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Long -Term Aquatic Strategy

Regional Council Presentation

May 14, 2019

Parks and Recreation

Origin

- Community Facilities Master Plan 2
- Parks and Recreation 2017/18 Business Plan
- Regional Council's March 21, 2017 motion - feasibility of a 50-metre competition pool



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Current State

- Estimated population 431,000
- Demographics & residential growth
- Total inventory
- Service delivery model

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Purpose

- To recommend strategic directions for the provision of aquatic facilities over the next 15 years

Indoor
Recreational
Pools

Training &
Competition
Aquatic Facilities

Outdoor
Recreational
Pools

Splash
Pads

Supervised
Beaches

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Approach

- Similar to the *Long-Term Arena Strategy* (2012).
- Extensive community and stakeholder engagement
 - Stakeholder working group
 - Outreach engagement
 - Public survey
 - Facility managers
- Evidence-based analysis

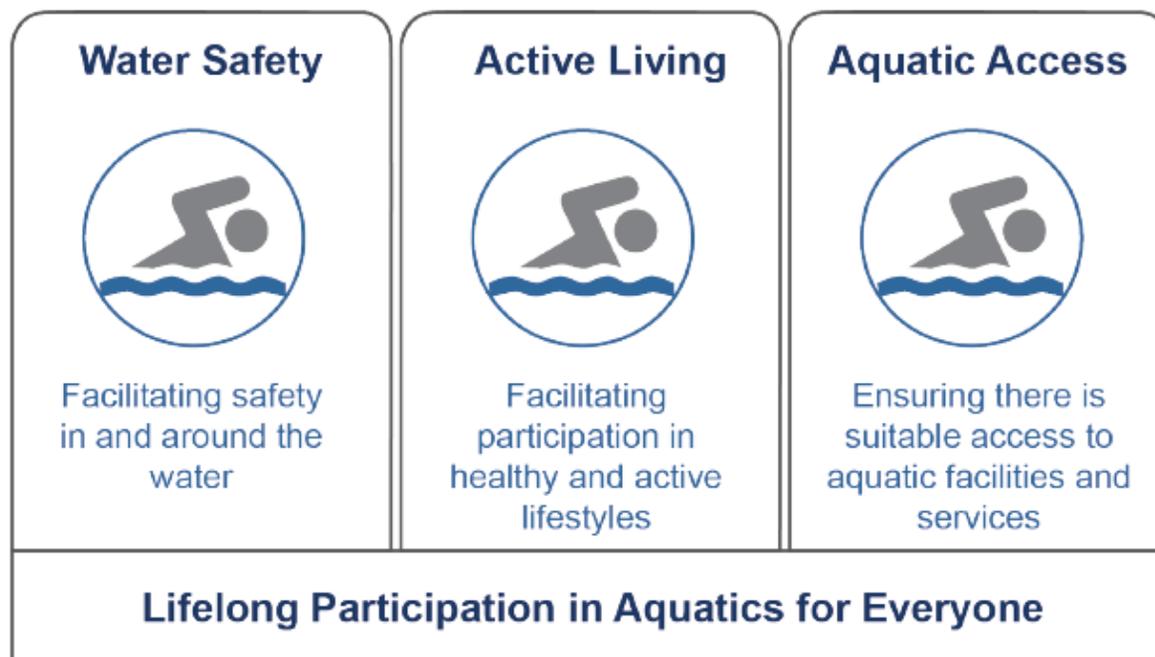


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Key Finding Examples

- Public feedback
- Impact of aging facilities/program requirements
- Reliance on beaches
- Residential growth, emerging gaps
- Lack of consistency (fees, allocation)

Aquatic Mandate



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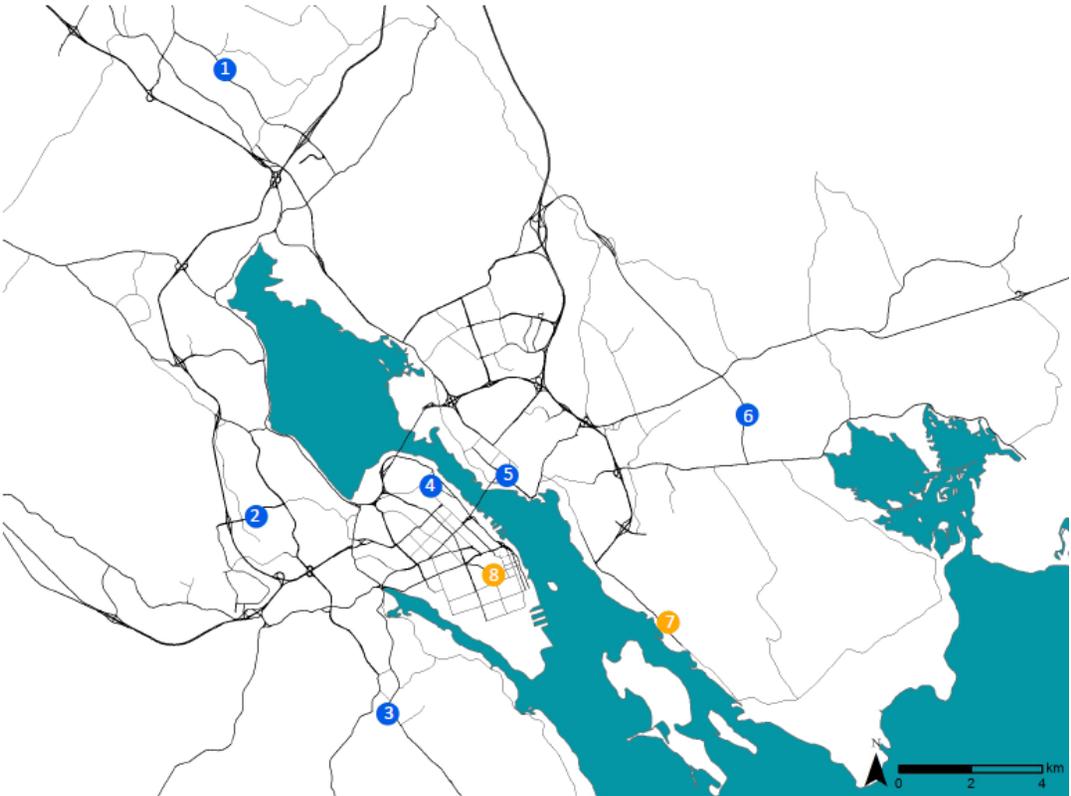
Facilities

Overview and Strategic Actions

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Indoor Recreational Pools



- Municipal Indoor Pools
- Non-municipal Indoor Pools
- 1 Sackville Sports Stadium
- 2 Canada Games Centre
- 3 Captain William Spry Pool
- 4 Needham Centre
- 5 Zatzman Sportsplex
- 6 Cole Harbour Place
- 7 CFB Shearwater
- 8 YMCA

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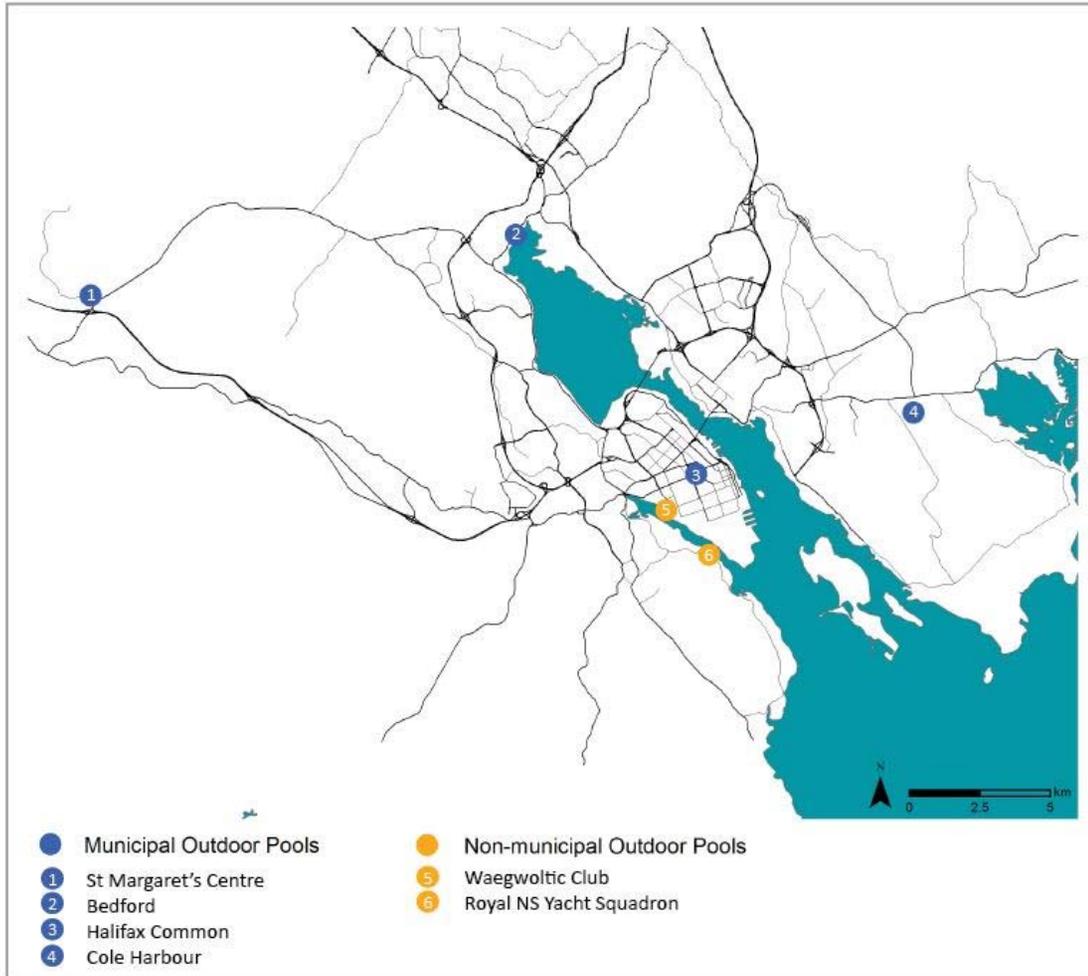
Actions

- Replacement
- Recapitalize
- Assess emerging service gaps



**Indoor
Recreational
Pools**

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Outdoor Recreational Pools

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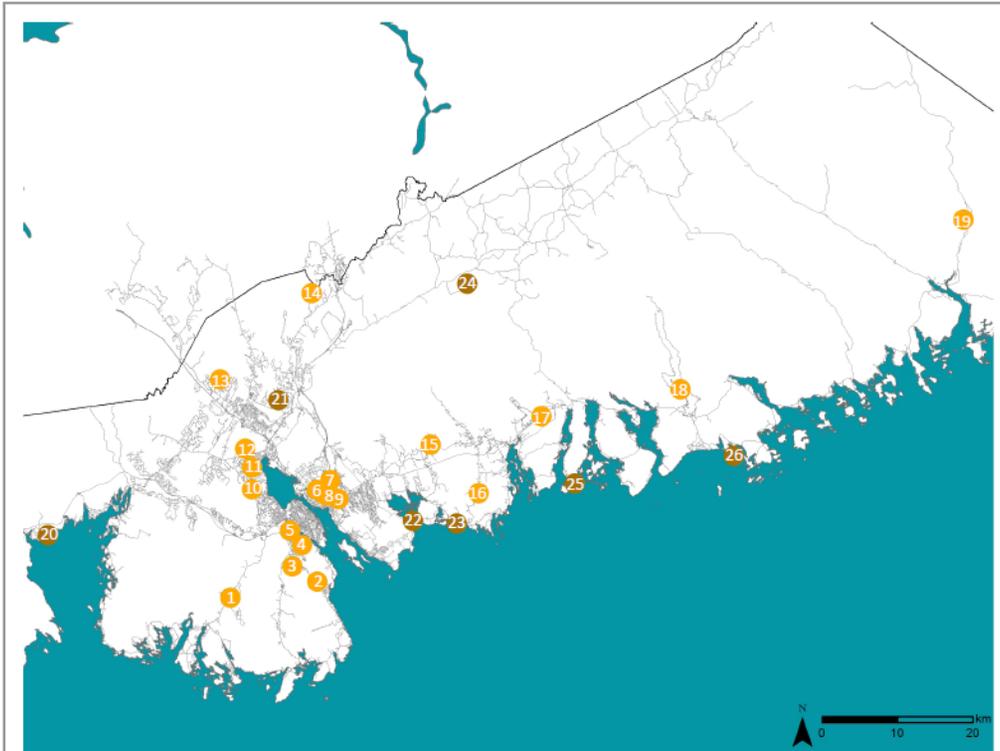
Actions

- Replace
- Recapitalize
- Site Planning



**Outdoor
Recreational
Pools**

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- | ● Municipally Supervised | ● Other Supervised |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Campbell Point Beach | 20 Queensland |
| 2 Long Pond Beach | 21 Third Lake |
| 3 Kidston Lake Beach | 22 Rainbow Haven |
| 4 Cunard Beach | 23 Lawrencetown |
| 5 Chocolate Lake Beach | 24 Dollar Lake |
| 6 Albro Lake Beach | 25 Martinique |
| 7 Shubie Park Beach | 26 Clam Harbour |
| 8 Birch Cove Beach | |
| 9 Penhorn Beach | |
| 10 Kearney Lake Beach | |
| 11 Saunders Beach | |
| 12 Sandy Lake | |
| 13 Springfield Lake | |
| 14 Oakfield Beach | |
| 15 Lake Echo Beach | |
| 16 Kinap Beach | |
| 17 Pleasant Drive Beach | |
| 18 Webbers Beach | |
| 19 Malay Falls | |

Supervised Beaches

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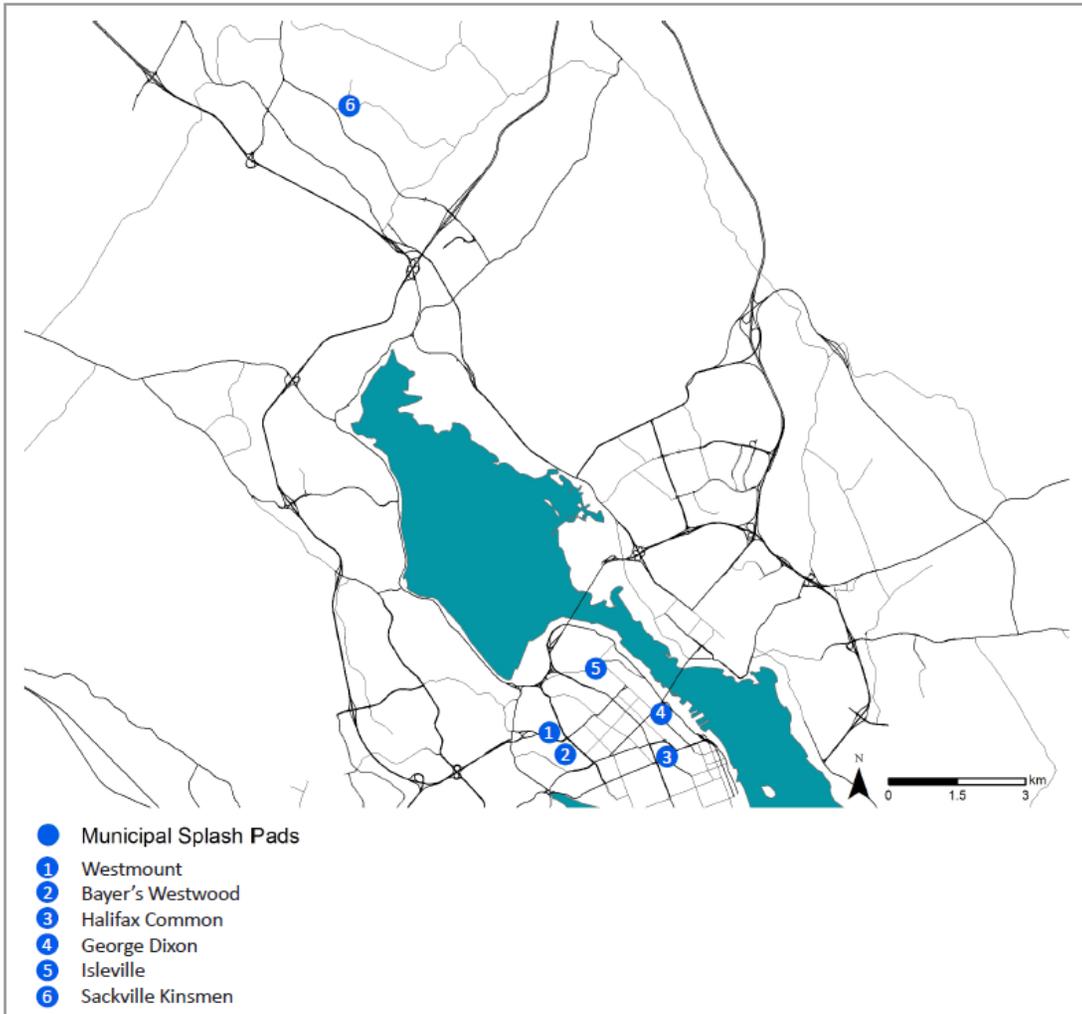
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- Maintain beach program
- Continue water quality monitoring and seek solutions to improve water quality
- Undertake site planning exercises
- Evaluate new locations



**Supervised
Beaches**

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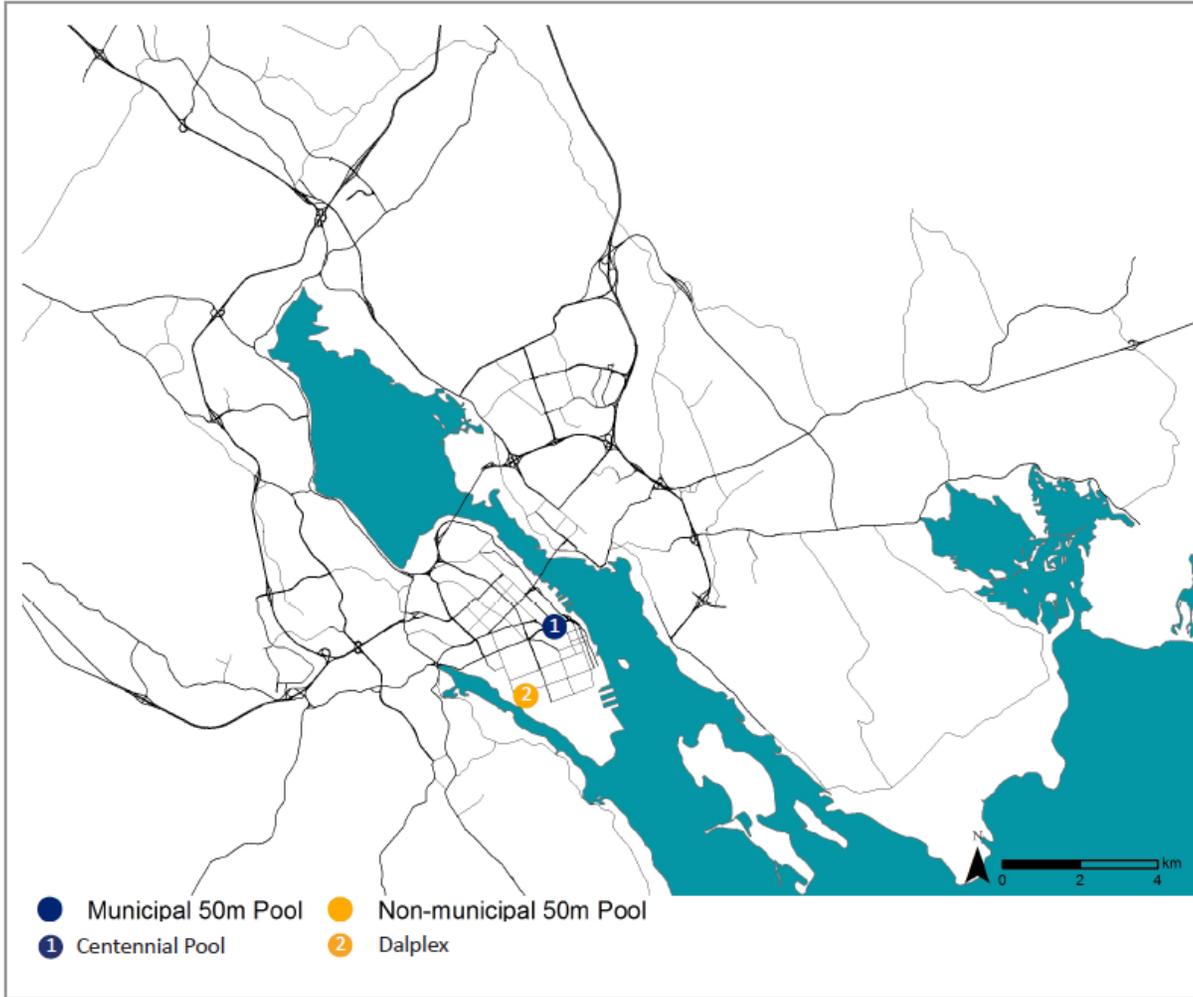
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Actions

- Address immediate gaps
- Establish a regional distribution
- Implement small-scale neighbourhood splash pads in lower socio-economic and marginalized communities



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Training & Competition Aquatic Facilities

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Actions

- Development of a business case for the replacement of Centennial Pool



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Aquatic Access Plan

**Aquatic Access and Inclusion Model
Aquatic Allocation Guidelines**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the *Long-Term Aquatic Strategy* (Attachments A and B) to provide strategic direction for aquatic facility planning; and
2. Direct staff to develop subsequent implementation plans into future annual Business Plans for Council's consideration.