



STA Facility Profile

City of Windsor

1. Name, location of facility(s).

City of Windsor Parks & Facility Operations and Recreation Departments.

2. General information.

Parks and Recreation is responsible for:

- 2280 acres of parkland
- Over 211 parks
- 68 kilometres of trails
- 450 acres of green space in 700 locations of vacant city and private lots
- 123 km of roadside ditches
- 104 km of irrigation piping

- 102 life preserver stations
- 3 maintenance work yards (Malden – West, McDougall – Central, Little River – East)
- Ecologically significant areas such as Ojibway Park, Black Oak Heritage Park and Spring Garden ANSI, South Cameron Woodlot, Oakwood Woodlot, Peche Island, Ojibway Tall Grass Prairie.
- Peche Island, which contains many types of vegetation that are unique to the island.

4. How many employees are involved with turf care?

There are 3 who are dedicated year round to maintaining the sports fields. An additional 9 maintain during the high season. Each supervisor judges what is needed at what time. In the Parks Department there are 60 full time staff and 40 students between the months of May and September.

5. How many acres of turf are maintained? How many acres of sports turf?

Over 900 in total.

6. What percentage of this acreage is irrigated?

Approximately 10% of our sports fields are irrigated.

7. What is the primary type of turfgrass? Name of varieties.

Kentucky bluegrass with a mix of rye and fescue.

8. Is yearly overseeding part of your sports turf maintenance program?

Yes.

9. How many times do you fertilize?

3 times.

10. Do you aerate? Topdress?

Yes, we aerate and topdress.

11. Has your municipality banned the use of pesticides? When? Comments.

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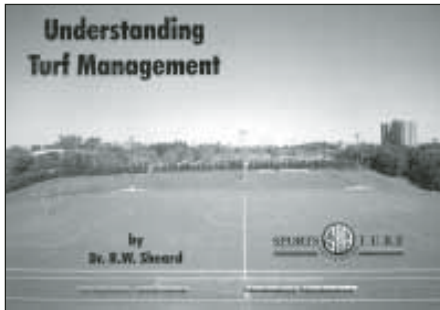
John Ivan Complex, MicMac Park

- Maintenance of the entire stretch of green space along E.C. Row Expressway (320 acres)
- 6 arenas with 8 ice pads and 2 outdoor rinks
- 10 Community & Heritage Centres and 5 clubhouse facilities
- 6 outdoor pools and 3 indoor pools which hold swim and fitness programs all year round.
- 28 park public washrooms
- 2 natural beaches
- 1 marina with 295 boat wells

- 8 picnic sites with shelters which are booked through Parks and Recreation by families and community groups year round.
- Odette Sculpture Park with over 30 features
- Festival Plaza and Civic Terrace, which hold over 14 major festivals each year.
- MicMac and Malden Park Complexes
- 1,000,000 square feet of horticulture planting beds
- 65,000 street trees and 35,000 park trees (excluding natural area trees) with 8,000 work requests per year

3. What types of sports fields are on site?

- 100 ball diamonds
- 40 soccer fields
- 13 lighted stadia
- 2 cricket pitches
- 1 Australian Rules Football pitch
- 48 tennis courts in 13 locations



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12. Are community user groups involved or have they been involved in the construction/maintenance of facilities? In what manner?

Yes, user groups continue to raise funds to partially finance new construction as well as assist with on-going maintenance of facilities. The City of Windsor and community groups and organizations routinely work together to construct/maintain the various sports fields and facilities located across the city. Partnerships are developed and grant funding is secured through local organizations to help alleviate costs.

13. How many hours per year are the fields permitted?

20,273 hours. Fields are permitted from May 1 to November 30, depending on the sport. Hours of rentals run from 9 am to 11 pm, depending on facility type. We have control on the amount of timing of use through our permitting system. Fields are closed during the regular season at the discretion of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

14. Who permits them?

The Recreation Department issues permits for the use of fields. Each booking is entered into the facility booking system in order to issue permits and fees to local groups and individuals.

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15. Are the fields ever closed during the season to give them a rest?

No, we do not close fields during the season.

16. How much input do you have in the amount and timing of use?

The Recreation Department manages all usage of the fields and determines when those fields will be open or closed. ♦

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