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	City Parks		Community Parks		Neighbourhood Parks				City Parks	Community Parks	Neighbourhood Parks
	CITY PARK	CITY SPORTS PARK	COMMUNITY PARK	COMMUNITY SPORTS PARK	LOCAL PARK	TOWN SQUARE	PARKETTE	VEST POCKET PARK			
Use:	Multi-functional, including specialized activities.	Tournament-based sports facilities.	Range of active and passive recreational uses, including indoor and outdoor activities.	Range of active and passive recreational uses, generally with no indoor component except for potential field-house for convenience of park patrons.	Active and passive recreation to accommodate active recreational facilities that smaller Neighbourhood Park types (Parkette, Town Square, Vest Pocket) cannot, because of size limitations.	Active / passive recreation with a primary focus on hardscaping.	Active / passive recreation and playgrounds.	Active / passive recreation.	Provide a range of opportunities for both outdoor active and passive recreation, including natural or cultural heritage, "attraction" types of facilities, specialized purpose (e.g. sports parks) or facilities (e.g. seniors' centres).	Provide a range of opportunities for outdoor and indoor active and passive recreational activities.	Provide a range of opportunities and experiences for active and passive recreation, including playgrounds, recreational facilities, shade structures, etc.
Approximate Service Area/Radius:	City Wide	City Wide	Recreational Planning Area (RPA) or other	Recreational Planning Area (RPA) or other	500m	400m	400m	200m	City Wide	3.0 km	400m
Size:	Varies: Dependant on orientation of park - e.g. Environmental (Eldorado Park), multi-purpose (White Spruce Park), etc.	Varies: Typically from 12 to 40 ha (30 to 100 ac), but dependant on facility components.	Generally 12 to 20 ha (30 to 50 ac), however, may be smaller "stand alone" building sites - e.g. Snelgrove Seniors' Centre.	10 to 20 ha (25 to 50 ac)	1.2 to 2 ha (3 to 5 ac)	0.6 ha to 1.5 ha (2.5 to 3.7 ac)	0.6 to 1.0 ha (1.5 to 2.5 ac)	0.4 to 0.6 ha (1.0 to 1.5 ac)	Depend on the shape and constraints of the property, and the specific programs for the park.	Generally be in the range of 10 to 20 ha (25 to 50 ac) but will depend on the shape and constraints of a given location, the specific program for the park and other criteria.	Generally be in the range of 0.8 to 1.2 ha (2 to 3 ac).
Location:	Same as above.	Same as above.	Generally located at intersection of major roads.	Generally located at intersection of major roads (but not exclusively).	Corner of two streets, minimum (one preferably being a Collector Road); May be placed adjacent to a school.	Corner of two streets or preferably, surrounded on 4 sides by local streets.	Centre of neighbourhood.	Intersection of two streets.	Located along arterial roads, preferably at the intersection of major streets to act as gateway features to communities and the City and serviced by transit.	Planned as a focal point for the community, generally located at the intersection of arterial roads or major thoroughfares, the street pattern shall ensure significant frontage of the park on adjacent streets to promote views and reinforce their focal nature.	Designed to be focal points of neighbourhoods with at least two street frontages, and have residential development fronting on to it where practical to create visibly attractive edges with no dwellings backlotting onto them.
Suggested Facilities:	For more detailed information regarding the types of potential facilities for each park type, please refer to the <i>Suggested Facility Location Options</i> table.										

¹The "Draft Parks Hierarchy" denoted here and the accompanying "Facility Location Options" will be reviewed in further detail in the Official Plan Review (2015) and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan exercise (2015-2016). So too will the concept of using a 'Recreational Planning Area', or some other model, for the purposes of planning recreational infrastructure.