

IRF MP 2004 Key Findings and Summary of Recommendations

1) Role of the Municipality

citizens consistently indicated that they regard the Municipality as being responsible to provide key indoor recreation facilities

2) Access to Schools

strong support across the municipality for the creation of more citizen-friendly policies regarding evening and weekend access to schools.

3) Multi-District Facilities

citizens recognize that multi-use facilities of this type cannot be located in every community, and have consistently indicated that a 20-30 minute drive is reasonable

4) Existing Indoor Facility Infrastructure

HRM needs to devote more resources to the management and preservation of the existing indoor recreation infrastructure

5) Operating Cost Recovery

research into other municipalities in Canada indicated that recovery of operating cost was not the primary criteria in recreation facility provision

6)Scale of Accommodation - Standards of Provision

trends indicate that the development of Multi-District – Multi-Use facilities provide convenient, enjoyable and cost effective service delivery hubs.

7)Access to Services

the need to generate revenue is often greater than the need to provide a basic service to citizens

8)Management Agreements

HRM needs to devote additional resources to the supervision of management agreements with community groups and to ensure that the agreements are equitable and consistent

9) In House Indoor Facility Operation

HRM's management and accounting systems need to be reorganized to treat municipally operated recreation facilities as individual profit/loss centres.

10) Recreation Areas

Recreation areas do not currently coincide with census tracts

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Recommendation #1 (7.2.1) Compatibility with HRM Regional Plan and Principles

Recommendation #2 (7.2.2) Partnerships

Recommendation #3 (7.2.3) Community Management Agreements

Recommendation #4 (7.2.4) Scale of Accommodation for Facility Location

Recommendation #5 (7.2.5) Facility Types

Recommendation #6 (7.2.6) Recovery of Operating Cost

Recommendation #7 (7.2.7) Operating Cost Recovery Goals by Facility Type

Recommendation #8 (7.2.8) New Schools

Recommendation #9 (7.2.9) Recreation Blueprint

Recommendation #10 (7.3) Facility Development Process

Recommendation #11 (8.2) Operational Funding Strategy

Recommendation #12 (8.3.3) IRF Development Strategy Section C

Short-Term Recommendations 2005-2010 (projects are not listed in priority order) see chart

Recommendation #13 (8.3.3) IRF Development Strategy

Section D Medium-Term Recommendations 2010 – 2015 (projects are not listed in priority order))

- a)Development of 2 new Category 4 (Community / Neighbourhood) facilities
- b)Expansion of 1 existing Category 1(Multi-District / Multi – Use) facility

Recommendation #14 (8.3.3) IRF Development Strategy

Section E Long-Term Recommendations 2016 – 2020(projects are not listed in priority order)

- a)Development of 1 new Category 1(multi-District / Multi – Use) facility
- b)Development of 2 new Category 4 (Community / Neighbourhood) facilities
- c)Expansion of 1 existing Category 1(Multi-District / Multi – Use) facility

Based on the projected population growth as per 3.5, facility development will likely take place in the following manner:

- 1 new multi district facility – suburbs
- 2 new community / neighbourhood facilities – suburbs
- 2 new community / neighbourhood facilities – rural commutershed
- 2 expansions of existing multi-district / multi-use facilities