Parks, Forestry & Environment

Overview

Parks, Forestry & Environment conserves and protects the natural environment and the City's heritage properties and artifact collection, and plans, develops and operates great outdoor public spaces to make healthy and happy communities. The service area is responsible for public art, leads the City's Indigenous relations, and aims to meet the open space and outdoor recreational needs of the community while also driving environmental sustainability and climate action.









Key Objectives 2025-2028

- Design and develop new parks including the Lakeview Village, Brightwater and Cooksville Developments, M-City Parkland and ongoing strategic parkland acquisitions to support new housing and areas of existing deficit
- Complete the 1 Port Street East Proposed Marina Environmental Assessment
- Redevelop various community park amenities and downtown parks including John Cleary Park and Zonta Meadows
- Implement recommendations in the approved Future Directions plan
- Ongoing maintenance and lifecycle replacement of City-owned trees to enhance and expand the urban forest canopy
- Implement the City's Climate Change Action Plan
- Support work on Reconciliation with programming, events and public art that is Indigenous-led and collaborative

Budget Summary (\$000s)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Net Operating Budget Net Capital Budget	46,207 81,418	49,356 93,513	52,858 183,367	55,426 98,705	57,489 107,420
FTEs	250	254	258	271	274