



STAFF REPORT

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SUBJECT: Recreation Centre Design Public Engagement Feedback Update

ORIGIN

In February, The Recreation Department, in partnership with our architects, launched a survey to help us get a better understanding of the use of the walking track in our new Centre. This report will present the results along with recommendations for our next steps.

BACKGROUND

In September 2020, our architects finalized two design options: one with a walking track within the multipurpose space on the first level and another with a stand-alone walking track elevated on a mezzanine. The options were reviewed by Council and Staff, and the decision was made to move forward with public engagement to get feedback.

In December 2020, the Recreation Department Staff met with SNMArchitects to discuss how to engage the public on the two design options and develop steps forward. They developed questions that would help us get a better understanding of how important it would be to have a walking track available at all times, what time of the day users would use the walking track, whether the incremental financial cost is valuable and also touch on the spacious lobby and its potential uses.

Last month, the survey was launched and was shared publicly through our social media channels. Simultaneously, the Recreation Department also spoke with target groups and individuals to get feedback on the two design options.

DISCUSSION

In addition to engaging the public through an open online public survey, we also engaged in one-on-one conversations with key stakeholders (i.e. frequent users, target age groups, etc.).

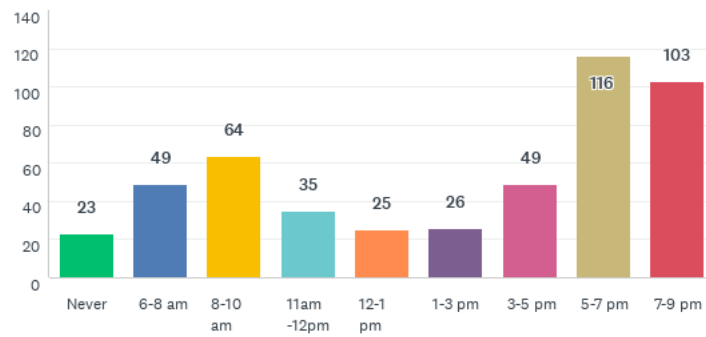
Survey Results

The public survey garnered 250 responses and included five questions:

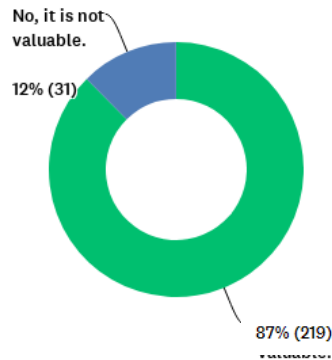
1. What time of the day would you use the indoor walking track?
2. Is it a valuable use of municipal funds to have the walking track elevated?
3. If the Municipality decides to go with option B, then that means there will be more space available. What types of services/spaces would you like to see?
4. Do you value a spacious lobby?
5. Are there any other comments you would like to say about the Recreation Centre?

Here are the results of the feedback we received:

Q1 What time of the day would you use the indoor walking track? Check all that apply.



Q2 Is it a valuable use of municipal funds to have the walking track elevated?

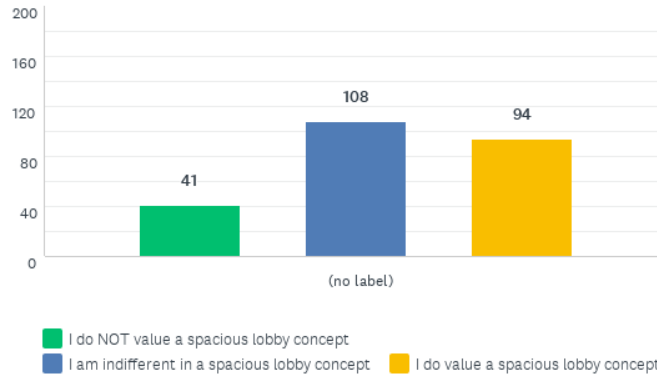


Q3 If the Municipality decides to go with option B, then that means there will be more space available. What types of services/spaces would you like to see?

court private rentals birthday parties indoor sports Weights floor hockey used various events seating Indoor pool Extra Anything things indoor facilities Exercise classes cooking seniors group fitness Warm room dance Workout classes children Something activities held kids youth area meeting rooms yoga small space type classes children s room Kids activities etc available Gym different programs play area exercise gym equipment Pool rentals art especially fitness classes gymnastics sure Maybe equipment place adults aerobics sports running meetings multipurpose room Community Paint nights ages weight training meeting space Workout

*The full list of comments is attached to this report.

Q4 Do you value a spacious lobby? A spacious lobby concept is used for team meet ups, registration, social gathering area, etc.



Q5 Are there any other comments you would like to say about the Recreation Centre?

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Stakeholder Engagement Results

Here is a summary of the feedback we received from our one-on-one conversations with key stakeholders:

Current users of the recreation centre were asked whether it was of value to spend additional municipal funds to raise the walking track to a mezzanine level as well as when would they use it, if available?

All who responded were in favour of raising it to the mezzanine providing flexibility of use. Almost all indicated they would use it before or after the times they were already using the facility: morning or early evenings. *“My opinion is that we have waited for years for some kind of new facility and have been jerked back and forth for ever. Money has been wasted on studies, blueprints, plans etc and so now if we are ready as a committed Council and committed community then we should be going for the best we can get. To me the answer is simple, it’s obvious that a prime time for walking, besides early morning, would be evenings and evenings would be when the multi-purpose room would be most sought after. Avoid those issues and make the track a stand-alone entity that we, as community members can just walk in and use and not check to see if it’s available. Number 1 all the way.”*

Parents of youth involved in activities using the multi-use space indicated that they are likely to use the walking track while their children are in the program. It was important that they could use strollers or that it is open for all ages. These programs generally take place in the evenings between 6:30 and 8pm.

We completed a small **facility scan** of similar walking tracks in the province. Typically, a fee of \$2.00 allowed daily use of the walking track. Punch cards (at no savings) or monthly/ yearly memberships were also available at \$20-25/ month, which is a savings dependent on how much the facility is used. Most had a 2-track oval built around either an ice surface or indoor turf stadium. The walking track required closures around any spectator events involving admission fees. Mornings and evenings were most often cited as the busiest periods with the after-school period coming up due to sport organization use. Many community sports used the track facility for conditioning programs which is especially valuable with the arena in the same vicinity. Walking challenges were very popular among users of one facility. Punch cards and memberships are conveniences for people so they do not always need change to enter. All were positive in looking back on their planning a walking track within their facility and use was said to be very good with little to no complaints from users.

Next Steps

Based on the information we’ve gathered; we believe we can now make a sound recommendation to you on which design option to choose.

That being said, throughout our engagement, we noticed that there seems to be a lack of knowledge and awareness of the project. This could be a result of the length of the planning phase of the project, the gap between our consultation/engagement sessions or publications, the complexity of the information on our website and/or the lack of consistent public messaging (i.e. social media channels). This is not uncommon, but we believe we must work harder to inform our residents regarding the project to ensure the accurate information and, more importantly, logic, is shared with the public and commonly known.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

PUBLIC CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the feedback we have received through this survey and speaking with our key stakeholders, we recommend moving forward with the design that includes the walking track on an elevated mezzanine.

In terms of more engagement, we recommend informing the public by engaging them in three different ways:

1. Engage our Recreation Advisory Committee more aggressively to help us engage the public.
2. Review the existing information on our website and prepare a social media campaign.
3. Host a virtual Q&A webinar.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the design option including the walking track on an elevated mezzanine and direct staff to aggressively pursue funding to complete the project.

Move to direct staff to continue engaging the public on this project as recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Question 3 Comments
2. Question 5 Comments
3. Scan of Walking Track Facility

Q3 If the Municipality decides to go with option B, then that means there will be more space available. What types of services/spaces would you like to see?

Answered: 250 Skipped: 0

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Work out classes	2/6/2021 10:01 PM
2	Exercise space	2/6/2021 5:26 PM
3	Reception area for rental adjacent to multipurpose room for larger crowds, wedding receptions etc.	2/6/2021 4:25 PM
4	Yoga, group workout space	2/5/2021 3:17 PM
5	Indoor play equipment/games for children during winter months. Inflatable bounce houses/castles set up to rent by patrons. Kids active play is so important during the winter months and to be able to utilize the space for that purpose would be awesome!	2/5/2021 12:23 PM
6	65 and older activities ie game room/card playing area/shuffle board	2/3/2021 12:15 PM
7	Indoor pool, gym, batting cages..anything for the younger generation to keep them busy and away from substances	2/3/2021 11:31 AM
8	More physical activity programs for children (especially in the winter months: soccer, basketball, badminton, volleyball, dance/movement) work out classes, yoga, art classes, cooking class, music lessons, drama clubs, martial arts, choir, sports for people with disabilities, day camps, dart league, activities for seniors like carpet bowling, indoor croquet, dance/movement. There are so many possibilities!	2/3/2021 9:54 AM
9	Gymnasium style space for children to use for basketball, soccer, floor hockey etc.	2/3/2021 9:41 AM
10	Rooms to book for other activities we are unable to host like children's gymnastics, dance, and other physically active activities that we don't have	2/2/2021 6:47 PM
11	Room rentals for bringing services in, such as natural healing. Exercise classes, classes geared for seniors. Paint nights.	2/2/2021 10:48 AM
12	Craft show, learning how to do dy projects	2/2/2021 10:26 AM
13	Seniors social room, board games, card games. Also area for senior info sessions or just a social meeting space.	2/2/2021 9:20 AM
14	Activities for youth	2/2/2021 6:51 AM
15	Not sure	2/1/2021 9:46 PM
16	Gym	2/1/2021 12:04 PM
17	Dance, gymnastics for kids, exercise for adults and kids.	2/1/2021 6:52 AM
18	Basketball hoops	1/31/2021 11:27 PM
19	A large open space especially for indoor sports, exercise & activities. Youth in our area currently have no indoor spaces available.	1/31/2021 10:49 PM
20	Fitness/relaxation classes, kids & adults classes (cooking, art, photography etc.)	1/31/2021 9:26 PM
21	A gymnasium basketball court badminton court volleyball court rock climbing wall fitness room indoor pool indoor tennis court improvements to the skate park. Not a birthday party hall ☹	1/31/2021 7:28 PM
22	Gym facilities	1/31/2021 5:55 PM
23	Not meeting rooms	1/31/2021 5:11 PM
24	Senior exercise and dance	1/31/2021 1:28 PM
25	Maybe a few pieces of exercise equipment. Juice/Refreshment Bar.(juice, powerades, water, etc) (muffins, cookies, power bars, etc.))	1/31/2021 1:10 PM
26	Farmers market	1/31/2021 12:59 PM
27	Daycare	1/31/2021 12:32 PM
28	Anything to help keep kids active and things for seniors to do ..	1/31/2021 11:40 AM
29	A bigger track	1/31/2021 11:24 AM

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30	An Indoor pool would be great for all ages	1/31/2021 10:54 AM
31	Workout classes Indoor sports	1/31/2021 10:26 AM
32	Canteen, audio/visual	1/31/2021 9:07 AM
33	Cover the pool instead	1/31/2021 9:04 AM
34	Kid Activities such as workouts/dance/ games	1/31/2021 8:58 AM
35	Meeting rooms Place to have staff parties with a kitchen Exercise room	1/31/2021 8:39 AM
36	Gym / Fitness Centre	1/31/2021 8:27 AM
37	Area large enough for large events	1/31/2021 8:24 AM
38	Would be really nice to have a fully equipped gym!	1/31/2021 8:22 AM
39	Areas for the children to play at. Rock wall eta	1/31/2021 7:28 AM
40	Programing rooms for class such as fitness or instruction	1/30/2021 11:21 PM
41	More exercise classes for all ages, maybe more dance opportunities for the kids	1/30/2021 11:08 PM
42	Na	1/30/2021 10:48 PM
43	An enclosed pool	1/30/2021 10:16 PM
44	A space for coached classes in yoga, dance, zumba or coached classes in weight training.	1/30/2021 9:56 PM
45	none	1/30/2021 9:32 PM
46	Fitness classes. More programs and activities for children. Space to rent for parties and events.	1/30/2021 8:38 PM
47	Anything. Ping pong, shuffleboard, darts, squash, pool, spikeball,	1/30/2021 8:14 PM
48	don't know	1/30/2021 7:11 PM
49	Anything for the kids to enjoy with the family	1/30/2021 7:05 PM
50	Gym	1/30/2021 6:54 PM
51	This is a waste of money	1/30/2021 6:32 PM
52	Other engaging classes - arts (painting, pottery) , yoga programs. Children programs.	1/30/2021 6:29 PM
53	Not just meeting rooms	1/30/2021 6:27 PM
54	I don't care.	1/30/2021 5:42 PM
55	Exercise classes available for seniors.	1/30/2021 5:29 PM
56	Paint nights, gym equipment, fitness classes all ages especially youth, cooking classes, knitting, crochet, quilt making, music lessons, the possibilities are endless. We need to find a variety of things to interest all ages! Find community members capable of holding classes to instruct these things,. Also any thing helpful for peoples mental health.	1/30/2021 5:12 PM
57	Whatever is the best use of the space for the community	1/30/2021 5:11 PM
58	Pool, hot tub, or sauna	1/30/2021 5:06 PM
59	Sports...batting cages...golf simulator....racquet ballthings like that	1/30/2021 4:58 PM
60	Gym, yoga,	1/30/2021 4:23 PM
61	Indoor children playground. Since children under 5 have absolutely nothing to do in this area in the winter	1/30/2021 4:22 PM
62	More physical recreation space. Less office/meeting space	1/30/2021 3:53 PM
63	Youth activities (arts, exercise, sports)	1/30/2021 3:52 PM
64	Private rentals for bridal showers, birthdays, baby showers, etc. With a lager space/kitchen area you could even accommodate wedding receptions	1/30/2021 3:47 PM

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65	Gym area,	1/30/2021 3:44 PM
66	Not sure	1/30/2021 3:36 PM
67	Extra space for exercise or a squash room, anything for physical activity. We don't need any more "rooms" to rent	1/30/2021 3:25 PM
68	Sports stuff for the kids around this area they have nothing !!!	1/30/2021 3:24 PM
69	Community gym!!	1/30/2021 3:23 PM
70	Weights/ weight equipment	1/30/2021 3:23 PM
71	1.Community user meeting and activities (scouts, seniors, churches, clubs, etc) 2.Activity rooms that require less space- yoga aerobics classes, spin classes, marital arts 3.Banquet and conference space 4.Workshops-art, educational(training, tutoring, etc) 5. Restaurant/cafe/coffee bar- salty shore type vibe 6.Arts and crafts studio 7.Indoor driving range 8.A climbing walls would be a unique feature 9. Hockey training space	1/30/2021 3:22 PM
72	Indoor play area for children	1/30/2021 3:17 PM
73	Rental spaces, exercise classes	1/30/2021 3:16 PM
74	Adult Day Program Space. Our community has the potential for it, yet nothing is in place. Accessibility is a must.	1/30/2021 3:16 PM
75	More physical activity space. Not another office.	1/30/2021 3:15 PM
76	Anything	1/30/2021 3:14 PM
77	A space for young children to play and develop.	1/30/2021 3:11 PM
78	An inside pool.	1/30/2021 3:10 PM
79	Yoga classes, different and unique exercise classes, dance classes for kids	1/30/2021 3:09 PM
80	Space for exercise class, birthday parties/showers	1/30/2021 3:02 PM
81	Not sure	1/30/2021 3:01 PM
82	Yoga,	1/30/2021 2:55 PM
83	Rooms for private rentals (birthday parties, showers, wedding venue)	1/30/2021 2:55 PM
84	Yoga space,	1/30/2021 2:16 PM
85	Classrooms, A.V. rooms, space for social gathering such as birthday parties and baby/bridal showers	1/30/2021 2:13 PM
86	Toddler/preschool play space	1/30/2021 2:11 PM
87	Muliti purpose rooms beavers Cubs youth programs	1/30/2021 2:10 PM
88	Workout area/fitness machines. Multipurpose rooms for events to be held.	1/30/2021 2:05 PM
89	Space for instructors to hold indoor fitness classes	1/30/2021 2:00 PM
90	Maybe some food	1/30/2021 1:55 PM
91	Gym	1/30/2021 1:48 PM
92	Exercise classes, events	1/27/2021 9:40 PM
93	Weight lifting	1/27/2021 9:15 PM
94	Something for kids	1/27/2021 7:45 PM
95	Weight room	1/27/2021 6:56 PM
96	Adult dance fitness	1/27/2021 4:55 PM
97	Day care	1/27/2021 7:47 AM
98	Indoor playground	1/27/2021 6:53 AM

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99	Exercise machine to help strengthen legs and back	1/27/2021 12:48 AM
100	Some seating or area for keeping jackets or outdoor shoes	1/26/2021 9:46 PM
101	Not sure	1/26/2021 9:35 PM
102	daycare	1/26/2021 8:34 PM
103	day camp, art classes, skate sharpening, healthy snack booth, yoga classes, small gym with equipment and/or equipment library.	1/26/2021 6:43 PM
104	?	1/26/2021 6:22 PM
105	Exercise classes, weight training, indoor sports for kids and or adults	1/26/2021 5:20 PM
106	Kids workout classes	1/26/2021 4:11 PM
107	Anything at all.. the community deserves as much as we can get here	1/26/2021 3:37 PM
108	Yoga classes, child dances classes, baby activity programs,	1/26/2021 3:35 PM
109	I would like to see a room or space for exercise equipment that can be accessed by sports teams and possible media room to watch film in.	1/26/2021 2:06 PM
110	Exercises classes - aerobics, yoga, seniors fitness, pregnancy fitness classes, health information sessions with doctors and dietitians in the area, sports - basketball, badminton, etc. Sewing classes, bingo, etc.	1/26/2021 1:22 PM
111	Art classes, children programs, utilizing the space for extracurricular activities for adults and children based on skills ppl have to offer in the community	1/26/2021 12:49 PM
112	I would like to see an Aquatic Centre built around the swimming pool that could be used for all ages. Programs such as swimming lessons for all ages, Aquatic 'Fit n Fun' sessions for adults (one hour every day), First Aid Lessons, Birthday Parties, Family Time Hours etc. Would like to have area available for 'Adult Day Care', where caregivers can drop off their patient (who lives alone at home) for them to do errands or even for time to themselves. It also gives the patient different environment for a few hours. All these activities will give enjoyment and profit for the facility.	1/26/2021 11:58 AM
113	Warm room, gym	1/26/2021 11:54 AM
114	Indoor swimming	1/26/2021 11:17 AM
115	I would like to see an adjunct public fitness area which may include low maintenance elliptical, bicycle, and rowing equipment ... Limit this to safe, self-directed fitness equipment! (Ie. Exclude weightlifting equipment which is high risk for injuries without an onsite fitness trainer.) Having low maintenance and self-directed fitness equipment available to the public helps those within low income brackets to have equal access to a healthy lifestyles ... just as public libraries ensure that information is accessible to ALL citizens, irrespective of personal economic resources.	1/26/2021 9:52 AM
116	Not sure	1/26/2021 9:16 AM
117	Meeting rooms for birthday parties for children and adults. Workout facilities for yoga etc.	1/26/2021 9:15 AM
118	Small food court.	1/26/2021 7:56 AM
119	Gym space Hospitality space for tournaments	1/26/2021 7:31 AM
120	Place to hold birthday parties, meetings etc	1/26/2021 7:13 AM
121	Exercise lessons at an affordable price	1/26/2021 7:08 AM
122	Nutritionist, massage therapist, etc. This is if the extra space was something like office areas. The spaces could be rented out forvthst type of thing. If open areas- fitness classes, First Aid, meetings, etc.	1/26/2021 6:54 AM
123	Unsure	1/26/2021 6:29 AM
124	I'm not sure	1/26/2021 5:48 AM
125	Doesn't matter	1/26/2021 5:21 AM

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126	Gym type environment where other things can be done while still using the walking track this way people can always go for the walking while the multipurpose space is rented out	1/26/2021 1:36 AM
127	Kids crafts, exercise programs, yoga,	1/25/2021 11:57 PM
128	yoga classes	1/25/2021 11:32 PM
129	Gym	1/25/2021 10:57 PM
130	a multipurpose room with mirrors!	1/25/2021 10:57 PM
131	Aerobic classes, yoga, batting cages, basket ball court	1/25/2021 10:51 PM
132	Children's play area, gym equipment	1/25/2021 10:46 PM
133	Yoga	1/25/2021 10:19 PM
134	N/A	1/25/2021 9:52 PM
135	A separate smaller room to rent for functions.	1/25/2021 9:50 PM
136	services that would serve all residents	1/25/2021 9:44 PM
137	Gym	1/25/2021 9:41 PM
138	Weight room	1/25/2021 9:36 PM
139	Community activities	1/25/2021 9:35 PM
140	Healthy eating lunch space and seating	1/25/2021 9:28 PM
141	Weight training space	1/25/2021 9:28 PM
142	Rooms for workout classes to be held.	1/25/2021 9:21 PM
143	Pool	1/25/2021 9:19 PM
144	Gym, exercise classes, learn to run groups or group running times in the winter, more active activities for kids, various classes focus in on healthy activity Kung fu, dance etc	1/25/2021 9:13 PM
145	Child care to be available to those who attend classes	1/25/2021 9:11 PM
146	Dance, ballet, martial arts, racquet sports, kids play zone, basketball court	1/25/2021 9:11 PM
147	Exercise classes	1/25/2021 9:02 PM
148	Play spaces for children. Yoga classes.	1/25/2021 8:51 PM
149	Weight lifting gym	1/25/2021 8:47 PM
150	Indoor pool , fitness Center with showers	1/25/2021 8:46 PM
151	Kids activities	1/25/2021 8:45 PM
152	Anything for kids.	1/25/2021 8:45 PM
153	Warm room overlooking the arena	1/25/2021 8:34 PM
154	Gym	1/25/2021 8:33 PM
155	Need a turf/court of some sort and partitions for hockey off ice/batting cages/ Spaces to rent for dry Land. Squash courts etc.	1/25/2021 8:32 PM
156	Some tables and lounge chairs for socializing, board games, card games or puzzles.	1/25/2021 8:31 PM
157	Walking clubs, running clubs	1/25/2021 8:28 PM
158	Multipurpose room	1/25/2021 8:26 PM
159	Something for younger children	1/25/2021 8:19 PM
160	some type of recreational sport like maybe tennis or bowling alley	1/25/2021 8:01 PM
161	Fitness classes, dance classes, martial arts etc...	1/25/2021 7:55 PM
162	Yoga	1/25/2021 7:43 PM

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163	Pool	1/25/2021 7:41 PM
164	Multi spaces for community rentals some small and larger rooms	1/25/2021 7:40 PM
165	Yoga	1/25/2021 7:36 PM
166	Warm room, meeting space	1/25/2021 7:36 PM
167	Community meeting space	1/25/2021 7:34 PM
168	Not sure	1/25/2021 7:34 PM
169	Tennis, floor hockey, aerobics	1/25/2021 7:33 PM
170	Rest areas for those who need to stop and need a place to sit like those recovering from stroke, heart issues, surgery or breathing problems	1/25/2021 7:32 PM
171	Batting cage. Pool Splash pad Indoor Tennis Indoor play space for little ones, like hop, skip and jump in Halifax.	1/25/2021 7:26 PM
172	a place where senior services can be offered	1/25/2021 7:25 PM
173	How much space? This is a confusing question. Squash court, gym w weights and cardio equipment, children's indoor play space, party room for kids,	1/25/2021 7:23 PM
174	Mommy&me kid friendly classes, adult fitness classes	1/25/2021 7:23 PM
175	Exercise programs Kids programs Different types of classes for all ages ie paint night, baking classes etc	1/25/2021 7:23 PM
176	Weights	1/25/2021 7:22 PM
177	Children's activities	1/25/2021 7:21 PM
178	Events, parties	1/25/2021 7:14 PM
179	N/A	1/25/2021 7:10 PM
180	Pool	1/25/2021 7:08 PM
181	Tea room	1/25/2021 7:07 PM
182	Exercise room.	1/25/2021 7:06 PM
183	Play Area for kids	1/25/2021 7:04 PM
184	Not sure	1/25/2021 7:02 PM
185	Kids activities	1/25/2021 7:00 PM
186	Indoor swimming	1/25/2021 6:59 PM
187	Space for birthday parties/gatherings	1/25/2021 6:58 PM
188	Pool	1/25/2021 6:56 PM
189	More meeting rooms	1/25/2021 6:53 PM
190	Massage therapists, gym equipment, place for birthday parties, something different like a spin class would be awesome in our area!	1/25/2021 6:51 PM
191	.	1/25/2021 6:51 PM
192	Workout classes	1/25/2021 6:51 PM
193	B	1/25/2021 6:48 PM
194	Yoga room	1/25/2021 6:47 PM
195	Fitness and health activities for the whole family	1/25/2021 6:45 PM
196	Yoga	1/25/2021 6:40 PM
197	Indoor baseball, soccer, definitely need an indoor pool	1/25/2021 6:38 PM

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198	Not sure. I would have to think about it awhile.	1/25/2021 6:32 PM
199	Not sure	1/25/2021 6:30 PM
200	Gym	1/25/2021 6:29 PM
201	Themed camps for kids	1/25/2021 6:27 PM
202	Fitness classes, etc	1/25/2021 6:26 PM
203	Fitness classes, more events/activities for children	1/25/2021 6:23 PM
204	Fitness programs, expos, art displays, theatre □, dance studio	1/25/2021 6:23 PM
205	Tumble time for toddlers, fitness coaches, a multitude of activities	1/25/2021 6:21 PM
206	Multipurpose games room...? Ping pong table, pool table, large size connect four, shuffleboard etc	1/25/2021 6:21 PM
207	More children's programming	1/25/2021 6:19 PM
208	Maybe some type of classes like painting etc	1/25/2021 6:11 PM
209	Floor hockey, gymnastics, art classes.	1/25/2021 6:03 PM
210	Some space dedicated to toddlers	1/25/2021 6:01 PM
211	A studio that can be used for fitness classes, yoga, etc. A conference room.	1/25/2021 6:01 PM
212	Fitness center, rooms for various programs or private rentals, meeting spaces. Would love to see an indoor pool in the municipality, but this wouldn't be part of this space.	1/25/2021 5:58 PM
213	Class room type spaces for art lessons/paint night/small meetings/	1/25/2021 5:56 PM
214	Community room. Wash rooms	1/25/2021 5:45 PM
215	Na	1/25/2021 5:39 PM
216	Meetings, conferences, banquets, fundraiser events, etc.	1/25/2021 5:35 PM
217	More cultural event hosting with theatre style seating that can be pushed back into the wall when not in use. Stage area. Adequate sound system. Movie screen.	1/25/2021 5:20 PM
218	I'm not sure what services would be suitable, and what spaces are already planned.	1/25/2021 5:10 PM
219	Space for a kitchenette that could be used for various meetings or workshops within the facility	1/25/2021 5:00 PM
220	Exercises, yoga, meetings, rentals, etc.	1/25/2021 4:54 PM
221	Fitness classes/ yoga. Workout gym	1/25/2021 4:40 PM
222	Some type of exercise area	1/25/2021 4:35 PM
223	A warm room	1/25/2021 4:28 PM
224	Bootcamp classes, yoga	1/25/2021 4:23 PM
225	0	1/25/2021 4:21 PM
226	An area that could be used for fitness classes, day camps, farmers markets...	1/25/2021 4:17 PM
227	A Stage and seating for Music Concerts / Arts and Entertainment Performances, since our area is severely lacking in that area.	1/25/2021 4:15 PM
228	space to hold small classes or meetings	1/25/2021 4:13 PM
229	?	1/25/2021 4:09 PM
230	I have no clue	1/25/2021 4:06 PM
231	Pool	1/25/2021 4:05 PM
232	Art programs Seniors programming	1/25/2021 4:03 PM
233	Classes of all kinds! I would love to see yoga (my teenage son struggles to find somewhere to	1/25/2021 4:02 PM

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	learn) , tai chi, maybe some kick boxing etc.....	
234	n/a	1/25/2021 4:00 PM
235	Kids activities, adult work out classes	1/25/2021 3:58 PM
236	Squash courts	1/25/2021 3:58 PM
237	Extra showers for summer time when local wells are low	1/25/2021 3:52 PM
238	Basketball court	1/25/2021 3:47 PM
239	Indoor pool	1/25/2021 3:47 PM
240	indoor activities for all ages	1/25/2021 3:46 PM
241	Kids activities	1/25/2021 3:45 PM
242	Pool	1/25/2021 3:43 PM
243	Bar	1/25/2021 3:41 PM
244	Still hoping for a indoor pool	1/25/2021 3:37 PM
245	Theatre: cultural performance capacity!!!; gymnasium;	1/25/2021 3:32 PM
246	Recreational activities for kids Yoga classes Room rentals for special events	1/25/2021 3:13 PM
247	Classes - dance, yoga, painting etc as well as meeting space for committees, groups and training sessions.	1/25/2021 3:09 PM
248	Space for meetings and conferences	1/25/2021 2:30 PM
249	Pickle ball, gymnastics, volley ball	1/25/2021 2:18 PM
250	Excerise classes	1/25/2021 2:17 PM

**Q5 Are there any other comments you would like to say about the
Recreation Centre?**

Answered: 127 Skipped: 123

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	2/6/2021 10:01 PM
2	I am disappointed that a gym area is not included in the plans. We need space for kids to be able to hold sporting events and to exercise.	2/6/2021 5:26 PM
3	Can hardly wait to see it completed, long overdue	2/6/2021 4:25 PM
4	It is very Exciting exciting to see A new recreation Centre being put up in the area! I am sure that people of all ages will be able to enjoy some thing there and make good use of it.	2/5/2021 12:23 PM
5	cover the pool	2/3/2021 12:15 PM
6	I would love to see things available to benefit our youth more than anything. Indoor pool, gym, batting cages, indoor space for team dryland training. I absolutely LOVE walking and running but I would rather go outside in a hurricane over walking around inside staring at the same walls.	2/3/2021 11:31 AM
7	A recreation center should be based around physical activity more than "meetings". The children in this area would benefit from more available options to programming and sports. If there is a multipurpose room, it should be big enough for actual use for everyone (ie. badminton, floor hockey, dance recitals/practice, etc.) not just for yoga or birthday parties. The walking track should be separate from this area as well. If one group is using the multipurpose room, then I personally would not feel comfortable walking around them on a track. I would feel like an intruder on their time.	2/3/2021 9:54 AM
8	I hope you're considering a running track, not just walking that there are no square corners, that they are rounded for being runner friendly. Also there is visibility around the corner so people can see ahead.	2/2/2021 10:48 AM
9	Would like to see a indoor pool that could be used year round, for all ages	2/2/2021 10:26 AM
10	Let's get it done	2/2/2021 9:20 AM
11	Looking forward to it!	2/2/2021 6:51 AM
12	No	2/1/2021 9:46 PM
13	It needs to have a gym	2/1/2021 12:04 PM
14	Not at this time.	2/1/2021 6:52 AM
15	We really need something's there for the kids around here to do and a nice place to do so	1/31/2021 11:27 PM
16	Why is this survey only available now? Why are they only asking for the public's input now? *Our community needs a gymnasium that is open, available and accessible for everyone.	1/31/2021 10:49 PM
17	Give us a recreation hall not a birthday party hall	1/31/2021 7:28 PM
18	Why do we need meeting rooms when it is suppose to be a recreation centre	1/31/2021 5:11 PM
19	Let's get it done...	1/31/2021 11:40 AM
20	This would be great for our community both physically motivating & for community events. I am so excited to have this to look forward to!	1/31/2021 10:54 AM
21	I'm not understanding why so many conferences rooms and recreation rooms are needed in Barrington. As of now we have rooms available at sobeys, library, municipal building and the existing rec center. I believe the money could be well spent in other options.	1/31/2021 10:26 AM
22	No	1/31/2021 9:07 AM
23	Waste of money	1/31/2021 9:04 AM
24	I think attaching it to the arena would be awesome.. our arena is so dated it would help out on the curb appeal	1/31/2021 8:58 AM
25	Let's get this underway. Barrington needs this. We are behind in these areas let's keep locals in or local area.	1/31/2021 8:39 AM
26	I and many other people I have talked to in the community believe that the community is	1/31/2021 8:27 AM

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lacking a proper gym / fitness centre. This would greatly improve the use of this facility and would bring more people into the area.

27	Hopefully this can be done	1/31/2021 7:28 AM
28	It will be a valued addition to our community. We need it yesterday	1/30/2021 11:21 PM
29	I am a mother of 2 adult daughters and 7 grandkids, my whole family look forward to taking advantage of the new rec centre	1/30/2021 11:08 PM
30	Na	1/30/2021 10:48 PM
31	I am very disappointed that there is no pool. At least the current pool should be enclosed.	1/30/2021 10:16 PM
32	Just be sure it meets the needs of all demographics in our municipality.	1/30/2021 9:56 PM
33	no	1/30/2021 9:32 PM
34	There is a play ground at the existing recreation centre. It is getting in pretty tough shape, and actually a bit dangerous. Lots of places rusting out, and certain pieces missing all together. Would be nice if there was some sort of outside equipment for children at the new Rec centre. My children love playing outside, but find that for a quality playground we are having to travel quite far away. Love the idea of a new Rec centre, but would also love some outside fun for kids too!	1/30/2021 8:38 PM
35	Waste of money, use it on something better for EVERYONE	1/30/2021 6:32 PM
36	Pool at the arena should be enclosed so it would be usable during winter	1/30/2021 6:27 PM
37	I will be glad when it available to use	1/30/2021 5:29 PM
38	Really listen to the public when they give you input, don't just pretend you're interested in their ideas and then do whatever you want. Tax money pays for this, therefore taxpayers should have the most say. I find when things are built the public wishes aren't usually followed, very disappointing. Keep it as simple as possible, do not need all the bells and whistles using the most expensive materials. Spend the money as if it were coming out of your bank account!	1/30/2021 5:12 PM
39	Just so happy to see that there will be an indoor walking track.	1/30/2021 5:11 PM
40	We need a Rec center to get people active not only storage rooms and meeting rooms and a kitchen	1/30/2021 4:58 PM
41	Please cover the damn pool. Don't see point of spending 2.5 million dollars so we have some meeting rooms that will never be used. Recreation needs to be used to provide things for the children in the community to do. Everyone wants the pool in the winter just make it work. Cover it and people will be happy. Case closed. The walking track idea looks dumb. Waste of money. This whole Project is a waste if you don't do what the community actually wants.	1/30/2021 4:22 PM
42	This plan doesn't actually have much physical recreational activity in mind. It's basically a bunch of meeting rooms and office space with a walking track. Option A would have been much more beneficial to the community where is there more room for physical activity. Better yet, the pool should have been factored into this plan with it being enclosed and more space added on to that side of the arena. The pool would get used a lot more than a walking tack, especially in the winter months.	1/30/2021 3:53 PM
43	I'm curious how only one room will work. Will there be enough availability with I'm just one room to accommodate all recreation activities?	1/30/2021 3:52 PM
44	indoor swimming pool	1/30/2021 3:36 PM
45	I think option A is the best for our area even though it's pricey, it's worth the investment	1/30/2021 3:25 PM
46	I think this is not a good idea . I think we need to focus on the young kids in this area ! There is nothing around here for them to do ..	1/30/2021 3:24 PM
47	This is not what I thought was being put in, at all!! Why so many meeting rooms?? We need less meeting/community rooms and more gym/ walking space. Very, very disappointed in your decision here.	1/30/2021 3:23 PM
48	A walking track will be a very valuable addition. Thanks!	1/30/2021 3:23 PM
49	I believe our community is lacking in the area of having "things to do" in the off season or on	1/30/2021 3:22 PM

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rainy days. Providing flex space that can be multi functional for all ages would be beneficial to the community as a whole

50	Youth and families is a great component to consider, but there are other vulnerable populations that come to mind within our region. The aging population is only going to continue to augment and eventually surpass the current generation. Make sure that this addition promotes aging well and is accessible for all populations at hand; not just youth and families. I work with individuals with disabilities within the aging population; too often do we forget to include/advertise to them and their needs.	1/30/2021 3:16 PM
51	Awesome	1/30/2021 3:14 PM
52	This needs to be more than just a walking track and multipurpose room or nobody will use it for its full potential. Add a pool so it will actually draw people to the area. People aren't going to come to barrington for a walking track, but they will come for an inside pool.	1/30/2021 3:10 PM
53	Hope to see this happen	1/30/2021 3:01 PM
54	I hope to see lots of multi purpose rooms for rentals	1/30/2021 2:55 PM
55	We are excited to see these plans progressing	1/30/2021 2:11 PM
56	Excellent idea	1/30/2021 2:10 PM
57	No	1/27/2021 9:15 PM
58	No	1/27/2021 7:45 PM
59	Let's make this happen	1/27/2021 6:56 PM
60	Can you please consider an indoor pool? For the size of our area it is a shame not to included it. Having lived in towns of similar sizes in both Alberta and Ontario, the pool was the best part of the recreation centre. One even had a wave pool with only a population of 3500. Something to consider. A pool would allow for aquatic fitness which is very good for seniors.	1/27/2021 4:55 PM
61	This would be very good for our residents, our kids need something as well as seniors or whoever. Ty	1/27/2021 7:47 AM
62	Excited to see this come to be.	1/26/2021 9:46 PM
63	No	1/26/2021 9:35 PM
64	Make cheerful/welcoming. Good signage is important. Why not incorporate some cultural aspects related to lobstering and/or Mi'kmaq culture (I don't seem to see much of this around but it's a giant part of local history). Provide space for party rentals.	1/26/2021 6:43 PM
65	I think multi function is the way to go for events sports fitness parties etc with the elevated walking so more things can be done and simultaneously	1/26/2021 5:20 PM
66	No	1/26/2021 3:37 PM
67	Lots of advertising would be helpful so that everyone knows activities being hosted. Low cost to the public will be important so that everyone can access programs. Community fundraising would likely be very beneficial as so many people will benefit from a great rec centre	1/26/2021 1:22 PM
68	Will the cost of the Centre described be used to it's capacity. Is the size of the building and material being used, necessary? Is the cost of the centre worth the amount of time it will be used? Need to consider what we need; not what we want.	1/26/2021 11:58 AM
69	I think elevating the walking track is a great idea and money well spent! It creates more space for all and ensures that there will not be disruptions, congestion, nor user conflict during simultaneous use, by different groups, of the facility. I also think it is important to have functional windows which draw on natural lighting and permit outdoor airflow (in season) so that the new Rec. Center has a spacious, bright, fresh-air and natural (outdoor) kind of ambiance.	1/26/2021 9:52 AM
70	Swimming pool	1/26/2021 9:16 AM
71	Enclosed pool for year round access	1/26/2021 7:31 AM
72	No	1/26/2021 7:13 AM
73	Recreation centre should be completely wheelchair accessible for all. Also walking trail is	1/26/2021 6:29 AM

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hugely beneficial to be elevated so mother's with younger children can bring their strollers and not fear a game of basketball getting out of hand and someone carelessly running into their baby. Make the walking trail open early and close late for all to access at convenience. During the winter months there will probably be a higher turn out in evening due to it being dark so early. Would certainly use the trail then as I am a user to the Barrington Bay trail multiple times per week but only when weather permits as I have a small child with me.

74	It would be great if a pool could be integrated into the plan for the new recreation center	1/25/2021 10:51 PM
75	Needs an enclosed swimming pool!	1/25/2021 10:19 PM
76	Yes an indoor pool that can be used Year round	1/25/2021 9:28 PM
77	N/A	1/25/2021 9:21 PM
78	I think it's long overdue and I hope this continues to move forward	1/25/2021 9:13 PM
79	Looking forward to a modern space!	1/25/2021 9:11 PM
80	N/A	1/25/2021 9:02 PM
81	In thinking about option A, how would the walking area work if you're having a quiet yoga class? I picture friends walking and chatting but feeling uncomfortable if a class is taking place.	1/25/2021 8:51 PM
82	Pool	1/25/2021 8:33 PM
83	We need a court to run on and be able to divide at times. Could do indoor soccer, hockey dry land, basketball, with covid closing schools gyms it's even more important we have a gym we can access. Also, bathrooms with no doors and entrances and traffic flows with separate entrance and exits to promote physical distancing and efforts made do hand washing stations. It's only a matter of time before the next covid 20 or 21 happens.	1/25/2021 8:32 PM
84	no	1/25/2021 8:31 PM
85	Needs to have hours to work with people that work full time during the day	1/25/2021 8:28 PM
86	No	1/25/2021 7:43 PM
87	I will certainly use it	1/25/2021 7:40 PM
88	More options for young adults	1/25/2021 7:36 PM
89	No	1/25/2021 7:26 PM
90	I would like to have seen options, a draft plan, etc before completing this survey. I don't feel I had the context necessary to provide valuable input. An indoor pool is what we really need in the tri county area.	1/25/2021 7:23 PM
91	I'm excited about it. We really need this in our area.	1/25/2021 7:14 PM
92	I am wondering why there is no mention of an Indoor pool?	1/25/2021 7:08 PM
93	No	1/25/2021 7:07 PM
94	No	1/25/2021 7:02 PM
95	A spacious lobby is a waste of money and space. Put that space towards an extra room that can be used/rented.	1/25/2021 6:51 PM
96	.	1/25/2021 6:51 PM
97	No comments	1/25/2021 6:48 PM
98	Looking forward to using it	1/25/2021 6:47 PM
99	No	1/25/2021 6:30 PM
100	Would the walking track be big enough for running? It would be good for the winter months.	1/25/2021 6:26 PM
101	Arts school and theatre is something our community is missing. A senior citizen focus would be nice, accessible space for all ages and needs.	1/25/2021 6:23 PM

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102	Will be so happy to see our community have such a great and well deserved space! Still wish the indoor pool would be added.	1/25/2021 6:21 PM
103	I see this project as beneficial to the community	1/25/2021 6:19 PM
104	N/a	1/25/2021 6:11 PM
105	If you are going to spend the money then spend it on what the people want, listen to them and their ideas.	1/25/2021 6:03 PM
106	Would love to see a large indoor pool or aquatic center. Check out the one recently built in Elmsdale (East Hants Aquatic Centre). I think a similar center would do really well and attract people from both Yarmouth and Shelburne counties.	1/25/2021 5:58 PM
107	I would like to see theatre seating available so we are able to host concerts and other events	1/25/2021 5:56 PM
108	Spacious Lobby Option - As long as it is not taking away from other areas of importance .	1/25/2021 5:35 PM
109	It makes me very happy to live in a small community that places big value on health and wellness. I can't wait to see what the final design holds!	1/25/2021 5:10 PM
110	I am in full support of the plans going forward. It is a piece of valuable infrastructure for our community	1/25/2021 5:00 PM
111	No	1/25/2021 4:54 PM
112	Dont need offices or classrooms in the building	1/25/2021 4:35 PM
113	It would be a great place for different activities all year round and is much needed.	1/25/2021 4:23 PM
114	0	1/25/2021 4:21 PM
115	I think it's important to have lots of ventilation and windows for the natural light to come in and to be able to see outside while using the fitness track	1/25/2021 4:17 PM
116	I believe the logical location for the new Rec Centre is at Sherose Island. I also believe the municipality needs to take the opportunity to expand in outdoor activities that can be congregated at and around the rec centre building. Basketball, Tennis, Ball-Hockey, all come to mind. We have zero outdoor basketball courts and a single tennis court to offer.	1/25/2021 4:15 PM
117	pull out theatre seating	1/25/2021 4:13 PM
118	Nope	1/25/2021 4:06 PM
119	No	1/25/2021 4:05 PM
120	The rec center should reflect the culture and history of the municipality. Also a nice inviting space for meetings, parties, receptions etc..is a huge need	1/25/2021 4:03 PM
121	This is an opportunity to offer classes of all kinds to our community. Please keep in mind that some groups are being excluded right now. My son has been trying to find yoga, tai chi, hapikdo etc... for teen boys for quite some time and is always turned away. I would like a place that I can go with and apart from my kids to participate. Will there be a space for any sort of daycare services. I know many mums would utilize this space if they had they option to pay for drop off day care services as well. Coming from a military community we always had a base gym that we could sign up for classes and pay for day care services, it was the only time we could join in outside of "afterwork" hours.	1/25/2021 4:02 PM
122	No	1/25/2021 3:58 PM
123	Keep up the good work	1/25/2021 3:52 PM
124	A basketball court is a must have	1/25/2021 3:47 PM
125	Something for kids	1/25/2021 3:45 PM
126	Please please can we demonstrate that we value cultural activities the way that we do sports and finally have somewhere to host theatre, performances to offer to youth and attract professionals to the area? And landscaping is important! The arena looks terrible, as though we have no pride in our community.	1/25/2021 3:32 PM
127	I would be great to see an addition weight room used for both women and men. This could be	1/25/2021 2:18 PM

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used prior to sports (baseball, hockey, etc). Indoor batting cage would also be a consideration

Facility	Manager/ Contact	Hous of operation	Facility specs
Hb Studios, Bridgewater	Shelley Skinner - 902-543-5348	Mon-Fri from 8am - 9pm Saturday 9-12, Sunday 1:30-9	209 metre oval
Emera Centre, Liverpool	902-354-4422 Meaghan Roberts?	Mon-Fri from 6:15am - 9pm Saturday 8:30-3, Sunday 9-5	2 3 ft lanes oval
Kings Mutual Century Centre, Appledome, Berwick	Bob Best 902-538-9070	Daily 7am -10pm, Closed during hockey games	
Pictou Wellness Centre	Chad McDavid (902) 755 - 8870	Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm	2 lanes
Cougardome, Truro	François Giguère 902-843-4172	Monday to Friday 9am-9pm Saturday 9am - 5pm	2 lane, 260 metre

Cost - membership	Cost - daily	most use/ busy times	Planning and regrets
\$25/month	\$2.00	mornings and evenings	Conditioning for teams, walking challenges are popular
\$20/ month	\$2.00	mornings and evenings	Elevator available, memberships and punch cards are popular
\$50/ year		members only currently	
Many options http://www	\$2.00	Used a lot for conditionig	afternoons, evenings