

AGE-FRIENDLY VAUGHAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MAY 26, 2025**COMMUNICATIONS****Distributed May 21, 2025**

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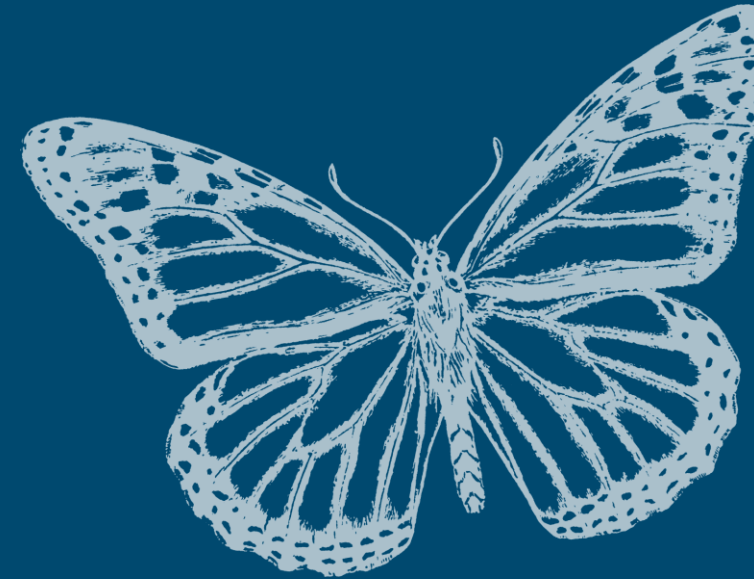
North Maple Regional Park

Family Recreation Area

Vision

To create a signature park focused on activities related to restoring nature, sharing culture, promoting active living, and building community.

All work related to advancing this park vision is guided by three pillars – restore, engage and play.





RESTORE

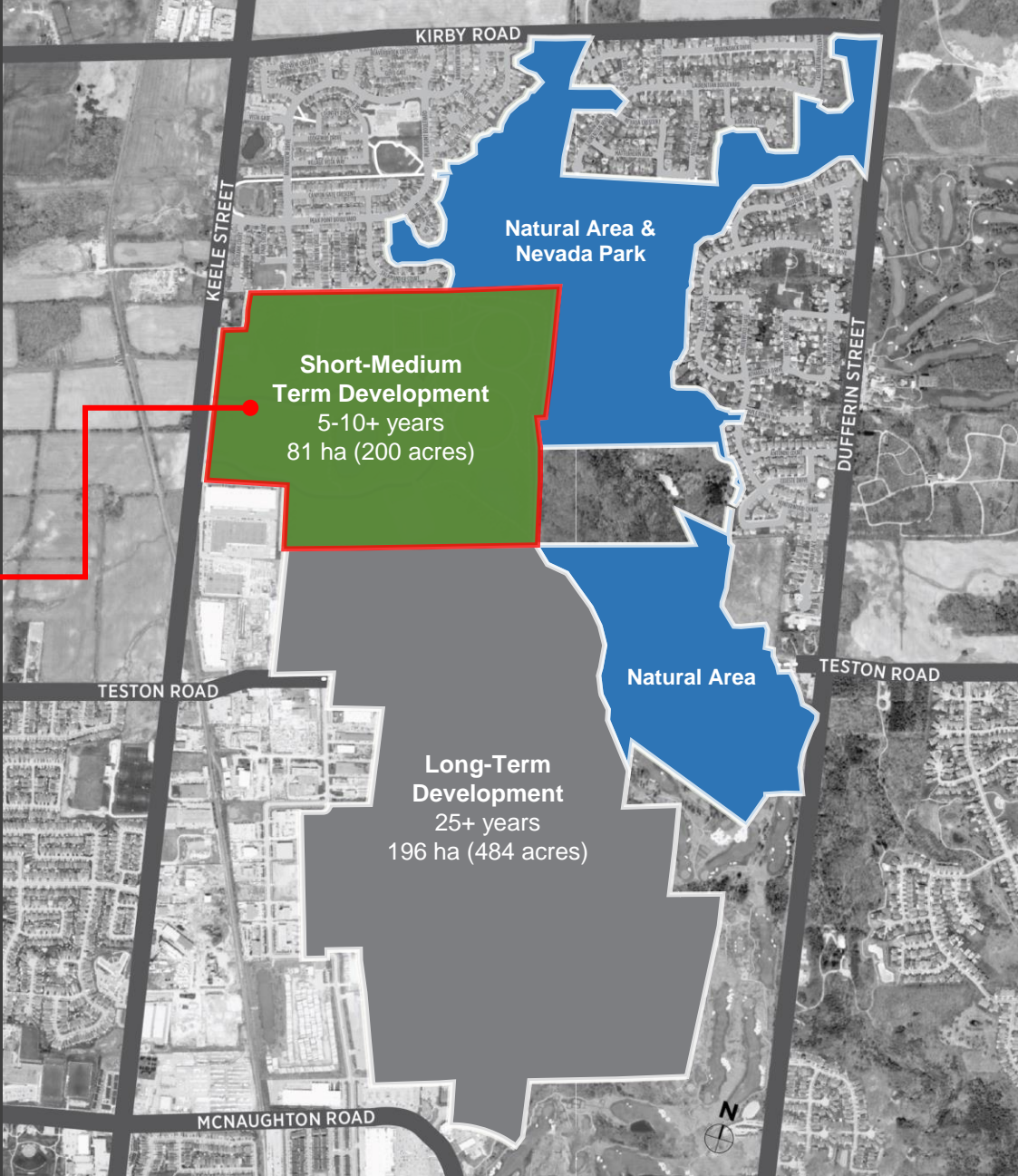


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PLAY

Great parks take time to build...



Phase 1 (FIFA certified fields opened September 2018)



Phase 2- Enabling Works



Phase 2 Vaughan's first cricket field



Phase 2 Event Lawn and Pathways



Phase 2 Road and Multi-Use Pathway



Phase 2 Restoration Work



New Project Parking Lot Expansion & Soccer Dome Sites



Domed Soccer Facility

Parking Lot Expansion

Family Recreation Area

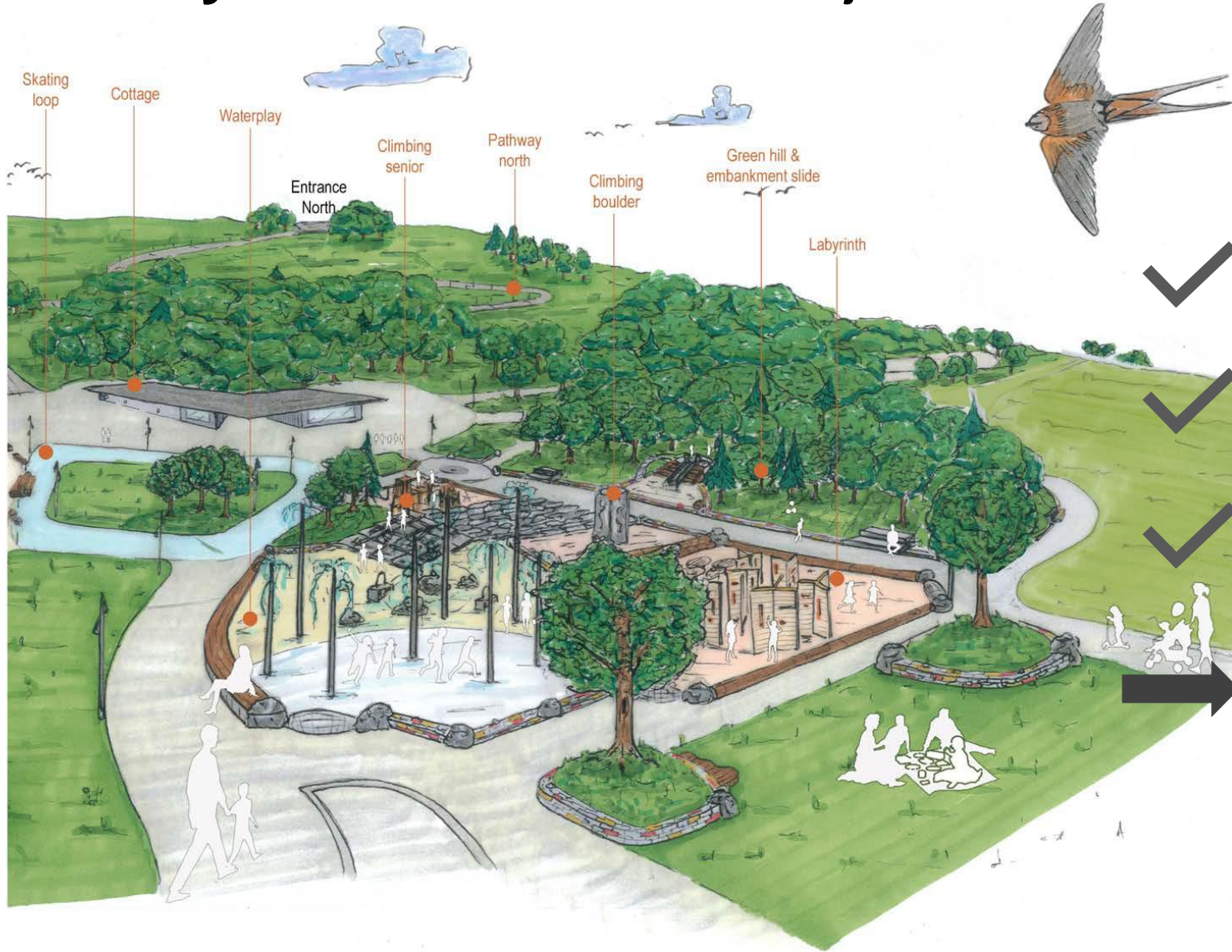


An aerial photograph of a large, irregularly shaped pond under construction. The pond's edges are reinforced with logs and rocks. The surrounding area is a mix of green grass, trees, and bare earth, indicating ongoing development. A yellow excavator is visible on a dirt path to the right of the pond. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

Realizing the ambition

- ❖ Accelerated timeline
- ❖ Hired the right design team
- ❖ Strong internal collaboration
- ❖ Contractor prequalification process

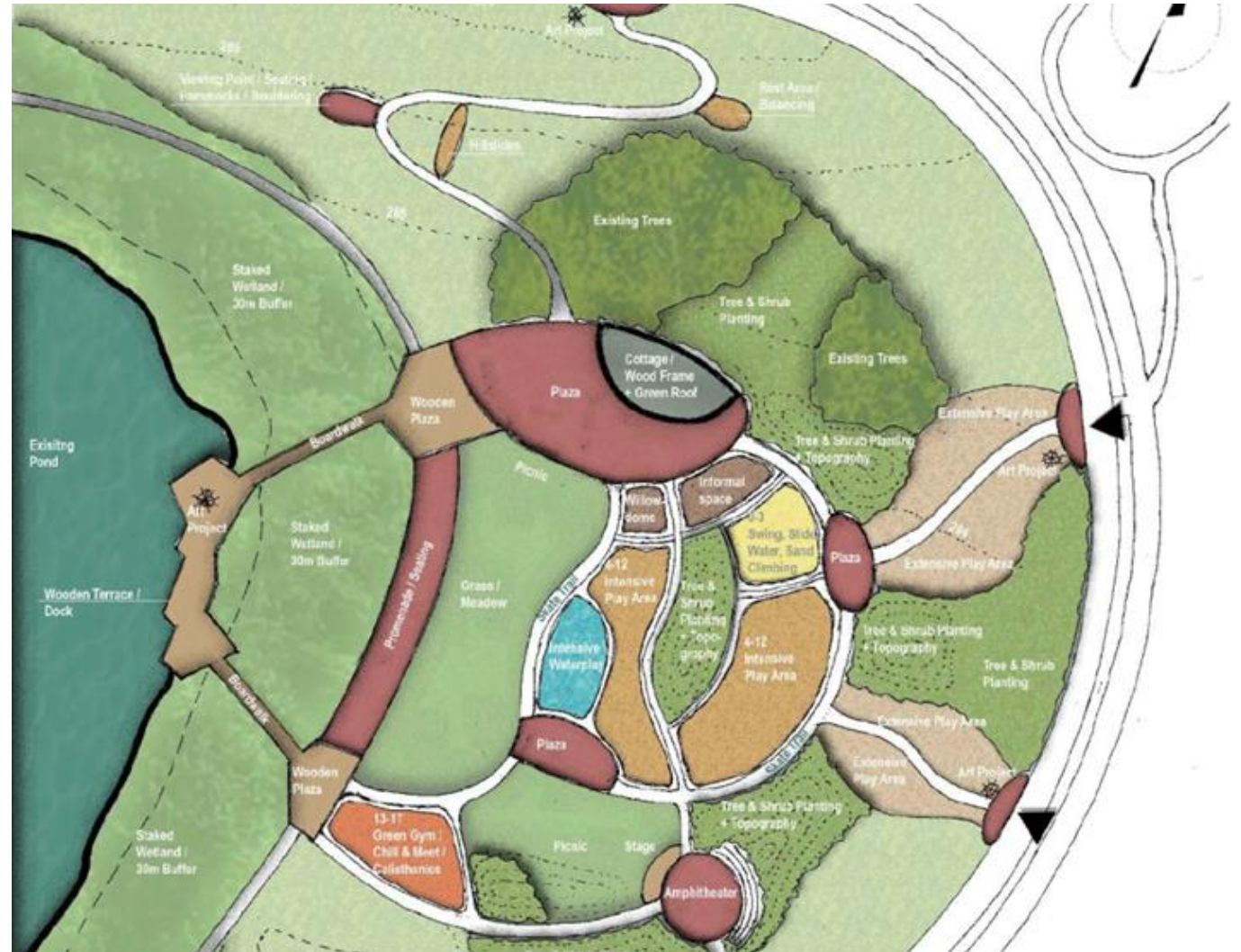
Family Recreation Area Project Timeline



2023	Develop vision for Family Recreation Area
2023/2024	Preliminary concept design Start detailed design
2024	Finalize detailed design
2025	Issue tender documents and advance construction
2026	Complete construction of Family Recreation Area & Gardens

Family Recreation Area

Initial Concept



Family Recreation Area Expanded Scope



Family Recreation Area Final Design



The plan illustrates a comprehensive park layout with the following key features and zones:

- Play Zones:**
 - Climbing & balancing 1.5-5:** Located in the upper left, featuring a wooden structure and a slide.
 - Waterplay area:** A central area with a water feature and surrounding sand.
 - Climbing & balancing 5-12 Junior:** Two locations, one near the waterplay area and another near the labyrinth.
 - Climbing & balancing 5-12 Senior:** Located near the top right, featuring a more complex wooden structure.
 - Swings:** Two sets of swings, one near the top right and another near the bottom right.
 - Slide H=1.5m:** Located near the bottom center, adjacent to the labyrinth.
- Green Spaces & Landscaping:**
 - Shrub planting / green hill:** Multiple areas, including a large one near the waterplay area and another near the bottom center.
 - Shrub planting:** Various smaller areas throughout the park.
 - Tree planting deciduous:** Several locations, including a large area near the bottom left and another near the top right.
 - Existing trees:** A large area at the bottom left, labeled "Existing trees".
 - Parcour Phase 2:** A large green area on the right side, labeled "Parcour Phase 2".
- Infrastructure & Amenities:**
 - Transfer platforms:** Several locations, including one near the top left and another near the center.
 - Stone boulder:** A large boulder near the center, labeled "Stone boulder".
 - Paved ramp:** A central paved area, labeled "Paved ramp".
 - Cobblestones large & small:** A central paved area, labeled "Cobblestones large & small".
 - Bike racks:** Located near the top right, labeled "Bike racks".
 - Swings:** Two sets of swings, one near the top right and another near the bottom right.
 - Info-board:** Located near the top right, labeled "Info-board".
 - Unit pav:** Located near the top right, labeled "Unit pav".
 - Seating:** Several locations, including a "Wooden seating platform" near the bottom left and "Seating" near the top right.
 - Lighting:** Located near the top right, labeled "Lighting".
 - Transfer platforms:** Several locations, including one near the top left and another near the center.
 - Transfer steps:** Located near the bottom center, labeled "Transfer steps".
 - Slide H=1.5m:** Located near the bottom center, adjacent to the labyrinth.
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- Other Features:**
 - Edge wall:** Located near the top left, labeled "Edge wall".
 - Playsand:** Located near the top left, labeled "Playsand".
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Family Recreation Area Nature Playground



Family Recreation Area Nature Playground (Ages 1.5 – 5 years)



Crawl Tunnel



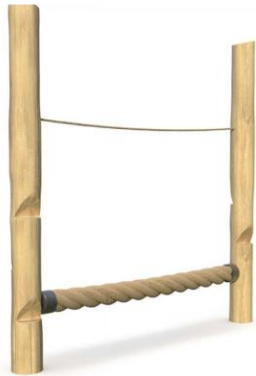
Embankment slide



Climbing frames



Log trail



Balance Rope

Family Recreation Area Nature Playground (Ages 5 – 12 years)



Embankment slide



Labryinth



Climbing Net



Jumping Discs



Trim Trail Combo

Family Recreation Area Nature Playground (Ages 5 – 12 years)



Trim Trail Combo



Transversing Rope Trail



Climbing Net



Parallel Bars

Family Recreation Area Nature Playground (Ages 5 – 12 years)



Climber



Swings

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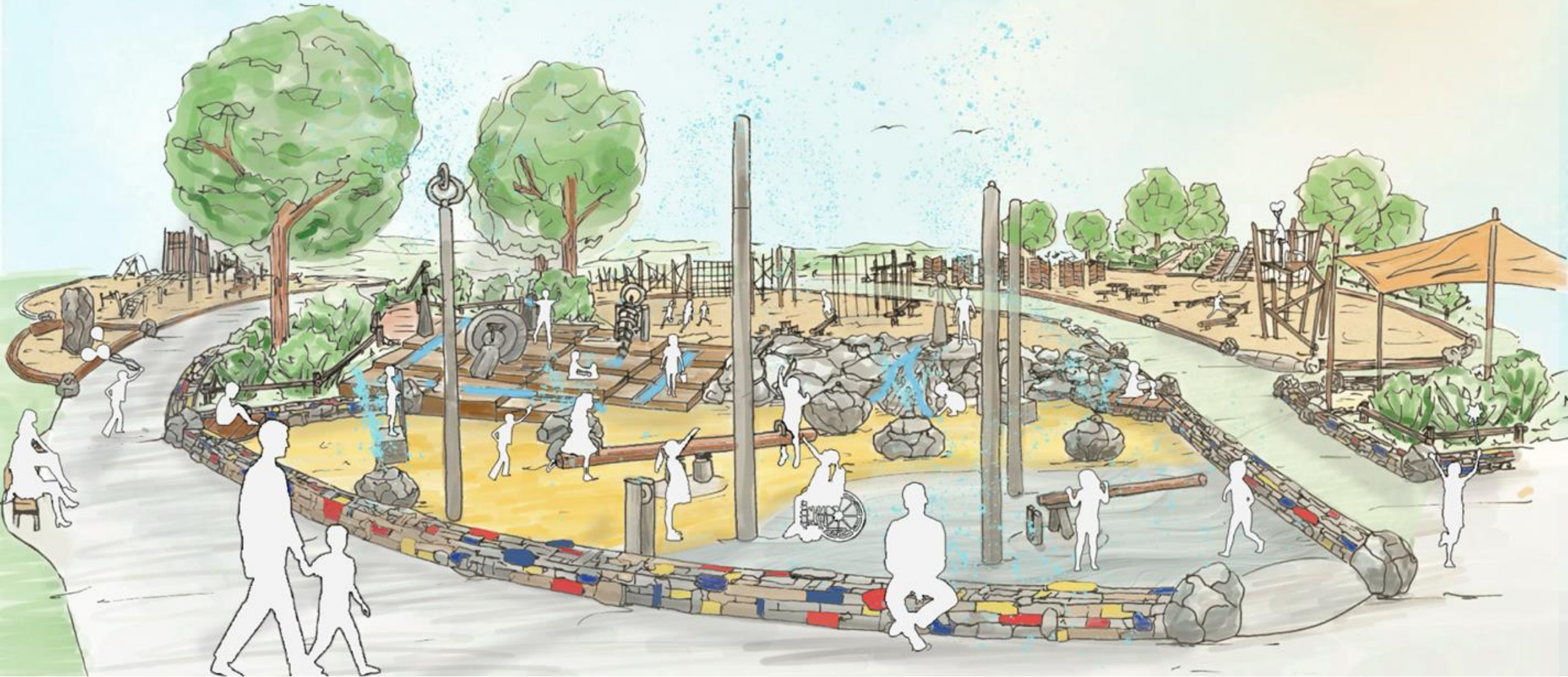


Belt path



Climbing Boulder

Family Recreation Area Water Play (All Ages)



Family Recreation Area Water Play



See-saw pump



Playground pump



Forest fountains: spiral rotator, umbrella jet, vertical jet

Family Recreation Area Water Play



Mill wheel



Rotating conveyor with trays



Archimedes Screw

Family Recreation Area Water Play



Family Recreation Area Seating Concepts



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Family Recreation Area Skate Trail



Family Recreation Area Pondside Trail



Family Recreation Area Pavilion “The Cottage”



Family Recreation Area Pavilion “The Cottage”



Family Recreation Area Grand Pavilion



Family Recreation Area Grand Pavilion



Family Recreation Area Grand Pavilion - Rain Garden



Family Recreation Area Pavilion Gardens



Family Recreation Area

Overall Site Planting



Family Recreation Area Signage & Wayfinding



Family Recreation Area Interpretive Elements



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- Electrical, lighting, Wi-Fi, security cameras
- Water, wastewater, stormwater management
- Operations access
- Site furniture
- Zamboni garage, equipment rental room, canteen setup
- Extensive tree and shrub and flower planting

Family Recreation Area

Next Steps & Timing

- **2025-Q1:**
 - ✓ Issue tender documents to prequalified bidders
- **2025-Q2:**
 - Award of contract and begin construction
- **2026-Q3:**
 - Grand opening



Questions?

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Investing in Recreation:

The Recreation User Fee & Cost Recovery Policy

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Agenda

1. Purpose and key features
2. Community feedback
3. Benchmarking
4. Supporting the community



Purpose of the Policy



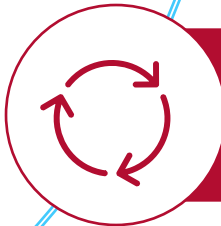
Framework for transparency, consistency & accountability



Fiscal sustainability to secure long-term financial health

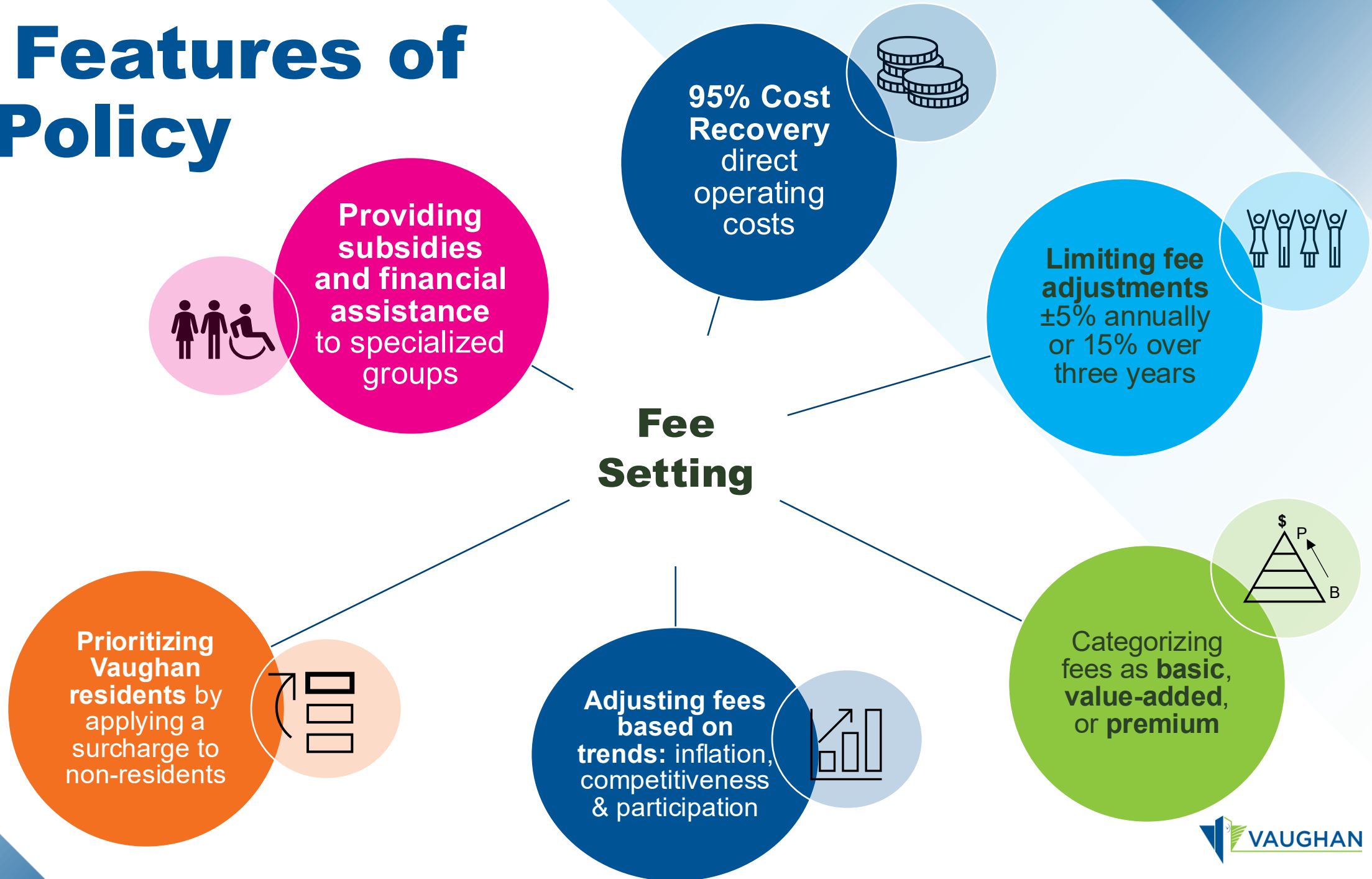


Balance affordability, inclusivity & accessibility



Regular reviews to ensure relevancy

Key Features of the Policy



Public and stakeholder consultation: overview



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well-attended open houses with older adult clubs, user groups and the general public



50+

staff interviews + Mayor and Members of Council



2,746

record # of online survey responses received from public and user groups




What we heard:

Community Feedback & Engagement



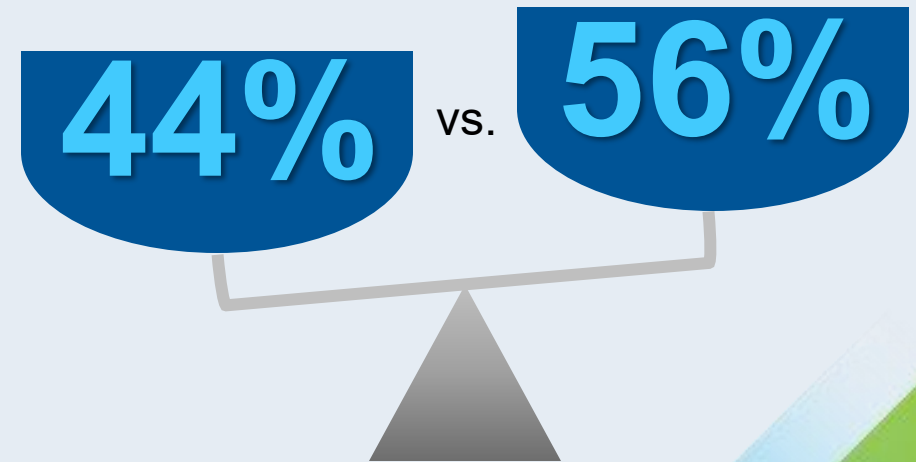
78%
 fees offer good value for money

53%
 fees are similar or higher than in other municipalities

 **top priorities**
affordability, access and quality


maintain or reduce fees even if it means cuts to services


increase fees to expand or maintain service levels



How We Compare: Municipal Benchmarking Insights

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municipalities

Brampton

Mississauga

Markham

Oakville

Richmond Hill

-1%

Aquatic & Rec Programs

+7%

Memberships

+53%

Resident Facility Rentals

70%
lower



Vaughan older adults at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre

21%
lower



Young Vaughan Rangers at the Rogers Hometown Hockey event

Although fees are generally priced above the benchmark average, there are notable exceptions where they are significantly lower

Putting People First: Supporting Older Adults and the Community

Limiting fee adjustment
±5% annually or
15% over
three years

Subsidize
specific
user groups
to promote
participation

Promote
and provide
financial
assistance

Seek
alternative
funding &
implement
cost saving

Monitor the
impact



Thank You

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