



Community & Recreation Facilities Strategy

Final Report

Council in Committee
December 10, 2024

About the Study

The purpose of the **Community & Recreation Facilities Strategy** is to identify major facility needs, feasibility, and partnership and location options. The study has a **20+ year planning horizon**.

On June 18, 2024, Council in Committee was presented with an update on the draft recommendations and costs.

Public input was then sought on the report. The strategy has since been finalized for Council's consideration.



A Long-term Vision for Haldimand County

Caledonia – Recreation & Sports

- Youth-focused spaces
- Flexible facilities able to address changing demographic and recreation trends (e.g. multi-functional spaces for all-age activities; year-round indoor turf sports/activities, etc.)

Cayuga – Parks & Youth

- Proceed with planned improvements at parks and other sites, including skate park, multi-use/tennis/pickleball courts, potential splash pad, etc.

Dunnville – Wellness & Seniors

- Flexible to accommodate changing multi-generational program opportunities and wellness objectives
- Opportunity to provide seniors-focused spaces

Hagersville – Active Living

- Library and Active Living Centre to provide multi-functional spaces for recreation, wellness, culture, socialization, community activities/events

Small Urban/Rural Areas – Active Transportation and Programming

- Better utilize and revitalize existing facilities to offer close-to-home programming
- Selkirk Waterfront Way trail enhancements and Jarvis to Townsend trail implementation

Project #1: Caledonia – Multi-use Recreation Centre

Proposed location is **Gateway site** on Highway 6 (350 Argyle Street North).

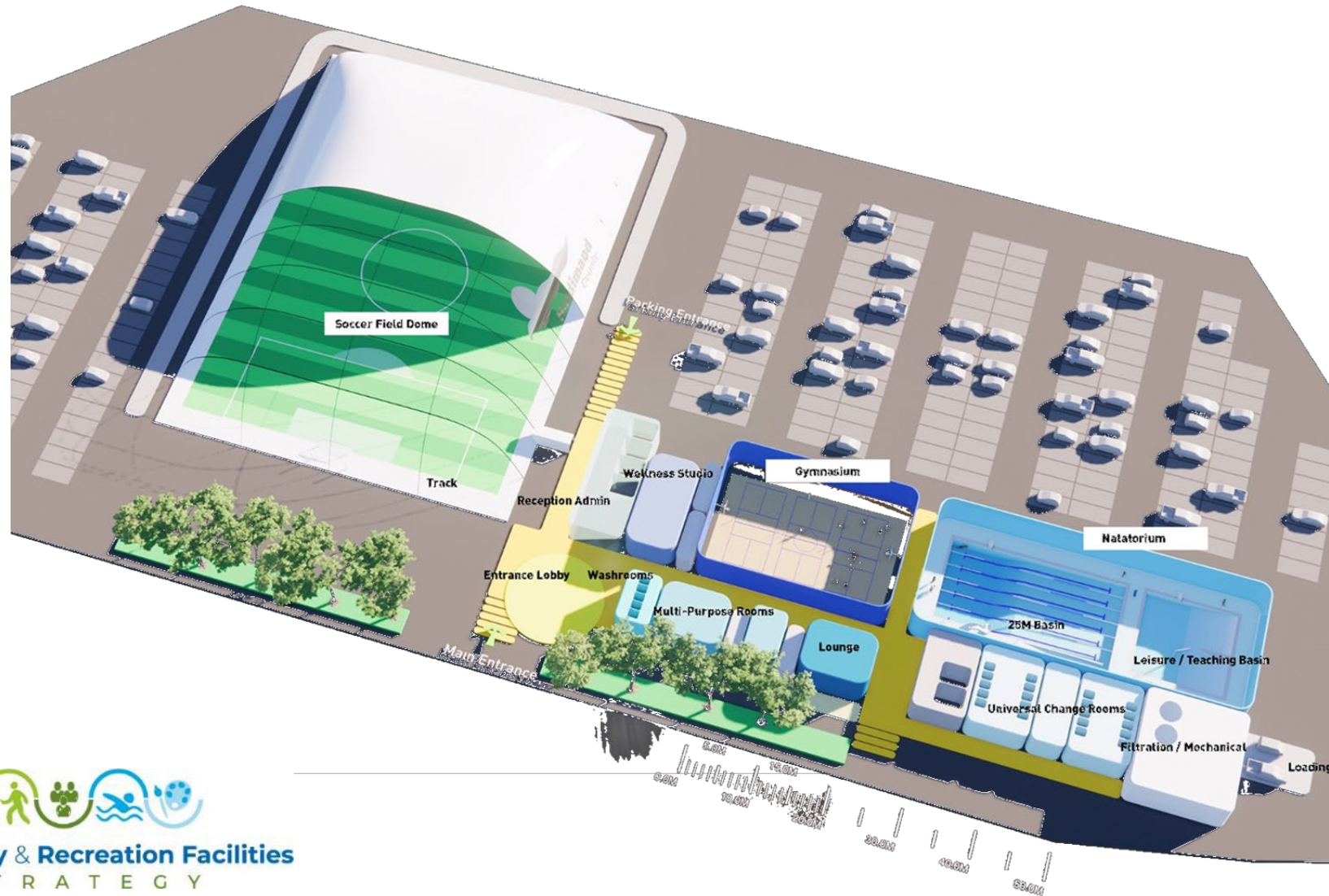
Phase 1 (core components):

- Double gymnasium (divisible)
- Multi-purpose program room, activity lounge
- Indoor turf field (divisible into 2 small-sided fields) – air-supported dome
- Indoor walking track (around perimeter of field)
- Small fitness/wellness centre and studio
- Passive outdoor amenities – trails, picnic areas, playground, etc.

Phase 2 (optional components) – potential future phase:

- Aquatic centre (6-lane 25M pool and warm-water teaching tank)

Caledonia – Multi-use Recreation Centre



Phase 1:
77,073 square feet
\$29.4M project cost

Phase 2:
31,590 square feet
\$32.2M project cost

\$61.63 million for
both Phases 1 and 2

Costs are in 2024 dollars and
are not escalated for inflation.

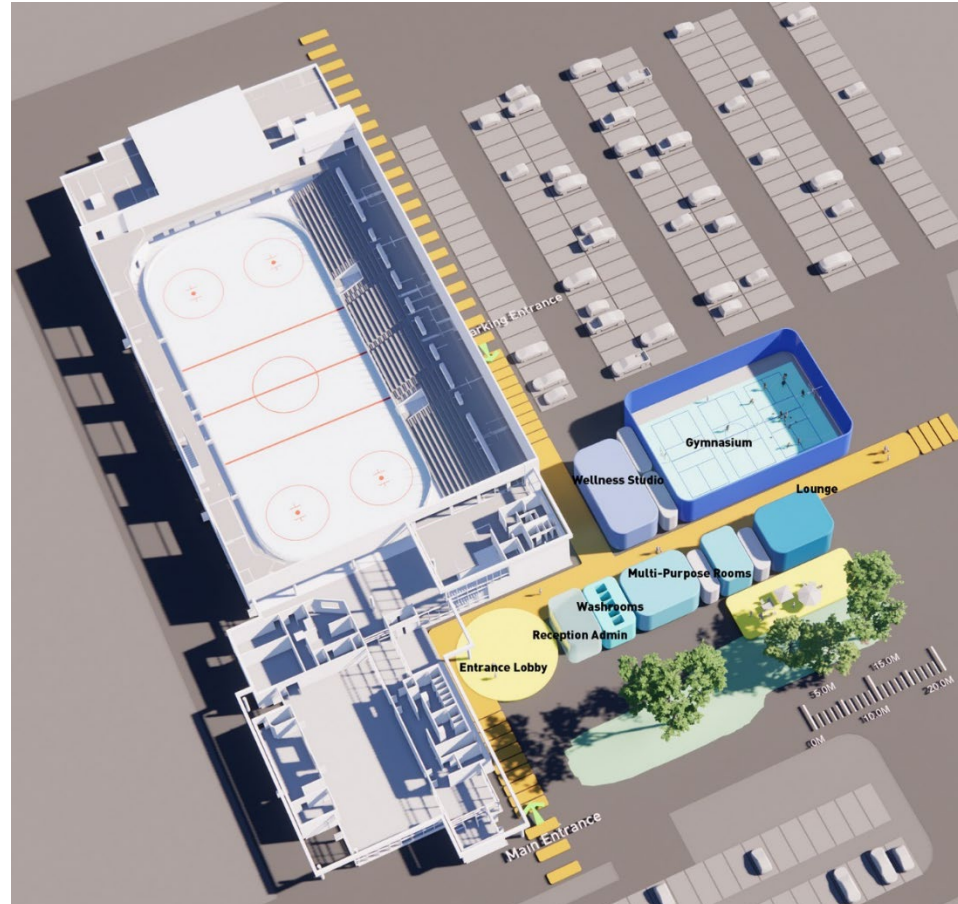
Project #2: Dunnville – Community Wellness Centre

Proposed location is **Dunnville Memorial Arena**.

- Single gymnasium
- Seniors lounge/social gathering space
- Small fitness/wellness centre and studio
- Multi-purpose rooms, specialized spaces (games, arts, crafts)
- Outdoor patio

Furthermore, explore partnerships to support an **indoor therapeutic pool** in Dunnville to complement other aquatic services offered and contemplated by the County

Dunnville – Community Wellness Centre



19,925
square feet

\$17.7M
project cost

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dollars and are not
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inflation.

Cayuga – Investing in Parks and Youth

Park Improvements

- skate park
- multi-use court
- 2 tennis courts
- splash pad
- and more (e.g., pickleball)

Key Sites

1. Cayuga Library + Heritage Centre Parkette (completed 2023)
2. Village Green Park
3. Former Cayuga Administration Building property (Haldimand County Museum & Archives site)
4. Bob Baigent Park
5. J.L. Mitchener property (recently acquired)

Hagersville – Library & Active Living Centre

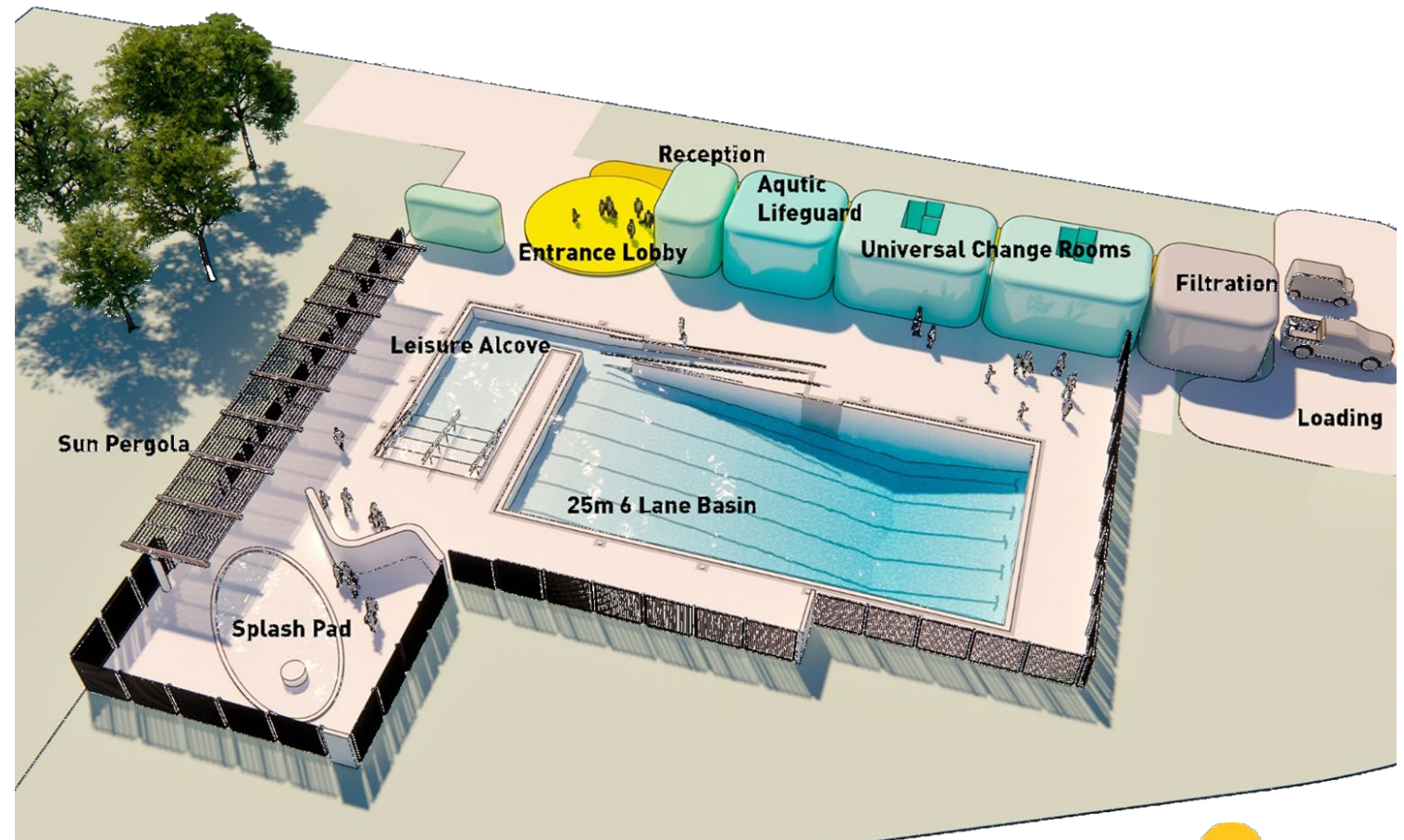
Grant Kett Park; approved by Council and under construction as of August 2024

- large gym/hall (3 full size pickleball courts, full size basketball court, larger events up to 300 people)
- multi-purpose room (meetings, clubs, etc. for up to 50 people)
- new library to replace the aging facility
- staff office area
- OPP community office
- shared lobby to provide space for social activities, programming, culture & heritage displays
- commercial kitchen
- attached outdoor space (terrace)
- washroom facilities to serve the building and users of the surrounding park amenities

Outdoor Pool Replacements

Proposed for **Dunnville** (including a new splash pad to replace the wading pool which is at end-of-life) and **Hagersville**.

The County should budget approximately **\$5 to \$7 million for each site** (pool and support building) based on comparable projects (2024 dollars).



Small Urban/Rural Areas

Active Transportation

- Enhance Selkirk Waterfront Way trail from Lake Erie parkette to pedestrian bridge
- Address Jarvis-Townsend trail feasibility and implementation as part of Trails Master Plan Update

Programming

- Work with the community to develop a splash pad in Jarvis
- Identify opportunities to repurpose/revitalize existing County facilities to support objectives of the Strategy
- Collaborate with Community Halls partners to offer programming close-to-home for rural residents (Canboro, Canfield, Fisherville, Jarvis, Kohler, Lowbanks, Nanticoke, Selkirk, Townsend, York, etc.)

Direction for Programming and the Arts

- Encourage arts groups to expand programs and maximize existing spaces. Consider preparing a **Public Arts & Culture Strategy** to explore the establishment of an arts and cultural hub.
- Prepare a **Community Programming Strategy** to guide the expansion of programming over time and support use/success/revenue of County amenities, including those in rural areas and smaller urban communities.



Phase 2 Engagement

- 1) **Online Input** – 16 comments from approximately 9 respondents
- 2) **Public Open Houses** – 20 participants across 2 sessions

Key Themes:

- The focus on health and wellness investments was well received
- Support expressed for indoor pool and activity spaces (for pickleball, etc.), but different opinions on location
- Interest in more trails and trail improvements
- Perspectives are highly localized – study has something for everyone



Next Steps

1. **Q1 2025:** Council will consider the report and identify potential sequencing and target dates for initiation of the recommended projects.
2. **2025+:** A financial strategy will be prepared to leverage a range of funding sources, the scope of which will depend on the option(s) that Council endorses.
3. **2025+:** Seek infrastructure funding and capital grants from government and non-government sources to assist with capital development costs.



Thank you!

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