

**Chapter**

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**PARKS, SCHOOLS,  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND  
INSTITUTIONS**

**MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON OFFICIAL PLAN**

# 18. PARKS, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONS

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## 18.1 GOAL

- 18.1.1 To provide for a range of activities, facilities and services to meet the evolving needs of residents of all ages and physical capabilities.

## 18.2 OBJECTIVES

- 18.2.1 To develop a system of municipal parks to be connected to the Open Space System which provides a variety of recreational facilities, civic gathering spaces, and the preservation of *natural heritage features*.
- 18.2.2 To provide for the growth and appropriate distribution of institutional and community facilities to serve the educational, health, religious, cultural and social service requirements of the residents.
- 18.2.3 To optimize the delivery of municipal services in an efficient and equitable manner.
- 18.2.4 To plan and deliver services in a manner which focuses on higher order institutions and community facilities in Bowmanville.

## 18.3 PARKS

- 18.3.1 The municipal park system, comprised of District Parks, Community Parks, Neighbourhood Parks and Hamlet Parks, is designated on Map A. It is the Municipality's objective to provide parkland at a combined rate of 1.8 hectares per 1,000 persons.
- 18.3.2 The predominant use of lands within the parks system shall be for active and *passive recreational* and conservation uses. Buildings and structures accessory to the permitted uses are also permitted.
- 18.3.3 The following policies apply to the provision of parkland throughout the Municipality:
- a) the park system will connect with the Open Space System wherever possible utilizing trails, bicycle paths, walkways, sidewalks, and utility corridors and/or open space corridors;
  - b) where *active recreational* facilities are adjacent to residential areas, consideration should be given to alleviating adverse noise, visual and lighting impacts including the location and buffering of buildings and parking facilities;
  - c) parks will be located as central as possible to the areas which they serve;

- d) physical means of access shall be provided on two sides of all municipal parks;
- e) street frontage shall not be less than 25% of the park perimeter; and
- f) the *development* of parks will be considered in association with school *sites* in order to facilitate the joint use of athletic and outdoor education facilities.

18.3.4 The park functions and facilities shall be based on the following classifications and definitions:

- **District Parks** are intended to serve the recreational needs of the entire Municipality. They shall provide a wide variety of indoor, outdoor and specialized facilities including civic space, activities and linkages to the regional and municipal trail system. District Parks shall be provided on the basis of 0.4 hectares per 1,000 persons of population and should be approximately 12 hectares or larger in size.
- **Community Parks** are intended to serve the recreational needs of a series of neighbourhoods, providing outdoor and indoor recreational facilities. They shall serve a population of 15,000 to 25,000 persons. These parks shall have a size of between 4 to 12 hectares and be connected to the trail system and shall be provided at a standard of 0.6 hectares per 1,000 persons of population.
- **Neighbourhood Parks** shall serve the *active and passive recreational* needs of surrounding residents. Neighbourhood Parks shall be provided at 0.8 hectares per 1,000 persons and shall be of a size between 1 to 3 hectares depending on the potential for shared school facilities.
- **Parkettes** are not designated on Map A. They are required wherever the Municipality deems it necessary to augment or adjust the park requirements of any neighbourhood.
- **Hamlet Parks** shall provide *active and passive recreational* facilities for hamlets and the surrounding rural community. Generally, Hamlet Parks shall have a minimum size of 4 hectares.

## 18.4 SCHOOLS

18.4.1 Elementary and Secondary Schools are permitted in any Residential area. *Existing* and future school *sites*, identified on Map A, are intended to be approximate. The actual location and type of school may vary with the consent of both School Boards and without amendment to this Plan.

- 18.4.2 The minimum *site* area for future elementary schools, on full municipal sewer and water services, should be approximately 2.5 hectares. Where an elementary school *site* is located adjacent to a neighbourhood, community or hamlet park, the *site* area may be reduced subject to the approval of the respective school board.
- 18.4.3 The minimum *site* area for future secondary school *sites* should be approximately 8 hectares. Where a secondary school *site* is located adjacent to a community park, the *site* area may be reduced subject to the approval of the respective school board.
- 18.4.4 Schools will be sited and designed to provide a visual and functional focus for neighbourhood activity. Schools shall be sited in consideration of the following:
- a) elementary schools generally located on collector roads and secondary schools generally located on arterial roads but in no case will a school have frontage on or access to a Type A arterial road;
  - b) safe pedestrian and bicycle routes for students which minimize the need for school crossing guards; and
  - c) the provision of a minimum of 25% of the *site* perimeter as street frontage, wherever possible.
- 18.4.5 The Municipality, in conjunction with the efforts of Regional Council, shall encourage the establishment of higher level educational facilities such as a satellite campus of Durham College in Bowmanville.

## **18.5 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONS**

- 18.5.1 Institutions and Community Facilities are encouraged to locate in close proximity to centres of activity to enable joint use of facilities. Wherever possible, civic open space areas shall be provided and incorporated in the planning and design of these facilities.
- 18.5.2 Community facilities include uses such as post offices, places of worship, cemeteries, community centres, fire and police stations, libraries, art and cultural facilities, and day care centres. They are encouraged to locate in urban areas and hamlets to enable easy accessibility by the majority of the population and, where possible, to utilize full municipal services. Community facilities are subject to the policies of the land use designations where these facilities are located.
- 18.5.3 Day care centres may be incorporated within any *existing* place of worship, public or private school, or public assembly hall provided each *site* can demonstrate the ability to accommodate the additional use. Private home day care facilities shall be subject to the Official Plan provisions governing *home-based occupations*. All day care facilities shall conform to applicable provincial legislation and the *site development* criteria in Section 18.5.7.

- 18.5.4 Institutions include uses such as government offices and hospitals and are designated on Map A or in the Secondary Plans. These uses are encouraged to locate within Town and Village Centres to create an urban focus for institutional activity and to facilitate public accessibility.
- 18.5.5 The Municipality supports the expansion of Bowmanville Memorial Hospital as required to meet the needs of *existing* and future residents.
- 18.5.6 Correctional facilities and halfway houses for ex-offenders are not permitted within any land use designation without an amendment to this Plan. An application for amendment to this Plan to permit such facilities will be evaluated using the following criteria:
- a) appropriateness of the location with respect to the needs of the residents within the facility, and proximity to other similar facilities;
  - b) availability of services;
  - c) *site development* criteria of Section 18.5.7; and
  - d) other criteria as may be deemed necessary by the Municipality.
- 18.5.7 The *site development* criteria for institutional and community facilities are:
- a) sufficient parking and loading areas;
  - b) safe and convenient access;
  - c) high quality landscaping;
  - d) visual integration of the facility within the *existing* or planned surrounding uses; and
  - e) fencing, screening and buffering from *adjacent* lands where appropriate and necessary.
- 18.5.8 Notwithstanding Section 18.5.2, the establishment of a new cemetery and/or crematorium shall require an amendment to the Official Plan. In the consideration of such an application, the following matters will be addressed:
- a) the suitability of the location with regard to such matters as urban form and compatibility with adjacent development;
  - b) provision for future roads and the orderly extension of urban services;
  - c) the proposed use will not impact upon, detract from or propose any *significant* alterations to the Natural Features as identified on Map C;
  - d) the suitability of soil and ground water conditions;
  - e) landscaping requirements; and
  - f) other issues as may be deemed necessary by the Municipality.

**18.6 GOLF COURSES**

18.6.1 The golf courses shown on Table 18.1 and identified by a symbol on Map A to this Plan have been approved under the policies of this Plan:

<b>Table 18-1 Golf Courses</b>			
<b>Area Identified on Map A</b>	<b>Name and Type of Golf Course</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>
G1	Quarry Lakes Golf and Recreation Centre (18 holes)	Part Lot 13 & 14, Concession 3, former Twp. Of Darlington	30.62 ha
G2	Crooked Creek Golf Course (9 holes, club house, maintenance buildings)	Part Lot 3, Concession 4, former Twp. Of Darlington	41 +/-