

Municipal Budget 2016

Fact Sheets



PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND TRAILS

The municipality owns, operates and maintains many of the parks and public spaces – this includes looking after trees, gardens, sport fields, sport courts, playgrounds and trails that are enjoyed by residents. It also involves acquiring and disposing of property for municipal purposes.

Halifax's Urban Forest Master Plan is a sustained model of planting, trimming and stewardship of the forest. A green canopy of more than 175,000 street trees provides shade on roads and sidewalks which is important for the health of citizens and municipal infrastructure.

In maintaining sport fields, sport courts and playgrounds, municipal staff ensures that the conditions are updated and safe.

Highlights:

- Stewardship of four commons, seven cemeteries and more than 836 named parks, including six major parks and the Halifax Public Gardens
- 250,000 bedding plants grown and used throughout the park system each year
- Approximately 222 km of linear trails maintained
- 379 playgrounds, 324 ball fields and sport fields, 12 skateboard parks, 13 BMX dirt parks, four lawn bowling greens
- Four all-weather sport field complexes
- Two outdoor pools
- Two outdoor competition running tracks and one outdoor skating oval
- 22 beaches