



CITY OF COURTENAY

**PARKS AND
RECREATION
MASTER PLAN**

AGENDA

- Background for the Master Plan
- Community Engagement
- Key Findings and Recommendations



BACKGROUND

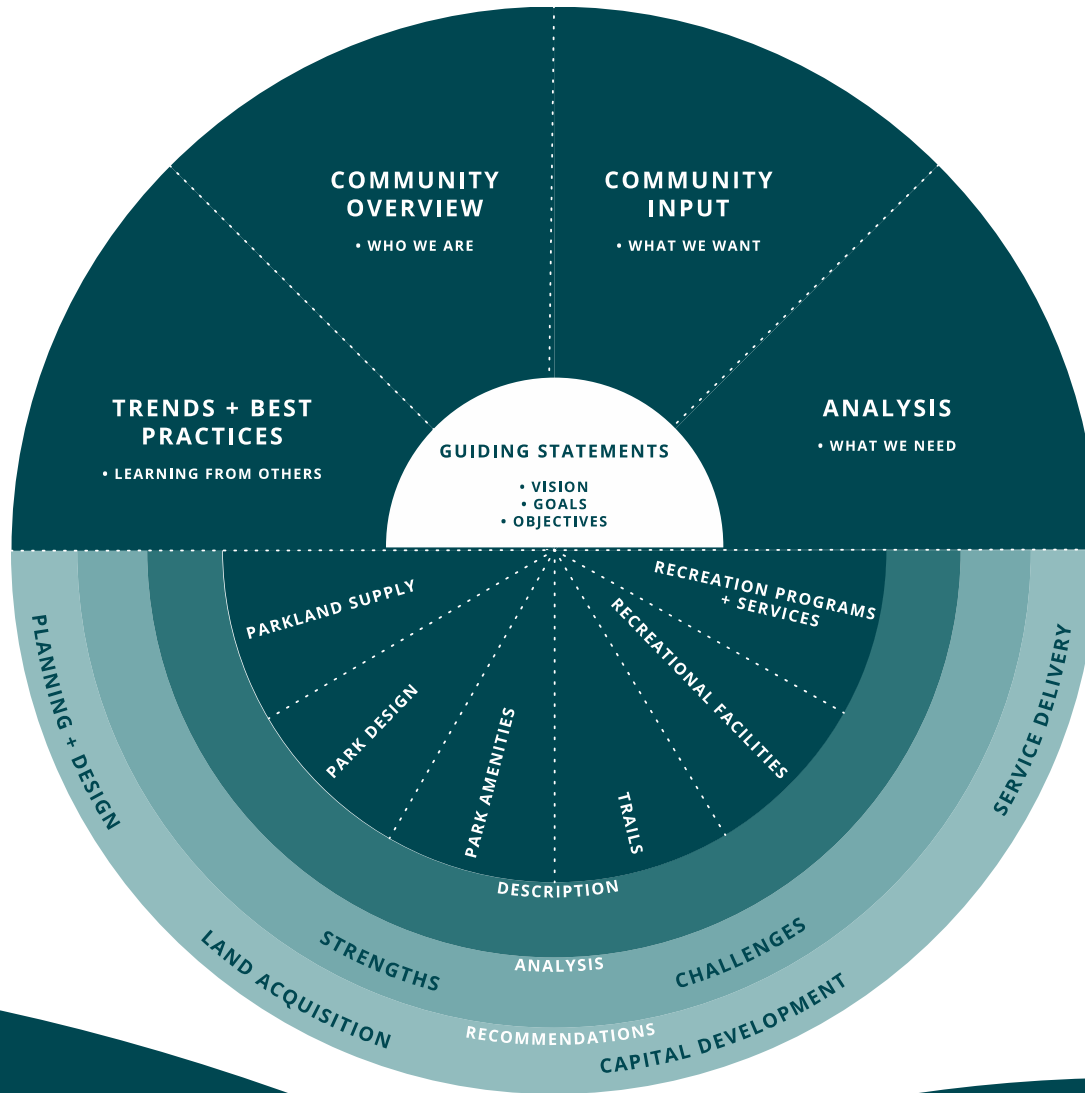
- Parks and Open Space Plan, 1994
 - Framework for provision of parks and open space for the City
 - City has grown and changed
- Need to create new plan to accommodate present and future needs



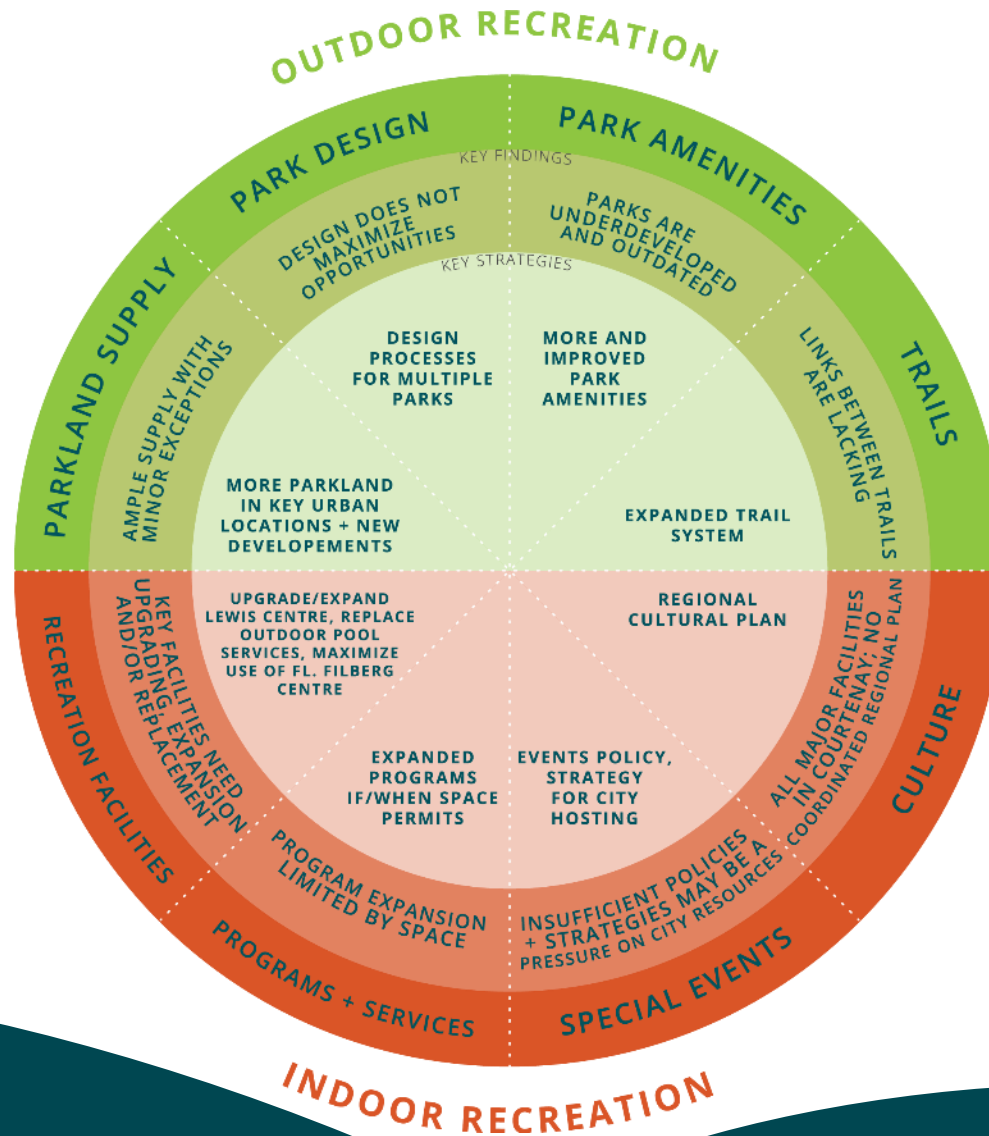
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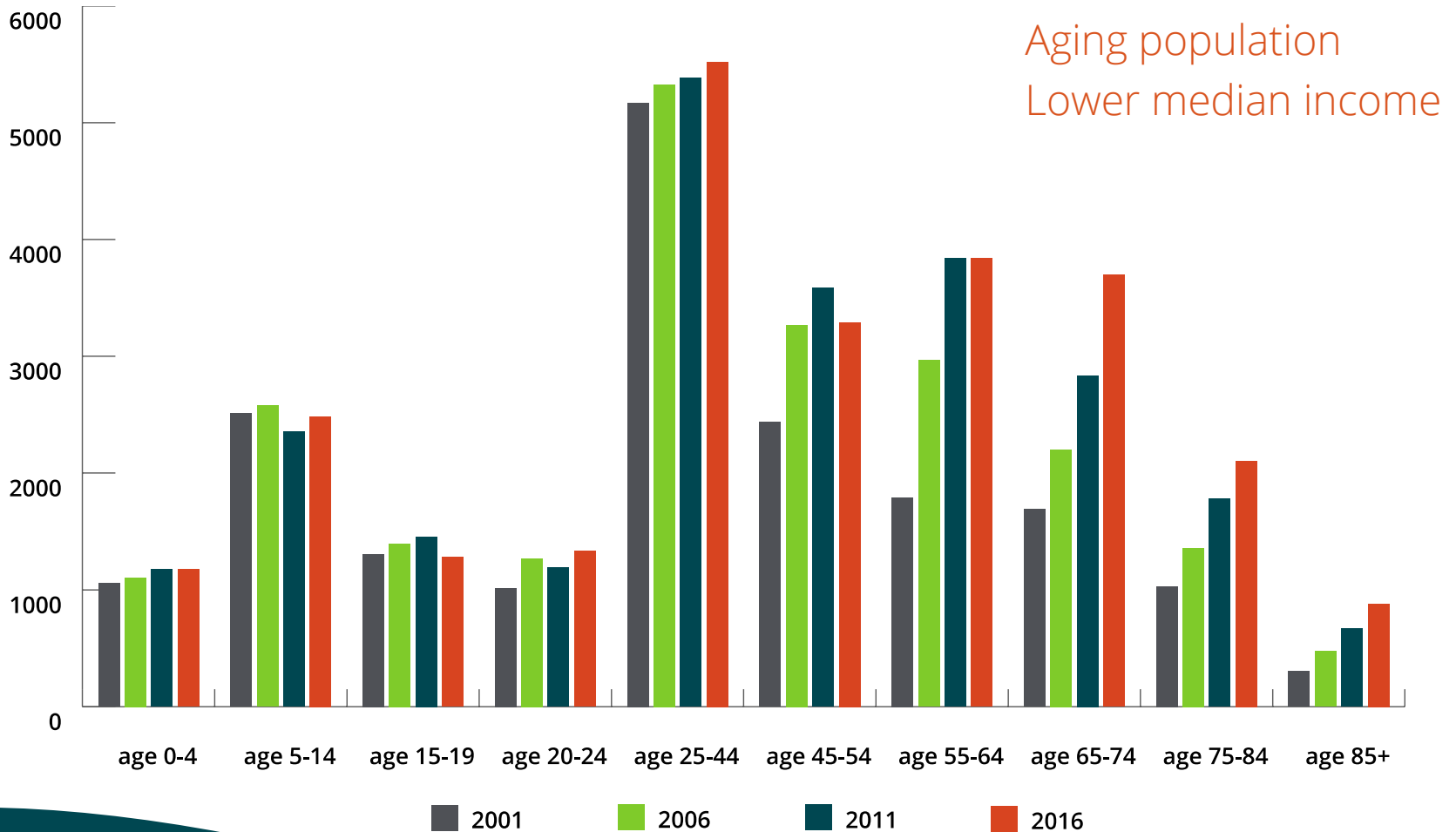
FRAMEWORK



KEY FINDINGS AND STRATEGIES



COMMUNITY OVERVIEW



TRENDS

PARTICIPATION

Focus on independent activities and wellness

SERVICE DELIVERY

Partnerships with community groups

VOLUNTEERISM

Critical to providing opportunities

INFRASTRUCTURE

Aging infrastructure is a concern

PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

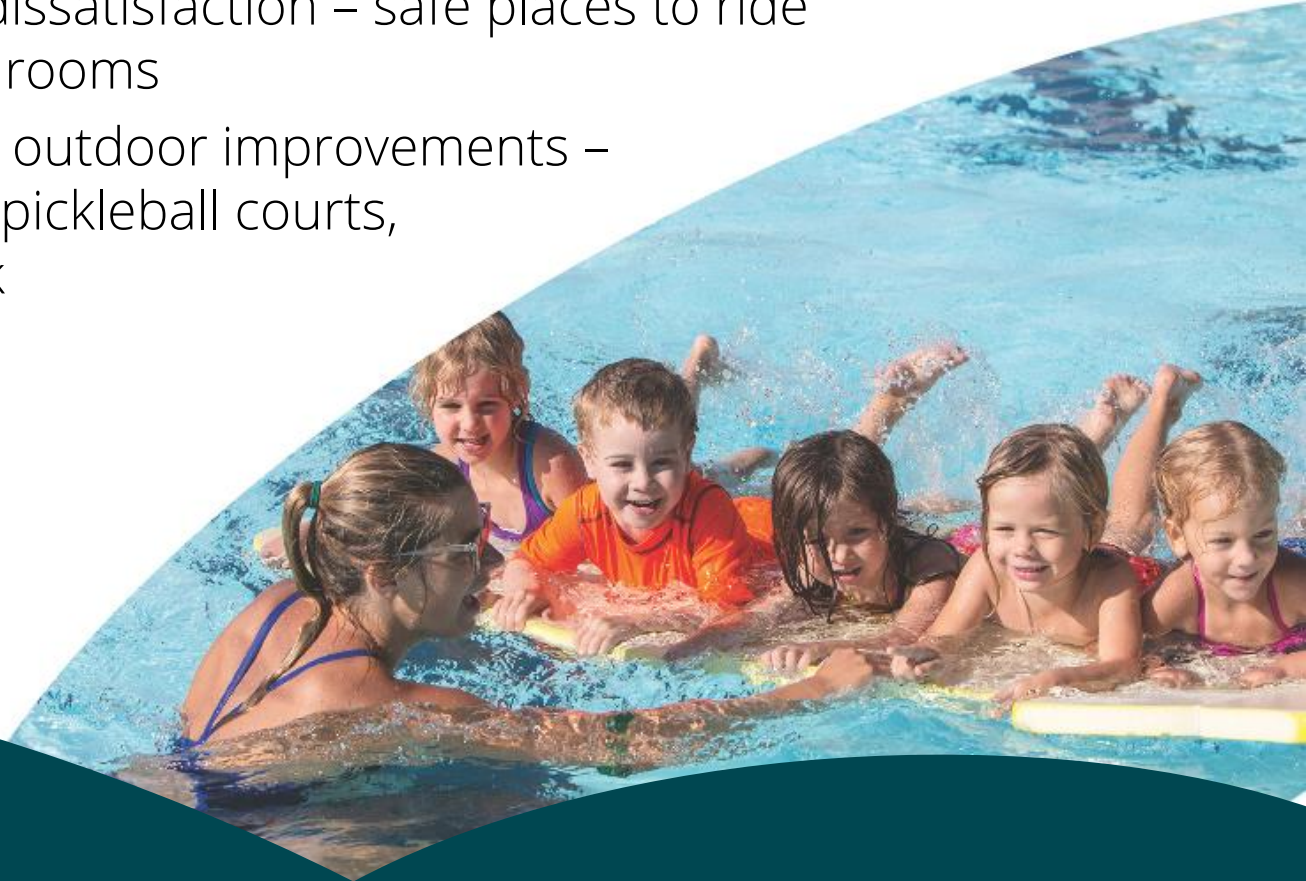
Trail-oriented uses are most popular

BENEFITS



COMMUNITY INPUT - OUTDOOR

- High participation especially walk/hike/jog
- Highest outdoor satisfaction – trail maintenance, festival/events, and natural parkland
- Highest outdoor dissatisfaction – safe places to ride bikes, public washrooms
- Highest needs for outdoor improvements – more trails, more pickleball courts, off-leash dog park



COMMUNITY INPUT - INDOOR

- Highest indoor participation – drop-in swims and fitness classes
- Highest indoor satisfaction – Lewis Centre
- Highest needs for indoor improvements – programming, more pickleball courts, more fitness room space, indoor tennis




VISION



Builds on vision in the Official Community Plan (OCP) (2005)

Parks and recreation in Courtenay support a healthy, engaged, and inclusive community with a high quality of life. Key features are the diverse parks, interconnected trails for all ages and abilities, natural areas throughout the City, and multi-use and accessible spaces for indoor and outdoor recreation. The City is forward-thinking and addresses trends and emerging needs in parks and recreation.



PARKLAND SUPPLY

KEY FINDING

The City has an ample supply of parkland, especially considering the school sites, linear corridors, and large natural parks.

KEY STRATEGY

Focus parkland acquisition on a few locations to support population growth.



Community Park Distribution

Neighbourhood Park Distribution



School Grounds Distribution

PARK DESIGN

KEY FINDING

The City has some parks in outstanding locations, but they have not been designed to maximize opportunities.

KEY STRATEGY

Conduct design processes and undertake improvements for many of the City's parks.



PARK AMENITIES

KEY FINDING

The City has some excellent park amenities, but in general the parks are underdeveloped with outdated infrastructure and some popular amenities lacking.

KEY STRATEGY

Focus efforts on adding and improving amenities in the City's parks.



TRAILS

KEY FINDING

The City has extremely popular trails that are highly valued by the community, but links between the trails are lacking.

KEY STRATEGY

Expand the trail system to achieve more connectivity.





RECREATION FACILITIES

KEY FINDING

The City has popular and highly-used facilities; three of the City's key facilities need upgrading, expansion and/or replacement.

KEY STRATEGY

Explore opportunities for upgrading and expanding Lewis Centre, replacing the services of the outdoor pool, and maximizing use and addressing parking concerns at the Florence Filberg Centre and the Lewis Centre.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

KEY FINDING

The City offers diverse programs that are well attended; the community is continuing to grow but program expansion is limited by the availability of appropriate space.

KEY STRATEGY

Expand programs if and when more space becomes available, with a priority on active programs for older adults and popular programs for children and youth.



SPECIAL EVENTS

KEY FINDING

The City has many events year-round that support community identity and spirit; insufficient policies and strategies for events may be affecting the ability to adequately support significant events.

KEY STRATEGY

Prepare an Events Policy and a strategy for City hosting of events.



CULTURE

KEY FINDING

The City has a vibrant culture scene and all of the major cultural facilities in the valley; however, there is no coordinated regional plan for cultural services and funding.

KEY STRATEGY

Collaborate with the other valley jurisdictions on a Regional Cultural Plan.



NEXT STEPS

- Prepare phased implementation plan per community priorities and Council's Strategic Priorities
 - Master Plan is a guiding document – it does not commit the City to any project nor limit future opportunities
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Thank you!

Closing comments?
Questions?