been approached through livable communities. Livable communities are functional and comprehensive, incorporating community needs from economic, social, cultural and ecological standpoints. The goals in creating a livable community is that the daily needs of people can be fulfilled close to home. This is achieved through quick access to a broad range of amenities, job opportunities, and social spaces.

Planning of recreational facilities and programs is more than providing a place for sports, it becomes an exercise in town planning that promotes community health and happiness. Recreational facilities are community hubs, or anchors and should be treated as key components to community vitality.

The Town of Claresholm Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been developed with a livable communities approach to ensure sustainable growth and development. It is essential that residents and staff within the Town proceed with a comprehensive understanding of the relationship and correlation of community health, recreation and culture.

Social

A major goal of livable communities is to foster social inclusion. Facilities create spaces for socialized action and can be located close to homes or park space to strengthen the surrounding public spaces.

Economic

Livable communities are places that are prime for investment. Good facilities and recreation or cultural opportunities help towns grow their populations and economic bases.

Ecological

Integrating the natural and built environment with recreation and cultural planning will encourage communities that are rich with green space and biodiversity. The built form can be complemented with landscape to create healthy and happy communities

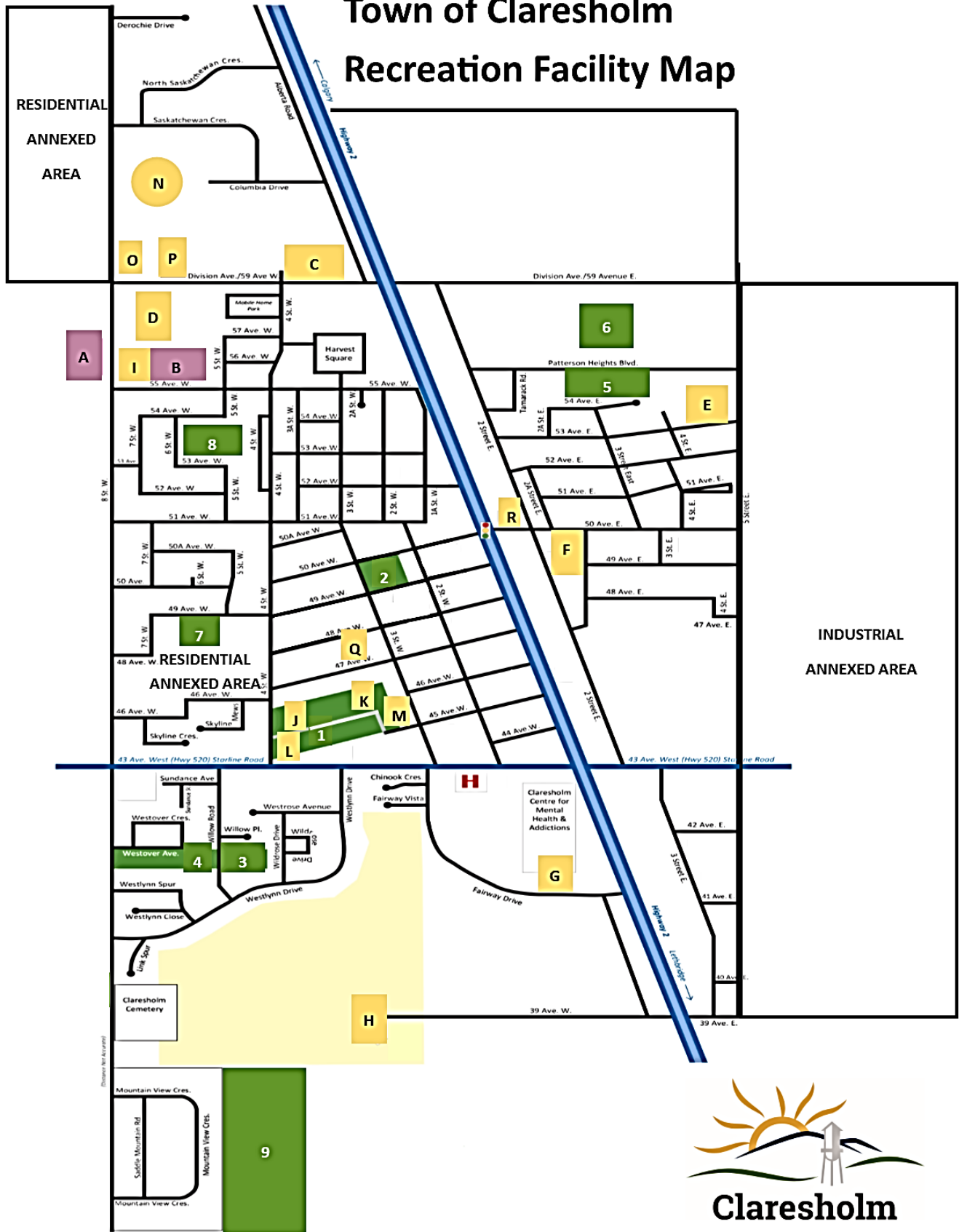
Culture

Building upon the Town of Claresholm's unique qualities and characteristics will promote culture and strength in the community's identity.

Source: <http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/about/info-2014/what-is-a-livable-community.html>

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES PHILOSOPHY:

Town of Claresholm Recreation Facility Map



LEGEND

SCHOOLS

- A. West Meadow School
- B. Willow Creek Composite High School

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- C. Claresholm Agriplex
- D. Football Field & Track
- E. Curling Rink
- F. Skating Arena & Skateboard Park
- G. Claresholm Aquatic Centre
- H. The Bridges of Claresholm Golf Course
- I. Tennis Courts, Basketball Court & Volleyball Courts
- J. Centennial Park Campground
- K. Spray Park & Playstructure
- L. Centennial Park Ball Diamonds
- M. Centennial Park T-ball Diamonds
- N. Millennium Park Baseball Complex
- O. Moffat Ball Diamonds
- P. Community Center
- Q. Mackin Hall
- R. Seniors Drop In Centre

PARKS

- 1. Centennial Park
- 2. Amundsen Park
- 3. Willow Park
- 4. Willow Park Off-Leash Dog Area
- 5. Patterson Park
- 6. East Side Off-Leash Dog Area
- 7. Lions Park
- 8. West Hills Park
- 9. Storm Water Trail & Natural Park

SUMMARY OF TOWN OWNED STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS

Facility	Structure	Built	Condition	Estimated Life	Estimated Full Replacement Cost
<i>Park Facilities</i>					
Amundsen Park	Westside Playground	2008	Good	2024	15,000
	Eastside Playground	1995	Fair	2019	40,000
	Public Washrooms	Reno 2006	Good	2031	120,000
Centennial Park	Playground	2001	Good	2021	50,000
	Spraypark	2007	Excellent	2025	300,000
	Spraypark Washrooms	2007	Good	2032	35,000
	Camp shelter/washrooms/shower building	1995	Good	2035	140,000
	Camp office/residence building	Reno 2016	Excellent	2036	80,000
	Ball Diamonds	unknown	Fair to Poor	2020	120,000
	Ball Diamonds concession building	unknown	Good	2033	120,000
Lions Park	Playground	1980	Poor	2017	100,000
Millennium Park	Ball Diamonds	1999	Excellent	2031	550,000
Moffat Park	Ball Diamond	unknown	Poor	2023	60,000
Skate Park	Playground	1990's	Fair to Poor	2020	80,000
West Hills Park	Playground	2014	Excellent	2031	40,000
Willow Park	Playground	2008	Excellent	2027	60,000
<i>Recreation Facilities</i>					
Agriplex	Building 1	1975	Excellent	unknown	unknown
	Building 2	2017	Excellent	unknown	unknown
Arena	Building	1981	Fair to Poor	2038	8,000,000
Aquatic Centre	Building/Pool	1994	Good	unknown	unknown
Community Centre	Building	1980/1992	Good	2037	3,400,000
Curling Rink	Building/Rink	1970	Fair	2037	4,000,000
Mackin Hall	Building	1942	Poor	2022	550,000
Seniors Drop-In Center	Building	1989	Excellent	2042	1,000,000

Listed in order they appear in this document.

Values as per Town of Claresholm Insurance Estimate 2016 or where not available estimates provided by Director of Infrastructure.

Replacement & Recommendation Summary – Year 1 & 2

Facility	Recommendation	Year	Priority	Est. Cost	Outside Funding	Town Share
Lions Park	Replace play structure - Completed	2017	High	100,000	65,000	35,000
Trails & Pathways	Kin Pathway – Extend walking path on 8 th Street from Westlyn Drive to the Acreages. Will tie in to Storm Pond Walking Trails in 2018.	2017	High	150,000	Unknown	Unknown
Football and Soccer Fields	Refinishing track, correcting drainage, & developing soccer pitches is scheduled for 2017 through the Football Association, Soccer Club, and Livingstone Range School Division. (In progress)	2017	High	150,000	142,000	8,000
Centennial Park	50th Anniversary Monument with new Flag Pole near Spray Park	2017	Med	5,000	-	5,000
Centennial Park & Patterson Park	Install outdoor fitness equipment (Town supplying the land)	2017	Med	56,000	42,000	14,000
Claesholm Arena Renovation	Replace floor along with in-floor piping.	2018	High	674,000	519,865	154,135
Trails & Pathways	Design and construction of Storm pond pathway	2018	High	180,000	-	180,000
Skate Park	Replace and relocate; somewhere with green space. Potential expansion for BMX.	2018	High	75,000	Unknown	Unknown
Claesholm Arena Renovation	Replace skate friendly floor (Minor Hockey Lead)	2018	Med	50,000	Unknown	Unknown
Willow Park Off-Leash Dog Area	Trees planted on West end of green space	2018	Med	5,000	-	5,000
Moffat Park	Use and upgrade to be determined. Opportunity for joint use with Livingstone Range School Division	2018	Med	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Centennial Park	Renovate/Update Ball Diamonds	Tentative	Med	120,000	Unknown	Unknown
New Eastside Park/Playground	Develop a new park with playground on the east side of Town. Somewhere south of 51 st Ave E to better serve the families in the South East part of Town. Project timing will be dependent on ability to secure a location and on outside funding.	Tentative	Med	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
East Side Dog Off-Leash Area	Fence (portion of) off-leash area – Located on the West side of 5th Street East between 59th Ave and Patterson Heights Blvd. Project timing will be dependent on outside funding.	Tentative	Med	50,000	Unknown	Unknown

Replacement & Recommendation Summary – Year 3 and Beyond

Facility	Recommendation	Year	Priority	Est. Cost
Amundsen Park	Replace eastside play structure	2019	High	50,000
Trails & Pathways	Link Millennium Park, Football and Soccer Fields	2019	High	40,000
Trails & Pathways	Link Porcupine Hills Lodge Pedestrian Crossing to Main Routes	2019	High	80,000
Centennial Park	Expand current pathway in park to include worn areas where people are already walking	2019	Med	50,000
Trails & Pathways	Link Willow Park and Willow Park Off-Leash Dog Area with 8th Street West	2019	Med	75,000
Trails & Pathways	Extend pathway along 8 th Street West via sidewalk from Saskatchewan Crescent to Derochie Drive.	2019	Med	Unknown
Trails & Pathways	Link Pathway System at Centennial Park to Memorials and Town Sidewalks	2019	Med	75,000
Tennis Courts	Resurface for 2020 Southern Alberta Summer Games	2020	High	20,000
Claesholm Arena Renovation	Dressing rooms & Mezzanine - Build extension on Arena to create 2 female specific dressing rooms, move referee dressing room and add bathrooms for the Mezzanine	2020	Med	250,000
Claesholm Arena Reno.	Renovate storage/locker areas	2020	Med	Minimal
Claesholm Arena Reno.	Renovate concession	2020	Med	15,000
Trails & Pathways	Pathway system east of The Bridges Golf Course connecting Storm Pond Pathways to Fairway Drive W	2020	Med	Unknown
Trails & Pathways	Highway 2 Pedestrian Crossing	2020	Low	Unknown
Amundsen Park	Stage and amphitheater	2020	Low	Unknown
Millennium Ball Diamonds	Lighting	2020	Low	Unknown
Centennial Park	Replace Play Structure	2021	Low	100,000
Mackin Hall	Renovate or Replace Building	2022	Med	550,000
Amundsen Park	Heat washrooms for year-round use	2023	Low	25,000
Moffat Park	Refurbish Ball Diamond	2023	Low	60,000
Amundsen Park	Replace Westside Playground	2024	Low	15,000
Centennial Park	Renovate or Replace Spraypark	2025	Low	300,000
Centennial Park	Replace Camp office/residence building	2026	Low	80,000
Willow Park	Replace Play Structure	2027	Low	120,000
Amundsen Park	Replace Public Washrooms Building	2031	Low	120,000
Millennium Park	Refurbish Ball Diamonds	2031	Low	550,000
West Hills Park	Replace Play Structure	2031	Low	80,000
Centennial Park	Replace Spraypark Washrooms	2032	Low	35,000
Curling Rink	Renovate or Replace Building	2032	Low	4,000,000
Centennial Park	Replace Ball Diamonds concession building	2033	Low	120,000
Centennial Park	Replace Camp shelter/washrooms/shower building	2035	Low	140,000
Community Centre	Renovate or Replace Building	2037	Low	3,400,000
Arena	Renovate or Replace Building	2038	High	8,000,000
Seniors Drop-In Center	Renovate or Replace Building	2042	Low	1,000,000

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS INVENTORY

AMUNDSEN PARK

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Located near Claresholm's downtown core, it was dedicated to Claude J. Amundsen in August 1977. Originally the Claresholm Outdoor pool was located in this park, with the last year of operation in 1994. The Kinsmen installed the main playground structure in 1995.

PLAYGROUND- Westside of park

- Play structure: for ages 18 months to 5 years
- Double Toddler Swing, with see-saw, 2 spring toys and a Jeep
- Built in: 2008
- Size: 32' x 45'
- Condition: Good, some colours are faded
- Maintenance: general repair and safety inspections by the town
- Life Cycle: Replace in 2019
- Waste receptacles: 1
- Benches/ Picnic tables: 2
- Estimated replacement value: \$15,000

PLAYGROUND - Eastside of park

- Play structure: Pressure treated wood, and metal construction 5 year to 12 year olds
- Built in: 1995
- Size: 78' x 45'
- Condition: Fair
- Maintenance: general repair and safety inspections by the town
- Life Cycle: Replace in 2019
- Estimated replacement value: \$40,000

PATHWAYS

- 1 pathway South East to north west and south west
- Waste receptacles: 2
- Benches and Picnic tables: 11
- Estimated replacement value: \$150/linear foot

LIGHTING

- Light posts within the park: 5
- Estimated replacement value: \$15,000

PUBLIC WASHROOMS

- 1 public washroom, estimated replacement value: \$120,000

PARKING LOT

- Alley parking lot

GREEN SPACE

- 7500 square meters

ASSESSMENT:

The facilities in Claresholm's Amundsen Park are generally well maintained, with weekly inspections. The east side play structure is outdated, and is situated near a power line. The west side play structure is in good shape, although there is some colour fading due to UV rays.

This park is primarily a green space, used for community events such as The Easter Egg Hunt, Mexican Fiesta, Canada Day, and Fair Days.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Removal and replacement of east side structure
- Heat washrooms for year round use
- Signage for way-finding to other recreation or cultural amenities
- Stage area
- Amphitheatre seating for community functions, outdoor entertainment, markets

CENTENNIAL PARK

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The process of building Centennial Park began in 1965 after homes in the area were relocated due to flooding. It was dedicated as a park in 1967 with the Commemoration of the Centennial of Confederation. 2017 is the park's 50th Anniversary. This park has many amenities that are utilized by the community and visitors.

PLAYGROUND

- Play structure: for ages 5 to 12 years
- Metal and plastic
- Built in: July 2001, town replaced swings in 2007
- Size: Swing Set area- 49' x 26', structure area 74' x 49'
- Condition: Good
- Maintenance: general repair and safety inspections by the town
- Life Cycle: Replace in 2021
- Waste receptacles: 1
- Benches/ Picnic tables: 4
- Estimated replacement value: \$50,000

SPRAYPARK

- Play structure: all ages, metal and plastic construction with concrete mounts
- Manufacturer: Water Play
- Cement base
- Built in: 2007
- Size: 5820 sq. ft.
- Condition: Excellent
- Maintenance: general repair and safety inspections by the town
- Life Cycle: Replace in 2025
- Benches: 3
- Picnic tables: 5
- Waste receptacles: 3
- Estimated replacement value: \$300,000

WASHROOM

- Public washroom open seasonally, and during public times
- Estimated replacement value: \$35,000

PATHWAY

- Paved walkway links Westlynn Drive with a pedestrian walkway crossing Highway 520, with one link through the park, to 47 Avenue
- One link crosses a Bridge over Frog Creek to 45 avenue west

CAMPGROUND

- Camping spots, gravel based: 28
- Picnic Tables: 32
- Camp shelter, washrooms and shower facility (1995)
- Office/ caretaker residence
- Estimated replacement value:
 - Picnic Tables: \$12,800
 - Camp shelter, washrooms and shower facility (1995): \$140,000
 - Office/ caretaker residence: \$80,000

HORSESHOE PITS

- Playing areas: 2

BALL DIAMONDS

CENTENNIAL DIAMONDS: 2 Diamonds

- Fenced diamond: 1
- Backstops (needs replacement)
- Dugouts: 4 (needs replacement)
- Bleachers: 4 (needs replacement)
- Fence (needs replacement)
- Estimated replacement value: \$120,000

T BALL DIAMONDS

- Diamonds with backstops, no fence: 2
- Backstops: 2 (need replacement)
- Bleachers: 3 (need replacement)
- Estimated replacement value: \$55,000

LIGHTING IN PARK

- Lights are posted along pathway in park
- Campground is well lit
- Street Lighting
- Estimated replacement value: \$60,000

BALL DIAMOND CONCESSION BUILDING

- Condition – Good
- Life Cycle: Replace in 2033

MEMORIALS

- Ranchers Memorial is a tribute to the ranchers in Southern Alberta from 1900-2000
 - Erected in 2001 by local welder, and craftsperson William Erdman
 - Estimated replacement value: \$40,000
- Harvard Memorial: commemorates those who trained in Claresholm in the 1950's
 - Small Harvard plane mounted on a metal base, with a concrete pad
 - Erected in 1998 by local welder, and craftsperson William Erdman
 - Replacement value: unknown
- Time Capsule 2000, items and essays collected from Claresholm students
 - Buried in 1999, to be opened Canada Day 2050
- Sun Dial, is an interactive simple clock, using horseshoes and your shadow
 - Erected in 2001
 - Estimated replacement value: \$5,000
- Jori Dubois Memorial, captures the spirit of an athlete "Play, smile, think of me...."
 - Estimated replacement value: \$1,000

ASSESSMENT

The Park is well attended, and cared for. Increased usage regarding family events would benefit the existing facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 50th Anniversary Monument with additional flag pole for 2018.
- Refurbish or replace backstops, dugouts, bleachers, and fence at west and T-ball diamonds.
- Expand current pathway in park to include the worn areas that people currently use as walkways
- Creation of signage for way-finding to other recreation or cultural amenities
- Upgrade Facility brochure to better reflect the park and Town of Claresholm offerings
- Install outdoor exercise equipment

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

An area set aside on the eastside of Claresholm, off of Division Avenue for those in the community to exercise their dogs. Doggy bags are supplied by the town.

- Size: 60,800 square meters
- Pathway/ road way: 1
- Waste receptacle: 1
- Picnic table: 1
- Lighting: None
- Fencing: None

ASSESSMENT

This is an undeveloped prairie area that town staff maintain with a pest program and regular mowing during the growing season. Other surface materials could be considered to minimize operational costs, such as gravel, or wood chips.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Fence off portion of this land with an aesthetic fence to be used as the off-leash area. Fence will help to contain dogs.

LIONS PARK

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Originally funded by the Lions Club of Claresholm in the early 1980s, this playground has been revamped with their support, and received a new play structure and added sidewalk and path in 2017.

- Play structure: Accessibility equipment of metal construction with FallSAFE rubber safety surfacing.
- Manufacturer: Blue Imp
- Built in: 2017
- Condition: Excellent
- Maintenance: general repair and safety inspections by the town
- Life Cycle: Replace in 2037
- Waste receptacles: 2
- Benches/ Picnic tables: 2
- Lighting: Street
- Estimated replacement value: \$100,000

ASSESSMENT

This is Claresholm’s newest play structures which is also wheel chair accessible. Was upgraded in 2017 as the old structure had outlived its useful life and no longer met safety codes.

A collective outcome of dedicated community members, and organizations who effectively fundraised, and through volunteer effort a 4 diamond facility with concession and washrooms was built.

- Built in: 1999
- Size: 5.3 hectares, 52915 square meters
- Diamonds
 - Little League diamond: 1 (with a movable fence)
 - Fast Pitch diamond: 1
 - Standard diamonds: 2 for slo-pitch
- Bleachers: 8
- Backstops: 4
- Building with equipment shed, male and female washrooms, and a concession: 1
- Lighting on street, and at central building
- Condition: Excellent, new shale in 2017
- Maintenance: general repair and safety inspections by the town
- Life Cycle: Replace in 2031
- Lighting: none
- Waste receptacles: 6

ASSESSMENT

This facility is well groomed, community members use it regularly from April-July

New shale is scheduled for 2017

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Lighting
- Promotion of facility to out of town users to increase revenue

MILLENNIUM BALL DIAMONDS

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

MOFFAT PARK

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

One of Claresholm's oldest ball diamonds located off of 8 Street West near the Community Centre

- Built in: unknown
- Fenced ball diamond: 1
- Set of large bleachers, owned by the Agriplex: 1
- Dugouts: 2
- Backstop: 1
- Condition: poor
- Waste receptacles: 2
- Lighting: Street
- Estimated replacement value: \$60,000

ASSESSMENT

The overall condition of this park is poor

RECOMMENDATIONS

Decide on a course of action if facility is going to be renovated. Ball diamond fence could be pushed back slightly so it is regulation size. There would be potential opportunity for joint use of this facility with the Livingstone Range School Division.

Located in the north east side of town, is the only park with playground structure on the east side.

- Built in: 2010 with reused swing set
- Playstructure: metal construction
- Life Cycle: Replace in 2029
- Waste receptacles: 1
- Benches/ Picnic tables: 1
- Lighting: 1 Park light
- Estimated replacement value: \$40,000

ASSESSMENT

This facility is in excellent condition and is well utilized year round.

PATTERSON PARK

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

SKATE PARK

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Skate Park is located on the Arena parking lot, on the corner of 50th Avenue and 2nd A Street East. This park was built through fundraising in the 1990's by local youth.

- Size: 1500 square feet
- Construction: Metal, plastic
- Life Cycle: Replace 2018
- Condition: Fair to poor
- Replacement value: 50,000 - 100,000

ASSESSMENT

Maintained by the Town staff, and fundraising for other repairs by Claresholm Youth of Tomorrow. The park is not in good condition. It is in a good central location.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Rebuild and replace in 2018
- Relocate the skate park to an area with green space.
- Assess the overall area of the park, and expand for different user groups.
- Update to more modern design with contoured concrete ramps and structures.
- Potential expansion for BMX

This park was once known as Fedor Park, it is located in behind the residences between 53rd & 55th avenue west, and 4th and 6th street

- Rebuilt in 2014
- Playstructure: metal construction
- Size: 46' x 46'
- Toboggan hill
- Size of Green Space: 10,000 square meters
- Maintenance: general repair and safety inspections by the town
- Life Cycle: Replace in 2031
- Waste receptacles: 1
- Benches/ Picnic tables: 6
- Lighting: 3 Park lights
- Estimated replacement value: \$40,000

ASSESSMENT

This play structure is in an excellent central area between residential homes, and near schools. The toboggan hill is supported by community members

RECOMMENDATIONS

- To remove and replace the 2012 West Hill Park and Re-development concept sign

WEST HILLS PARK

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

WILLOW PARK

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Located just off of Willow Road West, and located across from Willow Park's off leash dog park

- Play structure: 5-12 Years. Climbing structure with metal and plastic construction
- Built in: 2008
- Size: 8500 square meters
 - play structure area, 42' x 42'
 - Double swing area 26' x 50'
- Condition: Excellent
- Maintenance: general repair and safety inspections by the town
- Life Cycle: Replace in 2027
- Benches/ picnic tables: 6
- Waste receptacles: 1
- Lighting: 3 park lights, and street lighting
- Estimated replacement value: \$60,000

ASSESSMENT

This play structure is in a newer subdivision in Claresholm. It is in excellent condition.

An area set aside for those in the community to exercise their dogs. Doggy bags are supplied by the town.

- Size: 9275 square meters
- 1 waste receptacle
- Trees are planted
- Lighting: Street
- Fencing: None

ASSESSMENT

Green space with one pathway from Westover Crescent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Pathway from 8th street west through park to Play structure
- Trees planted on West end of green space

WILLOW PARK OFF-LEASH DOG AREA

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

JOINT USE OUTDOOR FACILITIES INVENTORY

FOOTBALL & SOCCER FIELDS

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Football association signed a 25 year lease with Livingstone Range School Division in 2008, for their field located on the northside of the Willow Creek Composite High School grounds. The association is responsible for the majority of the upgrades for the facility as per their lease agreement. In 2016 the Football Association offered the Claresholm Soccer Association the use of the Football field for games.

- Located on Willow Creek Composite High School/Livingstone School Division property
- Football field: 1
 - Lighting
 - Scoreboard
 - Clubhouse/announcers area/storage building
 -
- Soccer field, adjacent to the east of the football field
 - Able to set up 6 soccer pitches for 12 years and under
 - Storage shed

ASSESSMENT

The Football field is in good condition, maintained by volunteers, Livingstone Range School Division, and the Town.

The Soccer Field is in fair condition, although it is sloped and there can be drainage issues

UPGRADES

Refinishing track, correcting drainage & developing soccer pitches is scheduled for spring 2017. The Football Association and Soccer Club are working together with Livingstone Range School Division

OUTDOOR BASKETBALL

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Court is located west of Willow Creek Composite High School, and has been there for over 30 years.

ASSESSMENT

The Basketball court is in fair condition, with some surface cracking and crumbling. It is used by ball hockey players during warm months

This facility is not maintained by the Town of Claresholm

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Town of Claresholm built the beach volleyball courts on the east side of Willow Creek Composite High School for The Southern Alberta Summer Games

ASSESSMENT

The Beach Volleyball courts are in good shape. Built in 2015.

This facility is not currently maintained, however would be the Town's responsibility.

TENNIS COURTS

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Fenced in facility with 3 separate tennis courts. It is located on the west side of Willow Creek

Composite High School. Used for high school athletics and by community members

- The Town of Claresholm maintains this facility
- Refinished in 2001, and partially resurfaced again in the spring of 2015 for The Southern Alberta Summer Games

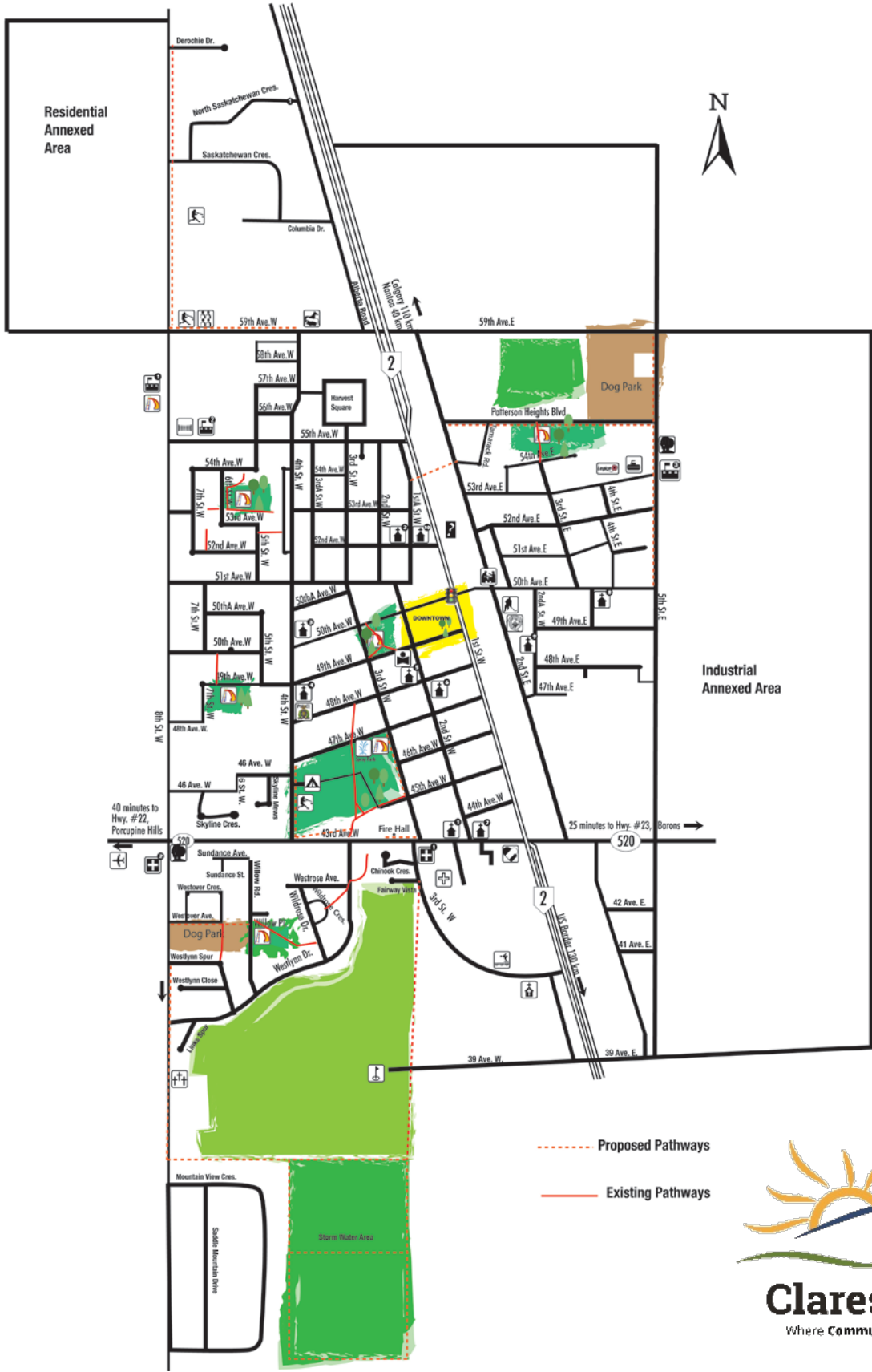
ASSESSMENT

The tennis courts are in fair shape, with some cracking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Resurface for 2020 Southern Alberta Summer Games (if successful in bid to host)
- Develop 1 court into a multiuse court with outdoor pickleball by painting lines to ensure the courts are being used regularly

PATHWAYS AND TRAILS



Goal

One goal of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to create a system that links the current sidewalks and pathways, creating access ways for all ages to better facilitate their recreation goals. Once these phases are complete, the community of Claresholm will have bike or pedestrian access to all recreation areas with emphasis on safety

Existing Pathways

Current Pathways (Trails) in Claresholm are located in our community's parks, and between residential areas which are on this map in solid yellow. Parks are linked via paths, alleyways, and roads. All town Parks have pathway access.

Phase 1

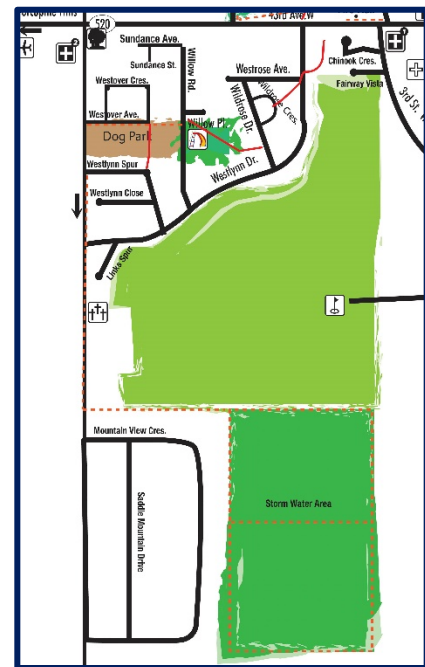
Proposed Pathways & Trails

Kin Pathway

In partnership with the Kinsmen and Kinettes extend walking path on 8th Street from Westlyn Drive to Mountain View Crescent. This will tie the Storm Ponds Pathway into the rest of the Town's sidewalks and pathway system.

Storm Ponds Pathway

Design and construction of Storm Pond Pathway system.



Phase 2

Expansion of existing pathways

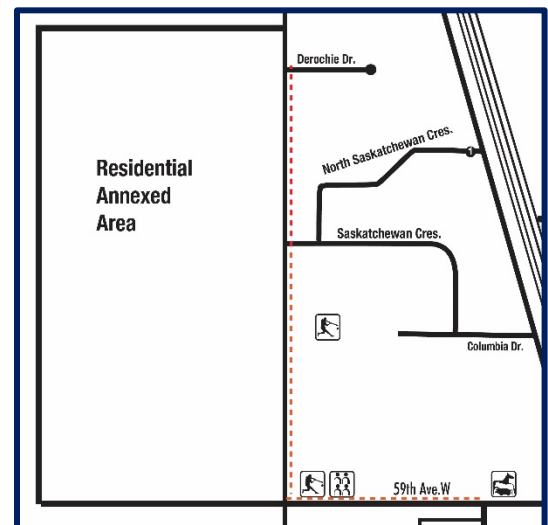
Link Millennium Park Football and Soccer Fields

59th Avenue West continuing the existing pathway from the Agriplex

8th Street West from 59th Ave West (Division Ave.) to Saskatchewan Crescent

Extend Pathway to Derochie Drive

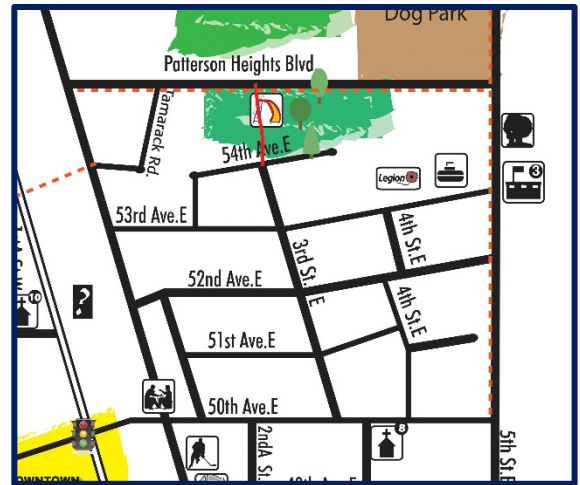
Add sidewalk along 8th Street West from Saskatchewan Crescent to Derochie Drive.



**Link Porcupine Hills Lodge
Pedestrian Crossing to Main Routes**

Full length of Patterson Heights Blvd, with pedestrian crossing across 5th Street East to Porcupine Hills Lodge

5th Street East from 50th Avenue East to Patterson Heights Blvd



**Link Pathway Systems at Centennial Park to
Memorials & Town Sidewalks**

Centennial Park along 4th Street West

Centennial Park from Harvard Memorial to existing pathway intersection

43 Avenue West, from Fire Station to existing sidewalk on 3rd Street West



**Link Willow Park and West Hill Off-Leash Dog
Area with 8 Street West**

Along West Hill Dog Park connecting 8th Street West to Willow Road



**Phase 3
Claresholm South Pathway Extension**

Create pathway system east of The Bridges Golf Club to connect Storm Ponds Pathway to Fairway Drive.

Work with private land owners for inclusion of pathway systems in area structure plans, when



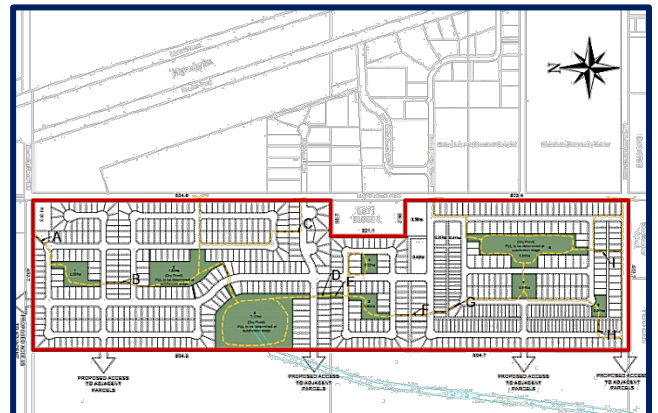
**Phase 4
Highway 2 Pedestrian Crossing**

North end of Claresholm, between 53rd avenue and 55th avenue across Highway 2, link from East and West Claresholm for East Side youth to have a safe pedestrian crossing to schools on West side.

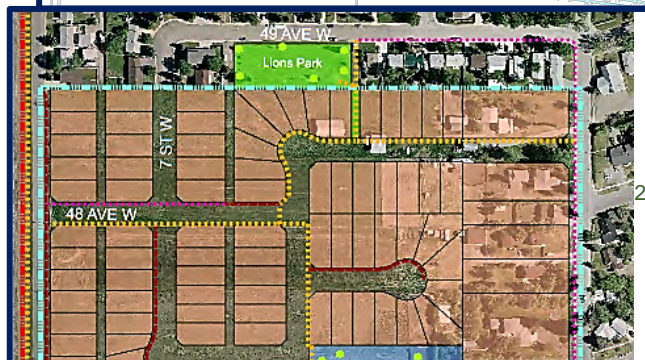


**Phase 5
Residential Annexed Areas; Yellow dotted lines**

West of 8th Street & Millennium Ball Complex
Prairie Shores Area Structure Plan (ASP) 2010



8 Street West, to 4 Street West and 46 Avenue to Lions Park border
Southwest Residential ASP 2010



Community Facility

Trails and pathway systems are a perfect multi-generational facility. Community participation yields benefits from the process as well as the product. By stimulating new partnerships and relationships, pathway development results in a stronger and more dynamic community.

Furnishing of Pathway Systems

- Waste Receptacles
- Benches
- Signage
- Dog waste bags

Proposed pathways can be completed using the following methods

- Paint on road way
- Pavement, gravel, concrete

ASSESSMENT

The pathways in Claresholm are situated in the parks, or between residential areas to get to the parks. These pathways are linked via sidewalks, or alleys. There are currently no trail systems.

The approximate distance of the perimeter of Claresholm is 10km. There is currently no link on highway 2 from the East to West side, while there is a link on the south end from the 520 highway, across Highway 2

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A natural trail system for biking, running, walking, or cross country skiing
- A paved pathway from Porcupine Hills Lodge to Patterson Park would ensure safe pedestrian travel for those with lessened mobility, e.g. wheel chairs and walkers. It would also increase use to the park for users of the proposed fitness park, and create a bike path on the East side
- A pedestrian crossing across Highway 2 (between 53rd Avenue and 55th Avenue will help provide a safe link for youth as schools are on the West side, and will link east and west Claresholm together for members of the Community who walk or run the perimeter.
- As the pathway system continues to be developed and expanded efforts should be made to continue a fully connected pathway system around the Town perimeter.

RECREATION FACILITIES

Facility	Use	Renovations & Proposed Upgrades	Notes
Agriplex	Community Groups, Individual use, 4H, Ropings/Rodeos, Bullriding, Special events	New indoor facility built 2016/2017 Many upgrades and additions	Governed by Willow Creek Agricultural Society 99 year lease agreement with the Town of Claresholm Many upgrades, additions Continues to be a boon to local economy Inspections are submitted to the Town
Amundsen Park Washroom/ Shed	General public park use, Mexican Fiesta, Fair Days, Easter Egg Hunt, Zombie Walk	Renovated 2006	Maintained & inspected by Town of Claresholm
Arena	Minor Hockey, Claresholm Skate Club, Pond Hockey, Shinny, Public Skating, Out of Town Rentals, Claresholm Lacrosse, Adult Hockey, Special events, Farmers Market	New floor, boards, dressing rooms, Mezzanine upgrade with bathroom 2017-2018	Maintained and operated by Town of Claresholm Built in 1981, with a lifespan of approximately 25 years User agreements through town
Aquatic Centre	Public programs for all ages, Lessons, Rentals, Swim Clubs, Swim Meets, Care Center rentals	Tiling and painting yearly as needed Lockers, change room renovations proposed Olympic Standard diving block installed in 2013	Joint use facility opened in 1994 Town of Claresholm provides programming, staff, daily maintenance and cleaning Alberta Health Services maintains & inspects the facility, and provides pool operators Maintenance and repairs as required by AHS
Centennial Park	Camping, Special events, Tourists, Minor ball, General public park use	Bathroom Flooring 2017, Office renovated 2016	Maintained, inspected and operated by Town of Claresholm
Curling Rink	Curling Club members, Bonspiel participants, Rental of upstairs (pool table, lounge, dance area)	New roof, 2017 New Chiller needed	Governed by a Board of directors Daily operations by Curling Club 4 sheets of ice Maintained & inspected by Town of Claresholm
Community Centre	Arts Society rehearsals & productions, Weddings & receptions, Trade shows, Quilt shows, Rentals, Gun Club, Volunteer Dinners, Service Clubs, Women's Show, Special events	Painting in 2017, New stage design and lights	Governed by a Board of directors Daily operations by Board employee Facility users have specific requirements for cleanliness Maintained & inspected by Town of Claresholm
Football Field & Track	Claresholm Football Association, Willow Creek Composite High School (WCCHS) Football, WCCHS Athletics, Claresholm Soccer Association	Proposed upgrades to field and track 2017	Drainage issues on field and track surrounding Track is clay, does not have proper elevation to drain New score clock needed
Golf Course	League Community members, Tourists, Coaching, Tournaments, Proshop customers, Restaurant patrons	Moved and Renovated 2003	Governed by a board of directors, Managed by Board employee Maintained by employees and volunteers Inspections and maintenance by Town of Claresholm Restaurant is separately managed
Mackin Hall	Non-profit organization with a focus towards youth activities.	Renovated in 1984, basement gutted 2012	Maintained and Operated by the Town of Claresholm
Millennium Park	Claresholm Minor Ball, Claresholm Co-Ed Slo-Pitch, Fair Days Tournament, Livingstone Range School Division	New shale added 2017	Maintained and Operated by the Town of Claresholm Concession is managed by Claresholm Minor Ball
Seniors Drop In Centre	Card Games, Nia, Yoga, Pool, Shuffleboard, Bingo, Quilting, Theater Group, Rentals, Special Events and Clinics		Governed by a Board of Directors Inspections are through Town of Claresholm

FACILITIES

AGRIPLEX

The Claresholm Agriplex is in the unique position of being on municipal land and is Claresholm's top recreation facility. Governed by a board, it is a standalone complex. The Willow Creek Agricultural Society (WCAS) and the Claresholm Agriplex are involved in many aspects of the equine industry from Team Roping, Team Penning, Cutting, Horse Shows, Dressage, Pony Club, Horse and Beef 4-H, Equine clinics, Wrangler Rodeo (12 yrs and under), High School Rodeo (13 and over), Girls Rodeo, Amateur Rodeo, Stock Horse Shows as well as many individual riders. The WCAS and the Claresholm Agriplex has been the hub of equine activities in the province of Alberta since it opened.

ASSESSMENT

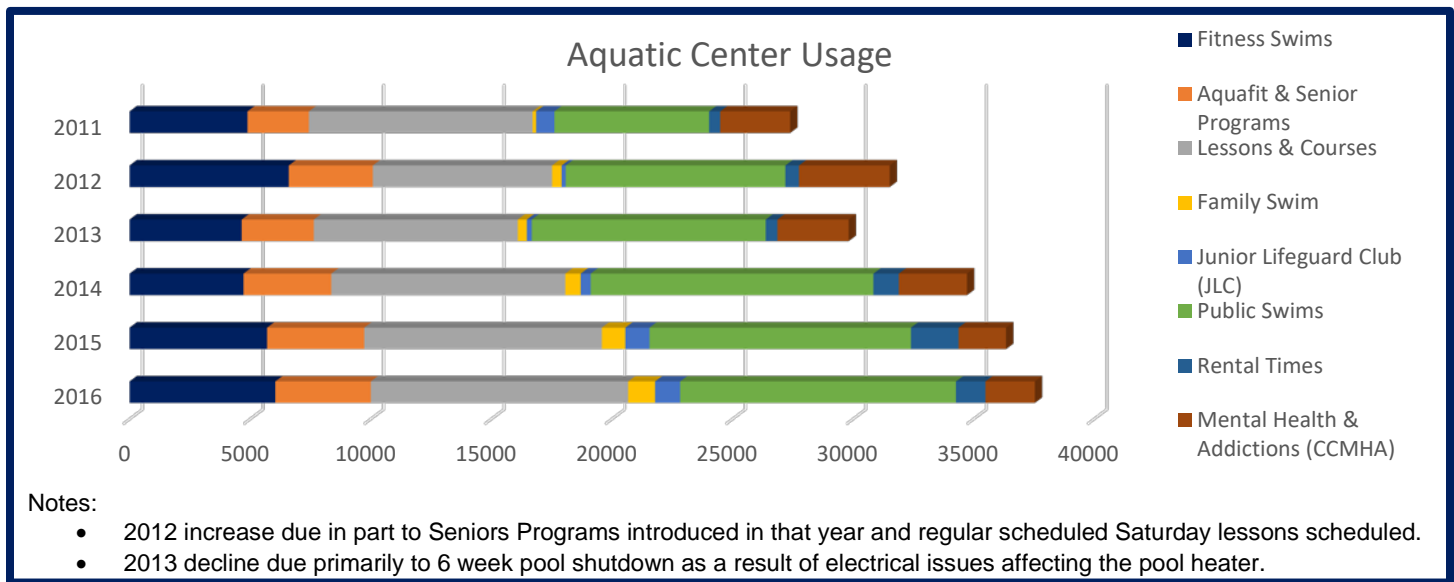
The Agriplex is an important part of the community and the Town continues to support its operations. The facility is in good condition and is well maintained by WCAS.

AQUATIC CENTRE

This is an indoor pool joint-use facility between Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Town of Claresholm. An indoor facility of this type and size would not be fiscally possible without this important partnership.

ASSESSMENT

The Claresholm Aquatic Centre programs, registrations and attendance in all areas has increased, or remained steady. The Claresholm Aquatic Centre will continue to work with The Lifesaving Society to become a key training facility within Alberta for 2017-2018, and continue to evaluate programs and services as the community



ARENA

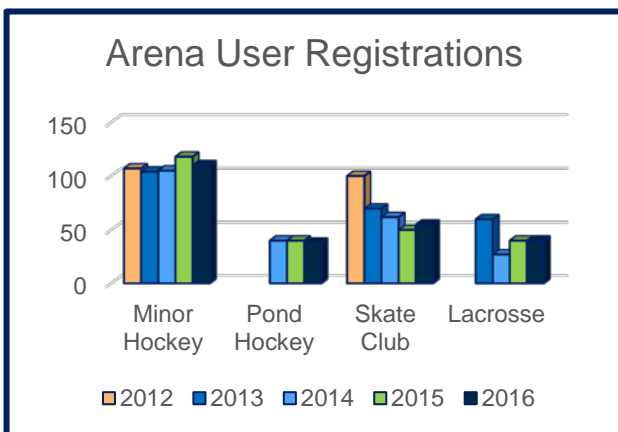


This is an indoor arena that receives significant use year-round from winter activities such as skate club and hockey groups to activities in the summer such as special events and lacrosse. It is used primarily from within the community but does also receive some out of town rental use.

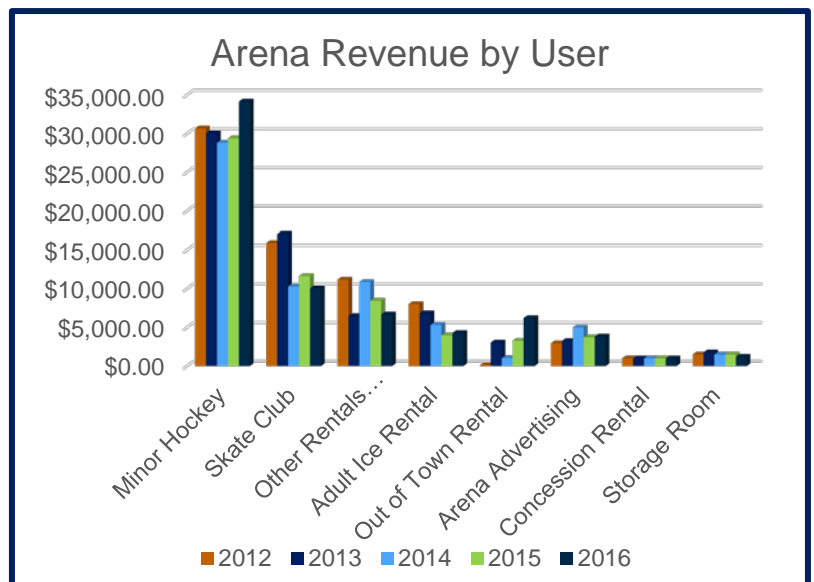
ASSESSMENT

The Claresholm Arena is another facility that will benefit from Claresholm's location. In the next year renovations and upgrades will help to draw user groups to the community. Minor Hockey registrations are steady. Skate Club has seen a decline in registrations, which puts a strain the Club as coaching costs are quite high. Pond Hockey started in Claresholm in 2016, previously approximately 40 youth from Claresholm participated in Stavelly in 2014 and 2015. Lacrosse registration numbers held steady in 2015 & 2016. Propose to set aside times within the summer months that there could be public access for groups or individuals to use the arena floor for such activities as floor hockey, or Pickleball

Source: Town of Claresholm



Source: Arena User Groups



Source: Town of Claresholm

CENTENNIAL PARK & CAMPGROUND

This is a large park with multiple facilities included. It has a campground with trailer and tent sites with

power hookups as well as shelter, washroom, and shower facility. There is also a spray park, playground, and ball diamonds.

ASSESSMENT

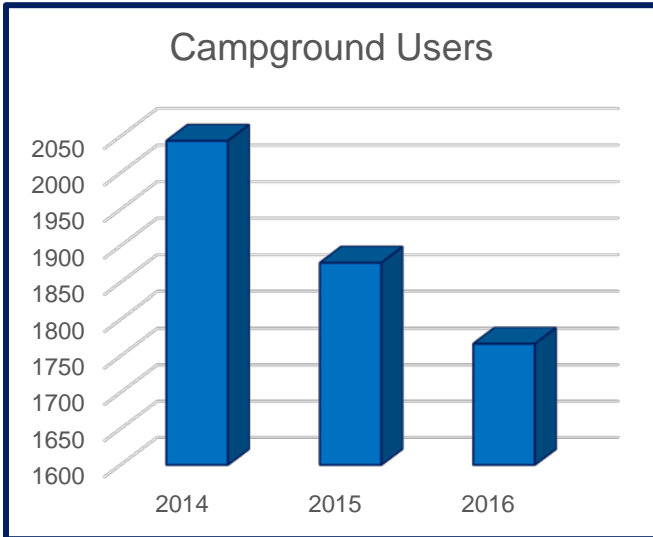
The Campground is well utilized, although numbers were lower in 2016. Promotion of the facility and the community at large will help this facility grow for the benefit of the local economy. The park is well used by campers & community members

CLARESHOLM CURLING RINK

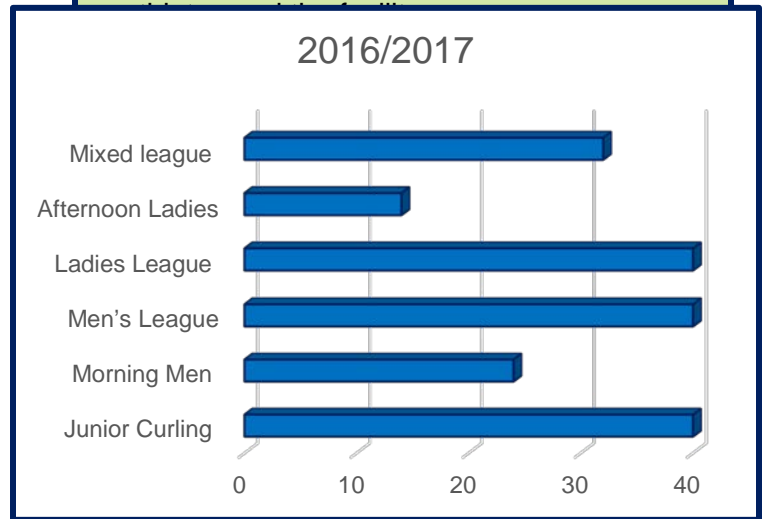
This is an indoor facility that is generally maintained and operated by the Curling Club which is governed by a board of directors. It includes 4 sheets of ice for curling.

ASSESSMENT

Registrations have consistently averaged around 200 for the past few years, and they continually offer programs for all ages and abilities in our community. The Curling Club Board does an excellent job of retaining members, and volunteers. Promotion of the events at the curling rink within the community will assist in community support, and recognition of the



Source: Town of Claresholm



Source: Claresholm Curling Club

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center is a draw to our area, and utilized in many respects within the community. This

facility is set to begin proposed upgrades that will further enhance the facility and benefit the Claresholm Arts Society, and community as a whole

ASSESSMENT

The Community Center is used by a wide range of groups for many different types of activities. To continue providing a usable space for these activities some upgrades are needed, including a new stage design and lights.

MACKIN HALL

Policy #09-08; *“Mackin Hall will remain exclusively for the use of non-profit organizations with a focus towards youth activities, mainly the Scouts, with other groups at the discretion of the Scouts designated representative and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Town of Claresholm”*

The policy also states that; *“any requests for use of Mackin Hall that are for profit purposes or private functions will be refused.”*

Previous usage by Scout Groups, 4H, teen groups, and dance groups

ASSESSMENT

This facility is underutilized and measures should be taken to make it a viable center for youth and community members. Space is available within the facility for youth programming.

THE BRIDGES OF CLARESHOLM GOLF COURSE

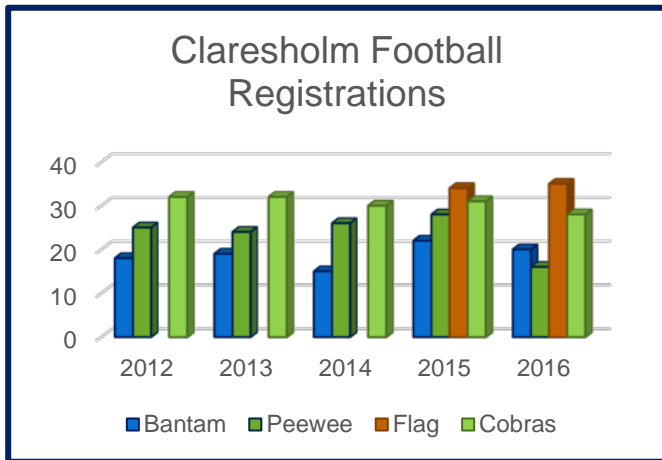
This is an 18-hole golf course facility that draws users from around southern Alberta and afar. It is operated and maintained by the Claresholm Golf Club

ASSESSMENT

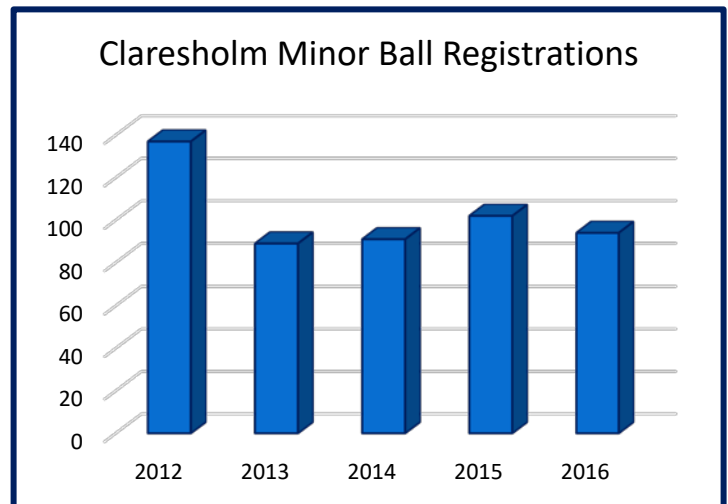
The golf course is an important and popular recreation facility in our community that draws people from other areas. This facility offers amazing prairie views and, water hazards that challenge players, a stocked

FOOTBALL FIELD, TRACK & SOCCER FIELD

This is primarily a collection of joint use facilities that are located on Livingstone Range School Division property. Largely used by school groups and community groups.



Source: Claresholm Football Association and Willow Creek Composite High School (WCCHS). The Cobras are WCCHS's Football Team



Source: Claresholm Minor Ball

MILLENNIUM PARK BASESBALL COMPLEX

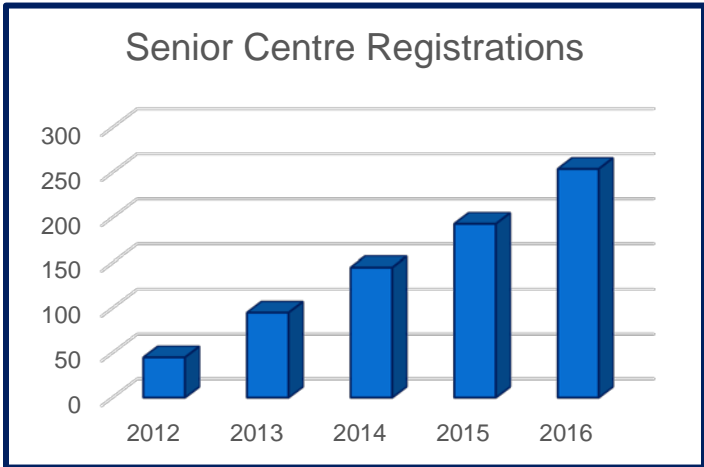
Millennium Park is a four diamond (quad) complex that is used by a number of groups. The diamonds received new shale in 2017 and are in good condition.

ASSESSMENT

The Claresholm Seniors Drop in Centre has seen steadily increased registrants and programming, and continues to grow and change with the needs of the community.

CLARESHOLM SENIORS DROP-IN CENTRE

The Claresholm Seniors Drop-In Centre is an indoor facility that is open to anyone over the age of 45 and is governed by a board of directors. It provides a number of activities for this population demographic.



Source: *Claresholm Senior Drop in Centre*

CURRENT PROJECTS AND PROPOSALS

ARENA RENOVATION PROJECT

Claresholm & Community Arena

Town of Claresholm, MD of Willow Creek, Minor Hockey 2017-2018

This project is a joint venture for the benefit of the community as a whole. The Arena is a vital component of Claresholm's recreation.

With funding provided by Town of Claresholm, MD of Willow Creek, Minor Hockey, Grant funds (amount not available at this time) and the support of the community the following items will be completed, in phases as the priorities are the floor and boards. The contributions of all involved will enable the facility to remain viable.

MD of Willow Creek contribution	\$144,000
Town of Claresholm contribution	\$154,000
Claresholm Minor Hockey	\$40,000
In kind donations	<u>\$90,000</u>
Total committed	\$418,000

Total estimated project cost \$674,000

Current funding shortfall \$256,000

Project cost is based on quote received on November 4, 2016

PRIORITIES

- Replace floor/refrigeration piping (included in project noted above)
- Replace boards / Renovate benches / Renovate timekeepers booth

ADDITIONAL UPDATES NEEDED

- Replace all skate friendly flooring throughout arena
- Dressing Rooms – Construct / Modernize / Renovate
- Create 2 female specific dressing rooms
- Move referees dressing room
- Paint / Brighten interior of arena
- Renovate lobby
- New trophy case for Minor hockey/skateclub/lacrosse
- Video system – stream live games/digital schedule
- Renovate Mezzanine
 - Spectator seating
 - Projector for Hockey teams to watch movies, utilizing the space
- Renovate storage /locker areas
- Renovate concession
- Parking lot area for dry-land training

FITNESS PARKS

Chamber of Commerce 2017-2018

This project is a venture brought forward by the Claresholm and District Chamber of Commerce. There are two proposed locations;

- Centennial Park along pathway north of Spray Park
- Patterson Park along pathway south of play structure

These locations were chosen for their proximity to the Porcupine Hills Lodge on the East side of Claresholm, and Senior's housing on the West, as well as families who use the parks and spray park currently. This can have a positive effect on the community's health, can be incorporated into community programming and create a social environment for families to play.

Costs:

Fitness Equipment (10 pieces)	\$39,753
Installation	\$14,070
Safety surfacing (if required)	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total Costs:	\$55,823

Total Funds: *as of April 30, 2017 \$18,725

Grant Applications: ATB, EQUUS Round UP Community Grant, Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP), ATCO

LIFESPAN

15 years

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Inspections and maintenance would be the same as for playgrounds and play structures already in the parks

RATIONALE BEHIND THE PROJECT:

This equipment will be a benefit to the community regarding revitalization, healthy living and sense of community as a whole, offering increased health and wellness for a broad range of ages. Outdoor fitness gym is free and accessible 24 hours a day, for any user, anyone can use these facilities although the gyms were designed for use by those over the age of thirteen. Other communities who have Outdoor Fitness Parks such as Longview, High River, Okotoks, and Red Deer speak highly of the impact these parks have had on many age groups.

Red Deer has 10 Fitness Park facilities that were created in partnership with the Red Deer Primary Care Network (RDPCN) (partnership between Alberta Health Services and over 60 local doctors). The goal of adding these facilities is to increase emphasis on disease and injury prevention, and to promote active living to Red Deer residents. *“Outdoor gyms consist of exercise machines that use a person’s own body weight to create resistance. The fitness equipment allows for a wide variety of flexibility, mobility, range-of-motion, cardio, and strengthening moves to provide a well rounded workout that is accessible to all adult ages, skill levels and body types. Each machine is equipped with easy to follow instructions that explain safe operation. These gyms are popular worldwide to help people increase their activity.”*
<http://reddeerpcn.com/Programs/Pages/Outdoor-Gyms.aspx>

- Providing a free social outlet for exercise
- Combatting obesity through well-rounded workout opportunities that can be enjoyed by people of all abilities and fitness levels throughout the community
- Increasing interest in related community services, such as nutrition education and health screenings

- Outdoor Fitness Parks located within sight lines of a playground promote active behavior in adult family members, increasing the time spent at the playground, which can help develop a lifelong fitness mindset in children
- Promoting a sense of pride within neighborhoods where Outdoor Fitness Parks are located

TOWN RESIDENTS

Residents and sponsors asked, will they be used and what about vandalism? The Chamber Spokeswoman contacted the manufacturer of the equipment, BDI, as well as High River, Red Deer, and Okotoks and the resounding answer was that the parks were well used, with little to no vandalism

SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY

Currently there are 15 Claresholm business and personal sponsors of the project

FOOTBALL/SOCCER TRACK PROJECT

Spring 2017

Livingstone Range School Division, Claresholm Football Club

The Football field is in need of proper drainage, and the track surrounding the field as well as the field will be affected during this process. The field is adjacent to the soccer fields. For the benefit of all users of the facility they are working together to create a multi-use facility that will keep the community competitive on a multi-regional and provincial level.

The track is in poor condition currently. Resurfacing of the track and maintaining the field is a priority of the School Division, a benefit to the community athletics, and a must if Claresholm remains viable to host the Southern Alberta Summer Games in 2020.

Quote:	\$90,981.55	Track resurfacing with pavement (shale \$20,000-\$40,000)
	<u>\$25,000</u>	Drainage
	115,981.55	

Funding Sources:

Livingstone Range School	\$25,000 (drainage, seeding)
Claresholm Summer Games Committee	\$13,000
Town of Claresholm	\$ 8,000 (in kind – equipment and labor)
Claresholm Football Club	\$ 5,000
Claresholm Soccer Association	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
	\$53,000

Grants: Community Initiatives Program (CIP) application

This project is scheduled to be completed in 2017, dependent on Grant funding.

STORM WATER PARK & TRAIL SYSTEM



COST OF PROPOSED PARK

No estimate at this time

- Estimated 3.4 kilometres of pathway
 - Gravel recommended for Phase 1

RATIONALE

In February 2016 the Alberta government announced funding for flood resiliency projects through the Alberta Community Resilience Program. This project will help protect critical municipal water management infrastructure and improve storm water drainage and retention; *“The Alberta Community Resilience Program was established to help communities build their long-term resilience to flood and drought events,”* Construction of the Storm Water Management Facility in Claresholm is currently under way, with enhancements made to the existing 8th Street drainage ditch on the west side of the community. As well, construction of the Frog Creek Storm water Management Facility with wetland features will provide 175,000 cubic metres of storage and control the outflow of floodwater to the Frog and Willow Creek basins.

BENEFIT

This project will provide a tremendous benefit to the community while providing environmental sustainability. This will be a natural park attraction for community members, showcasing an ecosystem suited to diverse species that will encourage economic growth and tourism opportunities, while increasing the health and well-being of residents.

EAST SIDE OFF-LEASH DOG AREA FENCE PROPOSAL:

Concerned members of the community and Claresholm Animal Rescue Society (CAREs) have expressed interest in fencing the East Side Off-Leash Dog Area, which is located on the West side of 5th Street East between 59th Ave and Patterson Heights Blvd. The proposal would be to construct an aesthetic fence around a portion of this dog park area.

While there are social and health benefits in having off-leash dog parks in our community, dogs can also present challenges and potential conflicts in public spaces. The use of fencing or appropriate buffers will alleviate or prevent potential conflicts with the users of Patterson Playground, adjacent neighbourhoods and will protect dogs from vehicle traffic.

There would also be additional maintenance costs associated with this which would include an estimated 6 extra hours per week for public works staff for lawn maintenance to trim and maintain the grass on either side of the fence.

BACK GROUND ANALYSIS

SUMMARY

A wealth of information from the 2007 Roger Brooks assessment, and the 2014 FCSS community needs assessment as well as MDP's policies regarding recreation were available to provide some background information for this master plan.

The community residents have expressed a need for an action oriented plan as many projects in the community appear to stall after the initial momentum, and then they are not implemented.

Some information collected includes:

Claresholm has characteristically been an aging community. This has to be considered in the overall long-range planning for recreation and pathways.

Families have chosen Claresholm in recent times due to many factors; good weather, amenities, close to larger centers, proximity to the foothills and mountains, small town, sense of community

Programs and services are primarily provided by community user groups. The town leads some programs like Canada Day celebrations and Fair Days, but it's primarily in a facilitation role not a direct provider role. This approach is consistent with most communities across the country

The storm water pond and trail system which is still in early development, will provide wetlands, pathways and ecological growth for the community of Claresholm. Linking our current and proposed pathway systems together will further create cohesion within our community.

A good selection of indoor and outdoor facilities are available in the community. Aging facility infrastructure is an important issue that will need to be addressed.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS

From 2007-2015 there were 5 community needs assessments done in the Town of Claresholm, the following are excerpts regarding Claresholm’s recreation needs

CLARESHOLM COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT, By Claresholm FCSS & Public Library 2014

Purpose: *The Claresholm FCSS and Claresholm Public Library collaborated on a community-wide needs assessment so that each organization could create their plan of service.*

Goal: *To find out what the concerns of residents are, what duplication of services exist, and what are the gaps in services.*

Survey Responders:

Males: 15.2% Females: 81.6%
 Age Group:
 12-18: 1.6%, 19–30: 9.6%, 31-50: 30.4%, 51–65: 28.8%
 66 & over: 28%

Suggestions	Number of responses
Better Skate Board Park	6
Arcade	3
Paint Ball	3
Bowling	2
Archery Lanes	1
Better Sidewalks for scooters	1
BMX Park	1
Book Store	1
Boxing Gym	1
Drive – In Theatre	1
Gym	1
Laser Tag	1
Mini Zoo	1
Movie Theatre	1
Rock Climbing	1
Teen Centre	1

**Items not related to recreation have been removed*

Survey Questions 6 & 8

“What makes Claresholm Unique”, and “Overall, how do you feel about Claresholm and surrounding area as a place to live?”

Arts:

People would like to see more arts/entertainment activities including:

- More support of cultural events
- More cultural events to introduce youth to the arts;
- Cooking classes for all ages;
- More classes along the lines of pottery and dance;
- More theatre, plays, singing (music);

Outdoor Spaces; comments include:

- More outdoor living areas, especially downtown
- Clean and safe parks;
- Walking and bike paths;
- More benches in downtown area to create hubs of social contact;
- Fenced off-leash dog park

Sports/Leisure Activities;

At least 39 comments made about the need for some recreation/entertainment for youth and families. The top 2 suggestions are at the top:

- Improved skateboard park;
- Walking/biking paths (including one request for one around the golf course);
- Roller skating or family fun centre (Arcade, paintball);
- An outdoor BMX track;
- New sports complex that would include a multi-use court, hockey rink, indoor running /walking track;
- Outdoor gym;
- Updated & better maintained parks and playgrounds;
- Ongoing fitness challenge;
- Bowling alley;
- Dance and fitness classes for all ages.
- More programs for older people to socialize;
- Indoor play area

Which of the following public spaces would you like to see in Claresholm: the top 3 items were;

1. Well maintained green spaces (56%);
2. Pathways throughout town with benches (54.4%);
3. Revitalization of Amundsen Park with an open-air structure for hosting events (52.4%)

The comments by residents had a common theme regarding entertainment, youth, community and family oriented. Many of the items have been addressed in some capacity, although there are still shortcomings that the community will need to take action on.

Competitive advantages are felt to be:

1. Facilities-health, recreation, social services, schools, and the Agriplex
2. Industrial land

The 3 most important issues facing the community felt to be:

1. Need more growth
2. Entertainment (youth outlets)
3. Retail leakage

Top of mind issues are:

1. Need for vision/forward looking plan
2. Highway 2 pedestrian crossing from east to west

Critical success factors:

- Population growth
- Stable tax base
- Communityism (cohesion)

These are stated in the first part of the document, and the key elements tie together, creating a vision for the future that encompasses the youth and all community members to ensure Claresholm continues to grow, with a commitment to providing recreation services as it changes.

ASSESSMENT

Facilities could get more use if programming was stronger during off peak demand time. Arts and culture activities are needed, and a greater diversity of programs need to be available to keep engagement up. Programs in Claresholm are generally offered by user groups, which is consistent with national trends. Currently the Aquatic Centre is the only facility with Town of Claresholm Programs.

- 83 respondents (out of 183 interviews completed) identified the town and its lifestyle as primary advantages to their business
- The challenge of finding skilled workers...requires an affirmative commitment be made to employee attraction and retention both by the business community and community development stakeholders

42 (23%) Very Satisfied
 102 (56%) Satisfied
 28 (15%) Slightly Satisfied
 8 (4%) Very Unsatisfied
 1 - Does not apply

This portion was unspecific, although we can surmise that the Community as a whole offers value to residents who appreciate the overall quality of life of small town living.

Community Services Satisfaction Poll:

This poll covered: Police Services, Ambulance, Health Care, Electric & Natural Gas Services, Sewer, Water Quality and Service, Local Roads, Traffic Signs, Business and Municipal Signage, Highways, Housing, Local Transportation, Education, Post-Secondary Education, Industry Training, Locally Supplied Services and Products, Business Support Services and the following:

Local Recreation & Leisure Facilities

182 responses;
 31 (17%) Very Satisfied
 93 (52%) Satisfied
 28 (15%) Slightly Satisfied
 23 (12%) Very Unsatisfied
 7 (4%) Does not apply

What we can surmise from this poll is that 152/182 surveyed were satisfied with the Town of Claresholm facilities in 2012.

In addition to the poll questions, there were 17 comments that suggested a lack of adequate facilities and recreational /leisure activities in the communities surveyed, 6 of which specifically indicated a shortage of youth facilities and activities. 6 respondents extolled the quality of these facilities for the size and population in the region.

Other Quality of Life Factors

181 responses;

DEMOGRAPHICS

DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT

Roger Brooks 2007

- Change the Gateway signs into directional signs
- Visible areas, eye catching signs that are easy to read
- Promote our greatest assets & amenities
- Create pedestrian friendly shopping areas
- Sell the experiences, not the places

The Roger Brooks Assessment shifted focus to wayfinding and adequate signage for our amenities, which still holds true today. These will ensure that community members and people passing through are aware of the recreation opportunities that are available in Claresholm.

Like many Canadian towns and cities Claresholm has an aging demographic. With an aging population the town should plan to meet the needs of other

demographics through the potential recreational needs for seniors.

benefit the Town of Claresholm's younger families, and younger adults.

The 2016 Canada Census showed that the average age in Claresholm is 49.4, less than 51 from the 2011 census, which at the time was 16 years older than the Alberta average, almost 5 times the Alberta rate, double the Canada rate, and was the 5th fastest aging of the 15 Alberta SW communities.

Claresholm's new economic development plan will further increase its rate of growth to ensure future prosperity. With the addition of enhanced recreation, upgraded facilities, and future facilities it will continue to serve the existing population and create incentives for people to move to the community. These measures will keep Claresholm competitive with other municipalities in the fields of recreation and culture.

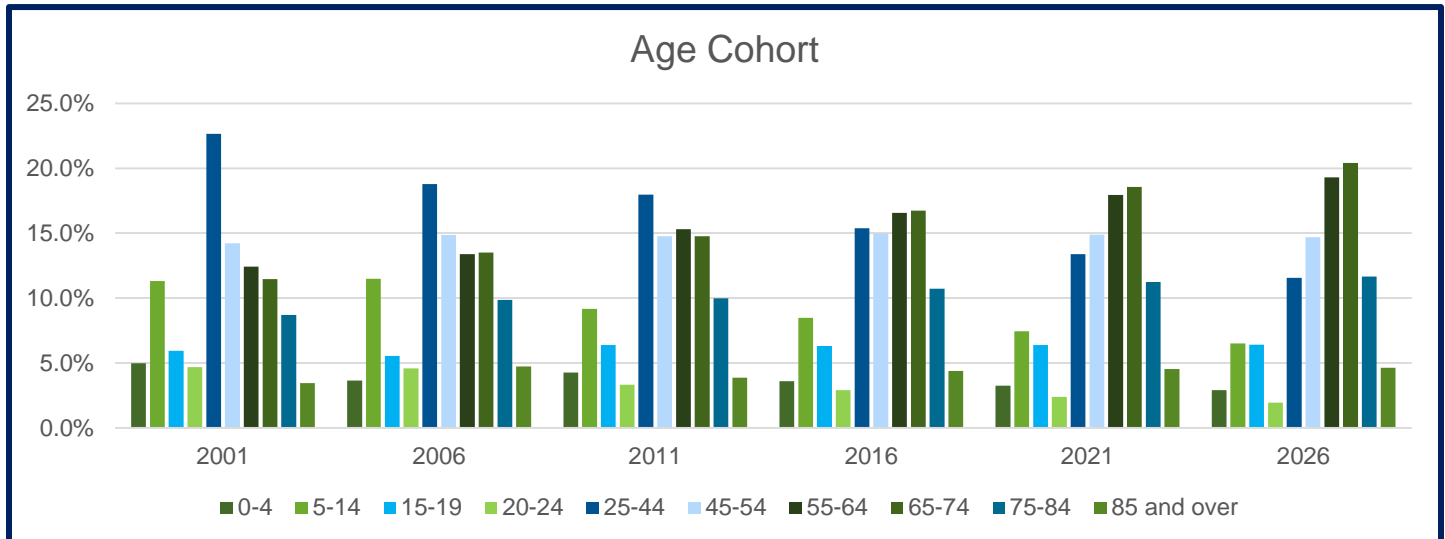
Continued upgrades and maintenance to the present facilities, and proposed new facilities will further

CLARESHOLM PROJECTED GROWTH

ASSESSMENT

With the efforts of Claresholm Economic Development and the development of a strong Recreation Framework we can create a place for those who have left to go to school or find employment, to come back to and raise their families. With Claresholm's population aging there will be career opportunities for young adults, and this will continue to drive up the younger demographic in the community.

AGE COHORT ANALYSIS



Source; 2016 Canada Census & Blair Bullock, Town of Claresholm Finance office

Definition:

A cohort is a group of people who share a common characteristic over a certain period of time. An age cohort analysis is a study that focuses on the amount per age cohort (group) over a period of time. In this graph it shows an estimated growth or decline of the cohorts over a period of time. This information can be used to forecast future recreation needs.

into Claresholm's future. Along with population growth the Town will also see a shift in culture and demographics, as is already being witnessed across North America. The shift in culture and demographics has led to an evolution of values and priorities for communities.

Major demographic trends being experienced include:

- An aging population;
- Smaller family and household sizes;
- Increasing rates of immigration;
- A lack of funds and infrastructure;
- Threats to the natural environment and traditional ways of life;
- Increasing pressure on small numbers of volunteers to lead in many areas;
- Challenges related to transportation and distance

Accommodating these changes, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will assist the Town with planning and development of recreation. Recent studies and literature acknowledge the benefit for individuals and communities. Planning for the future allows municipalities to embrace, modify and create the characteristics that build livable communities.

Source: <http://lin.ca/sites/default/files/attachments/framework-for-recreation-in-canada-2016.pdf>

Trends	SHIFTING DEMOGRAPHICS, CULTURE AND VALUES
Free Time for Baby Boomers	Baby boomers are reaching retirement age and looking for enhanced leisure and recreation opportunities. This demographic has newfound free time, resulting in growing demand for senior recreation.

Health and Fitness	Younger generations have increased their motivation for health and fitness, and with the 'wellness movement' are pushing demand for recreation services and facilities in communities. To retain young demographics in the Town it is important to accommodate this demand. Links and partnerships between public health professionals and recreation professionals are becoming commonplace. Links are made between public health and the cost of health care, with emphasis on prevention of illness through physical activity. These partnerships make sense for our community.
Accessibility	Barriers for those who are mobility impaired are being removed, and accessibility to recreation is quickly evolving to include all demographics and populations to fulfill recreation needs.
Connecting to Nature	The ability for people to immerse themselves in nature has consistently proven to improve mental and social health.
Self-Scheduled	Increased demand for individual led recreation pursuits that are less structured, low cost, spontaneous and involve less commitment than group sports. People participate more frequently in outdoor pursuits that are close to home. Team sports are also experiencing declining levels of participation. Due to a number of factors, including cost, stress, and the busy nature of modern life. Recreation that does not require a lot of planning seems to be more appealing. The 2013 Alberta Recreation Survey revealed that Albertans continue to mostly participate in informal and unstructured recreational activities. The top ten favorite outdoor activities were walking, golfing, camping, bicycling, reading, hiking, fishing, gardening, swimming, jogging and/ or running.
Outdoor Recreation	There is increasing interest in outdoor activities, especially walking. Activities with the highest household participation rates are walking (93%), gardening (72%), craft/hobby (64%), bicycling (56%), attending a sports event (60%), attending a fair/festival (57%), swimming in pools (54%), playing video/computer games (53%), attending live theatre (52%), and visiting a museum/galley (51%). The number of outdoor activities in the top ten has increased since 1981. Outdoor activities on the rise since 1981 include walking and picnicking in the city, while baseball/softball, football, fishing and motor boating appear to be declining. The percentage of people identifying parks or outdoor spaces as a location for a favorite activity increased from 46% in 2000 to 58% in 2013.
Quality of Life and Wellness	There is a renewed focus on quality of life issues and a commitment to increasing personal capacity and well-being. In towns such as Claresholm this is often fulfilled through the provision of parks, open spaces, recreation and culture. Trends in planning are to provide recreation spaces within walking distance from home. This increases usage of facilities while helping in community building.
Increased Environmental Stewardship	Concern around the environment is growing. Issues related to climate change will have a direct impact on park and open space management and sustainability policies. It is necessary to consider how today's development will impact future generations. Creating space that benefits both people and the environment is important in protecting the integrity of the natural world.
Variety of Activities	The range of recreation activities demanded by the public is increasing in variety. Whether people are looking to try hot yoga or downhill mountain biking, service providers must be prepared to deal with a dynamic range of recreation and cultural activities.
Interactivity	People are increasingly more connected through tech and mobile devices. The ability to share activities and connect with the online community is constantly gaining more importance and relevance to how people engage in activities. Online booking, tracking of fitness, the creation of interest groups and the sharing of events are all examples of the ways interactivity can influence how people go about their recreation and cultural activities.

2013 ALBERTA RECREATION SURVEY
Alberta Government

<http://www.culturetourism.alberta.ca/recreation/resources/research-analytics/recreation-survey/recreation-survey-results/pdf/AB-Rec-2013-ReportFinal.pdf>

Context:
The Public Opinion Survey on Recreation was developed in 1981 to determine participation patterns of Albertans and the factors which influence their recreation activity choices.

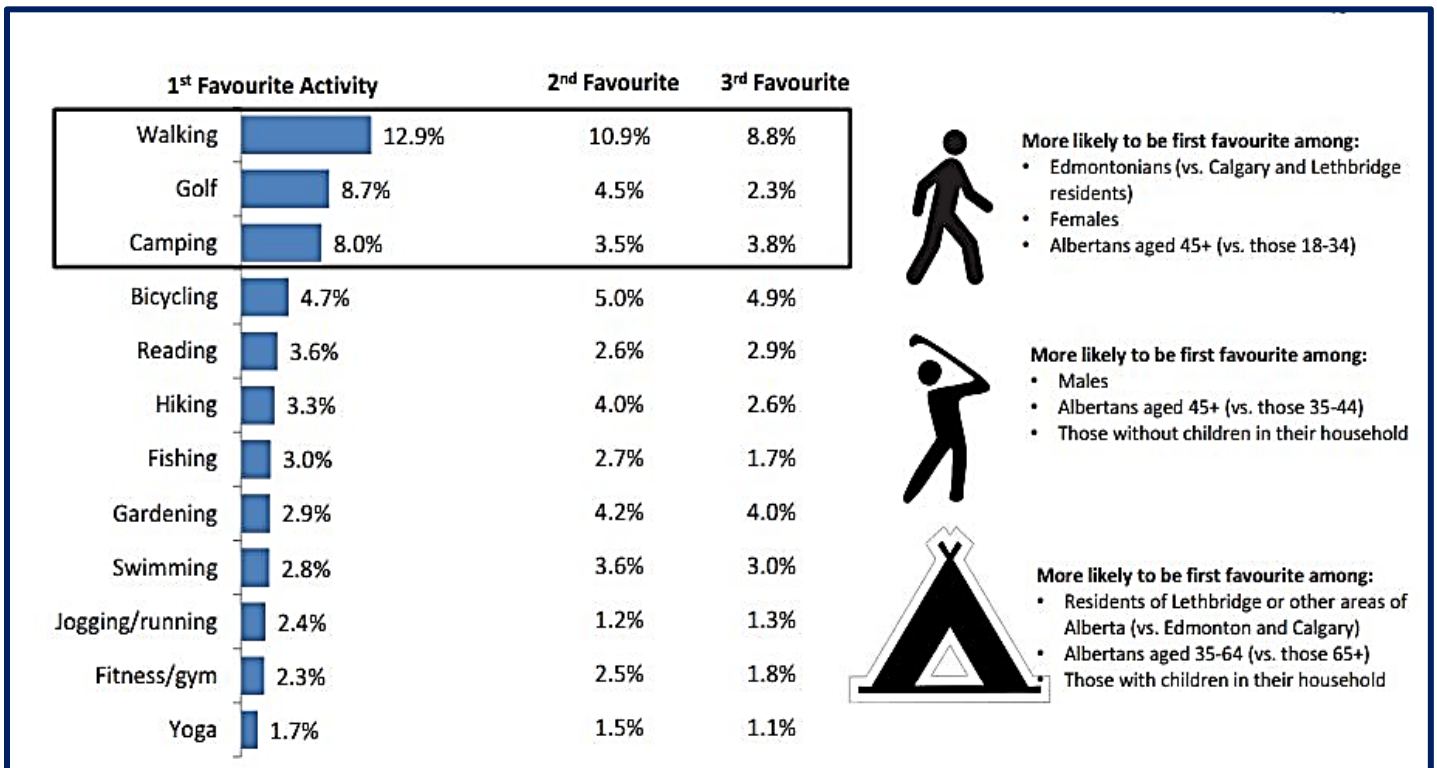
- Every four years, Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation conducts the Alberta Recreation Survey. The 2013 survey was a collaborative effort between Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation and the Cities of Calgary, Edmonton, and Lethbridge.
- Findings from the survey are used to assess trends on a longitudinal basis, forecast future demand, and aid the recreation

sector in targeting and marketing its services.

Objectives:

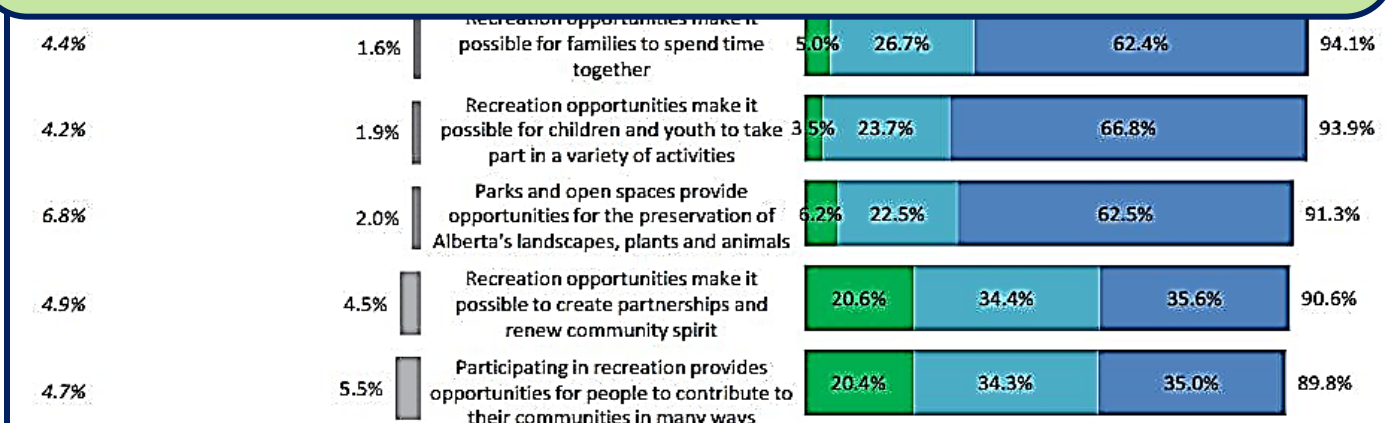
To collect current information related to recreation participation patterns of Albertans and the factors which influence their recreation activity choices. Provide information to support Tourism, Parks and Recreation as it implements the Active Alberta Policy to encourage Albertans to become more active.

FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES
Alberta Recreation Survey 2013



ASSESSMENT

While looking at these snapshots from the 2013 Recreational Survey of recreational activities that households enjoy throughout the year, it is apparent that Claresholm is fortunate to have the facilities, programs, and opportunities that we have. From the Community Needs Assessment in 2014, we can determine that Claresholm residents are on track with what the rest of Alberta is participating in. While there are shortfalls due to the location, or geography, our community still offers many of the recreational activities that others do.



PARTICIPATION IN LEISURE AND RECREATION

98.7% of households have participated
in a leisure or recreation activity
(past 12 months)

HIGHEST
PARTICIPATION

LOWEST
PARTICIPATION

Physical Activities

Outdoor Activities

Creative/Cultural
Activities

Snow Activities

Group Activities

Water Activities

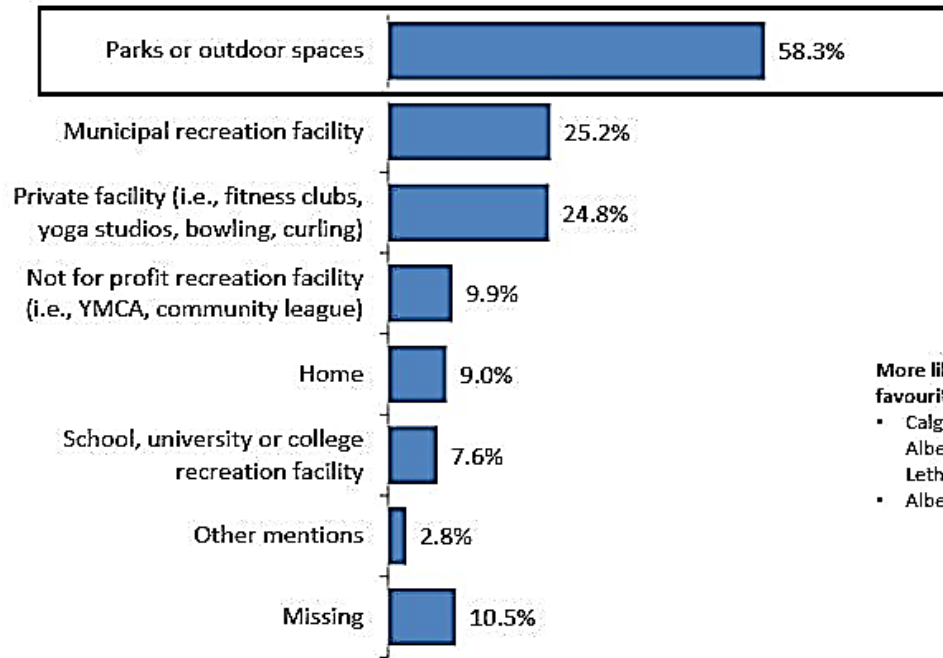
TOP 5 ACTIVITIES (BY % OF HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING)

Walking for pleasure	84.4%	Gardening	67.3%	Attending fair/festival/cultural event	69.0%	Downhill skiing	23.0%	Bowling/lawn bowling	14.7%	Motor boating	20.4%
Bicycling	50.7%	Day hiking	41.1%	Doing a craft or creative hobby	56.6%	Tobogganing/sledding	21.7%	Ice hockey	12.8%	Canoeing	13.5%
Aerobics/fitness	47.0%	Golf (other than driving range or mini golf)	39.7%	Visiting a museum/art gallery	51.8%	Cross-country skiing	14.8%	Soccer	12.4%	Kayaking	10.2%
Swimming/aquafitness (in pools)	41.1%	Overnight camping	34.0%	Attending live theatre (not movies)	50.6%	Snowshoeing	11.1%	Curling	10.1%	Water skiing	8.6%
Swimming (lakes, rivers, ponds)	36.3%	Fishing	26.3%	Taking part in the arts	27.7%	Snowboarding	10.3%	Basketball	8.7%	River rafting	6.3%

Base: Albertans (n=1,992)

LOCATION FOR FIRST FAVOURITE ACTIVITY

2013 Alberta Recreation Survey



More likely to prefer participating in first favourite activity in parks or outdoor spaces:

- Calgarians and residents of other areas of Alberta (vs. Edmontonians and residents of Lethbridge)
- Albertans aged 35-44 (vs. 34 or less and 45+)

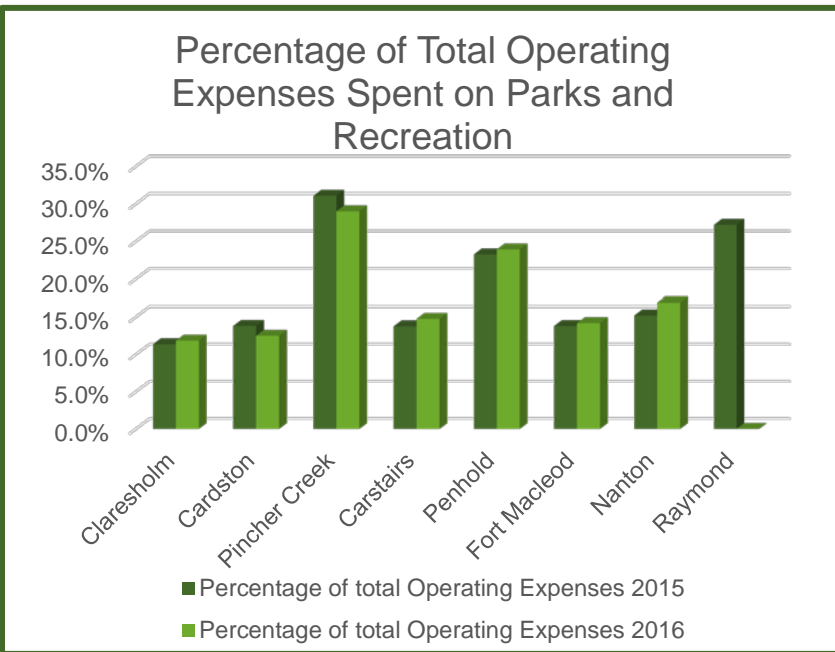
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COMMUNITY COMPARISON

Facility Inventory	Claresholm Pop. 3780	Cardston Pop. 3580	Carstairs Pop. 4077	Fort Macleod Pop. 2967	Nanton Pop. 2130	Penhold Pop. 3277	Pincher Creek Pop. 3642	Raymond Pop. 3078
AG Complex/ Arena	✓ (Indoor)	✓ (Indoor)	✓	✓ (Indoor)	✓		✓	✓
Ice Arena	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aquatic Centre	✓ (Indoor)	✓ (Outdoor)		✓ (Outdoor)	✓ (Outdoor)		✓ (Indoor)	✓ (Outdoor)
Campground	✓	✓	✓	✓ 2	✓		✓ 2	✓ 2
Community Centre/Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curling Rink	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gymnasium		✓				✓	✓	✓
Golf Course	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Multi Use Facility			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Seniors Center	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Soccer Pitch/ Rugby Field		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Football Field	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Ball Complex	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Chart used for comparisons only, does not include Theatres, or Museums

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES



GENERAL SUMMARY:
When compared to communities of similar population size, Claresholm has an average inventory of town recreational facilities. Financial expenses of our facilities are lower than those of comparable communities.

Source: Percentages were calculated based off total actual expenditures for parks and recreation compared to total operating expenditures as reported on the [Consolidated] Statement of Operations on each community's respective 2015 and 2016 audited financial statements. 2016 audited financials were not available for the Town of Raymond.

