

Chapter/Policy/Section	
<p>16.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Policies</p>	<p><u>INTRODUCTION</u></p> <p><i>The City will provide parks and recreation services to meet the general interest and needs of the people of London. The City is responsible for providing facilities and services to meet the parks and recreation needs of the citizens of London.</i></p> <p><i>Parks and recreation is an essential part of the quality of life and living in a city. <u>It is also a key component of Community Vitality – a strategic priority identified in the 2007 – 2010 Council Strategic Plan.</u> Parks include both passive and active park space. Recreation includes a variety of individual and group related activities. A parks and recreation system should provide opportunities to undertake a variety of recreational activities <u>and be designed to satisfying the diverse needs of the population, needs of all age groups and diverse lifestyles.</u></i></p> <p><i>These policies provide direction for the provision of parkland and recreation services. Provision is made for a parks classification system to serve the citizens of the City. Each level in the hierarchy serves a different function to accommodate a variety of recreational activities. These policies also indicate the method by which parklands are obtained, and they promote the linkage of parks through pedestrian and bicycle path systems.</i></p> <p><i>To facilitate ongoing parks and recreation planning, a Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be prepared by the City. The Master Plan will be used as a guide by the City, the general public and the private sector, in parks and recreation planning.</i></p>
<p>16.1</p> <p>GENERAL OBJECTIVES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>v) Promote the concept of a continuous or linked <u>accessible</u> public open space system.</p> <p>vii) Ensure that all future park sites to be acquired or dedicated are suitable, and appropriately located <u>and designed to incorporate the principles of accessible design.</u></p> <p>x) <u>Ensure the use of the City of London Facility Accessibility Design Standards in the retrofit, alteration or addition to existing facilities.</u></p>
<p>16.4.4.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Master Plan</p>	<p>Considerations that will be taken into account in the planning of parks and recreational facility requirements include:</p> <p>ii) accessibility, including the nature of alternative recreational opportunities in the area <u>and the ability to incorporate the principles of accessible design.</u></p>