

Background:

As part of the Recreation Master Plan, it was recommended the County of Brant develop additional recreation indoor facilities, to meet current and anticipated service growth demands. The plan identified a specific need for a municipal gymnasium, and that any major capital expenditure in recreation infrastructure be subject to a business planning process. In following the recommendations laid out in the Recreation Master Plan, the Indoor Recreation Facilities Business Plan was completed.

Strategy:

Public consultation and analysis of demographic and community usage data demonstrated the need for upgraded and enhanced indoor recreation facilities in the County. Specifically, the needs identified were:

- Improve the locker room, washroom and viewing facilities at Brant Sports Complex;
- A municipal gymnasium (proposed for Brant Sports Complex) to meet the current demand for 10,000 hours of annual public-school gymnasium usage; and,
- An indoor turf facility to replace the indoor turf at the Syl Apps Community Centre

The following recommendations were presented in the plan:

Recommendation #1: It is recommended that the County acquire land adjacent to the Brant Sports Complex to accommodate future expansion (subject to negotiation).

Recommendation #2: It is recommended that the County renovate and expand the Brant Sports Complex to better meet present and future community needs, including:

- Triple gymnasium
- Walking/running track
- Exercise/warmup areas
- 5 additional change rooms plus a referee's room
- Change room and office space for Junior Hockey
- Accessible washrooms
- Storage space
- Additional parking spaces

Recommendation #3: It is recommended that the County develop an indoor turf facility at the Pottruff Road Destination Park lands to continue to provide community access to indoor turf as well as future potential for destination park development.

Timeline and Implementation:

The Indoor Recreation Facilities Business Plan was approved by Council in 2019. The County acquired 1.46 acres of land adjacent to the Brant Sports Complex through parkland dedication in 2021. Additional planning for the expansion will continue in 2022.

For more information regarding the Indoor Recreation Facilities Business Plan and to review the full report, please visit www.Brant.ca/Plans.