



Park Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Description	Scoring
PARK SITE		
Size	District Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 ha optimal with 5 ha of usable land Usable – not within the following areas; significant slopes, Riparian DP Areas, Floodplain severe flood hazard red zone. Neighbourhood Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Min. 1 ha preferred and 2 ha optimal 4 ha pref. when including a school Tot Lot Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Min. 0.5 ha preferred 	3 – Optimal size (100%) 2 – Preferred size (75%) 1 – Somewhat smaller (50%) 0 – Substantially smaller (>25%) or N/A
Central to Neighbourhood	District Park (1 ha/1,000 residents): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central to the District Neighbourhood Park (Min. 400m Max. 80m): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central to the Neighbourhood Tot Lot Park (400m walking distance): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central to a med/high density neighbourhood 	3 – Very central 2 – Somewhat central 0 – Not central
Adjacent to School Grounds	District Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjacent to a Secondary School Neighbourhood Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjacent to an Elementary School 	3 – Yes 2 – Yes School Closed/Private School 0 – No
Topography	Usable land that is flat or has gentle grades	3 – Flat/gentle grades (<5%) 2 – Flat w/ min. slopes (5-10%) 1 – Min. flat w/ slopes (10-20 %) 0 – Significant slopes (>20%)
INFRASTRUCTURE & AMENITIES		
Development Status	Developed and maintained for park use with the following typical minimum level of development & maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graded & seeded lawn areas Infrastructure beyond just signage & waste receptacle Developed trail Mtce. beyond garbage removal 	3 – Yes 2 – Yes (lawn, trail and/or lights) 0 – No
Multi-Use Sites	Includes recreation facilities that accommodate multiple activities for all ages in one location (e.g. grass and a playground = ltd. multi-use)	3 – Multi-use site (5+ uses) 2 – Some multi-use (3-4 uses) 1 – Ltd. multi-use (1-2 uses) 0 – No multi-use
Playground Structure	Playground is available and offers quality multi-sensory experiences (sensory, spinning, climbing, swinging, sliding, rocking, crawling, balancing, jumping & social play)	3 – Multiple play opp. (adventure playground and swings) 2 – Some play opp. (4-5 playground pieces) 1 – Ltd. play opp. (3 or less playground pieces) 0 – No playground
Playground Provision	Only City playground within an 800m radius of residences with no major roads or barriers (incl. water & significant slopes).	3 – Only playground 2 – One of 2 1 – One of multiple (2+) 0 – No playground
Hard Surface Court	Hard surface court in good condition	3 – Yes & high quality 2 – Yes 0 – No
Ice Rink	Historical used as a community ice rink	3 – Usually used 2 – Sometimes used 0 – Never used or N/A
Ball Diamond or Sports Field	Ball Diamond or sports field	3 – Yes 0 – No
Trails	On-site trails that are maintained and universally accessible	3 – Accessible trails (All Paved) 2 – Some trails (Paved & Granular/Rustic) 1 – Informal trails (Rustic) 0 – None
Other Facilities	Other recreation facilities or structures (e.g. washrooms, gazebos, water fountains, etc.)	3 – Multiple facilities 2 – Some facilities 0 – None
Amenities	Amenities such as a sled hill, flower beds, etc.	3 – Multiple amenities 2 – Some amenities 1 – Ltd. amenities 0 – None
Site Furniture	Benches, picnic tables and other site furniture (not including park signage)	3 – Multiple (>3) 2 – Some (2+) 1 – Limited (1) 0 – None
Shade Trees	Trees provide shade around recreation facilities	3 – Multiple 2 – Some 1 – Limited 0 – None
Nature Access	Access to natural habitat areas	3 – Substantial access > 40% 2 – Some access (20-39%) 1 – Ltd. Access < 20% 0 – None
Parking	On-site or on-street parking capacity	3 – On-site parking 2 – Off-street parking 1 – Ltd. off-street parking 0 – None
Lighting	On-site pedestrian or facility lighting	3 – Yes 0 – No
Hydro	On-site hydro connections	3 – Yes 0 – No
Water	On-site water connections and/or standpipe	3 – Yes 0 – No
Storm	On-site storm connections	3 – Yes 0 – No
Sewer	On-site sewer connections	3 – Yes 0 – No
Irrigation	On-site irrigation system	3 – Yes 0 – No
Infrastructure Quality	Overall quality and condition of the park infrastructure	3 – High quality 2 – Moderate quality 1 – Poor quality 0 – N/A
NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTEXT		
Residential Density	Density of the residential development	3 – Urban (MF and SF) 2 – Suburban (SF – up to 80%) 1 – Rural (SF large lots)
Growth Management	Supports OCP and Neighbourhood Plan growth management strategies and infill development	3 – Growth Priority 2 – Infill Development 1 – Phase 1 & 2 0 – Rural & Future Dev't
Connected to Open Space	Connected/adjacent to other parks/open spaces or compatible institutional uses including schools, churches, community centre and other categories.	3 – Yes 0 – No
Active Transportation Links	Trails are linked to pedestrian/cycle infrastructure (e.g. sidewalks, bike lanes and walkways)	3 – Accessible trail connected to network 2 – Non accessible trail connected to network 1 – No trail but adjacent to network 0 – Not adjacent to network
Safe Pedestrian Crossings	Safe pedestrian crossings to the park within the 800m radius of residents	3 – Yes 0 – No
Transit	Located within OCP transit coverage areas	3 – Within 150m 2 – Within 250m 1 – Within 400m 0 – Beyond 400m
SAFETY & SECURITY		
CPTED	Meets CPTED guidelines for natural surveillance, access control and territoriality (e.g. street frontage).	3 – Yes 2 – Somewhat 1 – Limited 0 – Poor
Flood Hazard	Identified within the OCP flood hazard area	3 – No 0 – Yes
ENVIRONMENT		
Waterfront/Riparian	Waterfront access or riparian areas (e.g. creeks, ponds)	3 – Yes 0 – No
Ecological Sensitivity	Sensitivity of the ecological habitat	3 – Very sensitive 2 – Sensitive 1 – Somewhat sensitive 0 – No