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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

FROM: Kevin Okimi, Director of Parks and Open Space

DATE: June 10, 2022

MEMO NO.: RP-2022-0006

SUBJECT: Outdoor Ice Strategy Update

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Members of Council with information regarding the Outdoor Ice Strategy currently being undertaken by the Recreation and Parks Department.

BACKGROUND:

The 2022 Capital Budget included Project 8500-22-2201 – Outdoor Ice Feasibility Study. The purpose of this study is to conduct a comprehensive review of the Town's existing outdoor ice programs as well as include a review of the feasibility for additional ice facilities (natural, artificial, synthetic, natural water bodies). The study will also include a business case analysis for each type, including considerations for climate change impacts. The intended outcome of the Outdoor Ice Strategy is to ensure a clear understanding of demand, support of user groups, understanding the public perception, and to bring forward clear options for Council to review and consider.

The Outdoor Ice Strategy supports the Recreation and Parks Strategic (2020-2025) plan outcomes to provide for year-round activities.

The Town of Halton Hills currently operates outdoor natural ice facilities at Prospect Park, Acton Community Sports Park, and Georgetown Fairgrounds. The Town also supports volunteers to create additional rinks at various locations in Town. The Town maintained rinks are dependent on weather and the availability of staff and the length of skating season varies from year to year. In winter 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 there was a significant increase in public use of the ice rinks due to COVID-19 and the necessity for outdoor activities during the winter months, particularly during periods of increased restrictions (stay-at-home-orders, closure of recreational facilities).

COMMENTS:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Council about the status of the Outdoor Ice Strategy, and the anticipated next steps for the study.

In December 2021, an RFP was issued for a consultant to undertake the Outdoor Ice Strategy, however, no submissions were received. Based on discussions with potential consultants, it was identified that the scope of the project was too broad to be achievable within the allotted budget. As a result, staff determined that the study could be completed in-house by staff, and a project charter was created. This allowed initial consultation to occur during the 2021-2022 winter skating season and a detailed review of existing outdoor ice facilities to be completed, which would not have been possible if the project was reissued for a consultant bid. See Appendix A for the project charter summary.

Major elements of the study include:

- The identification of preferred options to improve outdoor ice recreational opportunities in Halton Hills.
- Review the need for additional outdoor ice facilities/experiences, while integrating with other recreational facilities and recreational programs.
- Advance the objectives of the Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan, regarding winter recreational opportunities.
- To identify capital and operating costs for proposed facilities, including a review of overall feasibility and business cases.
- To consider recommendations to improve the existing outdoor rinks and existing community volunteer rink program.
- To engage local community groups and residents to define the Outdoor Ice Strategy.

To date, the following work has been completed:

- Background review and analysis of best practices
- Local and regional scan of outdoor ice facility offerings and operations
- Climate change review
- Fairy Lake feasibility study
- Public Consultation #1 (survey)

Background Information and Site Review/Analysis:

A local and regional review was conducted during January and February to take advantage of the 2021-2022 winter season. Recreation and Parks staff reviewed and analyzed background reports and studies, reviewed surrounding municipalities for best practices and reviewed ice programs from regional municipalities and conservation areas. Key information from this review included:

- The Town currently provides a basic level of natural ice surfaces at various locations in major community parks (i.e. Georgetown Fairgrounds, Prospect Park, and Acton Community Sports Park) and supports volunteers in the creation of additional ice surfaces at other neighbourhood/hamlet park locations. The

current Town led outdoor ice program is supported by a small public works staff complement who also provide winter control services. Priority for winter control may affect the level of outdoor ice service and quality able to be provided at Town operated locations.

- The quality of the Town's outdoor program varies depending on the weather each season. 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 were both excellent years for natural outdoor ice rinks (consistently cold temperatures for making and maintaining ice, not overlapping with major winter control events), but past years have had very short seasons due to variable periods of warm weather.
- Most nearby municipalities have refrigerated ice surfaces, in addition to any natural rinks or volunteer rinks (i.e. Brampton, Mississauga, Oakville, Guelph, Puslinch, Burlington, Hamilton, Toronto).
- Some Conservation Areas also offer outdoor ice programs (i.e. Terra Cotta Conservation Area).
- There is no consistent level of service provision for outdoor refrigerated ice facilities. They are implemented based on overall desire to provide enhanced levels of service for outdoor skating over natural skating options. The length of operating seasons varies from municipality to municipality.

Local and Regional Facilities:

Town staff toured a number of outdoor ice facilities in the City of Brampton to observe the amenities offered for skaters, options for boarded ice rinks vs recreational ice rinks, ice skating trail loops and how they are managed and maintained.

Town staff were also able to meet with staff at Terra Cotta Conservation area to review their outdoor ice program on Wolf Lake. Terra Cotta operates a safe and effective ice program, ensuring consistent safe conditions by conducting comprehensive ice testing on the lake. Staff were able to collect information regarding the materials and safety equipment required, policies and procedures, and the general length of season.

Climate Change Review:

The Town has various Council approved Climate Change plans (The Corporate Energy Management Plan [CEMP], Low Carbon Transition Strategy [LCTS]). In order to ensure the principles set out in these plans were considered, a study has been completed by Enerlife Consulting (consultant who completed the LCTS and CEMP) to provide information to inform the Outdoor Ice Strategy. The focus was to provide a brief report summarizing research into outdoor rink operations, model the future local climate based on climate trends and provide conclusions, including a comparison of natural and refrigerated outdoor ice surfaces including potential for low carbon refrigeration options.

The study provided insight on the potential number of skating days based on historic average climate/weather conditions throughout a season. It provided determination on the first and last skating date (first skating day: five consecutive days where the

maximum daily temperature does not surpass 0°C). The study also notes the potential for the number of skating days to decline over the next thirty years and also predicts the average number of skating days over the next 30 years.

The key information from this study included:

- The majority of **non-skateable days are caused by temperature**
- Other factors affecting skateable days include **regular/timely maintenance** and **presence of a shelter/cover** to reduce the impact of precipitation/snow or intense sun
- The study forecasts a **10% reduction in total skating days** from 26.8-40.2 (2022-2030) to 24.38-36.57 (2041-2050), and a corresponding decline in “good” skating days from 13.4 (2022-2030) to 12.19 (2041-2050)
- Mechanically cooled ice surfaces were expected to have a total of 114 skating days from 2022-2050, with the number of **days requiring mechanical cooling increasing by approximately 5-10%** from 73.8-87.2 (2022-2030) to 77.4-98.6 (2041-2050).
- Mechanically cooled ice surfaces were noted to have the benefit of **reliability** due to the variation in temperatures during the winter season but do **require significant energy to construct and operate** (environmental impact).
- Refrigeration systems capital costs would be approximately \$1.3 million for a CO2 refrigeration system (low carbon option) for a full size ice rink, with costs decreasing based on size of outdoor facility. **CO2 systems are approximately 10% more expensive** than traditional ammonia systems, however are more climate friendly and are more energy efficient and better suited for outdoor applications where the level of staffing may not be as high as indoor arena settings.
- Energy usage for a 114 day season is estimated at \$45,000 per year (full size ice pad).
- Other costs associated with refrigerated surfaces are discussed later in this memorandum.

Fairy Lake Feasibility Study:

The Outdoor Ice Strategy includes reviewing the potential for outdoor ice facilities on Fairy Lake. Outdoor skating is only permitted in designated areas, however, there are currently no designated areas identified on Fairy Lake. The Town does not currently monitor or test the ice thickness, and signage prohibiting use in winter is posted each season. Despite the signage, the Town is aware that the lake is used for skating and ice fishing. The Town retained Associated Engineering Ltd. who have a division that specializes in outdoor ice safety both for recreational and commercial/industrial applications who are completing an outdoor ice feasibility review for Fairy Lake. Town staff also gained insight into safety protocols, inspection and maintenance of ice on natural water bodies by attending a demonstration with Terra Cotta Conservation Area staff on how they manage their outdoor ice programs on Wolf Lake. The preliminary findings of the Fairy Lake Outdoor Ice Feasibility Review include:

- The climate in Acton would allow for a reasonable outdoor ice skating season at Fairy Lake.

- Fairy Lake characteristics are suitable for outdoor ice facilities.
- The construction of ice facilities would be able to start in early January (average) with light duty equipment and vehicles.
- The ice facilities would be able to operate until early March (average) depending on weather.
- For light duty operations equipment, there would be an outdoor skating season from 36-63 days with an average of 54 days.
- For heavy duty operations equipment, there would be an outdoor skating from 9-51 days with an average of 33 days.
- It is recommended to consider light duty operations equipment to extend the number of skating days should a program be considered.
- If an outdoor ice program on the lake is considered, more detailed policies, procedures and testing protocols would need to be developed, as well as staff training and safety equipment suitable for this type of work.

Public Consultation:

In February and March 2022, a public consultation survey was posted on the Town's Let's Talk Halton Hills website on the Outdoor Ice Strategy Project page. Upon completion of the survey, staff reviewed public comments, detailed opinions and results, regarding the ice facilities in the Town. The survey was completed by over 400 residents, and the complete survey results (personal information redacted) are included as Appendix B.

Survey Results Summary:

The survey was published on February 4, 2022 and closed on March 11, 2022. In 36 days, the page received 1,100 page visits visitors out of which 401 took the survey.

Key survey results included:

- Majority of respondents have skated in Halton Hills at outdoor rinks (87%) and nearly half (45%) skate daily or weekly.
- Most participants enjoy the outdoor experience, like to just drop in to skate or play shinny, and to get physical activity.
- Fairgrounds is the most visited location, followed by private locations (backyard rink etc.). Many people use the volunteer rink locations.
- Residents travel between 20-30 minutes to use facilities in nearby municipalities, the most popular being the Gage Park Skating Trail in Brampton.
- Nearly all respondents thought it was important for the Town to provide outdoor ice (98%), but only 30% thought the Town should provide programming and supervision of outdoor rinks.
- Some respondents (35%) reported having difficulty accessing Town rinks for a variety of reasons, including conflicts with other users (shinny vs. leisure skating), unpredictable quality of surfaces due to weather, no scheduling, or too crowded.
- The most important amenities identified by respondents included: washrooms, parking, lighting, and a place to put on skates, with lower importance to spectator seating. Other amenities such as a unique location, skate rentals, concessions,

indoor/outdoor warming areas and indoor change rooms were not rated as being as important.

- When considering facility types, skating trails (natural or refrigerated) were the highest ranking type of facility, with refrigerated leisure skating surfaces and natural surfaces being the second highest.
- The most popular location suggestions for additional rink locations included Gellert Community Park, Dominion Gardens Park and Cedarvale Park, as well as expanding the facilities at existing locations.
- Not many participants were familiar with synthetic ice, but those who were noted that there are quality of experience limitations with it when compared to natural or refrigerated ice surfaces.
- Nearly two thirds (62%) of respondents would be willing to pay user fees for enhanced levels of service at existing or new outdoor ice facilities
- Over two thirds (71%) of respondents were supportive of the Town operating ice facilities on Fairy Lake with travel distance being the main reason people indicated why they would not use the lake.
- Most respondents supported the concept of ensuring that the outdoor ice facility has multi-season use for other sports/features during the non-ice season.
- Almost two thirds (64%) of respondents felt that it was important for the Town to consider climate change goals and considerations when reviewing outdoor ice options.

Further survey analysis noted the following key points:

- What residents like about the outdoor ice facilities:
 - o Variety of options.
 - o Enjoy being able to meet up with friends outdoors.
 - o Free of charge.
 - o Skating aids and nets for use.
- What residents dislike about facilities:
 - o Outdoor rinks are very busy, not enough of them.
 - o Hockey players take them over and conflicts with other users.
 - o Fairgrounds rinks are too small for community wide use.
- What residents suggested:
 - o Need for more recreational options (Separation between hockey and recreational users)
 - o Addition of a rink at Gellert Community Centre.
 - o Skating trails
 - o More lighting to provide evening use, amenities
 - o Refrigeration system for consistent ice surfaces.
- The vision for outdoor rinks noted by respondents included:
 - o More and bigger outdoor skating spaces (either rinks or trails). People want models like Mount Pleasant and Gage Park in Brampton, Celebration Square in Mississauga, Market Square in Guelph, etc.
 - o There was a clear ask for a distinction between “shinny” pads and recreational use pads, this would help with conflicts between hockey players and recreational skaters.

Municipal Survey:

Staff looked to other municipalities for information to coincide with the public survey. Eight municipalities returned a completed survey. The municipalities included: The Township of Essa, Township of Springwater, Town of Caledon, Town of Milton, Township of Brock, Town of Georgina, Newmarket and Richmond Hill.

The request for information involved capital and operating costs, programs, schedules, monitoring requirements, cost of use, volunteer programs, observed historical operating issues, and climate considerations.

A variety of valuable information was provided by these municipalities who offer a range of ice facilities with no clear distinction between small and large municipalities. The information collected through this survey will be incorporated into the more detailed feasibility review.

Stakeholder Survey:

The Town also issued a survey to community organizations that may be interested in using or partnering with the Town with respect to outdoor ice facilities. To date, three responses have been received, the Georgetown Skating Club, the Acton BIA and Light Up the Hills. The Acton BIA and Light up the Hills are interested in outdoor ice facilities primarily related to their annual events. The Georgetown Skating Club noted the potential to use outdoor ice facilities for outdoor programs and promotions and also for events.

Technical Team:

A cross department staff technical team has met monthly to provide input and expertise related to their fields within the Town. The team includes members of the Recreation and Parks Department (Parks and Open Space, Community Development, Facilities), Transportation and Public Works (Public Works and Park Operations) and Office of the CAO (Climate Change Division). The information in this report has been reviewed with this technical team.

Preliminary Review of Options:

Based on the background information noted above, staff have begun to identify preliminary options for improvements to the outdoor ice programs. Due to the many options and methods for creating outdoor ice facilities, staff have broken down the potential improvements into three general approaches.

- 1) **Fairy Lake Ice program:** Develop and implement a program for ice testing and maintenance of Town operated rinks/skating trails on Fairy Lake. This could also be supported by volunteers where appropriate.
- 2) **Improve and expand existing ice rink program:** Enhancements to existing outdoor rink program (servicing, staffing levels), new locations or facility upgrades to support the creation of natural outdoor skating rinks (non-refrigerated). This approach could also include improvements to the existing volunteer ice rink program. It could include installing multiple rinks at locations to

allow designated leisure pads. Examples: Upgrade water service at Glen Williams Park (volunteer location) to allow a Town operated rink (increased staffing required), formalize second rink at Prospect Park.

- 3) **Artificial ice rink options:** Focus efforts on 1 or 2 potential locations for refrigerated outdoor ice facilities based on community feedback and existing infrastructure. Example: Refrigerated multi-use ice pad at Gellert Community within the expansion lands.

It is important to note that these approaches are not exclusive, and the final strategy may include elements from multiple approaches to meet the overall goals and objectives of the Outdoor Ice Strategy.

Review of Options:

The project team has also begun to review possible locations for additional outdoor ice, through a Site Suitability Review. Suitability criteria was created with the responses from the public in mind as well as a review of site infrastructure, maintenance requirements, and overall compatibility with goals of the ice strategy. The analysis evaluates which sites would be most feasible for different types of ice facilities (natural, refrigerated or skating trail). The review of key options will be provided for Council in the future for approval as part of the study's recommendations.

The review will also look at options for ice refrigeration using low-carbon energy solutions, the cost implications to operate and the staffing requirements for any type of facility.

Financial Information:

Options for outdoor ice vary significantly in the order of magnitude for cost depending on which type of facility is considered.

Preliminary capital costs for an artificial ice rink as identified through the Climate Change review would be over \$1 million for refrigeration systems. The order of magnitude capital costs for a complete refrigerated rink could be between \$3-5 million or more and would include concrete ice surface, amenities, a service building, ice resurfacers, and any major utility/infrastructure upgrades. Ice resurfacers capital costs could range from \$90,000 (natural gas) to \$150,000 (electric incl. charging station).

Operating costs, including staffing, energy and maintenance costs have not yet been determined in detail, but are expected to be in the range of \$50,000-\$100,000 or more per season depending on a number of variables. Further details will be provided once a more detailed review is completed.

Outdoor ice programs on natural bodies of water like Fairy Lake, are primarily reliant on staff and equipment time, and can often be implemented for significantly less. Richmond Hill operates two natural bodies of water for outdoor skating and the operating costs are approximately \$100 per operating day. This level of cost would result in operating costs of \$5,000-\$10,000 at Fairy Lake depending on the length of season and staff availability.

as outlined in the Fairy Lake study. Some costs may be able to be offset if a volunteer program was implemented to assist with some of the regular maintenance of the rink.

Improvements to existing systems would largely be focused on upgrades to and construction of new water services (\$15-25,000 per site), upgraded lighting (\$5-10,000 per site) and increased levels of dedicated staffing for the construction and maintenance of additional natural rink locations. Additional equipment could also be added to make operations of the outdoor ice facilities more efficient. Additional funding could also be provided to support neighbourhood volunteer rinks.

Natural rinks (similar to existing) can cost from \$1,500-\$2,500 to construct, and an additional \$100-\$150 per day for flooding. The total cost to operate natural rinks is approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 per location depending on the length of season.

As part of the review of options, staff will be reviewing the potential to incorporate outdoor ice facilities into other capital projects already identified (i.e. Gellert Park Expansion, Vision Georgetown Parks) to maximize construction and cost efficiencies.

Any capital or operating costs associated with outdoor ice facilities as noted above will be subject to future approval by Council, and based on a review of affordability and sustainability in conjunction with the Town's Long Range Financial Plan and the Capital Budget and Forecast for future years.

Timing:

The original project schedule was to complete the Outdoor Ice Strategy by July of 2022. Due to a variety of factors, the overall project timeline has been delayed. The 2023 Capital Forecast included \$3 million for an outdoor ice facility, but this will be deferred to allow the Outdoor Ice Strategy to be completed, and recommendations to be incorporated into other ongoing capital projects (i.e. Gellert Park Expansion design phase).

Staff anticipate the study will be completed later in 2022 and major projects would be incorporated into the 2024-2033 capital budget review which will be undertaken in 2023. Staff will also delay any upgrades to the existing facilities until the recommendations from the Outdoor Ice Strategy are approved by Council. Recommendations from the study will also be reviewed as part of any future updates to the Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan.

Next Steps:

The study team will continue to evaluate options for Council to consider as part of the Outdoor Ice Strategy. This would include the considerations for refrigeration system vs natural ice, review of potential ice facility locations, recommendations for existing rinks, improvements to the volunteer program and other considerations. This would also include the review of the potential for Fairy Lake Ice facilities. Public consultation will also be included to obtain public feedback on some of the key options being considered, to help to identify priorities. The final Outdoor Ice Strategy will include a detailed cost review and operating impact to ensure that the full financial impact of any recommended facility or upgrades are fully considered. The study will also consider if there are

opportunities for public-private partnership (P3) models which would be appropriate for the ongoing operation of enhanced facilities.

The 2023 capital budget will include preliminary forecast items for the 2024-2032 Capital Forecast based on the preliminary findings of the strategy.

CONCLUSION:

The Outdoor Ice Strategy project is being undertaken by Town staff. This memorandum is being provided to provide Council with an update on the status of the study and next steps to be undertaken by staff.

Reviewed and approved by,

Paul Damaso, Commissioner of Recreation and Parks

Jon Rehill, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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Project Charter

Project	<i>Outdoor Ice Strategy & Feasibility Study (Summary)</i>		
Created By	Kevin Okimi	Date	December 9, 2021
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Mission	<p>Create an Outdoor Ice Strategy that reflects Council and residents' vision for outdoor winter recreational opportunities.</p> <p>The Outdoor Ice Strategy will include the Town's current natural rinks, community operated volunteer rinks, Fairy Lake considerations, and potential new artificial/refrigerated/synthetic facilities, including a review of existing facilities and programs, programs and services, and a vision for future facilities including a more detailed feasibility review of future improvements.</p>
Objectives	<p>To identify the preferred opportunities to improve Outdoor Ice Recreational opportunities in Halton Hills to continue to provide residents with non-structured opportunities for active recreation.</p> <p>To review the need for additional outdoor ice facilities/experiences in Halton Hills while integrating with the other Recreational Facilities and Recreational Programs.</p> <p>To advance the objectives of the Strategic Action Plan regarding Winter Recreational opportunities; consider benefits of facility design that create different user experiences (E.g. skating track or pads for shinny),</p> <p>To review the long term feasibility of all types of outdoor ice facilities given climate change considerations and Town net zero objectives.</p> <p>To identify capital and operating costs for proposed facilities, including a review of overall feasibility and business case.</p> <p>To consider the multi-functional use of outdoor ice surfaces during and out of season to maximize cost benefits (E.g. covered or uncovered splashpad/ice, sport court/ice, event space/ice).</p> <p>To consider recommendations to improve the existing outdoor rinks and existing community volunteer rink program.</p> <p>To identify the highest priorities for implementation in the short, mid and long-term.</p> <p>To identify risk management issues associated with all Outdoor Ice Programs being considered.</p> <p>To engage local community groups and residents to define the Outdoor Ice Strategy.</p>

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Deliverables	An Amazing! Outdoor Ice Strategy for Halton Hills 1) Council Approved Strategy 2) Budget Impacts (operating/capital) identified 3) Implementation Strategy
Approving Stakeholders	Council (Council) General Public (including known users of current facilities) Commissioner of Recreation and Parks & Department Leadership Team
Project Team:	Parks & Open Space: Project Lead and Project Work Technical Committee: Community Development, Facilities, Transportation and Public Works, Climate Change & Asset Management Specialty Consultants: Specialty Refrigeration, Outdoor Ice, Architect, Engineers, Cost Consultants as required.
Overall Work Program	Task 1: Background Review Task 2: Local and Regional Scan Task 3: Climate Change Review Task 4: Public Consultation Task 5: Potential Sites / Options & SWOT Analysis Task 6: Public Consultation #2 Task 7: Concept Development & Feasibility/financial/business case review Task 8: Draft Preferred Strategy & Phasing Task 9: Public Consultation #3 Task 10: Final Report and Council Report
Assumptions	Current Capital Forecast includes Outdoor Ice Facility (2023) as well as various capital projects for Major Town parks (i.e. Gellert Ph. 2, Vision Georgetown Community Park, Vision Georgetown Town Square, TSP Future phases, etc.) Future projects are considered to have potential to include outdoor ice facilities, subject to budget approval and outcomes of this strategy. Operations of Outdoor Ice (ie. PW or Facilities) to be Determined based on outcomes of study. Skating on SWM ponds will likely be raised by the public – will defer to Engineering
Communications	Public Consultation via Website, Let's Talk Halton Hills, Online Public Meetings, and Key Stakeholder Meetings, posting at existing outdoor rinks as well as through social media.
Boundaries	Does not include indoor ice facilities Does not include SWM ponds

Outdoor Ice Strategy Survey #1

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

27 June 2017 - 04 April 2022

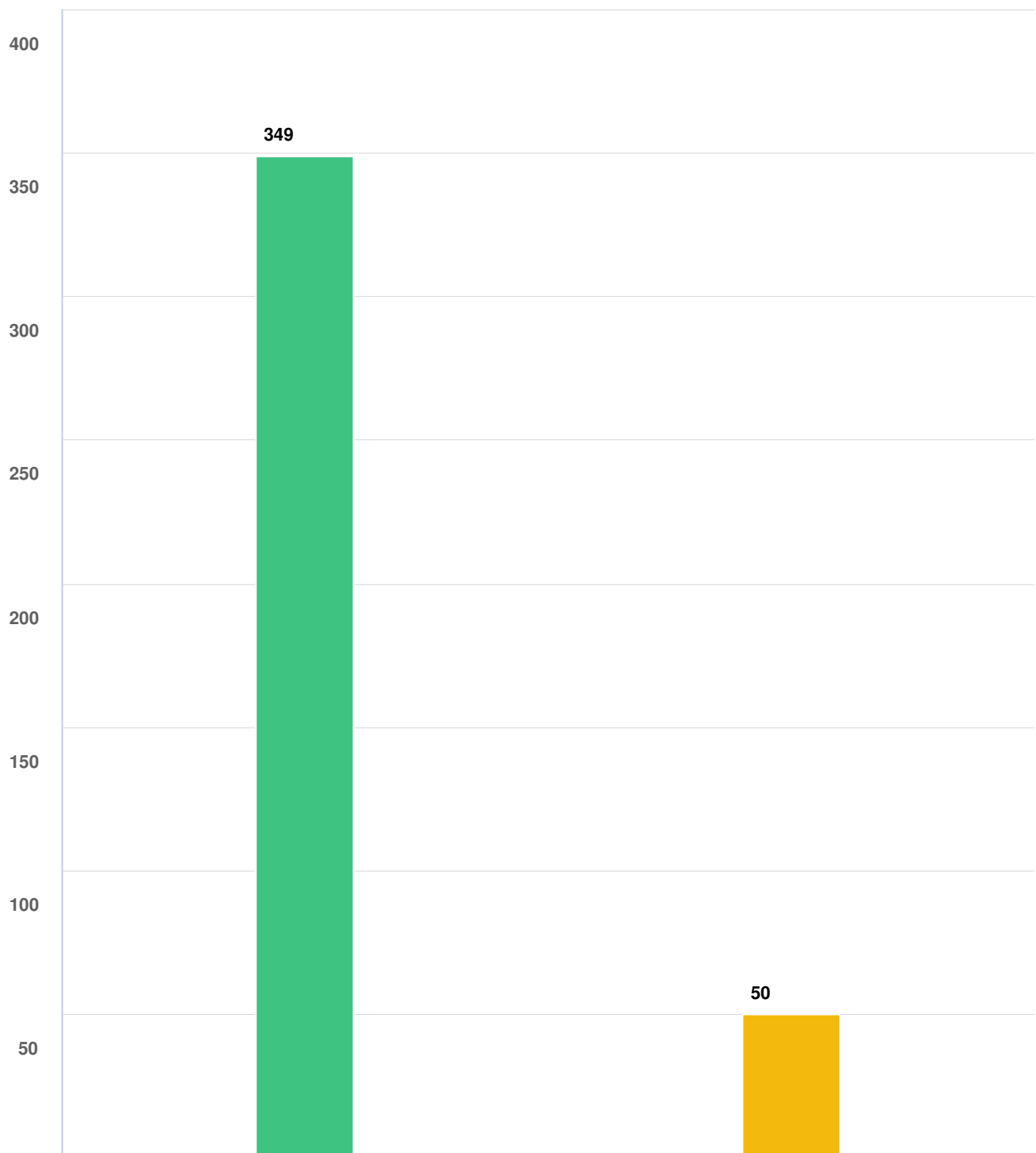
PROJECT NAME:

Outdoor Ice Strategy



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Have you skated outdoors in Halton Hills?

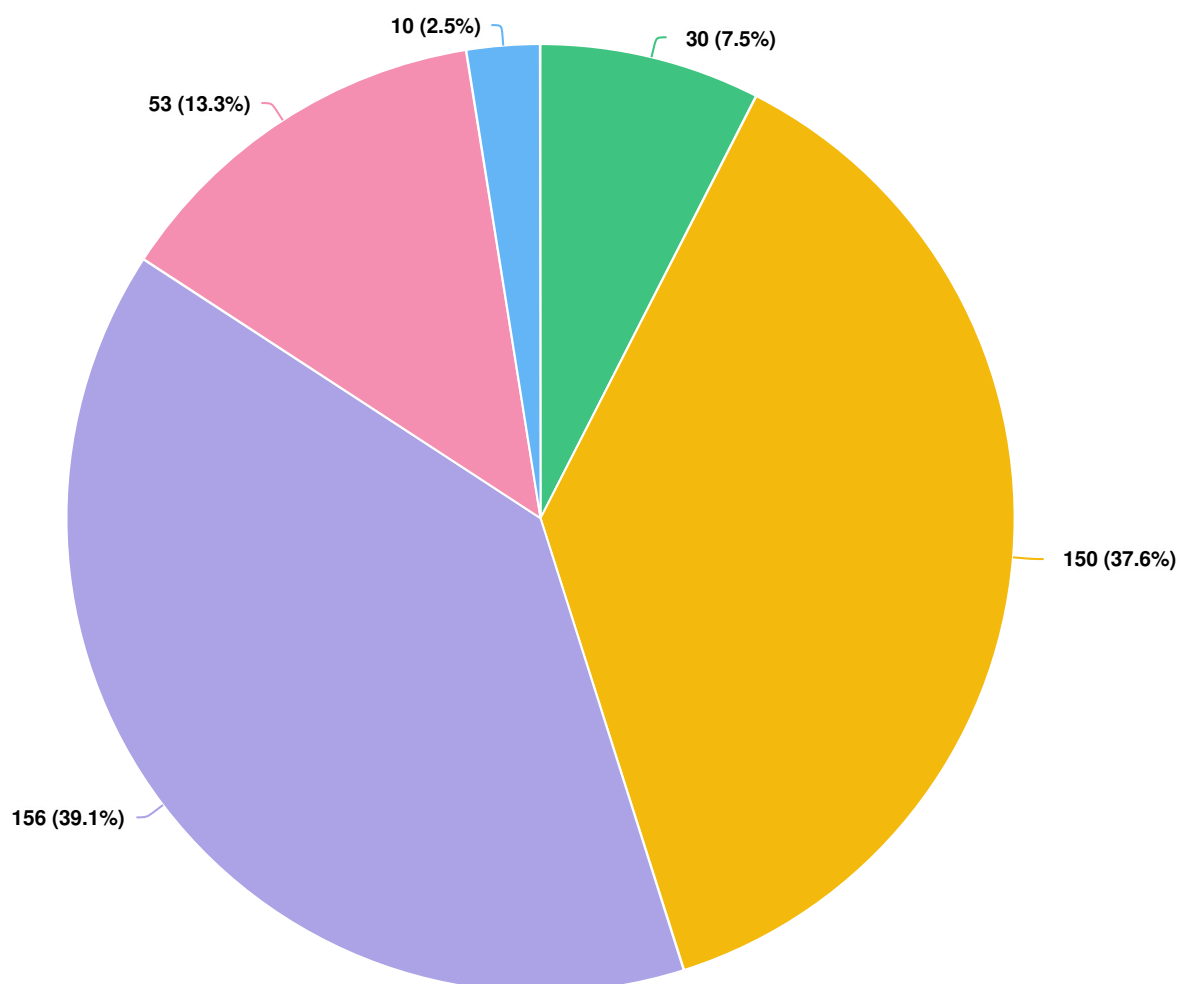


Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Optional question (399 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q2 How often do you skate outdoors?

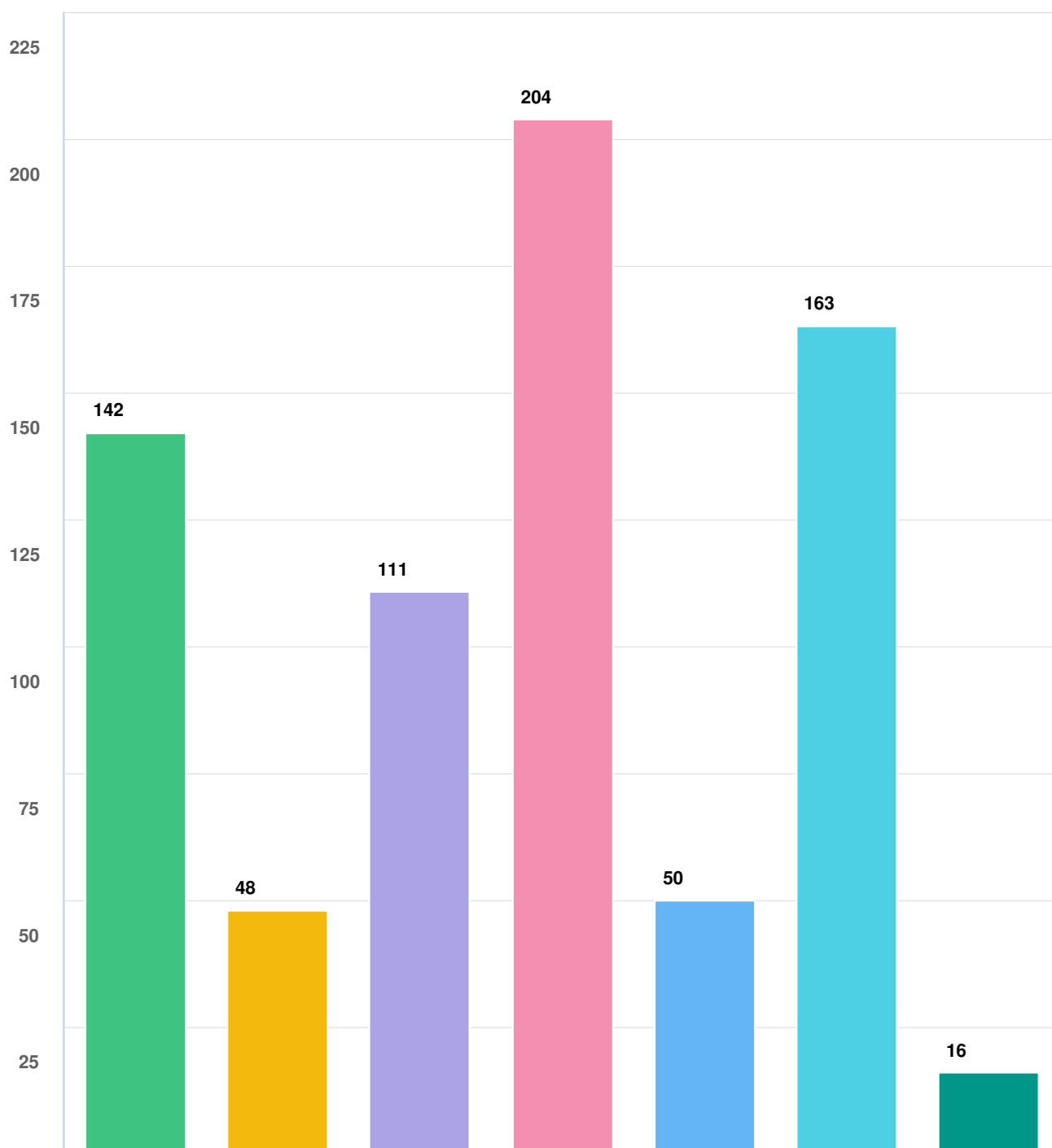


Question options

● Daily ● Weekly ● A few times a season ● Rarely ● Never

Optional question (399 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 What would you describe as your main purpose for skating outdoors? (Check up to 2 options)



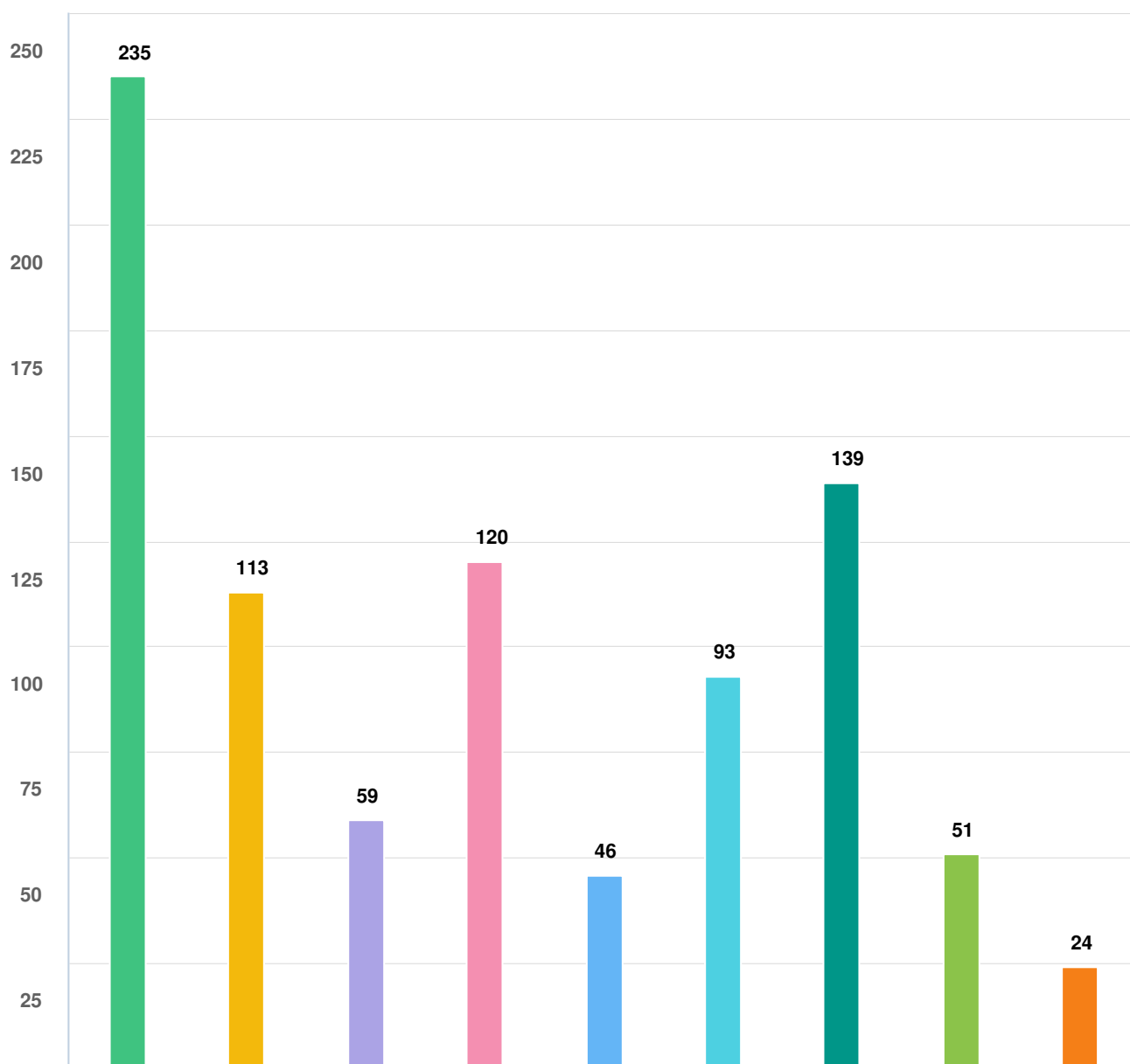
Question options

- Informal drop-in recreational skating
 ● Skills development
 ● Shiny games with others
- Enjoying the experience outdoors
 ● Enjoying nature
 ● Physical Activity
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (399 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q4 Which of the following Town of Halton Hills outdoor ice locations have you visited?
(check all that apply)**



Question options

- Fairgrounds Park Outdoor Rink
- Prospect Park Outdoor Rink
- Acton Community Park Outdoor Rink (Multi-Court)
- Community Volunteer Rinks (Sir Donald Mann Park, Maple Creek Park, Joseph Gibbons Park, Westbranch Drive Park, Meadowglen Park, Glen Williams Park)
- Fairy Lake (we know its unauthorized, but we would like to know)
- Storm Water Ponds (also unauthorized, but we would like to know)
- Outdoor ice rink at private locations (i.e. residential back yard)
- Private Outdoor natural body of water ice surface
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (385 response(s), 16 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 | Do you have any comments on what you like or dislike about the existing facilities currently operated by the Town?

Anonymous

2/07/2022 09:28 AM

The surface and grade are uneven. We went on #2 and #3 - #3 unable to use at all from all the bumps. #2 great for learning to skate but has a bit of a slope / hill so harder to go uphill.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

I have never learned to skate, but, for those who do, the Town does have a variety of options.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:59 AM

They have been amazing this year thank you so much nice to see the community out

Anonymous

2/07/2022 11:34 AM

We've enjoyed having a place to meet up with friends outdoors, in the sunshine! It's nearby, and hasn't felt crowded when we were there.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:11 AM

I think community involvement in upkeep should be more organized.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:58 AM

The outdoor rinks are very busy and there are not enough of them. It would be nice to have time slots available for varying activities or segregation of the ice surface

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:03 PM

1. Need separation of young/beginner skaters and shinny players. 2. Need lots of shinny options 3. Need 1 way trail - much safer without kids going in all directions. 4. Maybe 16+ times

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:41 PM

We need an outdoor rink at the Gellert to service those in the south, west of Mountainview.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 02:30 PM

I'm quite happy with the outdoor rinks, although it would be great if it were possible to flood them to be more even. I suspect that'd require boards and stuff though. I'd still prefer "quantity" of ice over "quality" of ice if I had to choose.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:18 PM

I would like a dramatic increase to resources put into outdoor facilities. Why not do the fairgrounds loop? Make it special like

Brampton and Toronto (many more) have. The ice can be very patch worked and not flat. With the amount of taxes and new revenue from homes coming in I think it's time to up your game by a lot. Dedicated resources not volunteer based resources will go a long way. Thank you to the volunteers but it's just not enough. Get the ice in early, ie systems to help not just the weather.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:39 PM

The fairgrounds is a fun place to skate. The ice can be fairly rough or bumpy in some parts. It might be good to have rubber matts between rinks, to avoid people walking on gravel on their skates, or make it so they can skate between rinks. the rough ice can leads to falls.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 04:55 PM

Very well maintained

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:23 PM

It would be nice to have a nhl sized outdoor covered rink that kids use for recreational purposes but also have hockey practice/games on.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:51 PM

I like that there are surfaces available, would love to see better resurfacing and more surfaces to skate on.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:09 PM

Proper Hockey nets were added to Maple Creek this year, great addition. The smaller rink for kids and other skaters is a great option as well. Lighting would be another great addition if possible.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:32 PM

Inconsistent. Lighting sometimes and others not. No real organization or overseeing by the town

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:55 PM

Not enough options for our growing community both for seniors and kids

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:24 AM

Outdoor rinks are great for kids and we need more for outdoor activity.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:37 AM

There is always hockey games or stick and puck action on the ice ... it's difficult for rec skaters to have fun. There's fast moving skaters and pucks flying .. we Don't go often for this reason

Anonymous

There are not enough!

2/09/2022 07:38 AM

Anonymous

It was very busy both times we attended. Not much room to skate.

2/09/2022 07:40 AM

Anonymous

Too many hockey games that you're forced off the ice

2/09/2022 07:55 AM

Anonymous

Hockey players take them over

2/09/2022 07:55 AM

Anonymous

We need more outdoor skating facilities.

2/09/2022 07:58 AM

Anonymous

Fairgrounds rinks are too small for the community especially for covid

2/09/2022 08:01 AM

Anonymous

Overcrowding. We need more rinks.

2/09/2022 08:32 AM

Anonymous

Fairgrounds typically has hockey on all 3 rinks. Need something at the Gellert

2/09/2022 08:50 AM

Anonymous

The space was too small for general skating. The hockey space was so much bigger. I wish there was more space for fun skate.

2/09/2022 08:58 AM

Anonymous

We are recreational skaters and hear about hockey players monopolizing the outdoor rinks. Since we would have to drive anyhow, we prefer Brampton sites.

2/09/2022 09:29 AM

Anonymous

I dislike how it's hit and miss if I bring my 3 year old sometimes he cannot skate because a hockey game is going on. It's discouraging to pack him up and he gets excited and then we are disappointed when we arrive and older kids are playing hockey. I think it's great they can play hockey outdoors but I do wish we had a rink that was only for recreational skating. We have started going to Mount Pleasant in Brampton which is fantastic but I really wish we could have something like this in town.

2/09/2022 09:48 AM

Anonymous

I think there should be rinks that are designated specifically just for hockey to allow for parents with little kids more space to skate safely.

2/09/2022 09:52 AM

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:55 AM

Would like one at Jubilee Park, we need more in Halton Hills, help get our youth to play outside more.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

More locations and somewhere with cooling infrastructure for consistency would be great.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:21 AM

I would like to see an area dedicated for leisure skating and young children or beginners and then another for hockey.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:25 AM

The only ones I have been to are volunteer run so the kids quality of ice is really weather dependent. It would be great to have a real outdoor rink like the one at Mount Pleasant here in town.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:46 AM

Need more

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:06 AM

The rinks are taken over with hockey games. The entire rink becomes a hockey game and smaller kids and those that are not stein skaters or hockey players are excluded and can't skate. Hockey/shinny should be prohibited

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:12 AM

The hockey players take over both of the large rinks and it's unsafe for my children to use it. The small rink is so small I have a hard time on it once there are a couple kids there. We would like to see more rinks with some of them designated for just skating (no hockey)

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:20 AM

What facilities are you referring to? You don't really have outdoor ice facilities. A flooded baseball diamond doesn't really count.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:38 AM

The ice surface needs to be finished better

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

Given the circumstances the options are the best for right now and people do use them but an upgrade to year round outdoor ice or at least refrigerated for winter months is greatly needed.

Anonymous

We need something that would be refrigerated and maintained.

2/09/2022 12:09 PM

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

It's great to have outdoor ice facilities, but I'd like a more reliable outdoor rink like the one at Mt. Pleasant, Brampton. If not, I think the fairgrounds rink (especially the one for non-hockey players) needs to be larger.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:12 PM

Weather depends on conditions

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:20 PM

We need wood board features. Keep losing pucks out in the deep snow

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:21 PM

Upkeep, availability, some sort of schedule(1pm to 2pm family skate, 2pm to 4 pm Shinny, etc.)

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:43 PM

Parents/kids often shovel so our kids can use the facilities

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:54 PM

They have been taken over by shinny and hockey drills. Not fair to those that wish to just skate around for a bit.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:23 PM

Please allow skating and fun on Fairy Lake in winter times. Neighbors get together and pitch in to keep the shinny and skating surfaces clean and enjoyable.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:31 PM

We hear the rinks are always always to busy or full of big kids/hockey players. Our kids are 5 and 3 so we only skate on our private rink on our backyard but it's too small.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:38 PM

It would be great if there was a rink just for skating- not for hockey games. Also, I would love the track at the Fairgrounds flooded and maintained in the winter for recreational skating

Towntalk

2/09/2022 02:05 PM

There aren't any in the SW of town. Would be nice to have one at the Gellert so kids can walk there.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:15 PM

All of the outdoor rinks in town are overrun by hockey. It is very difficult to get use of any of these rinks for leisurely skating.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:32 PM

I think there needs to be separate outdoor rinks for kids or adults who want to play shiny hockey and for those who just want to go out for a casual skate, whether it be as adults, seniors, with young kids, etc. It is very discouraging when we try to just recreational skate and hockey sticks and pucks are flying around.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:07 PM

Need more maintenance, more Ice space

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

Need some more rinks in Georgetown south! My son always needs a drive to go To a rink. Gellert would be perfect as so many kids in that area. M Freeze more rinks pls

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:45 PM

Don't like Unpredictable conditions and hockey players are aggressive. Like locations.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:47 PM

With hockey loving teenagers craving ice time to play their national sport, there's little room left for the little guys still trying to learn. Designating different rinks for beginners would be great, and allow for a safer experience. Borders around the ice would be good too, especially when there aren't natural snow buffers around the ice. Access to bathrooms as well during the winter skating season at the fairgrounds.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 04:45 PM

Their great, please add more for the community as an opportunity for everyone to have fun!

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:00 PM

Not enough within the community

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:12 PM

It would be really great if some were designated for hockey and some for just skating

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:16 PM

Definitely would prefer having separate rinks for hockey games, recreational skating and people learning to skate.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:03 PM

It was a great experience. Nets in Glen Williams were very poor. I would be happy to donate 2 at the beginning of season

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:39 PM

Not well kept up

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:32 PM

We really appreciate the free ice in town! We would love to have some long ice pads that will be for people who want to skate continuously like in a loop. It is also great to have more locations if possible. Often some pads are taken with hockey players so it would be nice to have some designated just for leisure skating.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:49 PM

It would be nice to have some way of reserving outdoor ice for a private hockey game.... But it's also nice to have pickup games.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:38 PM

They r bumpy and often really crowded. Too many people

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:23 PM

Overcrowded with hockey games always happening.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:27 PM

Need a rink in Acton

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:19 AM

Too many kids playing hockey the little ones can't skate

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

So happy to see two rinks at prospect park. This allows a safer spot for casual skaters and still provides a space for people looking to play shinny.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:57 AM

Need a dedicated covered space with boards that can be used for ice/ball hockey and lacrosse

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:29 AM

I would love a nature path loop. That way we can actually skate. The small pads in town always have hockey games happening and I don't want to make them stop

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:30 AM

Like that we have more variety of locations maintained by the town in recent years. Would like an ice surface that is more trail like.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:34 AM

Never shoveled by the town

Anonymous

2/10/2022 11:31 AM

Designated rinks for ice skating and hockey

Anonymous

2/10/2022 02:48 PM

It can be hard for just casual skaters to get ice time as hockey skaters frequent the rinks a lot. I do like that Maple Creek built a separate smaller rink this year allowing for more opportunities for casual/new skaters to get on. I also like that we can decide to go skating and for free at anytime that's convenient and not during scheduled short time frames like indoors.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 03:31 PM

The ice was well maintained and I liked the fact that there were 3 surfaces. I think one of the surfaces should have boards, even if they are 6 inches high to stop the pucks from going in the snow and also to demark the surface area. It was quite dangerous where the ice ended and the gravel started. Boards would deal with this issue.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 05:09 PM

I love having somewhere to go with the kids where they can be outdoors

Anonymous

2/10/2022 05:36 PM

It's isn't always safe for younger kids due to older kids playing hockey.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 08:26 PM

All great, would like more pathway nature skates. Ottawa has several great examples. Gage Park

Michael Puzder

2/11/2022 12:18 AM

Either was not well maintained at either rink and there was no nets to shoot on.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:43 AM

2 outdoor rinks at prospect were needed as hockey players would take over the one rink. Hockey with small children on the ice learning to skate was unsafe. Town loves the outdoor ice!

Anonymous

2/11/2022 08:09 AM

West of the downtown has no dedicated outdoor rink. Why? The water sprayed and frozen on the ball diamonds is not good.

Anonymous

they are so weather dependent. it almost has to be polar vortex for

2/11/2022 09:21 AM

ice to stay hard and frozen. artificial outdoor option like brampton's gage park or mount pleasant station is needed in Halton Hills. especially now with pandemic that outdoors is less disease transmissible than indoor rinks

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:36 AM

The rink at the Acton Community park is always busy with pick up hockey and there is little room for our young kids to learn/practice skating. It would be great to create a separate space for each activity. One for hockey and one for recreational skating.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 01:25 PM

Would be nice to have a skating trail or bigger rink to go further.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:10 PM

Close to home, community bonding, see friends that might not see otherwise

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:26 PM

It would be great to know the condition of the ice before heading out, as at times the ice can be very rough or slushy. It would also be nice to have a local facility with refrigerated ice to extend the skating season.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:29 AM

Love that they are free

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:51 AM

Set up times for adult only skates or specific rinks to accommodate older adults who would like to enjoy the outdoors.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:01 AM

Limited availability in Milton area

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:36 AM

There is not enough rinks and the ones we have are too small

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:49 AM

It's hard for young children to have equal access to the rinks when they are taken over by those playing hockey.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 04:17 PM

Too much hockey. Small kids can't learn to skate if there are pucks whizzing around.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:34 PM

Not enough indoor facilities to support current Associations

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:26 PM

Georgetown fairgrounds is fairly small during busy times. Most grown ups are playing hockey and my little ones are not able to skate.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:29 PM

Are always being used by hockey players no space for rec skaters

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:35 PM

Did not even know about all the ones listed!

Anonymous

2/13/2022 09:49 AM

There are no options in south Georgetown. I'm not familiar with any of these rinks listed so I suggest more awareness.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

Would love an ice trail. Going round and round same direction is not as fun

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:37 AM

I find them hard to skate on for the little ones. Often, we find ourselves going to Brampton for the one in Mt Pleasant. Also, the little one at the Fairgrounds was not only a bit uneven but had people playing hockey which made it even more challenging for the young ones to navigate the rocky ice and avoid the pucks.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 12:01 PM

Need more ice in the south end

Anonymous

2/13/2022 12:09 PM

Could advertise more so people are aware what is available

Anonymous

2/13/2022 03:27 PM

Great locations, a portable washroom would be ideal

Anonymous

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

I like they are free. I would like to see a warming hut down in prospect at park though

Anonymous

2/13/2022 05:24 PM

You could have washrooms and snack bar open at the fairgrounds on weekend

Anonymous

2/13/2022 05:36 PM

They are typically very busy and this year with shutdowns lots of older hockey players on the ice but always accommodating to younger kids.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 07:56 PM

Love that theirs a skating aid and nets for use at the one we visit!

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:59 AM

No

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:24 AM

Ice at Fairgrounds should be right up to the fences at diamonds

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:27 AM

There aren't enough of them. We often have to visit at least a few of them to find ones that aren't too busy. Sometimes we can't find a spot and go to a storm water pond.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:26 AM

Hardly any especially in Milton

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:10 PM

The multi pads at the fair grounds and the mini pad for the new skaters or younger kids

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:23 PM

We need more outdoor rinks, especially as an alternate to the storm water ponds.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:47 PM

It would be great to have more outdoor skating that is free

Anonymous

2/14/2022 03:00 PM

There are not enough

Anonymous

2/14/2022 04:42 PM

It would be so nice to have more safe outdoor rinks in neighbourhoods. We have a storm water pond in Stewart Mill and every year I have to explain to my daughter why she is not allowed going there even though all the kids are on the ice. We have such a big field at mcnelly park and it would be used very well if we could have an ice rink put in. thank you

Anonymous

Too few locations, leading to very busy rinks. We have resorted to

2/14/2022 05:16 PM

skating after dark using headlights on occasion. The town needs more rinks.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:19 PM

Normally there are people and kids playing hockey. Would there be a way to have a second rink for hockey and leave the other rink for recreational skating?

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:25 PM

Not regularly maintained. Fairgrounds is currently rocks. Also very busy, would be nice to have a trail rink

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:39 PM

The Glen Williams rink is a volunteer run but it would be great to have some town involvement. It is extremely popular. It could be bigger with towns help. Last year they came and brushed it which was very much appreciated by everyone

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:33 PM

Only geared to hockey and not recreational skating

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:38 PM

Used mainly by hockey players and they do not allow for smaller children or casual skaters.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:06 PM

Almost never any nets at the georgetown fairgrounds

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:12 PM

Need more outdoor rinks

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:20 PM

There're enough of them

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:34 PM

Would be good to have an actual outdoor facility where there's a warm area or shelter to put on skates. Have ice rinks like they do in Toronto where there's a Zamboni to clean the ice. An actual schedule where it could be shinny or public or family skate times.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:50 PM

Not well cared for. Often only cleared by volunteers. Many people skate on Fairy Lake which doesn't seem safe and no options for skating outdoors for most of the winter.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:24 PM

I enjoy skating outside and prefer rings around natural areas.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:36 PM

With the limit on the amount of people able to be on the ice at one time it would be nice of others to share the space or book/plan a 1-2 hour visit so that others have a chance.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:38 PM

I didn't know they existed. Can we rent skates?

Anonymous

2/14/2022 10:15 PM

Lack of space for non hockey players. Not maintained.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:37 PM

Fairgrounds rinks should be flooded more often.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 01:53 AM

Georgetown has very little outdoor ice for its population size.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:57 AM

The rinks have been excellent. In years past, the town did not maintain them all that well. But this year and last, they have been great and the locals have really enjoyed them

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:41 AM

Dislike: no zambonis leads to terrible ice conditions Also, kids playing hockey creates a dangerous rink for others. We've actually been going to the mount pleasant rink in Brampton 2-3 times per week because my daughter was almost hit by a puck multiple times. Brampton has actual rules. There should be one designated hockey rink and players/teams can book an hour slot or something to make sure everybody gets fair turn (another thing about the hockey players is that they can be there for hours!)

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:01 AM

I tried Fairgrounds Rink #2 on Jan 31st It was quite uneven with lines of ridges but still enjoyed being out in fresh air and sunshine. Went next day but all 3 rinks were being used by hockey players That is always an issue for me-shinny takes over. Havent been back.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:11 AM

I'd love to see the fairgrounds rink extended to make up at least 1/4 to 1/2 of the running track. I imagine it would be a go-to spot in the area attracting food trucks etc.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:18 AM

Love how Fairgrounds is setup this year with the linking lane in between. More of that would be awesome! Perhaps some shovels for us to use to clear snow.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:23 AM

We recently discovered a body of water near Silver Creek - surrounded by trees (water is in a valley, looking up at hills of trees). It is the most beautiful experience, skating outdoors. Would love to see more amenities for outdoor skating (benches for skate changes, outdoor fire pits, warming pavilions).

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:28 AM

Need more formalized facilities with boards. Need a centralized facility like Gage Park (Brampton). Also, utilize some of our beautiful trails to create a destination ice skating experience through nature (similar to Blue Mountains, Arrowhead Park, etc.). Would be well used by Town residents and could be a tourist destination.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:22 AM

Season is too short. We were on our backyard rink weeks before the town had theirs up and running...and the arenas were shut down so I'm not sure why focus wasn't put on outdoor rinks.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:45 AM

the volunteer rinks are a great idea. Expand the involvement of volunteers. Add nets to the volunteer rinks. I donated one to Joseph Gibbons but with limited funds it wasn't good enough to last the season.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 11:44 AM

Fairgrounds is always busy with hockey teams playing

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:08 PM

I like that it's outdoors but I don't like there is no zamboni to smooth the ice. The ice is very hard to skate on due to bumpiness. Other cities outdoor skate have a zamboni that cleans and smooths the ice. I would much prefer that.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:29 PM

I live close to the Maple Creek Park and I see people on the ice rank at all times of the day. I think its a great opportunity for kids to get out and play during the Winter. I do see this ice rink constantly in use by everyone. Its great to watch if been used.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 02:18 PM

My little kids are never able to skate recreationally as the hockey players are always there, there is no opportunity for anyone else. I have to go out of town where they have guards on duty

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:46 PM

love it!!

Anonymous

2/15/2022 04:03 PM

There is always a lot of hockey players, which makes it quite dangerous for little ones to skate, and for those interested in skating/figure skating

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:24 PM

Permanent structure with boards and glass that can also be used for ball hockey in the summer

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:28 PM

Would like more outdoor rinks that have time limits so other people get a chance to use the rinks outdoors.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:06 PM

no boards and nets for shooting. Good size, easy access.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:22 PM

Nothing in the south end. Options are crowded and some ppl want hockey scrimmages and other get mad if ppl have hockey sticks and pucks.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:17 PM

More lighting. Hockey Nets? A casual skating pathway like gage park with concession stand...or through a part of forest? Like arrowhead park.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:22 PM

Shortage of ice pads

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:09 AM

Booked times for teams. Teams and large groups gather and take over while you g kids are trying to leisurely skate. Or designated area for learn-to-skate. If using pucks should have helmets. Drop in hockey times. Our kids/youth love that.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:27 AM

Because we have created our own in recent years we haven't tried in town; but the other reason we haven't tried is that our daughter figure skates & friends who use the town rinks at Fairgrounds frequently have said a) surface isn't great (which is understandable for natural ice given weather patterns) and b) they get crowded.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 12:55 PM

Like that Maple creek park has a smaller side rink for the younger kids/those who don't want to play hockey

Anonymous

2/16/2022 01:23 PM

My young kids and I were pushed out of the rink as more and more teens showed up to play hockey. It left my 5 year old in tears. We haven't been back.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 01:51 PM

I think the Acton Facility is fantastic.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 02:25 PM

To few rinks available for residents

Anonymous

2/16/2022 04:28 PM

There are none at the Gellert.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:10 PM

We appreciate the rinks that are made, but wish there were boards and the pads were larger

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:47 PM

Better evening lightening and would be nice if their was hockey nets provided

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:31 PM

On a weekend, it's difficult to get to an indoor for a specific time for a family skate. Outdoor drop in is preferred for my family

Anonymous

2/17/2022 01:03 AM

Too small, not enough

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:08 AM

We'll maintained

Anonymous

2/17/2022 07:48 AM

Not enough of them

Anonymous

2/17/2022 09:07 AM

I like that we can go anytime. A shelter would be appreciated to warm up on really cold days.

Sandral

2/17/2022 10:31 AM

very few facilities available, have to drive to another municipality and use their rink despite Halton taxes being double that of Toronto, skate

trail is popular and scenic

Anonymous

2/17/2022 12:39 PM

Too small and hockey players all of the time

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:41 PM

Seems like they are taken over by hockey plyers constantly.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 09:56 PM

Would be nice to have areas dedicated for casual skating. Most are taken over by hockey games when we try and skate. Would be nice to have a big loop with lighting at night.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 10:18 AM

Fairgrounds is overrun by kids playing hockey. There should be specific baseball diamonds flooded for hockey and incorporate a doughnut design for rec skating (Gage Park). The hockey games force everyone onto the small kids patch and it gets crowded. I use the Mould Masters adult skate program.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 12:18 PM

why do you flood rinks during the day. They should be flooded at night or when it is cold enough to have a positive impact. There are not enough skating areas for shinny and recreational (smaller children). You can say no shinny but they do it anyway. We have skated on our storm pond for over 20 years and have never had an issue but all of a sudden it is an issue. If you don't want us to skate there then provide one close by as an alternative (Munro Circle)

Anonymous

2/18/2022 02:28 PM

I love it!

Anonymous

2/18/2022 04:43 PM

Need to maintain them better. Too often we have had to shovel the snow off the outdoor rink at Acton arena. Also build a roof cover over the rinks , no worries about weather

Anonymous

2/18/2022 06:03 PM

For reference I'm a female adult in Georgetown that loves to skate. Yes this is a hockey town and I go to adult skate at Mold Masters but there is nowhere to skate outdoors if you are an adult that does not play hockey. Over the past three years we have gone to the Fairgrounds to skate multiple times a year. The rinks are always occupied by hockey players; either full teams or a few people (signage we saw last year about no hockey is ignored not sure if there this year). Regardless they are shooting pucks and non hockey players are not comfortable with that. This leaves the tiny rink that is

too narrow and often used by very young children. Many times we just turned around and left. There isn't a proper place to put on your skates. A picnic table that is always full and the stands. We had a great experience this week renting the rink at Terra Cotta Conservation area. Would love something like that. Sides covered with plastic to keep wind out, able to rent an hour at reasonable cost and even a fire to warm up. No hockey allowed.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:28 PM

Any thoughts on a permanent multi use court with boards in Georgetown? Ball/ roller hockey in summer and compressors under ground to extend skating season. Eg; flower city outdoor ice

Anonymous

2/19/2022 07:31 AM

Too many people at peak times make it hard for little children. The ice is not smooth for the little kids to develop skills. It is difficult to get on and off without ruining the skate blade, no-where to sit to change in and out of skates. Specifically the rink at the fairgrounds.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 12:08 PM

There seems to be a lot of activity at the fairgrounds rinks the last couple of years...please continue this service or provide another option for outdoor skating

Anonymous

2/19/2022 01:44 PM

Ice is not well maintained

Anonymous

2/19/2022 02:47 PM

They are all rinks! These are then dominated by people with hockey sticks and pucks at all times. I'd love an option dedicated for skating only, specifically, an outdoor skating trail.

Vicki Newman

2/19/2022 04:45 PM

Olympia/Zamboni Ice would be nice Structured sessions such as no pucks on pleasure skate and maybe a shiny hockey and figure skater only session

Anonymous

2/20/2022 08:26 AM

Town is doing a pretty good job - please keep it up and consider more locations.

Anonymous

2/20/2022 03:57 PM

I would love to see an outdoor rink that has condensers underneath so that skating outdoors will not be as weather dependent. With a zamboni like Brampton would be even better.

Anonymous

I find that there's often issues between the people who want to skate

2/20/2022 05:14 PM

recreationally vs the kids that want to play shinny. It would be good if there were dedicated rinks for each or even a sign up system.

Anonymous

2/21/2022 12:27 PM

Wish there was an long ice trail to enjoy nature

Anonymous

2/21/2022 04:46 PM

The hockey players take over the rinks and do not allow recreational skaters to skate. Hockey dads have 'benched' my son from recreational skating. I used to skate daily on the multipurpose ice by the arena and was only able to skate once this year due to the hockey players.

Anonymous

2/22/2022 11:25 AM

The short season for outdoor skating due to the dependence on weather conditions for these rinks to survive.

Anonymous

2/23/2022 10:55 AM

Well done!

Anonymous

2/23/2022 04:33 PM

First time there it was dark, I wasn't able to locate the lights.

Anonymous

2/24/2022 12:41 PM

N/A. I wasn't really aware of many outdoor options other than the Gtown fairgrounds rink I've seen.

Anonymous

2/24/2022 10:08 PM

I like that you provide rinks at both ends of town but it would be nice if they were larger or provided a leisure rink and a separate hockey rink. Additionally, I think it would be beautiful to create an ice path throughout prospect with lights for the evening so leisure skaters can enjoy.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 01:03 PM

they are small and not professionally resurfaced (ie: zamboni) causing poor ice quality and skating experience

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:18 PM

Hockey takes over and not fairly shared. Even if you're there first - you just get pushed over and eventually leave

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:42 PM

More rinks with separation of hockey and recreational skaters.

Anonymous

2/26/2022 04:22 PM

Thank you for doing this for our community.

Anonymous

2/27/2022 01:48 PM

Not clear when conditions are good

Anonymous

2/27/2022 02:33 PM

Not frequently maintained and full of holes and bumps. Adequate but would also appreciate a bigger rink with rental options

Anonymous

2/27/2022 09:38 PM

It is usually too cold to skate and put your skates on because the rink depends on the weather to keep the ice frozen. . No place to warm up.

Anonymous

2/27/2022 10:04 PM

Need to manage playing of shinny hockey that interferes with recreational skating

Anonymous

2/28/2022 10:45 AM

Not enough available. With the expansion in Georgetown South over the past years, an outdoor rink would be made use of immensely. Giving the young something to do instead of "hanging out" would reduce them getting into trouble. The elder would also make use of it for leisurely skating and exercise. Also the walking trails could be made into skating trails just like Gage Park in Brampton.

PatrickBanc

3/01/2022 01:44 PM

I'm from Brampton and in Brampton they have really beautiful outdoor rinks with boards and hockey nets set up. I appreciate everything Georgetown does for us but I feel like kids and families would enjoy some outdoor skating and shinny as well. I live in Moore Park (my house backs onto the school yard) I could easily volunteer my time to help set up and maintain an outdoor rink in the tennis courts (lights, fencing everything's already in place and setup just need water) It would really be lovely and families would really enjoy it. Feel free to contact me if you'd like 6475238460 - Patrick

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:46 AM

need more and better options. The tennis courts would be the best location.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 12:36 PM

There are not enough options for outdoor skating

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:16 PM

It would be nice I'd designated sites or times at sites were made for hockey and public skating so users are not fighting for space.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:24 PM

Dislike when teams are playing hockey when trying to recreational skate. Hard for a 5 year old to dodge pucks or have enough space to socially distance when teams are taking over an ice surface and having to be on a busy ice surface as a result

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:43 PM

I would like to see more dedicated rinks for recreational use only, NO hockey and would like to see this enforced, it seems every time we try to use a rink it is always full of hockey players. I would like to see either dedicated times for hockey or dedicated rinks for hockey only. This also needs to be enforced as asking nicely for a space for smaller kids to skate is not really met with compliance.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 05:18 PM

I think we need a good outdoor hockey rink built.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:18 PM

Hockey games take over at times unless strictly skating only.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 09:14 PM

The facilities are great. An outdoor rink like Gage Park in Brampton or a skating trail would be even better. Really enjoy outdoor skating in the winter.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:29 AM

A trail to follow would be nice. Say around the outskirts of a park. Instead of just a big patch of ice.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:35 AM

Love that there were benches to put on our skates!

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:46 AM

Would like to see a skating trail

Anonymous

3/03/2022 10:14 AM

Mostly taken over for hockey games.

Sheilajm

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

It is Canada, can't believe you are asking this question especially during Covid we need outdoor rinks and the people of all ages love to skate it is so Canadian.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 11:39 AM

I dislike that it is not supervised and that hockey players take over. It would be nice if there is a rink for just hockey and multiple rinks for recreational skating just to get out and enjoy

Anonymous

3/03/2022 03:30 PM

Ice conditions are poor at fairgrounds.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 05:15 PM

We need more rinks! Annnd rinks for leisure skating for the family - not just hockey! Our family has a small backyard rink but we also regularly drive to Brampton to use the Mount Pleasant rink and the skating trail in downtown Brampton!

Anonymous

3/03/2022 06:25 PM

I don't like when people show up with a rep hockey team and take over the rink. We were at a volunteer rink and the "volunteers" showed up and kicked us off so they could have an informal hockey practise. Just started firing pucks where my young girls were skating.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 07:47 PM

A skating trail for pleasure skating and a outdoor rink designated for shinny.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:32 PM

Hard to get find space, very busy

Anonymous

3/05/2022 01:47 PM

Prospect Park is to small use lake or outdoor track used as a skating oval

Anonymous

3/07/2022 09:27 AM

there is not enough outdoor rinks, ideally, they should be in every corner, there are lots of kids, they need to be able to skate feely.

Anonymous

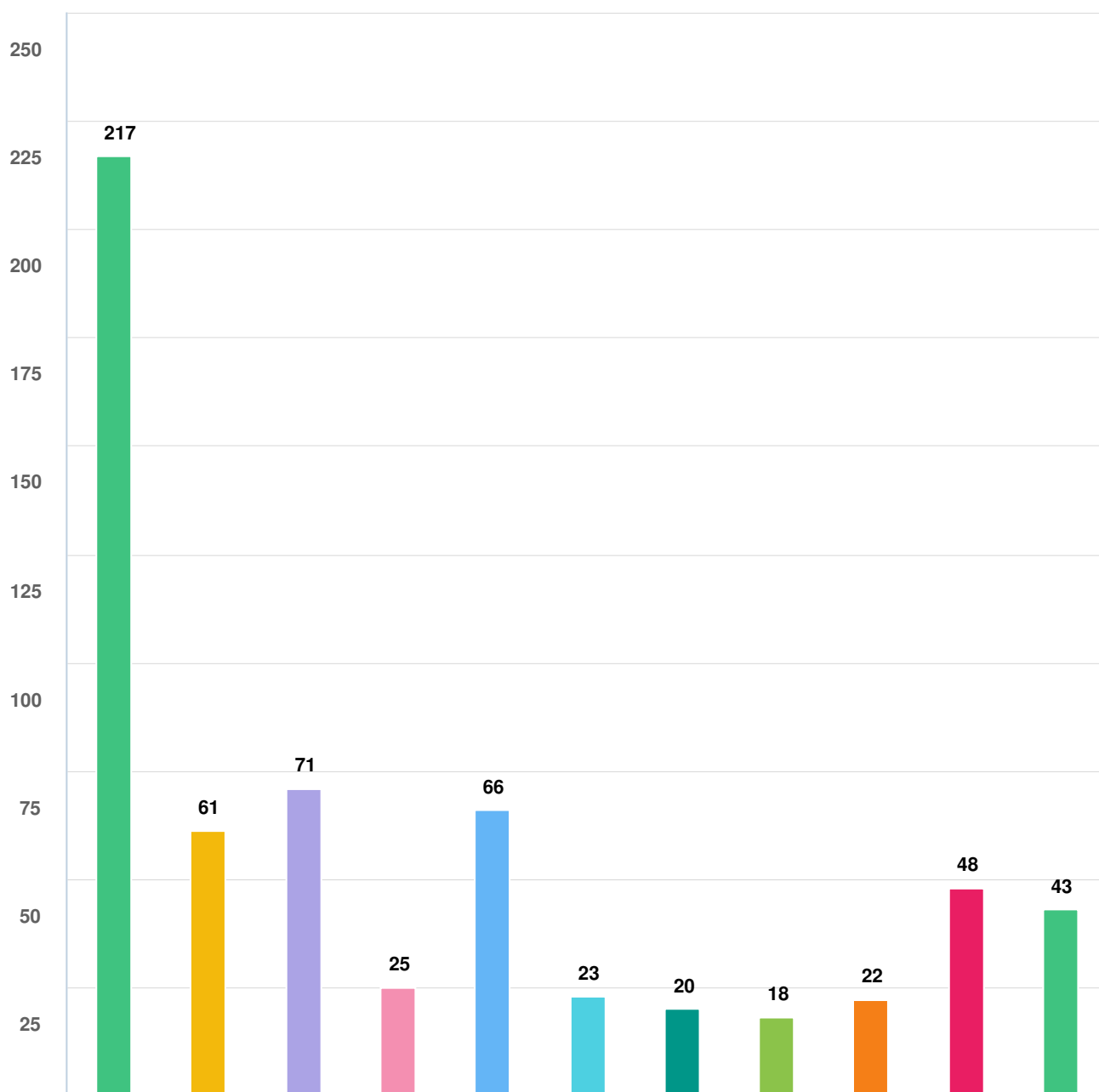
3/07/2022 09:42 PM

There are relatively few of them

Optional question (227 response(s), 174 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q6 Which of the following nearby outdoor ice locations have you visited? (check all that apply)



Question options

- Gage Park Skating Trail (Brampton)
 ● Chinguacousy Park Skating Trail (Brampton)
- Mount Pleasant Square Skating Rink (Brampton)
 ● Gore Meadows Covered Ice Rink (Brampton)
- Terracotta Conservation Area Skating Trail or Rinks (Credit Valley Conservation)
 ● Market Square Skating Rink (Guelph)
- Rotary Skating Trail (Waterdown)
 ● Rotary Pond (Burlington)
 ● Flower City Outdoor Ice Facility (Brampton)
- Celebration Square (Mississauga)
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (303 response(s), 98 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 Please describe what you think the Town's vision for outdoor ice facilities should be?

Anonymous

2/07/2022 09:28 AM

Available to everyone at all times. It is nice to see the community rinks but I am not comfortable skating on ponds or lakes unmonitored. I also like the smooth surface of a refrigerated rink vs natural.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

The Town should have a good stock of ice available for residents who want to skate and should be flexible when suggestions are made for new ice facilities.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:59 AM

Love that it central in Acton it is easy to use and having 2 has been great at prospect because the older kids gravitate to one allowing space for the learners on the other people have been so respectful

Anonymous

2/07/2022 01:50 PM

I would love to have access to a skating trail in Halton Hills.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 07:11 PM

Outdoor park for both Acton and Georgetown

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:11 AM

Community skating trials and tracks would be nice to see I.e. the fairgrounds track.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:58 AM

More outdoor ice surfaces and set times for varying activities OR ability to segregate areas of the ice surface for different things

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:03 PM

Good lighting since most of cold season is dark from 5pm onward
Good representation in South Georgetown where the growth and influx of young families is occurring.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:41 PM

If they want to keep kids off storm water ponds, they need to add more outdoor ice surfaces

Anonymous

2/08/2022 02:30 PM

Make as much ice as is sensible. If you're going to offer programs on the surfaces, it'll need to be more even than what we have today.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:18 PM

Visionary. Not just find a diamond to dump water to. Make this an attraction for the community

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:39 PM

I like the outdoor rinks at the fairgrounds. It would be nice to have a space more designed for hockey, with boards, netting etc. This could also be used for ball hockey year round.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 04:55 PM

Like the track at fairgrounds being flooded...possible to do a skating track all the way around?

Anonymous

2/08/2022 08:20 PM

Should add some boards up at the tennice courts or even at the fairgrounds that would help the skaters from the hockey players

Anonymous

2/08/2022 08:36 PM

I love the idea of a trail

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:23 PM

It would be nice to have a nhl sized outdoor covered rink that kids use for recreational purposes but also have hockey practice/games on.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:51 PM

Would love to see a covered outdoor facility(it's) like Gore meadows that hockey teams, skaters and others can book and use. Could become a tourist destination and used in the summer for ball hockey or court sports

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:32 PM

Similar to gage park. We still need the shinny rinks but a nice rink for leisure skating would be ideal. Like in dominion gardens park or something.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:55 PM

Both a hockey training facility and a scenic trail . The more the better

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:24 AM

outdoor hockey rinks for kids to play games

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:37 AM

Separate rinks for hockey vs skating One rink that is supervised, lit, music, hot chocolate , maybe even rentals

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:38 AM

Add more areas

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:40 AM

Either more areas or a bigger area at the fairgrounds. Maybe have one in Georgetown south.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:55 AM

Should be a trail like.....no hockey games allowed. Where families can enjoy

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:56 AM

Several different pads to all for shinny and hockey skills as well as a trail for those wanting to skate.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:58 AM

Need more city run facilities. Skating trails, rinks with boards, etc.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:59 AM

A monitored ice rink with town staff so there are times for shinny, recreational skating, etc. Would also love a skating Trail

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:01 AM

Add more rinks and bigger rinks

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:02 AM

It would be nice to have a trail like Arrowhead

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:18 AM

more space. Perhaps Cedarvale, making some sort of pathway that people skate - like gage park. If not, maybe more pads in the south so those people don't have to crowd the other pads. We are such a hockey town but are lacking in this area

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:32 AM

I think we need a rink similar to mount pleasant in Brampton. With music and skate patrol.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:50 AM

Some designated for "public skate" no sticks allowed. With equal rinks for hockey/shinny games

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:58 AM

Like a celebration square location.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:08 AM

Would love to see outdoor ice facilities similar to what is offered in Brampton

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:29 AM

Provision of time for all skaters, hockey can not be the only activity.
Encouraging residents of all abilities to skate.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:40 AM

Something creative

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:48 AM

City of Brampton has some fabulous outdoor ice facilities, I like that they are patrolled with a city of Brampton employee to make sure things run smoothly and people are following the rules. I like that their rinks are for recreational skating and some of the rinks have schedules with set times for shinny for different ages which is great.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:52 AM

I believe that we need to have more rinks available right from the start. We need to have it setup like an experience. Perhaps we look at some of the rinks being paid and that they are monitored more closely.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:55 AM

We appreciate the outdoor ice we have, but we need more because our town is getting bigger

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

A few places with refrigeration infrastructure to better control conditions.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:25 AM

Either like Gage Park or Mount Pleasant or both.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:32 AM

A place where we can skate and a place where we can play shiny.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:46 AM

More and / or do two at each location. One for skating one for hockey

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:06 AM

Assign one or two rinks to be designated for shinny, or specific hours so that everyone can enjoy them.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:12 AM

More rec skating. More rinks. There isn't much for teens to do in Halton hills. Let's open some healthy options

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:20 AM

I wish I knew what the vision was. It hasn't been published and made available as far as I can tell.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:38 AM

I would love to see something like Gore Meadows. A covered rink. At the very least a outdoor rink that can be utilized for hockey games

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:44 AM

More ice pads to accommodate the number of users

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

Staying physically active for youth and all ages is very important. Given the uncertainty of Covid restrictions and lack of access to buildings during lock downs, the long term vision should be to have reliable outdoor skating options for the ever expanding Halton Hills region. My son plays Rep hockey for Halton Hills Thunder and during the month of January and last winter when the arenas were closed, he regularly played on the outdoor ice at both locations in Acton. When the ice was not set up yet in early January we drove to Etobicoke as they have multiple refrigerated outdoor rinks. Halton should build one for Georgetown and one for Acton and I would recommend a skating trail for families at Dominion Gardens to enjoy along with the Christmas light display that is there every season. These are legacy projects that the citizens would enjoy for years to come regardless of the pandemic and when it finally ends.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:09 PM

A refrigerated, maintained rink.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

A large full ice rink with boards and sign ups for team and families to book times for use

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:19 PM

Add to them! And more support for community volunteer rinks

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:20 PM

Would be amazing

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:43 PM

Maintain the surfaces, expand so we have a few more options when some rinks are too busy.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:54 PM

I would like to see a trail or more enforced regulations on existing ice pads to ensure fair usage by residents

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:01 PM

Skating trails, ice hockey rinks with nets

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:23 PM

There is a parkette on the north shore of Fairy lake accessible by driveway at the water pumping station. Make a 12 car lot, include benches, recycling cans, etc and make this outdoor feature functioning and fun.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:31 PM

To have options for shinny/hockey and places for young children to skate safely

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:38 PM

To improve the health and fitness of its residents. To encourage more citizens to be active

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:40 PM

Have lots of options for skating on man-made rinks and on natural ponds

Towntalk

2/09/2022 02:05 PM

Inclusivity

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:15 PM

More pads at the fairgrounds, with each classified for a different type of skating activity. Also, someone present to enforce the use of the ice pads for what they're classified as.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:32 PM

Would love to see a trail-path style outdoor rink that is only for skating, not hockey. And other outdoor rinks designated just for hockey games. I also think that if hockey teams want to go out as a team, they need to sign out a time, rather than pushing off other kids who are playing shiny style with their siblings or friends (which we have seen happen). Alternatively, there could be disengaged times that are for hockey, and others for casual skating.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

More rinks not enough for Georgetown south area

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:45 PM

Skating trail for family fun

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:47 PM

We'll supervised, good quality ice rinks that are open to anyone, regardless of level. Making more town run rinks at different locations to make it more accessible.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 04:45 PM

Just like other neighbouring cities.....music, hot chocolate, lights for evening skates

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:00 PM

Love outdoor skating trails and local rinks in community

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:12 PM

it would be great to have some facilities with cooling lines underneath so they can start sooner and run longer

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:16 PM

More! Have dedicated ice for hockey games...Have separate rinks for learning and or recreational skating.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:03 PM

A skating trail in Glen Williams or Ghellert would be great

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:05 PM

Somewhere where "all" can enjoy. Lights, path

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:39 PM

I would love to see a trail rink in Park beside CTK. The lights are so beautiful. But there isn't a reason to go there. And I'm sure the restaurants close by would love the extra traffic.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:32 PM

Family friendly.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:56 PM

I think the vision is currently good

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:00 PM

There should be a skating Trail

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:07 PM

We should have a trail on the lake. Something so people who want to skate without avoiding hockey can. Have a couple rinks in the middle for hockey. If we did a couple events where we lit it at night it would be awesome

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:38 PM

I would love to have a skating trail. So beautiful.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:48 PM

As one of many people who ice fish fairy lake in the winter, I would like to recommend any skating path to stay away from the main fishing areas. If you drew a line from Elmore dr to the middle of the narrow point Of the lake in front of the trailer park, the backside would be the area that most people fish in. It would be nice if all the winter activities could work in harmony with one another.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:27 PM

Need a rink outdoors with boards and glass

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:10 AM

I think the town should focus on skating trails. We have so many lovely trails around halton hills and converting one or multiple to ice in the winter would be an amazing addition.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

Provide a safe outdoor space for citizens to use for recreational experiences.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:57 AM

Mix of volunteer and Town maintained sites with a dedicated covered rink in Acton that can be used for ice hockey ball hockey or lacrosse.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:29 AM

Use the Bruce trails. We have the most beautiful scenery

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:30 AM

Adding to the list of outdoor surfaces we currently have. I would love to see a skating trail added to the list of places to skate.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:34 AM

should be rinks just for skating and ones just for hockey. U14 thunder was doing practices at the acton skatepark and ruining the ice

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:41 AM

More

Anonymous

2/10/2022 11:11 AM

Build an outdoor rink that can be used for ball hockey summer and skating in the winter or a skating trail would be amazing

Anonymous

2/10/2022 11:31 AM

Different rinks for ice skating and hockey

Anonymous

2/10/2022 02:42 PM

Dominion gardens skating trail

Anonymous

2/10/2022 02:48 PM

A place where all ages and abilities of skaters can enjoy a free outdoor winter sport.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 03:31 PM

I think kids need a place to just play shinny and a few ice surfaces would be great.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 05:09 PM

There should be outdoor skating for the community. Too much indoor in today's society

Anonymous

2/10/2022 05:36 PM

It would be nice to have a skating trail without hockey.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:01 PM

Have refrigeration system with artificial ice and covered roof.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 08:26 PM

Interactive (teeter totters in Kingston) and amongst nature with music , lighting etc pathway

Michael Puzder

2/11/2022 12:18 AM

I feel that the town can go in multiple directions. A rink close to a downtown centre in HHs Or an outdoor rink attached to the existing community Center in HH. I think the rink should the flexibility to be used in summer and winter. I think the town can work Hockey Canada as part of their grassroots initiative and get sponsors for the rink than generate revenue to maintain the facilities. I know I would take my kids to one if there was a decent one with boards and nets. Part of the problem for kids not getting into skating and hockey is accessibility. It's too expensive, it's too hard to find time, it's very intimidating to learn all of the different factors required to play the sport.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:43 AM

Pls continue the outdoor rinks. People love it and need something to do. It's good exercise. Would love to have lights in the evening. The prospect park rinks were excellent. Keep both rinks going please.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 08:09 AM

One outdoor rink on either side of Acton. And it should be for children learning to skate and having fun. Not for teams to gather for practice games.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:21 AM

outdoor artificial in both georgetown & acton. like the promotion of neighbourhood driven ice patches

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:36 AM

A combination of sport and leisure skating should be accommodated. A lit skating trail around the field behind Acton Community centre would be a beautiful addition to the park.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 01:25 PM

A skating trail or maybe a skating loop right around Prospect Park, parallel to the walking trail

Jul867

2/11/2022 03:23 PM

I think we need more outdoor skating spaces (either rinks or trails). It is the most accessible way to get outside and get exercise for adults and children in the winter. I like the rinks at the Fairgrounds, the town has done a very good job maintaining them. I don't think we need anything other than the ice and a seating area to put on skates.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 06:26 PM

As many small community rinks as possible to increase accessibility

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:10 PM

Should be open as soon as weather conditions allow.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:26 PM

I would like to see the town offer an outdoor ice facility that serves as a community builder where people can gather together and enjoy the outdoors in a fun social setting.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:12 PM

I think we need our own trail, specifically thinking we should put it in at the acton fairgrounds around the track (including lights, maybe a hot chocolate booth, bon fire, etc.). There are many beautiful trails a few hours north of us, and maybe we should have one in our own community, to make it "worth the drive to acton!"

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:42 PM

We would love to make use of fairy lake if it's safe

Anonymous

Free, open spaces that families can use without worry that the larger

2/12/2022 06:29 AM

kids/adults are going to be in the way or playing too rough. Maybe separate rinks for hockey and people wanting to skate to reduce risk

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:51 AM

Freeze the track around Prospect Park or at the high school and add benches around Prospect Park. Create a frozen trail near the arena with benches, similar to Gage Park in Brampton.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 07:51 AM

Keep it simple, just keep flooding baseball diamonds

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:01 AM

There should be more, with drop in ability and separately scheduled times for shinny.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:36 AM

Enough rinks for all residents to enjoy

Anonymous

2/12/2022 09:51 AM

Separate Ice for hockey and for pleasure skating

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:49 AM

It would be nice to have something like Gage park where it's a trail that must be followed allowing an option for people who do not want to play hockey or be interrupted by people playing hockey.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 04:17 PM

Appropriate times and use / accessibility for all to enjoy the outdoors.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:34 PM

Divert funds to other facilities

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:41 PM

Well maintained surfaces

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:26 PM

More skating grounds. Gellert will be best option.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:29 PM

Make more if an oval or path so that it's not always hockey players

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:35 PM

All parks should have one and the neighborhood kids should be the only ones who get to use it, not Brampton coming to Gtown or -Acton

Anonymous

2/13/2022 08:01 AM

Somewhere families can come and there can be an area like gage park or celebration square where live music can be seen.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 08:36 AM

If there could be an ice rink in many of the parks that exist in some different neighborhoods

Anonymous

2/13/2022 09:49 AM

Provide more services in Georgetown south, create organized activities so one group doesn't monopolize the facility.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

Ice trail.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:37 AM

A rink like Mt Pleasant or Gage park would be nice for our community. It provides a safe (not going on storm water ponds) and fun activity. It would be nice to have a new designated for family skating (not hockey). However, I think it is important to maintain some of our current town run outdoor rinks for our youth who enjoy hockey.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 12:01 PM

There should be an outdoor covered facility at the gellert centre that can be used for ice hockey in the winter and ball hockey and lacrosse the rest of the year.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 12:09 PM

An ice trail that all would enjoy

Anonymous

2/13/2022 01:17 PM

It would be nice to have an ice trail, perhaps at the fairgrounds.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 03:27 PM

Inviting and easy to access

Anonymous

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

A more well thought out ice skating facility, with recreational skating. I think an outdoor ice hockey rink would be nice to see as well, but I would advocate for more recreational areas. These areas could include a warming hut and food and drink.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 05:24 PM

Have a space like gage park or chinguacousy park, with snack bar, etc. Create a space for kids to go and create jobs for kids

Anonymous

2/13/2022 05:36 PM

It should incorporate room for recreational skaters as well as those who want to practice their hockey skills.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 08:42 PM

large surface outdoor seating vendors

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:59 AM

Cold and frozen

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:24 AM

Consistent ice at Fairgrounds

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:27 AM

Would love a trail through a park as well as large maintained ice like they have at Mount Pleasant

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:26 AM

There should be more outdoor skating in neighbourhoods, so we don't have to drive far. Like on tennis courts throughout Milton.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:10 PM

Fun for all... shinny pads and family skates

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:23 PM

The focus should be to provide more simple outdoor pads, rather than only a couple higher end pads.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:31 PM

As many as we can manage and take care of.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 03:02 PM

More options for winter activities locally.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 04:42 PM

I think having skating rinks in neighbourhoods that have the space for them is a great idea. As well, having them in neighbourhoods takes away the need to changing areas, bathrooms etc since everyone lives close to the rink and can go to their own homes should they need something.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 04:48 PM

We need more outdoor rinks!

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:16 PM

More rinks, including outdoor hockey rinks with boards and lights.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:19 PM

There is an opportunity to provide some business opportunities during peak times such as weekends and evenings. Perhaps there could be events planned including these businesses.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:24 PM

There should be more facilities outside and better maintained by not just depending on volunteers

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:39 PM

Glen Williams has two baseball diamonds. It only needs one. It would be great to have a real rink in Glen Williams

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:54 PM

To give us a place to go in the winter for fun and exercise.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:00 PM

Accessible. Safe. Maintained. Shelters for warmth and changing into skates. Well lit.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:07 PM

I would really like to see a skating trail on fairy lake in Acton.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:35 PM

More of them!

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:01 PM

We should have an outdoor ice rink like other surrounding communities. Also a skate trail would be cool.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:22 PM

One like gage park would be amazing

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:33 PM

Offer safe and fun outdoor skating for shinny and recreational skating

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:38 PM

The paved trails around the Gellert should be transformed into a skating trail like gage park in Brampton. It's not ideal for hockey but allows for those who want to skate casually and different levels of ability.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:06 PM

Music, washrooms , food options

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:06 PM

Even if I would not skate much myself. I would still promote it. So outdoor skating in Fairy Lake would be another way for folks to enjoy the lake.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:12 PM

Add as many ice rinks in neighborhoods

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:20 PM

Make more RK avoid us going in the ponds

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:34 PM

Sufficient when the weather is cold but could be more inviting for all. Covered area for families to put on skates and helmets.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:50 PM

Something like the Market Square rink in Guelph is excellent use of space. Splash pad in summer and converts to ice rink in winter. Excellent for young kids and toddlers or anyone wanting a leisure skate.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:24 PM

A skating trail around a rink or two.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:36 PM

Larger pads to accommodate more people

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:38 PM

Fun outdoor space with skate rental for all ages

Anonymous

2/14/2022 10:15 PM

Adequate space for hockey and recreational skating. Having a means to clear the ice. Parents with young kids would not be able to do this on their own. Nor would beginner skaters.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:37 PM

Focus on making a few high quality rinks. Quality over quantity.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 01:53 AM

Increased community focused healthy outlet for young and old.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:57 AM

Just keep up with the flooding and snow removal

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:59 AM

I think the more rinks the better for our community as they promote physical activity, socialization, a sense of community, etc...

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:15 AM

Artificial ice

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:41 AM

Safety.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:01 AM

a trail type ice facility would allow for better non hockey use. Town should consider a

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:18 AM

Community style. Large enough to accommodate hockey but allow others to skate. It can't work in all areas. If we could have a couple central setups like they have in the larger cities that would be amazing but I do love the Fairgrounds setup this year.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:23 AM

Building on our sense of community - where people support each other in enjoying the outdoors, physical activity and social interactions. A place where teens can go to skate, play shinny, practice drills etc. Without programming, without supervision - let kids be kids!

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:28 AM

See above.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:59 AM

more, more and more...how about younger house league hockey games outdoors!

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:22 AM

Community get togethers

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:45 AM

at boarded rinks for hockey

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:57 AM

I think you're missing an opportunity by not having a huge ice rink on Fairy Lake!

Anonymous

2/15/2022 11:44 AM

NOT HOCKEY

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:08 PM

I think the Town's vision for outdoor ice facilities should be that it should be easy for beginners to learn how to skate and it's in a convenient location. Fun with lots of lights so that we can skate at night. Most importantly I can't stress this enough is to have a zamboni to clean the ice. Kids are afraid to go on the outdoor rinks in Halton Hills right now due to bumpiness and cracks. It's not very well maintained. Ideally if you have a smooth, fun, outdoor skating rink at Gellert Community Centre that would be amazing and it would attract lots of families and can become a wonderful place for winter festivals.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:29 PM

I do think the town should encourage more people to use the rinks. I do think that a lot of Georgetown people are not aware of the ice rinks around the town. It encourages families to be outdoors and play together

Anonymous

2/15/2022 02:18 PM

Seperate rinks for hockey vs recreational skate

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:46 PM

ample facilities, possibly a trail system

Anonymous

2/15/2022 04:03 PM

A proper hockey ring for hockey player alongside a regular ice for others. It would also be nice to have a trail or a big ring with a place to skate and enjoy nature.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:42 PM

A year round multi-purpose facility with lights for night.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:06 PM

Outdoor rink with boards like an indoor rink.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:22 PM

More the merrier. Getting outside for physical activity is so important for everyone's mental health. If ppl could stay walking distance from their house, facilities would be less crowded and more enjoyable.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:17 PM

Trail with food trucks or concession stands. Maybe at dominion garden with Christmas lights?

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:22 PM

Out door rinks

Anonymous

2/16/2022 06:59 AM

Trails

Anonymous

2/16/2022 10:37 AM

A trail rather than a traditional rectangle ice pad

Anonymous

2/16/2022 10:52 AM

To promote community and outdoor activities

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:09 AM

Gage park is a great layout for just skating. You can't play hockey on it. That ensures everyone has a place to just skate. However it's great to have an outdoor rink for drop in hockey games for youth too.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:27 AM

No longer relying on natural ice only...invest in some of the artificial options used in other municipalities; provide separate locations or set times for hockey/shinny vs family/rec skating like in arenas.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:57 AM

Need to be separate places for just skating vs hockey/sticks. Also, each ice should have a designated spot for new learners

Anonymous

2/16/2022 12:34 PM

A skating trail. No hockey or shinny.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 12:55 PM

More rinks or make the existing ones bigger. Also try and get them running sooner in the winter season

Anonymous

2/16/2022 01:23 PM

Dedicated rinks for casual skating and hockey

Anonymous

2/16/2022 01:51 PM

It would be useful if every neighborhood was within a 10 minute walk of an outdoor rink. I am sure local residents would be willing to help with maintenance, as is done in Mississauga.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 02:25 PM

some more community rinks should be done, where the town setup the rink, but the care is left to residents. But we should be doing

something bigger like a city run outdoor rink and a ice trail with cooling and maintenance. Do a light up the hills type thing with a ice trail and a walking path. This would greatly improve the quality of life for residents.

Alec.fry

2/16/2022 04:19 PM

Keep hockey a main priority offering outdoor rinks, but include a path through a park. Similar to Arrowhead but obviously much smaller would make a great addition to provide an opportunity for people who just want to skate around not make them skate in a circle.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 04:28 PM

Have some ice for recreation and then some for shinny. Need one in the South West part of georgetown

Anonymous

2/16/2022 07:14 PM

Outdoor ice facilities should be large enough to accommodate all types of ice use...eg. hockey, casual skating for beginners and experienced skaters or family skates. Another option would be to have areas designated separately for the different uses of the ice....eg. only hockey on a specific ice surface while another is only for casual skating

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:10 PM

Low-cost solutions that don't massively increase the tax rate, but a little more than what's there now. Add rinks for recreation (not just hockey) that would include boards and/or zig-zag handrailings so families can skate. Improve the ambiance with string lights at night, seating benches, casual outdoor park feel.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:47 PM

Be great to have a long ice path to skate on like gage park

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:52 PM

A skating trail would be amazing!

Anonymous

2/16/2022 09:14 PM

A long path we can skate around like a trail and ice so kids can play shinny

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:31 PM

Separate areas for skaters to go in a circle, or learn to skate in the middle/side and a separate area for hockey players.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 01:03 AM

Copy Brampton or Watertown. At least put up low boards in 6 big parks and have fire department flood them , very cost effective and

provide skating for people. Limit 2 to hockey at certain hours

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:08 AM

Please continue. A great option for the youth to keep busy and play a hockey game.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:52 AM

I love the outdoor rinks, children can skate whee they like, when they like

Anonymous

2/17/2022 07:48 AM

Build it, and they will come

Anonymous

2/17/2022 09:07 AM

A skating path would be awesome!

Sandral

2/17/2022 10:31 AM

Increase access for all, no cost to user, promote healthy living, enhance community

Anonymous

2/17/2022 12:39 PM

Similar to terra cotta where a reservation system is in place. This way families may enjoy it / I believe I would have taken my children when they were young.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:41 PM

A place where family nd friends can skate. No hockey allowed.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 09:47 PM

Align with volunteer capacity and climate realities.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 09:56 PM

Dedicated rinks for outdoor hockey games and separate areas for recreational skating. Possibility of a space for evening winter skates with music for socializing.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 10:18 AM

I think Brampton and Kitchner/Waterloo have great models to use as inspiration. Incorporating rinks in town squares is nice and have them designed for pleasure skating. Keep the larger fields/baseball diamonds for pick up hockey.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 12:18 PM

provide covered shelter to add to length of season, involve community in maintenance, make access to these rinks easier from the be

Anonymous

2/18/2022 02:28 PM

Making them excessively to everyone in various locations so everyone can enjoy the fun of skating.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 06:03 PM

Inclusive for all ages and not just focused on hockey. Completely happy with rinks but a trail option would be fun.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:08 PM

As many as possible. Its an invaluable resource.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:26 PM

Rink for Shinny. Rink area for learn to skate with training aids, rink area for those with disabilities. General area for public skating. Heated area for putting on skates etc. Nice to have food trucks as well.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:28 PM

Volunteer based with town operated fairgrounds.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 11:40 PM

An outdoor skating trail with a Zamboni would be amazing. A longer season.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 07:31 AM

Have separate areas on the ice for recreational skating and playing hockey. Lighting for evening use and spaces for seating and getting on hockey equipment. Rinks need to be maintained for clean safe ice.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 10:03 AM

We need an area with trail type skating. Like gage park. Decorated with lights. Food vendors. A place for recreational skating.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 01:44 PM

To have a skating trail, where more residents can put the focus on getting outside and less for hockey/shinny as there are already rinks for that activity

Anonymous

2/19/2022 02:47 PM

Facilities that consider more than hockey/shinny, and are appropriate for all ages who want an option only for skating. In other words, skating trails, and not just rinks.

Vicki Newman

2/19/2022 04:45 PM

As much natural ice as possible for everyone to enjoy Structured or semi structured sessions No fee would be nice but I would pay!

Maybe run town programs led by professional instructors i.e adult learn to skate, parent and tot

Anonymous

2/20/2022 08:26 AM

Local. Promote activity. "Canadian".

Anonymous

2/20/2022 01:10 PM

A proper outdoor rink with full boards and Zamboni. Hockey in winter, basketball in summer.

Anonymous

2/20/2022 03:57 PM

Spending money on getting people outdoors and active in winter.

Anonymous

2/20/2022 05:14 PM

We need much more than some flooded baseball diamonds that are weather dependant.

Anonymous

2/21/2022 08:03 AM

Outdoor ice with chillers 3 or 4 across town, cedarvale, moore park, st bridgets and gellert

Anonymous

2/21/2022 12:27 PM

Options for all types of skating, many places get overrun with aggressive shinny which intimidates others and monopolizes ice. Would love trails also for longer skiing for fitness and family fun.

Anonymous

2/21/2022 04:46 PM

Skating rinks that allow for recreational skating and children skating. There need to be designated rinks for hockey or designated times for hockey.

Anonymous

2/22/2022 11:25 AM

To create at least two permanent outdoor rinks with underground refrigeration, so that the ice will survive variations in temperature. One in Georgetown and one in Acton (minimum)

Anonymous

2/22/2022 12:16 PM

Outdoor covered rink (Gore Meadows and a trail type

Anonymous

2/23/2022 10:55 AM

A 'fun' place for those interested to enjoy outdoors as many of us did as kids.

Anonymous

2/23/2022 12:06 PM

Create a nice long trail in a park

Anonymous

2/23/2022 04:33 PM

Be great if it has different areas, so if someone is playing shinny you have another area.

Anonymous

2/23/2022 05:57 PM

Large enough for adults with quality ice

Anonymous

2/24/2022 12:41 PM

A route would be nice (like a ring or trail so people have a direction to skate in and aren't all over each other going different directions).

Anonymous

2/25/2022 01:03 PM

Good size of ice, as well as quality of ice surface, otherwise its more worth it to just drive somewhere else for a half decent skating experience.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:18 PM

Simple

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:42 PM

As inclusive as possible to create an environment for fitness and recreation. Skate trails around traditional rinks might allow a nice separation of hockey vs recreational skaters. Would be nice to have suitable spots to put on and take off skates (benches).

Anonymous

2/26/2022 12:44 PM

Similar to gage park A trail type so many people can use , not just hockey which they tend to take over all the ice

Anonymous

2/26/2022 04:22 PM

A great place for kids and families to skate.

Anonymous

2/27/2022 01:48 PM

Large drop in ice available.

Anonymous

2/27/2022 02:33 PM

More frequently maintained with larger surface area. Options to rent and perhaps purchase got drinks and snacks. Washroom facilities nearby

Anonymous

2/27/2022 09:38 PM

It should be an artificial rink so that it can be a winter activity throughout the season and it should be maintained. I envy other communities because of their recreational facilities. Dominion park Garden would be the perfect spot. It would be really great if the town invested in the park for the community.

Anonymous

2/27/2022 10:04 PM

A chance for all ages and skills to enjoy the pleasure of outdoors winter recreation

Anonymous

2/28/2022 10:45 AM

Being that Georgetown is known as a Hockey Town, we should have more outdoor rinks for shinney. Young & old alike would love to participate for fun & exercise.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 08:46 PM

To include outdoor ice rinks and cross country ski trails

Anonymous

2/28/2022 08:48 PM

Something similar to the one at Gage Park would be lovely.

Anonymous

3/01/2022 05:18 AM

Elora has outdoor rinks right outside the arena in the baseball fields. Zamboni is used for both indoor and outdoor rinks and lights are utilized for both baseball and skating outside

PatrickBanc

3/01/2022 01:44 PM

Ideally the flower city outdoor ice facility in Brampton. It's really nice and big for families. Mount pleasant in Brampton is beautiful as well! Very nice outdoor rink!

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:46 AM

Creating a better experience for a hockey town

Anonymous

3/02/2022 12:36 PM

Lots more ice Flood baseball diamonds

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:16 PM

To improve them to facilitate the communities engagement a promote a healthy lifestyle.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:24 PM

Inclusive for all. Specific spaces for hockey v recreational. Music and lighting would be nice. Trails would be nice

Anonymous

3/02/2022 03:36 PM

Promotion of outdoor activities

Anonymous

3/02/2022 05:18 PM

Something for everyone would be ideal. Love the look of the Rotary Skating Trail, of course the Gage Park Rink is also very nice.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 06:50 PM

Make as many as possible, nice to have a rink at Cedervale park on the main soccer field with artificial ice.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:18 PM

Would be a great idea to make a skating path such as one in Waterdown for skating only, with or without charges, with a Zamboni outside so that ice is kept smooth and all town members can skate in a path and not have to compete for ice time with hockey. A path also allows for more interesting skating than in a circle pad.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 09:14 PM

An outdoor venue like Gage Park in Brampton or a skating trail

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:29 AM

Like Gage Park Brampton.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:46 AM

Skating trails!

Anonymous

3/03/2022 10:14 AM

More trail ice facilities to allow those who do not wish to play hockey to have a place to skate.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 10:43 AM

Lots of lighting and open space. Simple decor of fairy lights. Lots of places to sit for putting on skates or for parents/ grandparents unable to participate in actual skating. Hot chocolate and hot cider vendors and fresh made cookies.

Sheilajm

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

TO properly clear the pathways of ice for seniors to walk and main all ponds for ice skating. It is a hockey town!

Anonymous

3/03/2022 11:39 AM

Provide a space for everyone. Hockey players, recreational ice rink for families

Anonymous

3/03/2022 03:30 PM

Larger and better maintained ice. A trail would be ideal.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 05:15 PM

Family fun and a chance to bring folks together outdoors!

Anonymous

3/03/2022 06:25 PM

Rinks for just leisure skating, rinks for shinny and pick up and rinks for fun and games. I'd like to see some trail rinks too.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 07:47 PM

Designated hockey and skating trail spaces. Anything to encourage the youth to be outside and active.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 08:29 PM

More extended season outdoor rink options with some level of services

Anonymous

3/05/2022 01:47 PM

Utilizing natural ice skating like Fairy Lake

Anonymous

3/07/2022 09:27 AM

Plan and allow for outdoor skating parks, some are maintained and some are to be maintained by residents

Anonymous

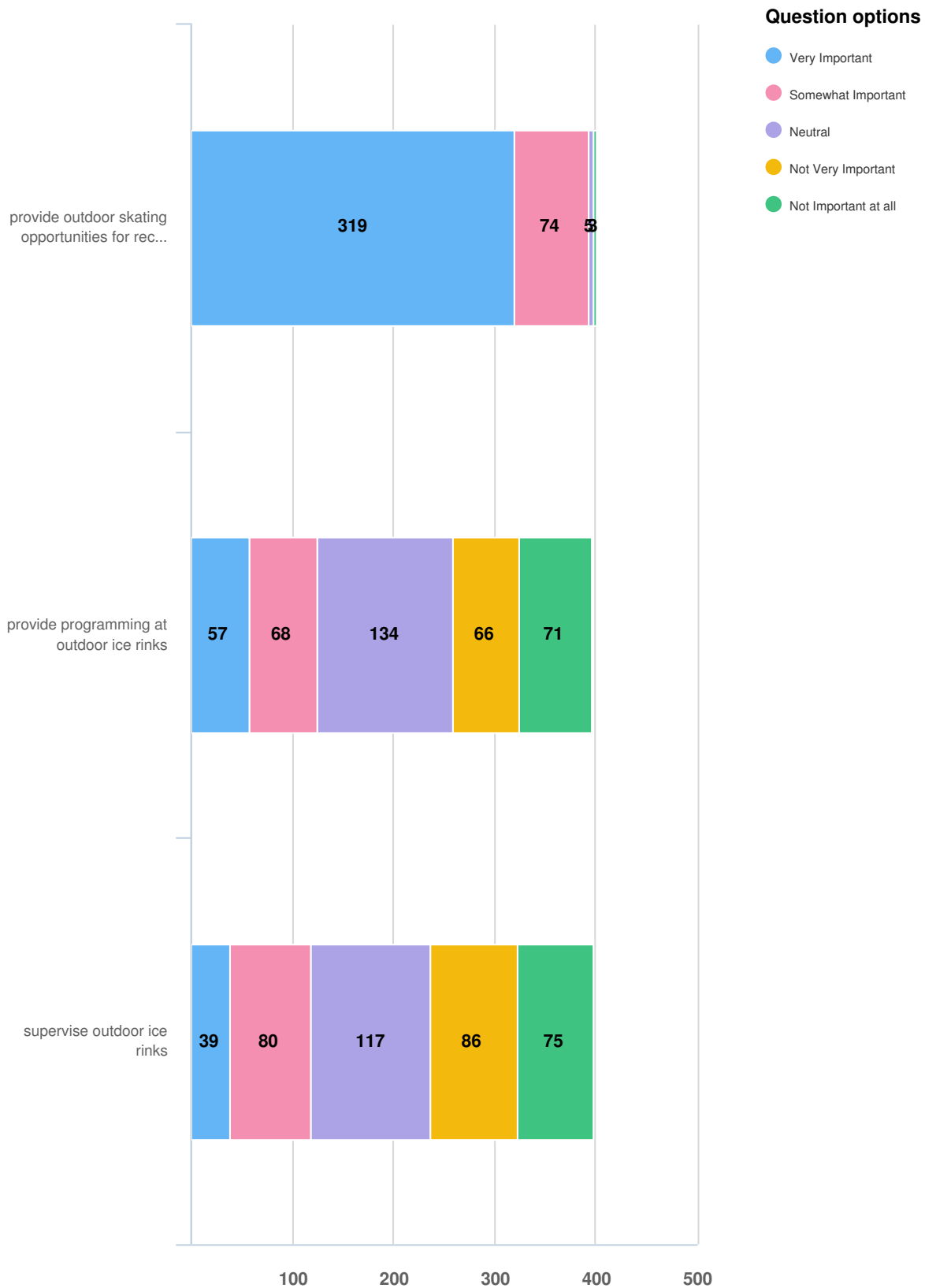
3/07/2022 09:42 PM

There should be fully maintained (with Zamboni) facilities, not just flooded areas. Additionally, some of the facilities should be full out Hockey rinks, with boards and books ice time. These would help to alleviate the congestion in the indoor arenas.

Optional question (284 response(s), 117 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q8 How important is it to you that the Town:



Optional question (401 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Likert Question

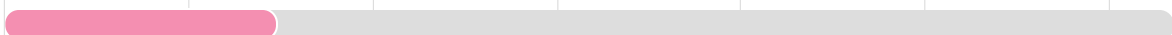
Q8 | How important is it to you that the Town:

provide outdoor skating opportunities for recreational use?

Very Important : 319



Somewhat Important : 74



Neutral : 5



Not Very Important : 0



Not Important at all : 3



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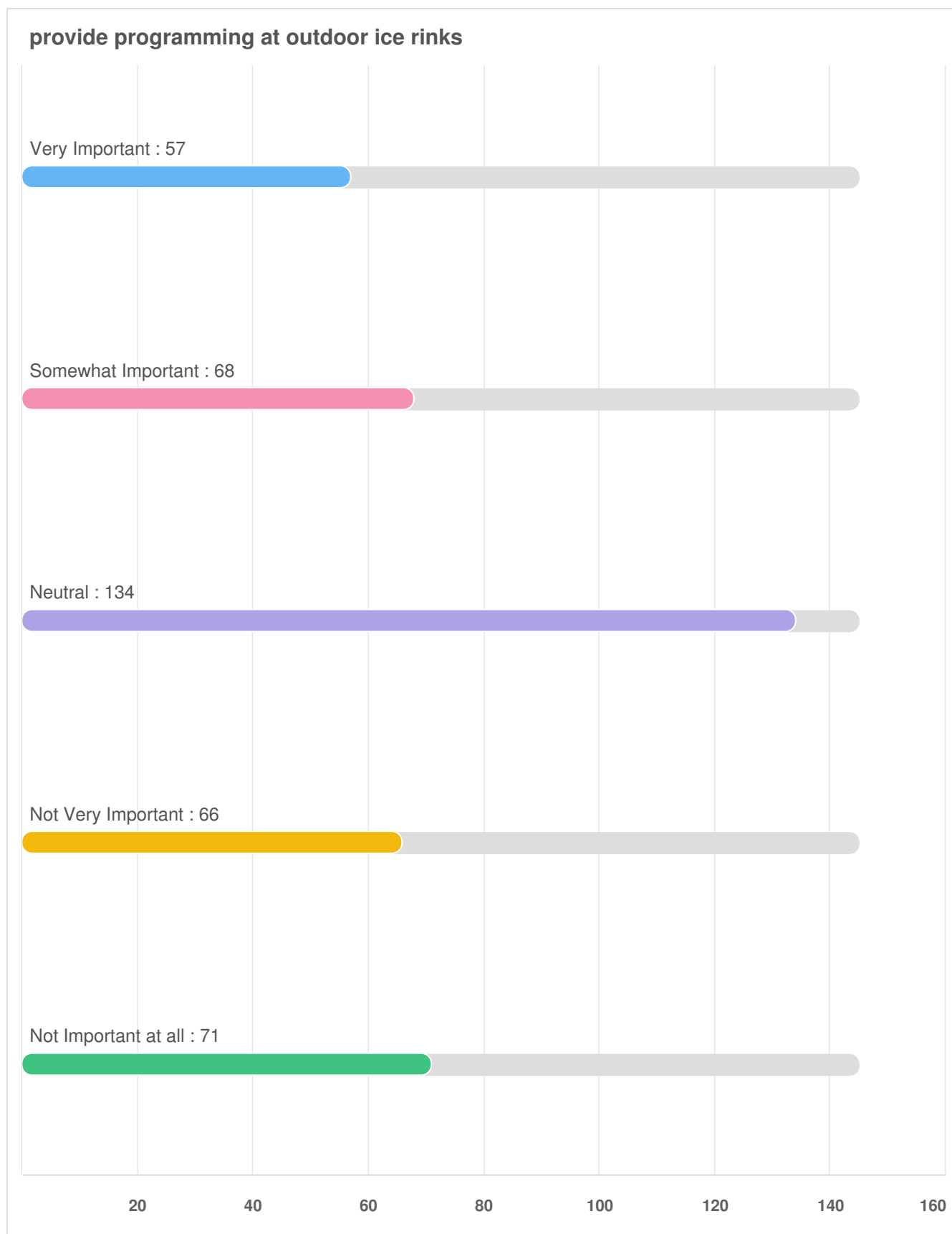
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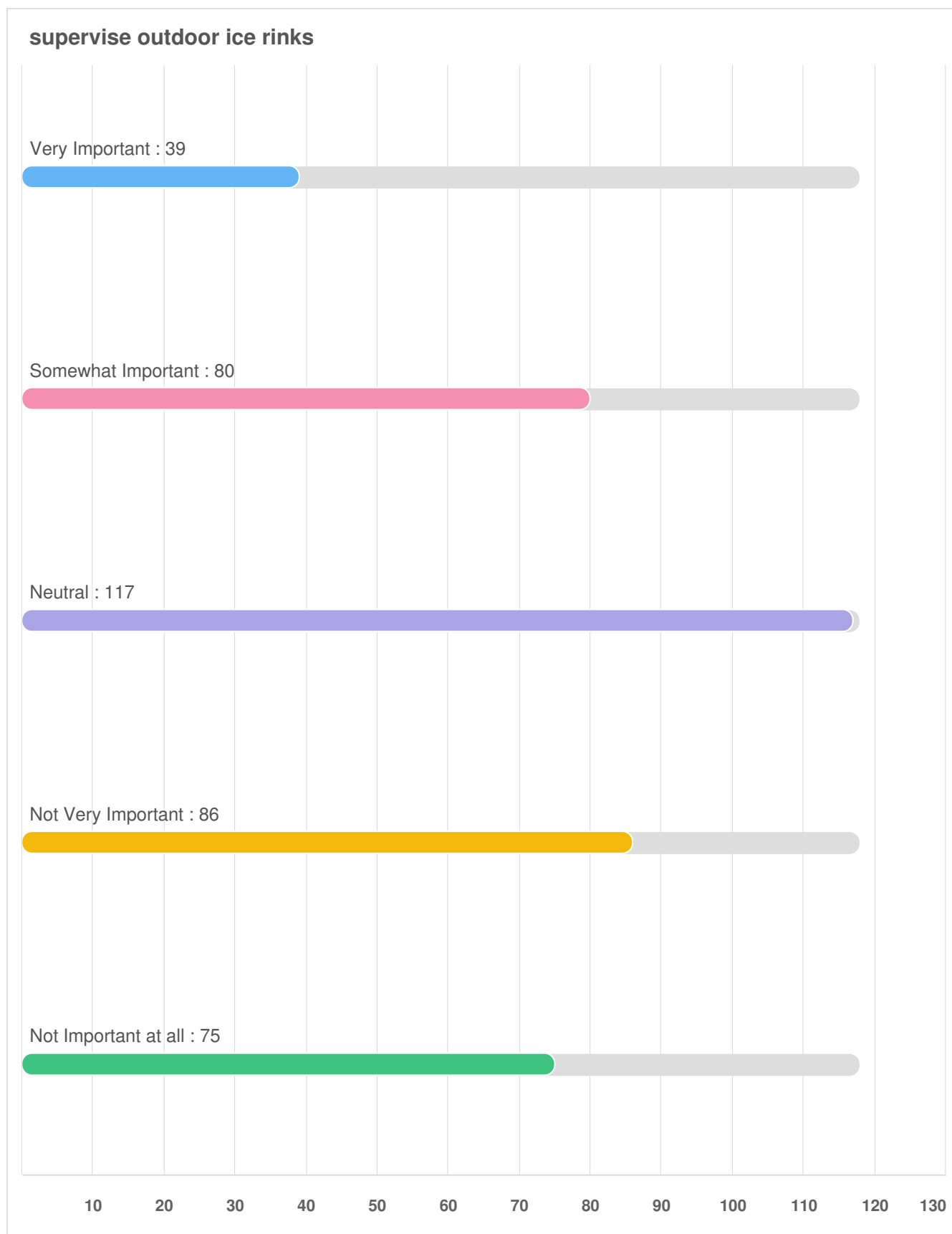
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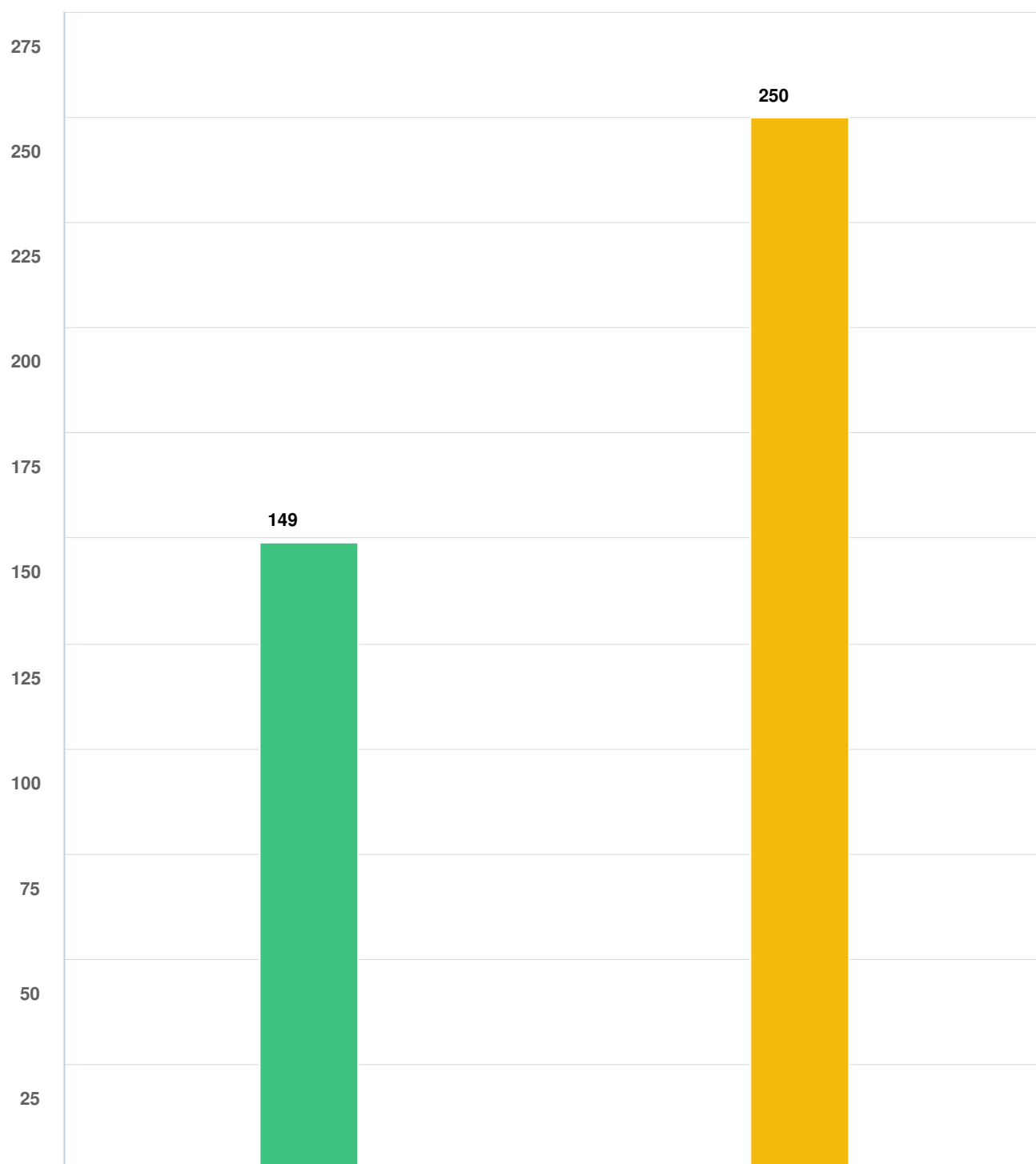
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Q9 Do you think the Town should provide more programming and/or scheduling of outdoor rinks (which would include a nominal cost for a public skate or facility rentals)?



Question options

● No ● Yes

Optional question (399 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 Why/Why not?

Anonymous

2/06/2022 04:08 PM

ODR's are best for drop ins.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 09:28 AM

Programming such as shinny games at this time vs people just wanting to recreational skate. This should be happening as not all rinks mentioned previously are in the same shape so if people want to play shinny or even skate around and hit the puck the recreational skaters will not be impacted. Allotted times would be very useful.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

It would build up the infrastructure and create a better sense that the Town was acting to support the community, rather than creating the rink and leaving residents without support (not that all residents would want or use the scheduled programming).

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:59 AM

There are very few Fred activities available with the weather paid programs are a challenge. It us wonderful to currently just drop by he kids skate we can walk the dog around the loop. Love the easy nature of it all

Anonymous

2/07/2022 11:34 AM

If the current method is working and issues remain minimal, it's nice to have something where we don't have to remember money, or restrict hours.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 01:50 PM

Not necessary to have scheduled programming outside. Drop in recreational skating is fine.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 07:11 PM

no scheduling, nice that there isn't a fee.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:11 AM

Transparency is key.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:58 AM

Don't need to add cost but can have a simple schedule assigned that participants can enforce

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:03 PM

Let the kids have good healthy informal fun! They don't get enough unstructured play in life.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:19 PM

It's nice to have somewhere to go that you can just drop in and skate and not have to worry about the time.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:41 PM

It needs to remain impulsive/drop in

Anonymous

2/08/2022 02:30 PM

I like being able to just show up with my daughter to skate without planning too much in advance. We just do it recreationally and it's fun. Having to remember to book in advance or bring money complicates things for us and would be a big disincentive to going skating.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:18 PM

If you have different types of venues then yes.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:20 PM

Cost could be a barrier for some

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:39 PM

I'm not sure if programming is required. Scheduling would be required if there were more permanent/developed facilities.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 04:55 PM

Should be for the public to use

Anonymous

2/08/2022 08:20 PM

We pay enough in taxes for the 2 little rinks that are city maintained

Anonymous

2/08/2022 08:36 PM

I think it should be free of charge

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:23 PM

It would be nice to be able to have more organized shinny outdoors

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:51 PM

As long as the surface was maintained throughout the day, lol would happily pay a fee

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:09 PM

In regards to volunteer rinks, weather and ice conditions would likely make it unpredictable. I'm not sure how much of an issue this would

be with more 'proper' outdoor rinks with boards and cooling system?

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:32 PM

Because we won't get a decent service if we don't pay for it. There would be no accountability from the town.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:55 PM

More options are better for our growing community.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:24 AM

because it should be free to skate outdoor

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:38 AM

The current rinks get overrun with hockey players, making it dangerous and/or unavailable for recreational use. The availability of these rinks are also limited due to having to rely on mother nature.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:55 AM

Yes so the hockey has its slots and they stop forcing other people off the ice

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:55 AM

Indoor only for fees and booking. Outdoor should be for everyone and free

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:56 AM

Schedule shinny times vs public skating times

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:58 AM

Make them accessible for everyone at no cost. Like the City of Toronto

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:59 AM

To ensure the rinks aren't taken over by hockey players, there is room just for skaters

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:01 AM

Outdoor rinks should be free and leisure only. We already have scheduled indoor programs

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:18 AM

If people wanted to pay for a program they'd sign up with moldmasters People want a free experience just to leisurely skate in some ice

Anonymous

We don't pay to skate in Brampton where they use a Zamboni to

2/09/2022 08:32 AM

clear ice, play music, and have patrol.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:58 AM

Kids need free opportunities to skate. Not just hockey but skate.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:08 AM

My family would prefer "drop in" skating for the most part. But we wouldn't mind paying a small fee to reserve a time if the outdoor rinks are very busy.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:29 AM

There is value in unorganized play but there should be enforcement of times for activities.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:40 AM

Just to keep this safe

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:52 AM

It will allow for a better experience for all users.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

NA

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:25 AM

The rinks should be free to use. Our tax dollars should cover it. Also it should be supervised so that people wanting to play hockey don't hog it from those that just want to skate around and are learning.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:32 AM

It should be free

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:46 AM

Better for just drop in. Rinks are weather dependant so hard to have organized paid for programs in place.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:06 AM

It would help to ensure that rinks are safe.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:12 AM

This should come out of our taxes. But no need to supervise the rinks. Just provide more options.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:20 AM

If there were more locations, this would be needed to manage the overall use.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

Etobicoke does not charge for shinny and public skating at their outdoor arenas and they have heated indoor dressing rooms and bathrooms. They run a program schedule for all age groups and skating options.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:09 PM

Scheduling is important because it allows for different types of skating/shinny to take place.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

I'm agreeable to a small fee if necessary. I don't think programming is needed, just a reliable outdoor rink people can enjoy for recreational skating.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

So youth have activities outdoors during cold months

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:19 PM

IMO, outdoor community rinks are for public use, anytime/ anyone!

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:20 PM

We already heavy fees for rep hockey every year

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:21 PM

Understanding that there are costs associated with doing this. Still a benefit to the community if small cost is payable for use.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:43 PM

We are always looking for ice and why not keep the ice in year round at the Acton arena? This is a big miss on the towns part!

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:54 PM

I think having one outdoor ice pad location where skates could be rented would be beneficial to those who wish to try the sport before purchasing or don't own skates but like to skate. (le out of town visitors, can't afford, outgrown etc)

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:31 PM

Allow people to sign up for a guaranteed time they can skate safely

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:38 PM

I think there should be designated outdoor rinks for hockey and dedicated outdoor rinks for recreational skating. Currently the fairgrounds is always filled with hockey players and you can't just skate

Towntalk

2/09/2022 02:05 PM

I prefer the drop in/ free version. If I wanted to pay, I'd go to indoor skate or shinny.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:15 PM

So that all of the pads of ice are not taken over by hockey. Seniors and children need to be able to have a safe place to skate.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:32 PM

This would keep things consistent, running smoothly, and not allow for some (like hockey teams) to intimidate others into getting off the ice. Everyone should feel comfortable and have a turn.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:07 PM

Outdoor skating should be free

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:17 PM

Perfect the way they are now.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

Most people have skates and kids wanna just skate and play with friends because gtown has nothing for Kids to do and be active there should Not Be charges for Them to use ice if outdoors. Keep Kids active keep them out of trouble

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:45 PM

Outdoor activities are weather dependent and it may be more administrative then it needs to be.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:47 PM

I don't have to pay to use the ice in surrounding cities, or work around town schedules. I'd hate to have to pay for it in my own town.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 04:45 PM

Just makes sense in Canada....we are a hockey community

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:12 PM

I dont think it is needed - let kids / anyone just get out and have some fun

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:16 PM

It would provide more structure. "Renting" time vs hoarding ice and staying on it all day

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:03 PM

People that use the facility should support it

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:05 PM

Can go to a facility to pay...outdoors is free

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:39 PM

I don't mind paying for better facilities

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:32 PM

I think you can charge for certain programs and time slots while leaving plenty of free time open for kids to enjoy outside of programs.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:49 PM

See comment for ques 5.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:56 PM

I don't think rentals are needed because it would be additional cost to the town

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:00 PM

Programming so that different groups get a chance to use the rink but at a reasonable fee

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:38 PM

Because we can't afford any more money to go out to things. We already pay enough taxes here in Georgetown

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:53 PM

It allows for more opportunities to skate and have fun as the rinks get busy. It's also a great experience to be outside.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:23 PM

It is nice that this is a cost free non scheduled option

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:19 AM

Because some areas should be free to use for those who can't afford

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

There is something about letting this recreational opportunity happen without barriers and ruling/governing bodies that make it a true Canadian pastime. There's very little reason to have programming. Let the community help one another organically. If a family doesn't have experience skating hopefully the community can come together to support this learning.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:57 AM

No cost should be charged, this outdoor program should be an affordable option for all living here.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:29 AM

That would be the same as charging someone to walk the Bruce trail

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:30 AM

By having a variety and enough rinks the demand is being met. I don't want to see it turned into another avenue for teams to formally practice.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:34 AM

You shouldn't charge for a odr let the kids play

Anonymous

2/10/2022 11:11 AM

Some people may not be able to afford should be for everyone

Anonymous

2/10/2022 02:42 PM

Just let the kids play unorganized

Anonymous

2/10/2022 02:48 PM

I like being able to go whenever (even if taking a chance we can't get on at that very moment). I like that it's outdoor and free.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 03:31 PM

Informal skating/shinny is all that is needed

Anonymous

2/10/2022 05:05 PM

We have an adequate amount already.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 05:09 PM

Outdoor rinks should be available to the citizens

Anonymous

2/10/2022 05:36 PM

Skating is a great, free family activity to enjoy in the winter.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:01 PM

Costs to taxpayers and affordability to users.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 08:26 PM

Keep it at a minimum, beaver tails , hot chocolate and cider. Have mascots and guest skaters (of all ages) to be announced in advance

Michael Puzder

2/11/2022 12:18 AM

Public programs like these should be free, but I would still go if there was a small fee under \$5

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:43 AM

Free skating is important. It makes it accessible. Also Rinks without programming let's people drop in when they want. The city cost is minimal without programming. There are already programs at the indoor rink so not sure programs are needed. Or...Maybe have one outdoor rink open and one for programming per town. And/Or have one rink for pleasure skating and one rink for open shinny.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:51 AM

It's nice to be able to go with friends & family whenever you want, not on a schedule

Anonymous

2/11/2022 08:09 AM

Programs for indoor. Outdoor should be free of that. A pair of used skates are cheap enough to purchase yourself.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:21 AM

ice surface is too uneven and short term

Anonymous

2/11/2022 01:25 PM

Would accept a fee if it was for grooming a trail. If only a rink then facilities are not needed, in my opinion

Jul867

2/11/2022 03:23 PM

I think the Town should add more places for public skating. Personally, coming from Georgetown South, the closest outdoor public rink for us is currently at the Fairgrounds. It would be nice to have one in Georgetown South. We would likely go more often if there was a rink close by.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 06:26 PM

It is nice just for communities to come together informally

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:10 PM

Cause it's currently free and anybody could use it

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:26 PM

It would be nice to reserve certain time slots for specific groups of skaters (e.g., family skate for families with kids under 12). I think you could keep some time slots as free /open while using others as a small revenue generator to offset costs.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:12 PM

The whole perk of the outdoor rinks is that they are free, and to be honest, most skaters go to the outdoor rinks out of spontaneity. Having open outdoor rinks are a perk in halton hills. Please don't deter people away from the outdoor rinks.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:42 PM

It's nice to have a free option that you can visit when you're free rather than have to schedule it into your day

Anonymous

2/11/2022 10:22 PM

Should be free skates

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:29 AM

I think when people visit they can enjoy the rink independently, free is an incentive to go

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:51 AM

The town would benefit the nominal fees and will also allow equal opportunity to those who don't want to be worried about pucks or children falling in front of them. The fee would regulate/schedule times for calm skating versus active skating.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 07:51 AM

It's a great outdoors activity and brings people together

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:01 AM

Scheduled time ensures that people who want to go for free skating and take their kids who might be learning to skate, will not have to navigate people playing shinny.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 09:51 AM

I think outdoor rinks should be free of charge and not include scheduled lessons

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:49 AM

I don't want to sign up for anything. I like being able to drop in when it's convenient.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

It seems to work now without a program or schedule.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 04:17 PM

Like the free - accessible nature. Should just dedicate some for hockey and some for no hockey.

Anonymous

Funds should be directed to indoor facilities.

2/12/2022 08:34 PM

Anonymous

No cost. Many people will volunteer to help maintain

2/12/2022 11:22 PM

Anonymous

That is for arenas

2/12/2022 11:35 PM

Anonymous

It should be free

2/13/2022 08:01 AM

Anonymous

It nice to go to a place to skate that is not regulated. It takes away from the whole idea of having a outdoor rink that you can just show up at any time abs skate.

2/13/2022 08:36 AM

Anonymous

No fees should be charged for use. However funding could be obtained with add one such as fees for lockers and or rentals and vending machines or food and beverage counters.

2/13/2022 09:49 AM

Anonymous

I want free outdoor activities not something I have to pay for

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

Anonymous

I would be happy to pay a small fee if it meant that it was maintained well and was strictly for family skating.

2/13/2022 11:37 AM

Anonymous

Should just be able to go and enjoy when the mood strikes

2/13/2022 12:09 PM

Anonymous

The world is too expensive as it is, let people exercise for no charge

2/13/2022 03:27 PM

Anonymous

More oversight into skating would be beneficial so that everyone can enjoy without having to purchase skates

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

Anonymous

It may help give more people access to use them.

2/13/2022 05:36 PM

Anonymous

Free and accessible to all

2/13/2022 07:56 PM

Anonymous

2/13/2022 08:42 PM

keep it free and open to anyone at anytime

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:59 AM

There are only so many cold outdoor activities that can be done, skating being one the least expensive. Embrace the opportunity.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:24 AM

We pay enough taxes

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:27 AM

Make it easier to drop in and skate

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:26 AM

Scheduling is important to ensure free skate times vs shinny

Anonymous

2/14/2022 12:35 PM

I think rental would be great for birthday parties. More affordable then mold masters.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:10 PM

Depending on what is offered a nominal cost for skate/gear rental may be ok. But if the rinks are just pads and no services then no fees. We have an issue with skating on our storm ponds. If the town charges too much for these new rinks we will still have the storm pond issues.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:23 PM

If the focus is simple pads then there would be no need to supervise or provide programming

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:31 PM

ODR should be free use for all in the community. If an actual rink (with boards and benches) we're made, then yes. Paid programs and rentals would be fine.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:40 PM

To encourage people t enjoy the outdoors without additional costs

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:47 PM

As cheap as it is sometimes even that cost is prohibitive to struggling parents

Anonymous

2/14/2022 03:02 PM

The einks should be used for fun (drop-in type) activities. The weather doesn't permit scheduled activities.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 04:42 PM

it would be a good idea for everyone

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:19 PM

Provides a way to find any services provided and there is some oversight of the facility.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:24 PM

It would make it too restrictive and add unnecessary costs.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:25 PM

Outdoor should be free

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:39 PM

People want Safe places to skate on good ice. They do not need to be supervised but they need to be maintained

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:54 PM

Just open ice time is enough

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:00 PM

Choice is good and having more options provide more opportunities.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:35 PM

Flat rate for families, seniors, children, allowing access to allocal port facilities.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:01 PM

If it was a nice facility outdoor hockey rink, sure a nominal cost is fine. Especially if there is more upkeep required. But it's important ro remember that not everyone can afford the luxuries and needs to be inclusive to all.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:33 PM

There should not be a cost.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:38 PM

Outdoor skating should be free. Offer concessions to make money. ACTIVE Supervision is required for social distancing, bullying, etc.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:20 PM

Maybe at some of the added rinks programming would be great and not at others

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:34 PM

allows people to plan when to go to the rink.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:38 PM

We want to be able to go last minute when we feel like it and not have to book. That's what sets them apart from indoor rinks. We want that flexibility. The only way it would work is if there are two areas within one rink - one for programming and one for drop in. But please don't take away drop in. That's kind of the point of outdoor rinks.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:50 PM

If there is no scheduling there will always be hockey going on so no one else can skate.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:24 PM

My children are all grown up and I do not know if families want programming per se for an outdoor activity but personally I like to do my own thing as far as skating goes. However, it may be appropriate to have a reservation system or a limit on the number of people on a skating area.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:36 PM

I wanted to say no but for a small fee it would ensure we got a turn.😊. I would prefer not to pay

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:38 PM

Would be great to have a free skate and skate rental

Anonymous

2/14/2022 10:15 PM

Recreational skaters should not have to pay when hockey players do not. Cost of coordinating rentals would likely exceed income . Skating outdoors is often a spontaneous activity.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:37 PM

Focus should be on creating good ice conditions. Have at least one surface for playing hockey (shinny and skills development) and one for skating.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 01:53 AM

I don't think that is viable. I think skating offers a way to be active and the beauty of outdoor rinks is the simplicity.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:57 AM

I think its unnecessary to provide programs since its so weather dependent.

Anonymous

i think the great thing about outdoor rinks is the flexibility of being able

2/15/2022 07:59 AM

to use them anytime you want to lace them up.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:15 AM

Should be free

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:41 AM

Maybe it would make them more worthwhile? Offset the cost of a zamboni?

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:18 AM

I could see younger kids benefiting from lessons but the reality is, as soon as you offer programs on those spaces, they aren't available for recreational use. I'd prefer to keep them open for drop-in. There are good items to go with younger kids and better times for teens. I have both. It works.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:23 AM

Absolutely not. Part of the problem with our society - too much scheduling, too many expectations. The outdoor rinks need to remain casual, for fun, with no scheduled programming.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:28 AM

Charging a very nominal fee or incorporating a seasons pass would help pay for the maintenance of these facilities.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:59 AM

schedule practices and games for younger kids

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:22 AM

Programming typically means that the rink will be unavailable to others who drop in. unless you do a program that you can just drop in and do. our lives are already so scheduled...

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:45 AM

will provide opportunity for everyone to get ice time

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:57 AM

It's outdoor! It needs to be free!

Anonymous

2/15/2022 11:35 AM

It should stay one of the few free activities left for youth and families with less means.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 11:35 AM

HIGH FIVE - It's important to let children and adults manage their own play time. Just make sure there are hockey rinks and pleasure

rinks.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 11:44 AM

We pay enough taxes already and get minimal return.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:08 PM

I think outdoor rinks should be free. People should be able to pick up their skates and go to an outdoor rink to go skating anytime. It's free in all other cities like Brampton. We shouldn't charge people to go skating. The only thing the town needs to do is provide a zamboni to smooth the ice so it'll make it more fun for people to skate. Currently the status of the ice rinks in halton hills is dangerous. I see lots of people falling and I myself keep falling as the ice is not smooth. I think we need to make the outdoor rinks better but also provide access to everyone for free. If it's not possible to make it for free then I wouldn't mind paying a nominal fee for smooth ice outdoors. The other challenging thing to keep in mind is that if programming is a condition to getting smooth ice outdoors then we need to take weather into consideration as there will be days where it's not possible to skate or it may be too cold and those programs will have to be rescheduled or credited. Just things to consider. However, we as a town absolutely need smooth ice outdoors maintained by a zamboni!!

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:29 PM

At the moment this is something that the town offers for FREE at the community level and its nice for families to use like the Maple Creek park rink for free

Anonymous

2/15/2022 02:18 PM

It should just be for fun not acheduled

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:46 PM

can go/use arena's for structured/programs

Anonymous

2/15/2022 04:03 PM

If the rink is big and have a lot of traffic, having programming and rental would be great. However, having option to go to a smaller free rink is also great.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:24 PM

For private rentals only. Public time should be free

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:26 PM

Allows for everyone to use and not worry about being to afford it and not be tempted to skate where it is unsafe but free.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:28 PM

So that people who want to skate can , and people that want to play hockey have a time limit so other people can enjoy the out door rink experience too .

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:32 PM

B

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:06 PM

Strickly for shinny or stick and puck.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:22 PM

Cost makes it less desirable for those not financially secure. Parents don't want to have to send kids with money, worry about change or others knowing they have money on their person. Halton wants all demographics to be able to participate and have equal access.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:17 PM

More options to get out in winter. Town can cover costs with conession stands, programs, and permit food trucks.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:22 PM

No team practice Learn honour system Call line availability if abused

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:10 PM

The fun of unstructured skating outdoors is the break from the rink, the track, or the gym. It is just fun to be outside and enjoying winter. The hockey rinks are already a place for programming and fees. If however, there was enough people who were interested in paying a fee for a learn to skate program, that would also be great if it were focused on getting people who are not comfortable skating into outdoor skating. Getting people outside in winter should be the focus. I don't think it should be focused on hockey skills, etc.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 06:59 AM

No value to adding a cost to something that is free

Anonymous

2/16/2022 10:52 AM

Haven't visited Halton sites to provide an opinion on this

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:09 AM

Rental skate availability is great for those who don't own or have available. Free like gage park is ideal. Paid for hockey drop in is good. \$5

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:27 AM

Programming is better served in indoor spaces...and preferably there wouldn't be a fee for outdoor (we don't pay to use the Etobicoke & Mississauga skate trails)

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:57 AM

There are very few cheap family things to do. I'd rather have free ice to go to than a programme I have to pay for

Anonymous

2/16/2022 01:23 PM

If I wanted to pay for skating I'd use the indoor rinks

Anonymous

2/16/2022 01:51 PM

Free play is part of our children's development.

Alec.fry

2/16/2022 04:19 PM

Lot of liability with rentals and programming outdoor rinks. Learning to skate can be a more informal thing as well.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 04:28 PM

We play shinny. No need for pay or supervisors.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 05:07 PM

Programming should only be provided if cost neutral to provide.
Access and quality of ice/facilities should be prioritized

Anonymous

2/16/2022 07:14 PM

I feel all outdoor skating facilities should be free

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:10 PM

Just create the space and let people use it as they see fit - no need for the cost of programming it

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:47 PM

We don't need another expense and let kids enjoy it without regulations. That is what free indoor skating is about.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:52 PM

It would be great to see more supervised times, even an outdoor hockey league would be amazing love and a great place for this!

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:31 PM

I would be fine paying a small fee to drop in to skate outdoors

Anonymous

2/17/2022 01:03 AM

Outdoor skating should be a winter activity available to everyone and not restrict people with low incomes.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 04:45 AM

More manpower to collect funds and not neh

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:08 AM

Easy access to all. Informal drop in.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 09:07 AM

If we have a cost and that means we can have a Zamboni we will have better ice as a result!

Sandral

2/17/2022 10:31 AM

not necessary, schedule and program indoor

Anonymous

2/17/2022 12:39 PM

Do NOT charge families. Spread a little kindness. This town does little for families.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:41 PM

I think skating should be free to encourage physical fitness

Anonymous

2/17/2022 09:56 PM

The ice needs to be maintained but there doesn't need to be scheduling or programming.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 10:18 AM

more scheduling if pick-up hockey is being used. No programs are needed if it is for rec-style skating.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 12:18 PM

provide a quality program and get sponsorship or user pay

Anonymous

2/18/2022 02:28 PM

I think they should do that everyone's can be included and have the chance to experience something new.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 06:03 PM

I'm happy to pay a nominal fee if it means the ice will be well taken care of, it won't be overcrowded and I don't have to worry about flying pucks.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:26 PM

As a community we need to be active.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:28 PM

If it were for an outdoor hockey arena or covered skating area, I would pay/rent

Anonymous

2/19/2022 12:15 AM

you can have permits but people should be able to use them any like any parks and recreation stuff

Anonymous

2/19/2022 07:31 AM

Busy during peak hours, it's hard to skate safely.

DTurple

2/19/2022 11:11 AM

Offer the opportunity but don't clog the ice up with scheduling.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 12:08 PM

if it means we will have access to good quality rinks for the whole winter, i would be willing to pay a small fee

Anonymous

2/19/2022 01:44 PM

Open times would be a better option for more families

Anonymous

2/19/2022 02:47 PM

I would only be in favour of scheduling if this meant dedicated times when no hockey or shinny is allowed, with clear signage indicating this.

Vicki Newman

2/19/2022 04:45 PM

It's a great way to spread out ice time, it is already hard to fit all the programming into the indoor rinks so take it outside!!!

Anonymous

2/20/2022 01:10 PM

Better low cost option than indoor rink

Anonymous

2/20/2022 03:57 PM

Families spend enough money on their kids sports and recreational activities.

Anonymous

2/21/2022 12:27 PM

Like the informal nature of skating outdoors provided people are respectful of others and various purposes. Never want to have to book or pay. Takes the natural spontaneity away

Anonymous

2/21/2022 04:46 PM

Outdoor skating rinks need to be free for all to recreationally skate. If the 'parking' police would monitor them occasionally for hockey vs recreation rinks.times this would allow all people in the town to use them.

Anonymous

2/22/2022 11:25 AM

Already accommodated in the indoor rinks.

Anonymous

2/22/2022 12:16 PM

Because the town is growing

Anonymous

2/23/2022 10:55 AM

We could use Volunteers in many areas of needs. Staff..yes as well for 'heavy lifting'.

Anonymous

2/23/2022 12:06 PM

To get funds for the maintenance

Anonymous

2/23/2022 04:33 PM

As a single parent who works shift work have the opportunity to skate when it suits my sked is great. As for a fee I feel best keek for the indoor rinks. With many different skill sets out at once, a person new to skating might not last long anyway. Everything is going up and having a free rink it's great give back to the community.

Anonymous

2/24/2022 12:41 PM

I don't want to pay for more activities. Just a place to show up for some good old fashioned skating would be great. We don't need to program everything for it to be beneficial.

Anonymous

2/24/2022 03:06 PM

Drop in skating most people do. Evenings can be organized kids playing hockey or self organized times.

Anonymous

2/24/2022 10:08 PM

I don't feel that programs are necessary. That's what the indoor rinks are for.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 01:03 PM

Maybe just block out hours of public skating vs shinny, otherwise too much programming will discourage people who just want to go for a skate from going if they always have to check if something is going on at the rink before they go.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:18 PM

Doesn't have to fancy - just a place to skate whenever. Cost would mean scheduling and less impromptu skates

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:42 PM

Programming is already offered at indoor facilities. Outdoor facilities are subject to weather impacts and will likely result in cancellations

and rescheduling if programs were offered. Keep the outdoor facilities for spontaneous self-directed recreation.

Anonymous

2/26/2022 07:21 AM

So that people aren't constantly playing hockey on them

Anonymous

2/26/2022 12:44 PM

Limits spontaneity

Anonymous

2/26/2022 04:22 PM

More chances for kids to get outdoors and be active and more activities for bored teens

Anonymous

2/27/2022 01:48 PM

Adds fun things to do locally thru winter. Encourages exercise

Anonymous

2/27/2022 02:33 PM

Rental options would make it more accessible.

Anonymous

2/27/2022 04:25 PM

Open skate gives more options for flexible schedules

Anonymous

2/27/2022 05:35 PM

Outdoor skating should be informal with no charge.

Anonymous

2/27/2022 09:38 PM

Because it is weather depend and we have too many thaws. This year has been exceptional.

Anonymous

2/27/2022 10:04 PM

To ensure maximum benefit and usage and fairness of time allocation to all users.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 10:45 AM

For health and leisure. Easy exercise for the elder population right down to toddlers. Being able to enjoy the outdoors in winter instead of sitting indoors.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 12:52 PM

Skating times should be very flexible and are subject to weather.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 08:46 PM

Should be available to all

Anonymous

2/28/2022 08:48 PM

Skating outside should remain free.

PatrickBanc

3/01/2022 01:44 PM

In my opinion outdoor rinks are very safe and can be maintained by volunteers and community members, especially the people who live there and use them.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:46 AM

Dont need scheduling. Just more rinks.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:16 PM

Unless the facilities are greatly improved - better ice, boards, facilities to put on skates. Then it is not worth a fee.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 03:36 PM

Should be drop in, non structured. Shouldn't be where teams are booking the ice

Anonymous

3/02/2022 05:18 PM

Hum, I'm really on the fence with this, if you want it to be maintained, I guess we will have to pay for it.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 06:50 PM

Free would be nice if possible, other wise a small entrance fee should work

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:18 PM

Yes for more outdoor rinks even if some costs have to be paid for use.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 09:14 PM

Don't want it scheduled. Recreational skating whenever

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:29 AM

Not paying

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:35 AM

It's nice just to be able to pick up and go skating whenever it works for our family.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 10:14 AM

It should be always available to all.

Anonymous

Outdoor parks should be available to the public free of charge and

3/03/2022 10:43 AM

available during the day at any time to accommodate the busy schedule. Programs interfere with spontaneous drop-ins to public parks. Children and teens may feel discouraged to drop in. It's important for at risk groups to have a safe and free means of entertainment, especially, when there is so little available compared to larger communities. All programs should be kept indoors to limit public access and help prevent cancellations due to weather.

Sheilajm

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

Already explained

Anonymous

3/03/2022 11:39 AM

I do not believe there should be a cost to visit an outdoor rink but we should have some Town run rinks to give kids/adults more outdoor experience. Would love to how a few town rinks maintained by the town like Brampton does.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 03:30 PM

We just more and better and safe outdoor ice in town.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 05:15 PM

I I think rinks should be free - it's like a winter playground You can make money of skate rentals or hot chocolate sales

Anonymous

3/03/2022 06:25 PM

I think there should be the option for free skating as well as programming. But if it is paid only it defeats the purpose. I do think it should be for locals though. Limit outside groups coming in and taking over.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 08:29 PM

Until there becomes critical mass issues, let it grow naturally.

Anonymous

3/04/2022 08:49 AM

Keep the activity accessible/ without barriers.

Anonymous

3/05/2022 01:47 PM

Tax dollars utilize Parks and Recreation staff

Anonymous

3/07/2022 09:27 AM

it should be free and open

Anonymous

3/07/2022 09:42 PM

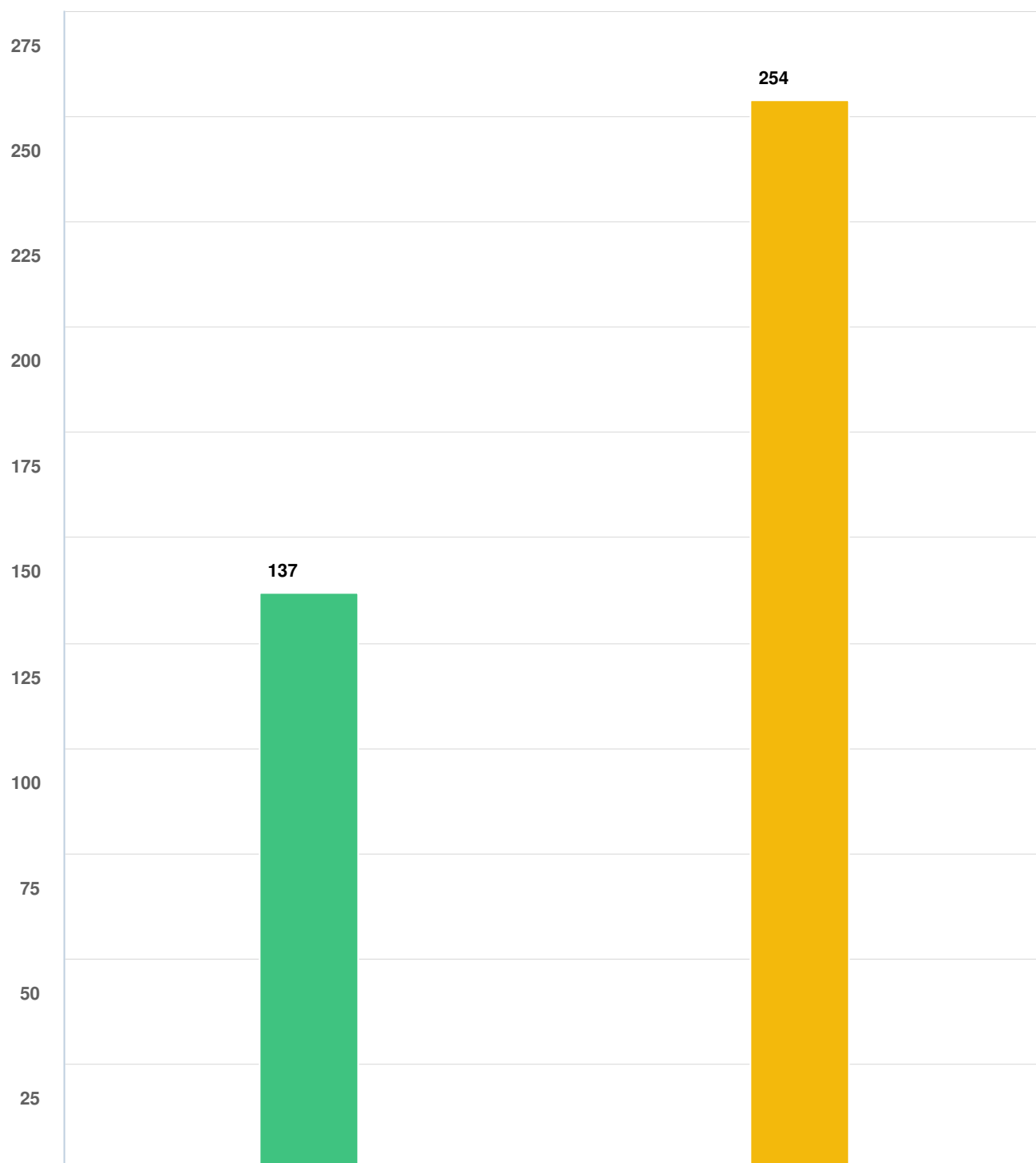
Best to encourage activity. Nominal fees for advance bookings of the more organized facilities (that feature better ice maintenance and/or

full boards) would be acceptable. Public skating should be free.

Optional question (274 response(s), 127 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q11 Have you had difficulty accessing the current outdoor rinks in Town?



Question options

☐ No ☒ Yes

Optional question (391 response(s), 10 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q12 Please explain:

Anonymous

2/07/2022 09:28 AM

Fairgrounds - Access point is by a small little hill by the washrooms which was covered in ice - almost fell on it before even on the rink. less of a hill would be great.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

I don't personally skate.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 01:59 PM

They were too busy or crowded . Or overtaken by hockey when you just wanted a leisure skate

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:18 PM

It's all weather related with no systems in place.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:51 PM

Sometimes too busy, or there is a shinny game in progress on the small surface

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:32 PM

Hockey games take a lot of space

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:55 PM

Sometimes they are too crowded. Need to have more facilities

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:38 AM

Because of limited rinks, they typically get overrun with hockey players

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:55 AM

Yes, the hockey players are aggressive and will force people off

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:55 AM

Hockey players take them over

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:58 AM

Not enough options

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:59 AM

Hockey is always being played, don't feel safe

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:01 AM

Fairgrounds gets too busy

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:18 AM

Fairgrounds is always over crowded. I don't mind if games are being played as long as they share the ice but they won't share They would rather hit children down than move and share ice

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:50 AM

Too many shinny games. Don't feel safe skating

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:58 AM

There is only one in Georgetown. I wish there were more. It would also be nice if there was an outdoor location that got the Zamboni.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:08 AM

The fairgrounds rink is often dominated by kids playing hockey, so we don't bother going there anymore. My son plays hockey and loves to play shinny with his friends, but it's hard for them to find a spot that's not busy.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:29 AM

Need to drive in town to get to a rink - unwilling too if hockey is being played and we as a family can not skate.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:48 AM

Due to hockey games being played unable to skate with my toddler during some of the times we have shown up.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:52 AM

Families are pushed off the rinks due to shinny.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:55 AM

We the few we have in town the rinks are busy.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

Conditions are not always favourable

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:25 AM

When they are being used for hockey games.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:06 AM

Again, the hockey issue. For a non-hockey playing family, it is difficult to enjoy the rinks or even get on them.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:12 AM

I tried to take my kids after school but it was packed with older kids/adults playing hockey

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:38 AM

Usually they are take. Up by organized teams. Which is why Georgetown need a more ice surfaces

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

When weather is bad the ice is last priority as the outdoor ice is maintained by Town employees who focus on roadways. Town needs to construct refrigerated rinks that Zambonis can access for regular flooding. They also should make the rinks covered. An excellent example is Greenwood rink in Toronto that is covered with a roof but open air at the sides with a skating trail connected to the outside. When it is sub zero heated dressing areas like at Brampton and Toronto locations also allow for a more comfortable experience to enjoy the ice .

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

There's no way to tell whether/which rinks are operating. There have been a number of times I've driven to fairgrounds and been disappointed to find the rink hasn't been created.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:21 PM

Availability and upkeep mainly but also conflict with existing function. If shinny is what people are going there for and families are present.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:43 PM

Only when they haven't been cleared of snow.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:54 PM

My daughter has not been able to skate due to hockey game/practice occuring on the ice pad. It becomes very cold to wait for extended periods for the game to finish.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:01 PM

Most times over crowded

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:38 PM

Because there were informal hockey games occurring

Towntalk

2/09/2022 02:05 PM

Too far for kids to go on their own. They are old enough and responsible enough to go on their own (with friends) but they can't yet drive and I'm not always available to get them to and from.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:15 PM

Upon attending multiple locations with my grandmother, at varying times throughout the day, they've all had hockey games going on.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:32 PM

Trying to take my youngest out for her to learn how to skate, but at times it's too difficult when older kids playing hockey (including the adults with them, whether they are parents or coaches) don't allow for any space for others.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

Sometime the ice is very busy

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:45 PM

Hockey makes it unapproachable for non hockey participation

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:47 PM

The largest rink (fairgrounds) often has a lot of hockey players. It's not safe to teach my little ones to skate around flying pucks. It's also the only rink run by the town in Georgetown. Having more rinks or designated rinks for younger skaters would open up more opportunities when the fairgrounds is really busy. A rink at Gellert, Cedarvale or Dominion Gardens would lessen congestion in the ice at the Fairgrounds.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:12 PM

always had availability - generally people are willing to share the ice

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:16 PM

Usually very busy with "teams" practicing.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:32 PM

We have not had difficulty accessing but we tend to go early in the morning or take the kids from school early so we can avoid the busy times/hockey games.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:00 PM

Too many playing hockey while wanting to teach young children to skate

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:07 PM

I don't try. Kids need the space to play hockey

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:23 PM

Unable to use for a recreational skate as it is always overcrowded with hockey games

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:27 PM

Too many people for a small spot. The existing rink are not good for hockey when non hockey players are out there.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:53 PM

They get busy but no problems

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:19 AM

We got there early and it worked iut

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

We walk passed the rinks at prospect park every day. They seem extremely accessible.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:57 AM

No issues accessing it but they need better wayfinding signage to find these rinks or a interactive map on the town site

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:29 AM

Hockey games always happening that leisure skating doesn't have room

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:30 AM

Only visiting on weekdays has limited the amount of people using the rinks.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:34 AM

Hockey teams practicing on them

Anonymous

2/10/2022 02:48 PM

I've selected no even though I do find that hockey players get to the ice very frequently. I still find they give some space for rec skaters or we only wait minimal times for them to give others a turn....at least at Maple Creek where we frequent a lot.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 03:31 PM

I just drive over

Michael Puzder

2/11/2022 12:18 AM

Too many skaters.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:43 AM

At times hockey teams, shinny games take over the ice for long periods. It's. Too unsafe for kids to pleasure skate on the same ice as they could be injured by a puck. Just need some way to regulate the

time for pleasure skating vs hockey. Or one rink for pleasure skating one for Hockey would work best.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 08:09 AM

Getting there was not the problem. I drive and or walk with our children. But the rink was over run with kids/ teens / people playing/ practicing hockey. Very intimidating for young ones and parents trying to help them.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:21 AM

they can be dominated by hockey

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:36 AM

We have turned away from Acton Community Centre rink twice because it was busy with a kids hockey game. There was no space for our kids to practice skating.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:26 PM

I haven't had difficulty, but there have been times when we've avoided skating at peak times, assuming the rink would be too busy. It would be nice to have some knowledge of how busy the rink is in advance (e.g., booking a timeslot).

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:12 PM

The odd time due to the ice not being flooded or a bit of snow not being shovelled after a snow fall.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:42 PM

It is often busy with lots of hockey players. I don't mind hockey but it should be on only one of two rinks or at certain times perhaps

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:29 AM

We go early before too busy

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:51 AM

Too many kids playing hockey.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 07:51 AM

Sometimes busy and hard to share ice with my little kids when people are playing hockey

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:01 AM

Was not aware of them in Halton Hills

Anonymous

Daughter is learning to skate and the rinks are normally heavily

2/12/2022 09:51 AM

populated with hockey players (my boys use it to play hockey)

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:49 AM

Too much hockey

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

Always room to skate at Fairly Lake ball diamond or at the Arena outdoor rink.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 04:17 PM

My small kids get scared and won't skate when too many big kids are playing hockey all around them. Seems not fair that we can't figure out a way to share somehow.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:34 PM

Not needed

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:41 PM

Always full due to.covid . This is why more outdoor rinks would be beneficial

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:29 PM

Always crowded when I have free time

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:35 PM

We stay close due to COVID

Anonymous

2/13/2022 08:36 AM

Didn't k or how to turn on the lights at propect park

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

Been skiing this year more

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:37 AM

I find them to have bad accessibility. I have fallen multiple times trying to get on and off the ice. Therefore, I am now only skating indoors at Mold Masters or going to Brampton for their outdoor rinks (Mt. Pleasant).

Anonymous

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

Not enough seating and difficulty in parking around curry outdoor rink in Acton

Anonymous

Sometimes there are too many hockey games going on for the little

2/13/2022 05:24 PM

ones to skate on the ball diamond st fairgrounds

Anonymous

2/13/2022 07:56 PM

I'm about to walk to one!

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:59 AM

It's in the park, the park is a 10 minute walk from my house. It's not hard to get to.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:27 AM

They are all very busy

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:26 AM

Wasn't aware of any in Milton until recently

Anonymous

2/14/2022 12:35 PM

The area should be staffed to allow access for all. Many of the outdoor facilities are taken by people who wish to play a game of hockey and it doesn't make it safe for small children learning and unfortunately some people are not willing to allow others the opportunity to use the facility

Anonymous

2/14/2022 01:48 PM

Ice is non-refrigerated, quality is weather dependent.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:23 PM

Given the pandemic I'd prefer to avoid busy rinks

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:40 PM

Not enough in Georgetown

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:47 PM

I didn't know the town has them

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:00 PM

Too busy

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:25 PM

Busy

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:33 PM

Too many shinny games get in the way

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:35 PM

Not well advertised. I didn't know half of these rinks even existed.
Plus the emphasis always seems to be on hockey. Some of us would just like to skate.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:33 PM

The rinks are within 10 minutes of my home

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:38 PM

Over run by aggressive hockey players who monopolize the space.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:20 PM

They aren't hard to access just hard to have room for all

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:34 PM

There's a lot of hockey games or even teams that take over the ice.
You can't use the ice for a recreational skate or to pass the puck with your kid.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:50 PM

Snowed in or full of hockey players .

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:38 PM

I didn't know they exist

Anonymous

2/14/2022 10:15 PM

Often used by hockey players and not available for recreational skating.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 01:53 AM

Just wish we had more

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:41 AM

Not so much difficulty accessing but difficulty staying because of the danger of pucks. My friend who lives in Acton will meet me at Mount Pleasant which is pretty far for her but doesn't want to risk her 3 year old being hit.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:01 AM

hockey dominates

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:28 AM

Not many high quality outdoor options.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 11:44 AM

Too many groups playing hockey.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:08 PM

Access is not an issue. It does get crowded and again not very friendly for new beginners due to ice conditions.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 02:18 PM

Hockey players do not share

Anonymous

2/15/2022 04:03 PM

Too many hockey players, dangerous for people not very comfortable on skates or for young kids

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:24 PM

Too busy

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:28 PM

They have been very well maintained for our community to use .
People can enjoy the outdoor rink experience.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:22 PM

Too far from my home. No parking or parking is not close to the rink.
When I have found parking and get to the rink that's over crowded
we've turned around and headed home.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:17 PM

Too busy sometimes too many hockey teams showing up for a
"skate" but really they use it to practice...then there is conflicts.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:10 PM

I enjoy skating outdoors rather than skating while turning left inside.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:09 AM

One visit was unfortunate. My daughter plays rep hockey and was pushed out of an impromptu hockey game. She included her self anyways. But rules posted for all age groups to be included and basic outline of not taking the whole area for a game etc works.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:27 AM

Haven't tried

Anonymous

2/16/2022 01:23 PM

Too many people playing hockey.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 02:25 PM

Sometimes busy especially for little kids. I spent more time clearing the storm water pond near us with fellow neighbours and made our own rinks.

Alec.fry

2/16/2022 04:19 PM

Haven't had time yet this year

Anonymous

2/16/2022 04:28 PM

Always need to drive.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 05:07 PM

overcrowded conditions at fairgrounds skating. Rink frequently taken up by hockey games while secondary ice path is short and overcrowded at peak times (2021 season)

Anonymous

2/16/2022 07:14 PM

Actually haven't skated in years but have seen the outdoor ice surface by the acton arena being monopolized by hockey players and the size of this one would make it difficult for non hockey skaters to enjoy the space at the same time

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:10 PM

Too busy most of the time, hockey players

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:31 PM

One Saturday it was quite busy at Joseph gibbons park near our house, so we went to fairgrounds which had space but was quite busy around 11 to noon

Anonymous

2/17/2022 01:03 AM

Too busy , crowded, and hockey pucks ... not feel safe with small children learning

Anonymous

2/17/2022 04:45 AM

Nothing on fairy lake this year

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:08 AM

Always room for more. Sufficient numbers of outdoor rinks

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:52 AM

Hockey games do interfere with public skating

Sandral

2/17/2022 10:31 AM

few and not operational

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:41 PM

Hockey players taking the entire rink.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 10:18 AM

only in the sense that at the Fairground the hockey games made skating not possible.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 12:18 PM

one ice surface at the fairgrounds was not in good shape and the other one had thirty kids playing hockey, intimidating for our 6 year old grand daughter

Anonymous

2/18/2022 02:28 PM

No

Anonymous

2/18/2022 04:43 PM

Too busy at times. Older kids take over not inclusive for others to use the rink.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 06:03 PM

Occupied by hockey players.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:26 PM

Just moved here last summer. Didn't know of any outdoor rinks till a few weeks ago.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 07:31 AM

The snow was so high we could not get through in our states to get on safely.

Anonymous

2/20/2022 05:14 PM

Depending on the time of day/size of the group/age of the people skating or playing a game, the ice may not be available to use

Anonymous

2/21/2022 08:03 AM

They rely on weather

Anonymous

2/21/2022 12:27 PM

When we have wanted to skate and space monopolized by shinny

Anonymous

2/21/2022 04:46 PM

Hockey players do not allow recreational players to skate on the multi purpose ice rink in Acton. The outdoor rinks need to be assessible for all, children, elderly, and all recreational skaters in between.

Anonymous 2/22/2022 12:16 PM	Would be nice to have a trail type
Anonymous 2/23/2022 12:06 PM	N/a
Anonymous 2/23/2022 08:44 PM	We only go to the Glen Park. We have tried Acton (way too busy) and Georgetown (ice was terrible)
Anonymous 2/24/2022 12:41 PM	I've more just not been aware of all the options.
Anonymous 2/24/2022 10:08 PM	They often get very busy and are full of hockey players. No room for a leisure skate for the average person or smaller children.
Anonymous 2/25/2022 09:18 AM	Stick and pick use
Anonymous 2/25/2022 01:03 PM	Because they are all subject to weather, whereas a built outdoor rink/trail with pipes underneath would not melt if the weather got warm for a day or two.
Anonymous 2/25/2022 06:18 PM	Hockey games taking up whole space - have twin rinks with same maintenance one for hockey one for skating
Anonymous 2/26/2022 07:21 AM	People are always monopolizing the ice with hockey
Anonymous 2/26/2022 08:13 PM	Limited times my family can go
Anonymous 2/27/2022 01:48 PM	Never know when the ice is good
Anonymous 2/27/2022 02:33 PM	Easy access as they are not frequently used
Anonymous 2/27/2022 04:25 PM	Not maintained well

Anonymous

2/27/2022 09:38 PM

I think that skating is a family fun event Going to Gage Park is a fun event. Going to the fairgrounds is good for young families and hockey players. I am too old to go and skate at the fairgrounds. There was a lot of hockey when I walked there and it was very cold.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 12:52 PM

Boys always hog the rink for hockey & are oblivious to free skaters around them.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:46 AM

not enough ice for the amount of people

Anonymous

3/02/2022 12:36 PM

Too full because there isn't enough ice

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:16 PM

Rinks are often monopolized by hockey players, sometimes even hockey teams practicing.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:24 PM

Often don't stay or don't stay long because of hockey being played

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:43 PM

outdoor rinks always seem to be used to play hockey and rarely are they available for small/young children to just skate.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 05:18 PM

Crowded, hockey game one one side, skating on the other. Its not big enough for both not to mention dangerous.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:18 PM

Mostly no : however when there was only one rink in Acton built at the beginning of the season, it was filled with hockey team practice and the few children who tried to skate were on the outskirts with no room. This was during the shutdown in January. Once a second rink was built, it was great! It really isn't fair to the small children learning to have a hockey game whizzing by.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:29 AM

Too busy

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:46 AM

Poor ice conditions

Anonymous

3/03/2022 10:14 AM

Times I took my kids hockey games were happening

Anonymous

3/03/2022 11:39 AM

When I took my daughter many times to the fairgrounds it was taken over by hockey players. She could only skate on the small patch which was overcrowded and she did not want to stay it gets overwhelming.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 11:54 AM

due to covid measures limited access and resources

Anonymous

3/03/2022 03:30 PM

Not close to home

Anonymous

3/03/2022 05:15 PM

Dominated by hockey or poorly maintained

Anonymous

3/03/2022 06:25 PM

Sometimes they have hockey games and the younger kids can't skate. Or they aren't maintained and they are too rough to skate on.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 08:29 PM

Snow cover issues after events

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:28 PM

Very busy and crowded- need designated shinny area and recreation skate area

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:32 PM

There's always people playing hockey so it's hard to take a little kid to practice skating

Anonymous

3/04/2022 08:49 AM

Would prefer a location that's walkable for kids in our neighborhood

Anonymous

3/07/2022 09:27 AM

I was able to use it at my pleasure

Anonymous

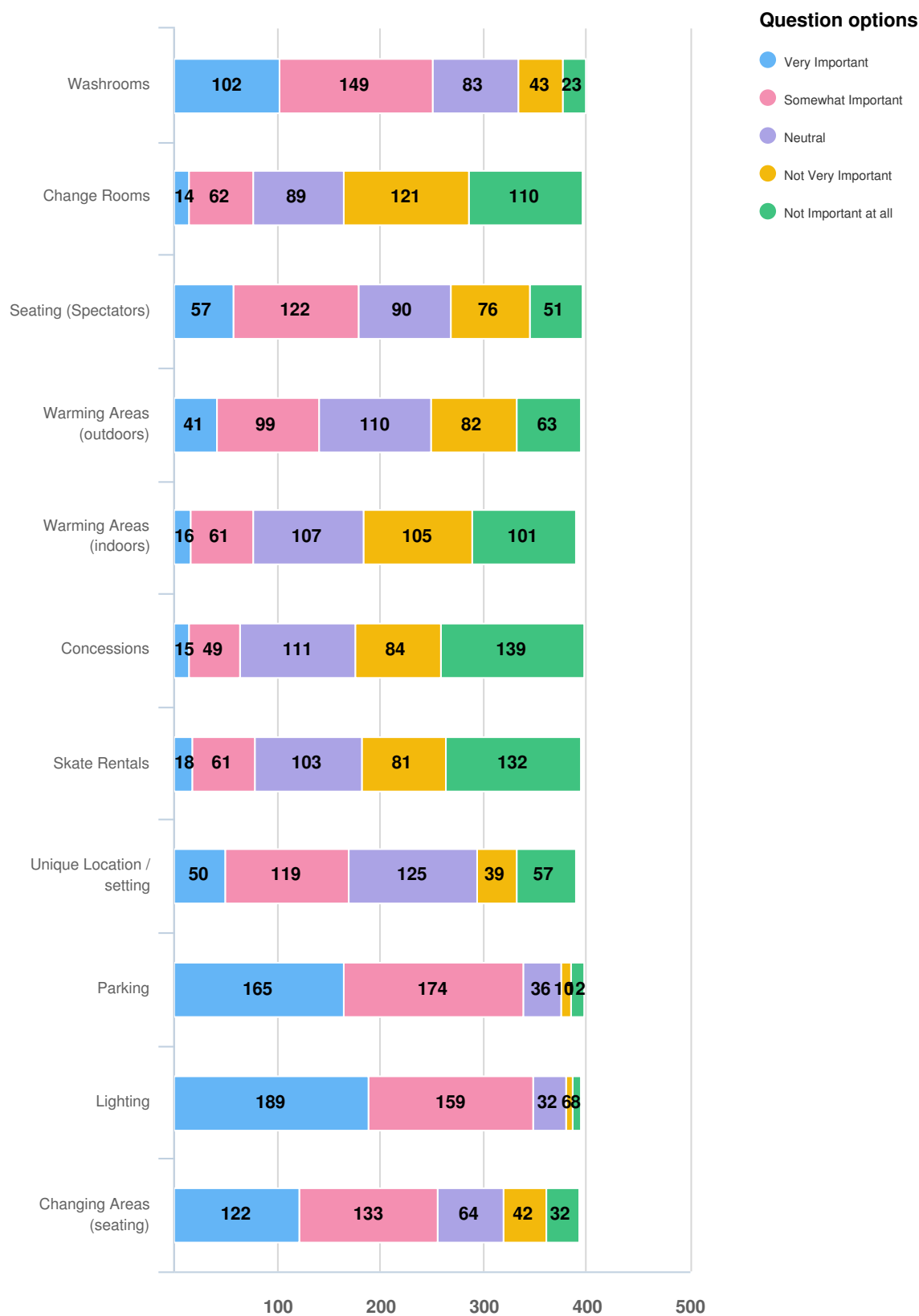
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No, but we do t go often. It is quite a lot of hassle, the ice quality isn't great, and we choose a backyard rink as a more convenient option.

Optional question (176 response(s), 225 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q13 How important is it to have the following amenities at outdoor skating facilities:

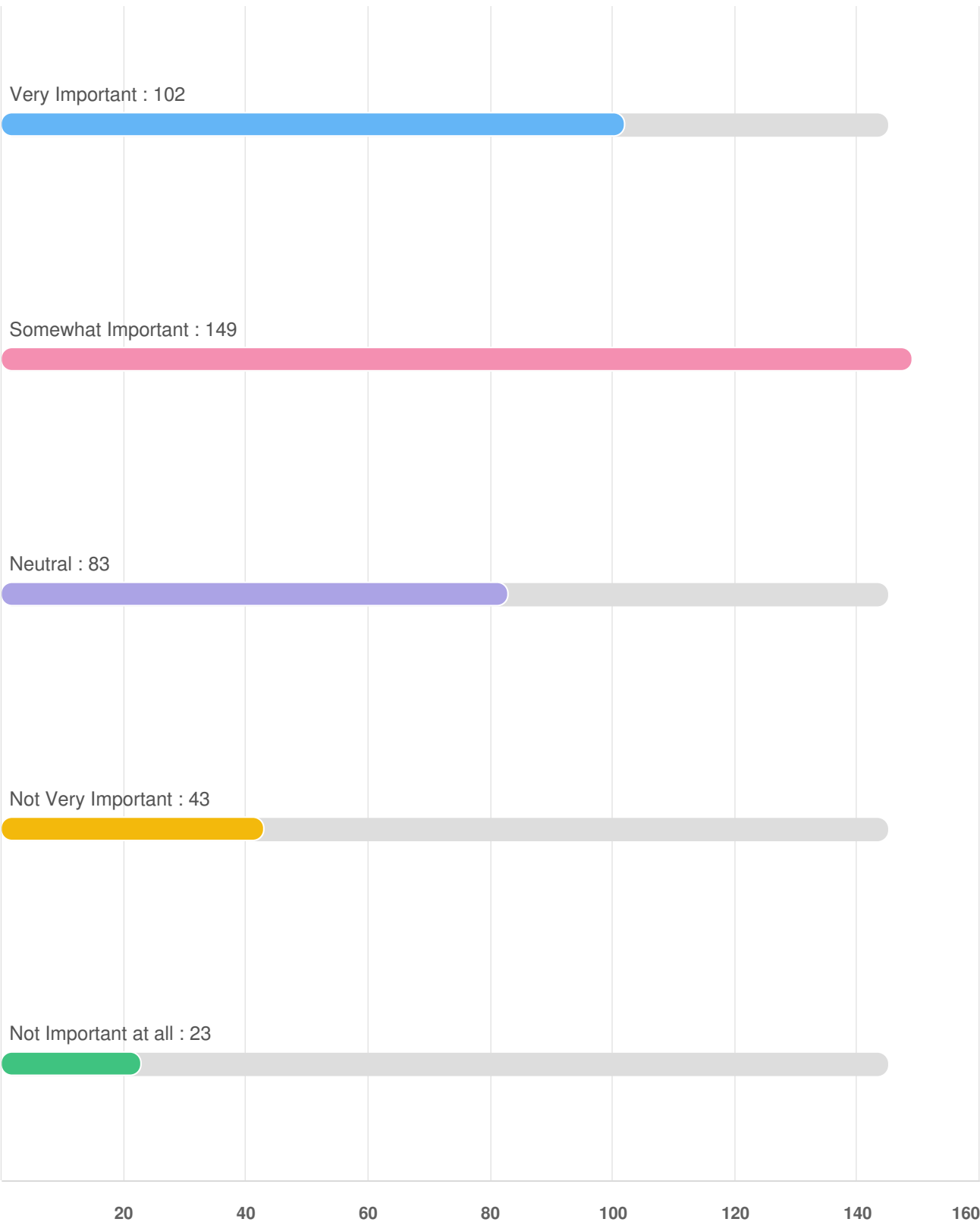


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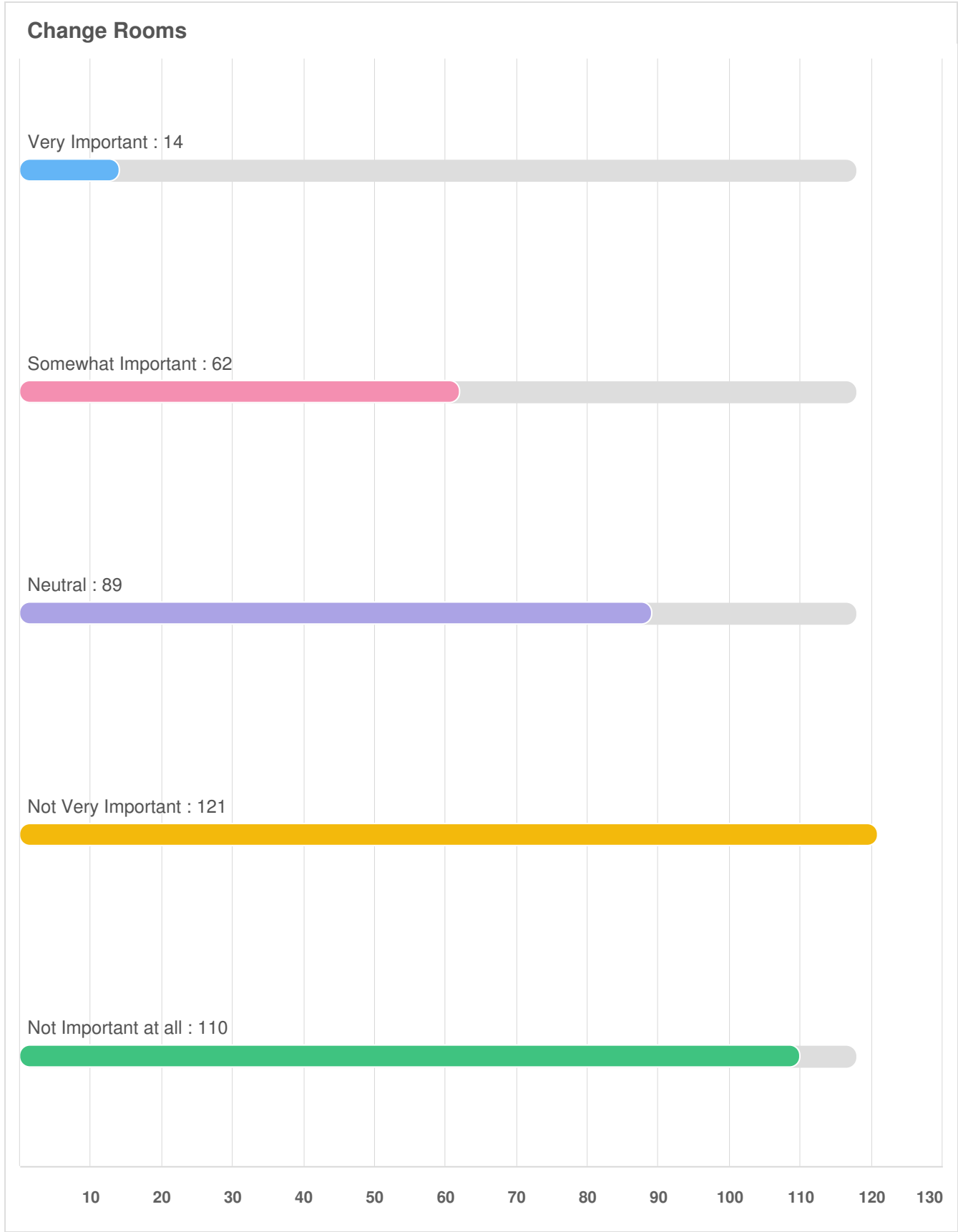
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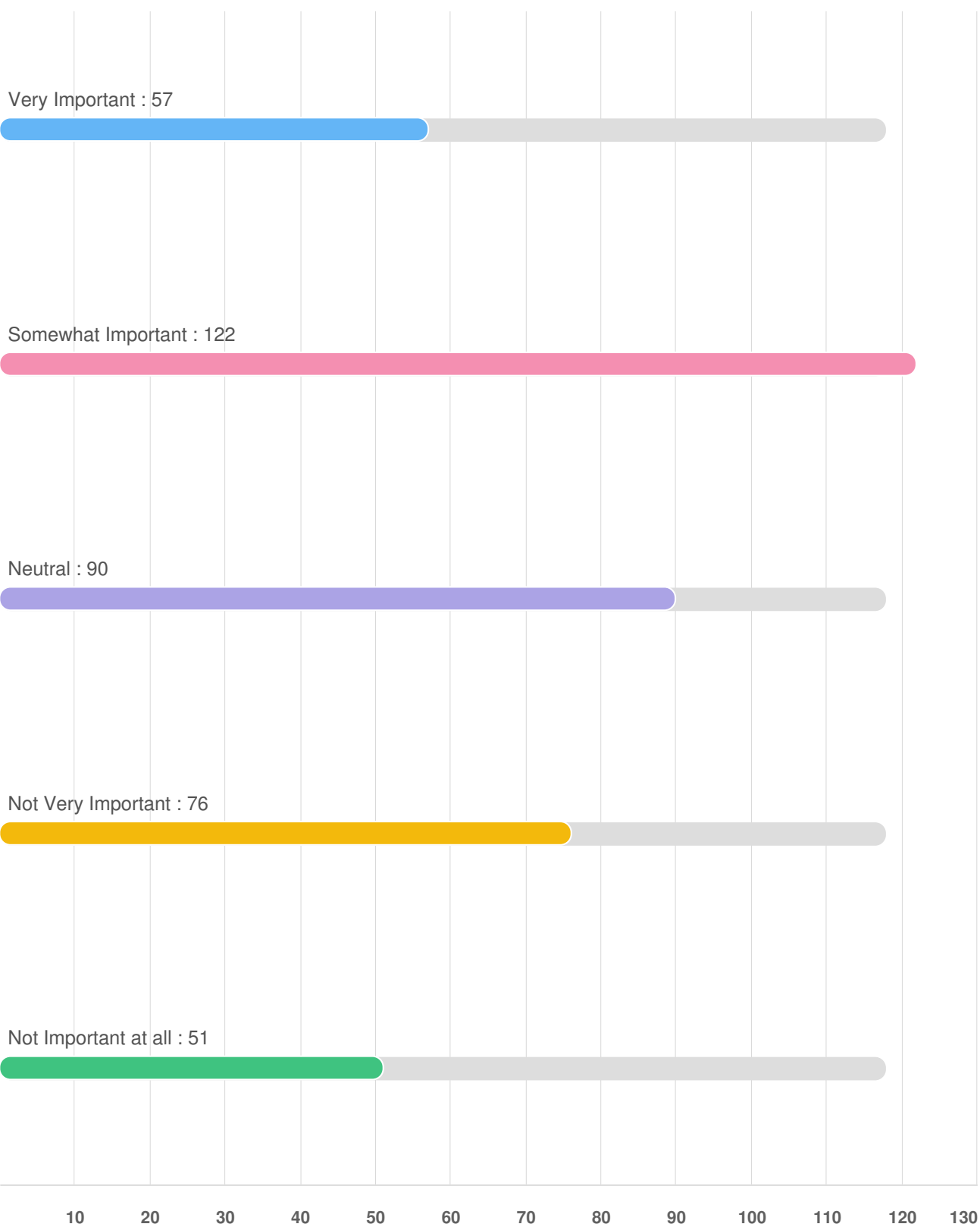
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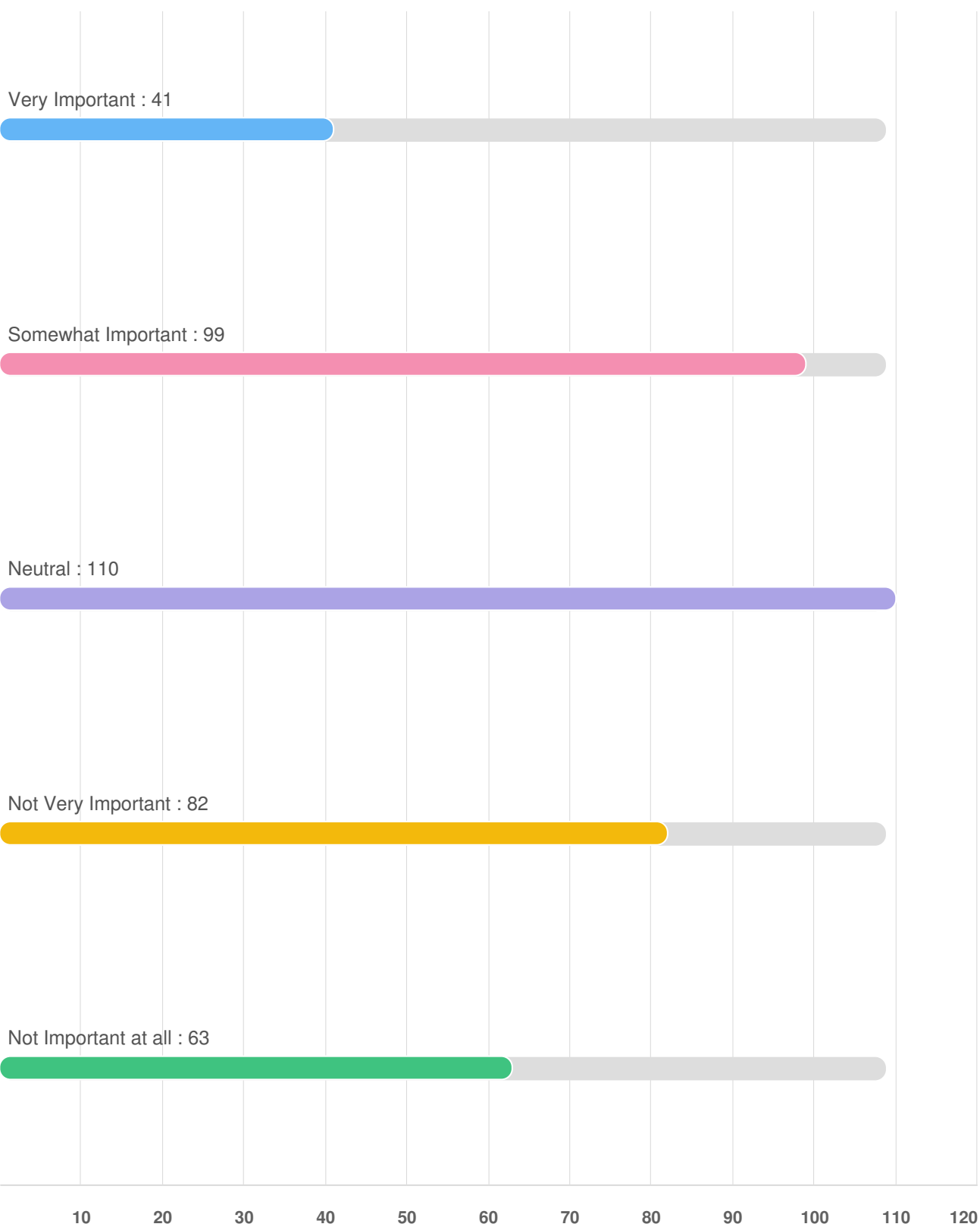
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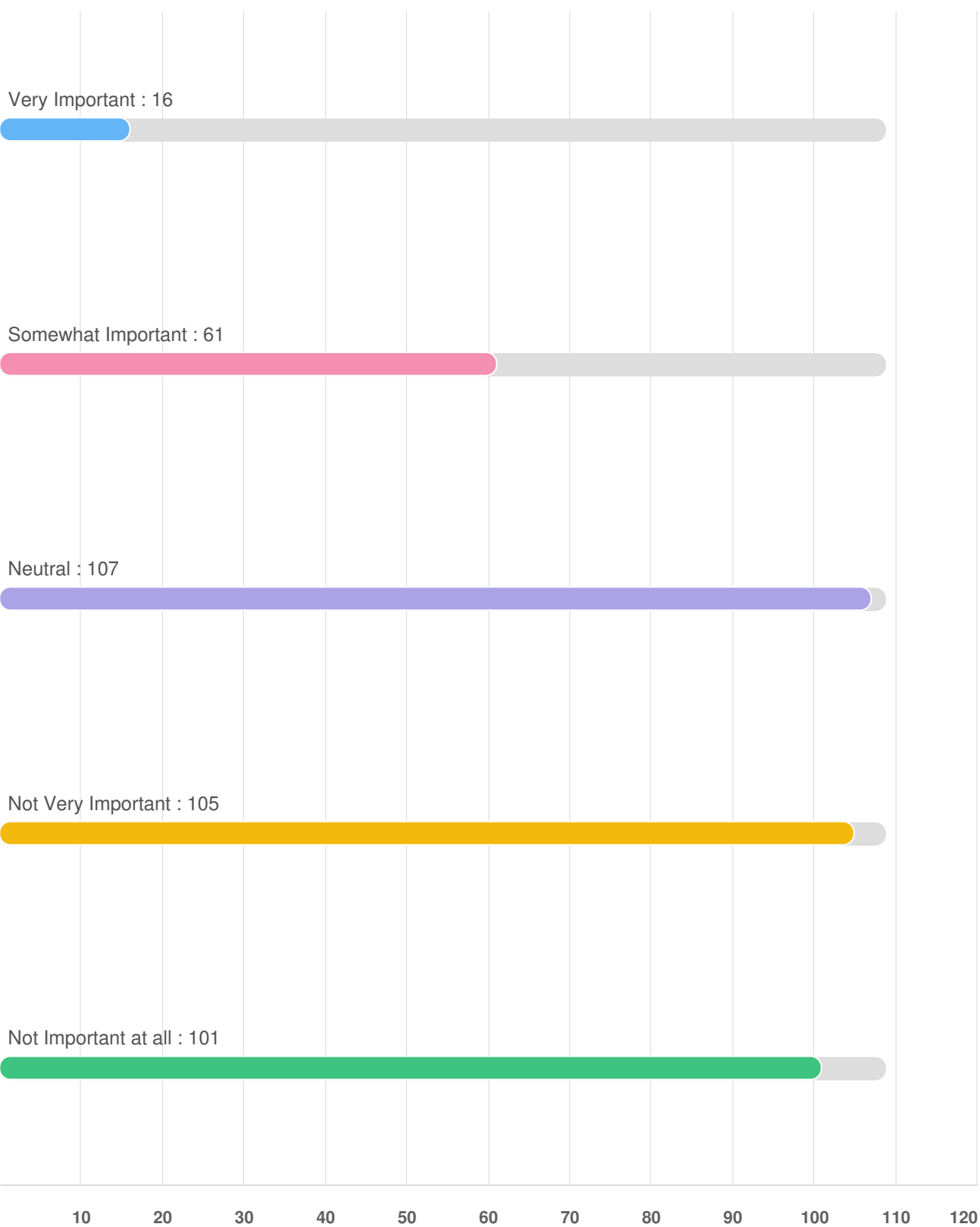
Seating (Spectators)



Warming Areas (outdoors)



Warming Areas (indoors)



Concessions

Very Important : 15



Somewhat Important : 49



Neutral : 111



Not Very Important : 84



Not Important at all : 139



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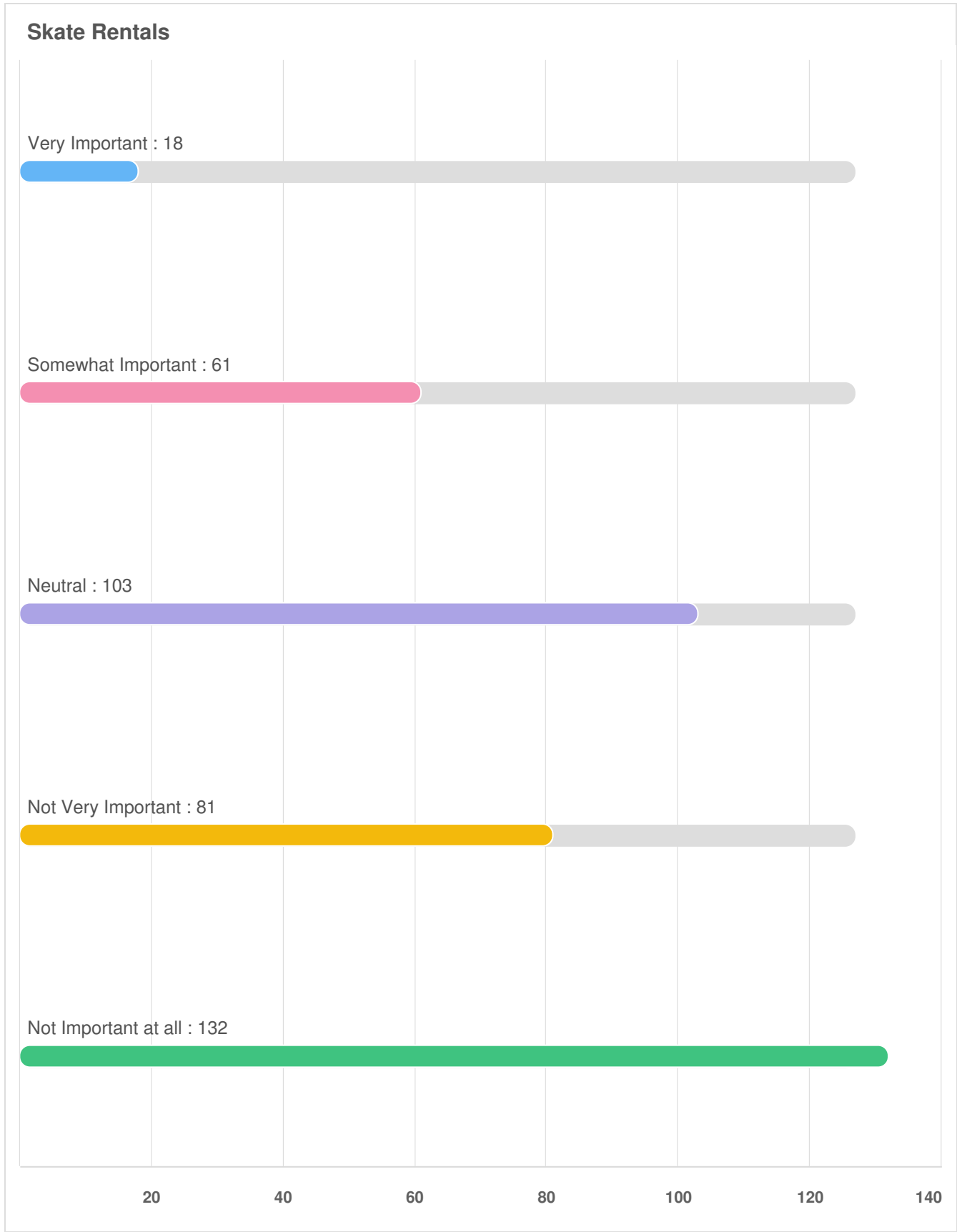
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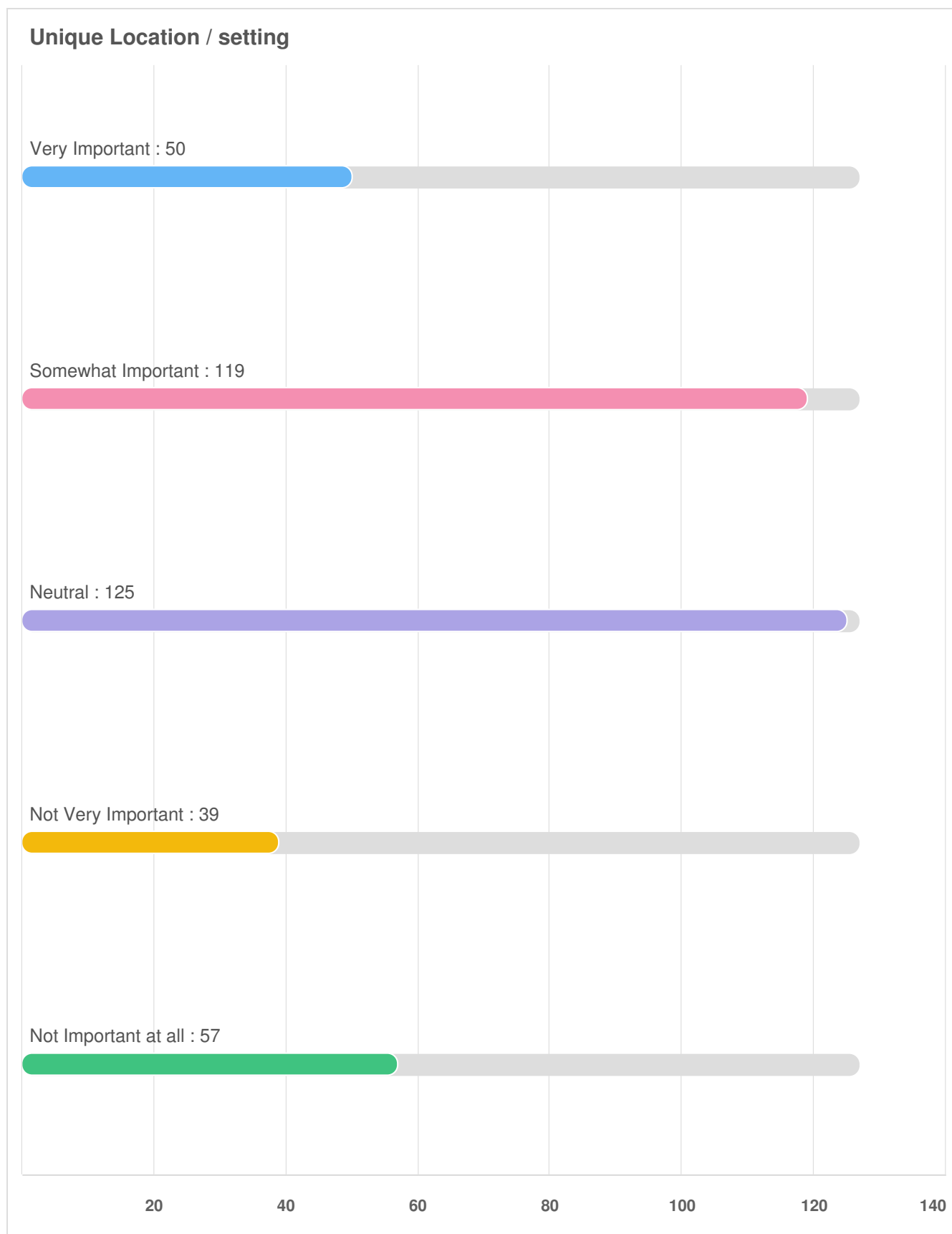
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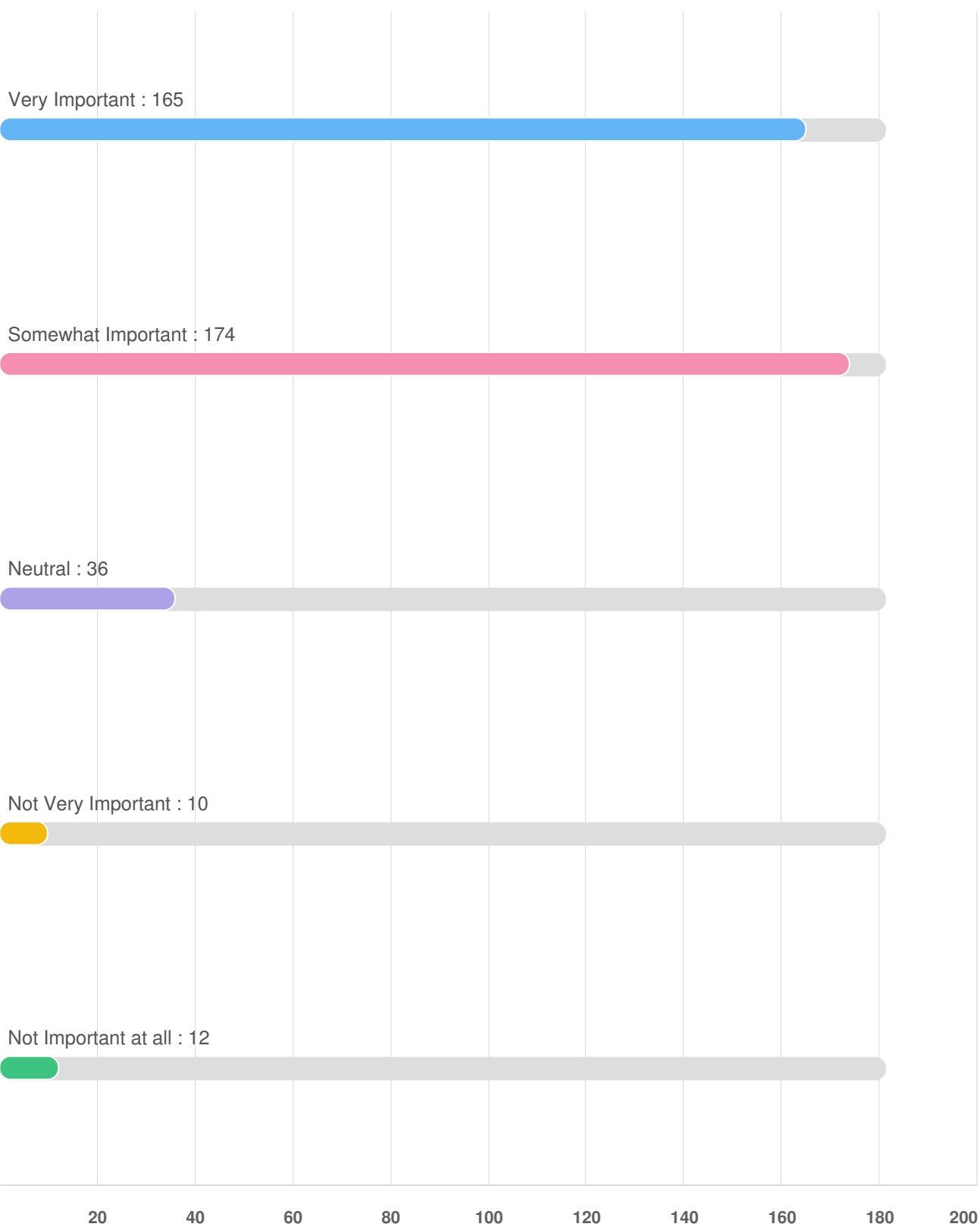
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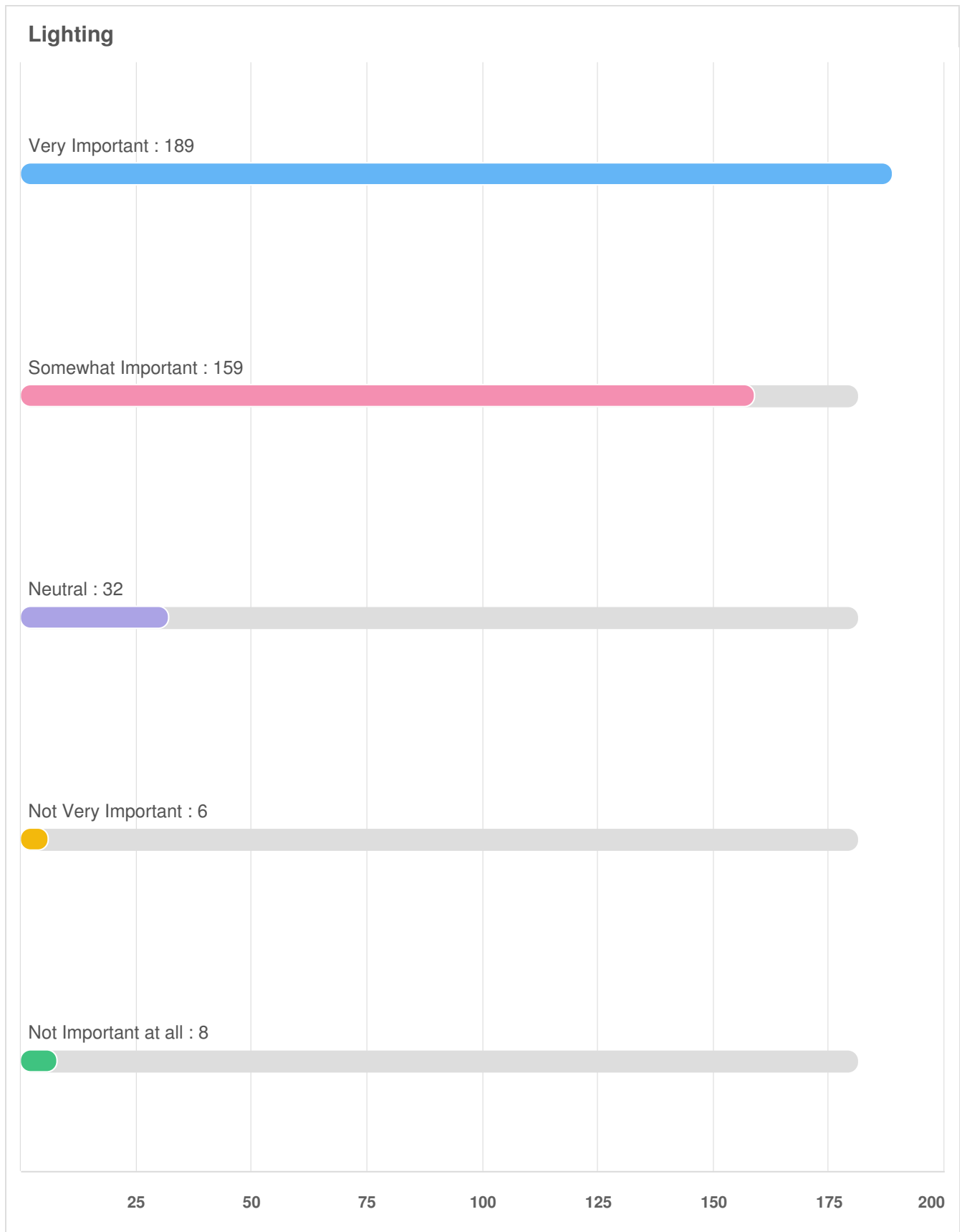
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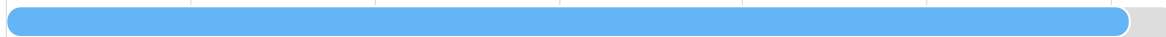
Parking





Changing Areas (seating)

Very Important : 122



Somewhat Important : 133



Neutral : 64



Not Very Important : 42



Not Important at all : 32



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100

120

140

Q14 Please rank your preferred type of facility (1 most preferred, 8 least preferred). Note: not all facility types may be feasible in Halton Hills.

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Natural skating trail	3.37
Refrigerated skating trail	3.66
Basic natural skating surface (non-refrigerated)	4.01
Formal (refrigerated) skating surface - leisure skating only	4.04
Formal (refrigerated) skating surface – multi-sport with boards, etc.	4.37
Covered refrigerated skating surface	4.74
Natural bodies of water (i.e. Fairy Lake)	5.17
Backyard rinks	5.85

Optional question (394 response(s), 7 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question

Q15 Do you have any suggestions for locations the Town should consider for new outdoor ice facilities? (Alternatively, you may use the map tool.)

Anonymous

2/07/2022 09:28 AM

Some sort of Wind breaks like a bus shelter

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

I am not familiar enough with skating facilities in Town, but I heard an idea from a resident suggesting freezing part of the Prospect Park track so individuals could skate around the track rather than a rink.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 01:50 PM

Prospect Park Track for a Skating Trail

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:11 AM

Hungry hollow

Anonymous 2/08/2022 11:58 AM	South - near Winston Churchill and 10, and near Gellert / Norval church
Anonymous 2/08/2022 12:03 PM	One direction Skating trail please!
Anonymous 2/08/2022 12:41 PM	Gellert,
Anonymous 2/08/2022 03:18 PM	Fairgrounds loop
Anonymous 2/08/2022 04:55 PM	Gellert
Anonymous 2/08/2022 08:36 PM	How about the large grass area behind Elizabeth drive to have paths and a larger area
Anonymous 2/08/2022 09:23 PM	AT prospect/fairgrounds or by gellert
Anonymous 2/08/2022 09:51 PM	Prospect park. Dominion Gardens, Glenn Williams Park
Anonymous 2/08/2022 10:05 PM	Gellert
Anonymous 2/08/2022 10:55 PM	Trafalgar sports park for the covered rink. Gellert area could work too. Skating trails near the Gellert area or
Anonymous 2/09/2022 05:24 AM	preferred an area with parking
Anonymous 2/09/2022 07:37 AM	Soccer fields at trafalger Harrison Ps
Anonymous 2/09/2022 07:38 AM	North, south, east, west. Anywhere as long as there are more
Anonymous	Georgetown South

2/09/2022 07:59 AM

Anonymous

Gellert High school track Cedarvale

2/09/2022 08:18 AM

Anonymous

Cedarvale Gellert

2/09/2022 08:20 AM

Anonymous

Rennie Street Park in Acton

2/09/2022 08:32 AM

Anonymous

Gellert!

2/09/2022 08:50 AM

Anonymous

South Georgetown - maybe around the Gellert Centre

2/09/2022 09:08 AM

Anonymous

Gallery would be a good spot, trail system at the downtown park would be good.

2/09/2022 09:29 AM

Anonymous

Dominion Gardens park, Trafalgar sports park, Gellert

2/09/2022 09:48 AM

Anonymous

The Gellert is the perfect location for a large facility.

2/09/2022 09:52 AM

Anonymous

Jubilee Park behind St Cathrines school, Gellert center

2/09/2022 09:55 AM

Anonymous

Gellert, Cedarvale

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

Anonymous

Fairgrounds, make it a lot bigger. Trafalgar Sports Park. Lots of space there. Gellert Community Centre.

2/09/2022 10:25 AM

Anonymous

Trafalgar sports part, gellert.

2/09/2022 11:20 AM

Anonymous

Function over appearance

2/09/2022 11:38 AM

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:44 AM

Gellert Easton Street Park Miller Park

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

For Acton Prospect park, then Arena. For Georgetown Dominion Gardens, Fair grounds

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

Close to downtown/Main Street, to create synergy between BIA and outdoor ice facility: skaters will enjoy having amenities and activities of downtown, and businesses will benefit. With the addition of baseball diamonds to Trafalgar Sports Park, could the baseball diamonds be replaced with a permanent outdoor ice facility?

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

Dominion gardens

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:19 PM

Gellert, cedarvale, Glen Williams

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:43 PM

In Acton the land beside petro Canada or the soccer / la crosse field by the arena.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:01 PM

Gellert, Dominion Gardens, TSP

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:38 PM

Fairgrounds track Harrison school

Towntalk

2/09/2022 02:05 PM

Gellert or Danby rd Park

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:32 PM

Would love the Acton Fairy Lake Park or the fields near the Acton arena to use that space and create a trail/path style. Whichever one isn't used as a trail could add another larger pad for skating, or multiple pads where one is designated for hockey and one for rec skating. My family would love to take advantage of the beautiful ice experience Fairy Lake would create, but worry about safety. If the town monitored that, we would absolutely use it regularly!

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

Gellert

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:45 PM

Skating trail at dominion gardens park

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:47 PM

Dominion Gardens, Gellert, Cedarvale

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:00 PM

Firehouse

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:12 PM

Gelert, TSP

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:56 PM

Gellert community centre would be good

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:00 PM

The Gellert

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:07 PM

Fairy Lake

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:23 PM

Park next to Christ the King HS. Gellert. Land next to Norval United Church.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:27 PM

Beside the skate park in Acton

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:10 AM

A relatively flat trail

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

Create a skating trail on fairy Lake.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:57 AM

Prospect park, remove the stage as it's underutilized and build a covered refrigerated multi-sport court.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:29 AM

Forest behind Acton arena

Anonymous

Trafalgar Sports Park or Gellert for a new trail like rink

2/10/2022 10:30 AM

Anonymous

Yes tennis courts should have a rink

2/10/2022 10:34 AM

Anonymous

Mackenzie Smith Bennett

2/10/2022 07:01 PM

Anonymous

Trails , dDominion Seed, golf courses , fairy lake, Limehouse park ,
Bruce trails (lots of options) the escarpment, credit River etc

2/10/2022 08:26 PM

Anonymous

Big open area at South end of Frederick St S in Acton for parking and facilities. Outdoor skate trail could starts there , and go east along old rail trail,. Trail is low and out of wind and sheltered. Old abandoned Rail bed Extends about 500 metres, so a lot of room right in town to make a top notch refrigerated ice trail.

2/11/2022 06:20 AM

Anonymous

Really enjoyed the 2 rinks at prospect park ,Acton. 2 rinks helped to separate pleasure skating from hockey. Should designate them as such. Have someone to drop by to ensure hockey is not happening on both rinks. Or have a skating trail instead. My family Loved the outdoor rinks. Pls continue !

2/11/2022 07:43 AM

Anonymous

Trail behind the arena

2/11/2022 07:51 AM

Anonymous

West side of Acton. Maybe Prospect park.

2/11/2022 08:09 AM

Anonymous

refrigerated, both acton & georgetown

2/11/2022 09:21 AM

Anonymous

Prospect Park

2/11/2022 01:25 PM

Jul867

Eaton Street parkette (baseball diamond) would probably be the most feasible, given that the Town already does something similar at the Fairgrounds diamonds.

2/11/2022 03:23 PM

Anonymous

Not sure

2/11/2022 07:10 PM

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:12 PM

Fairy lake / fairgrounds track could be used as a skating trail.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:42 PM

Sir McDonald Man park Acton, MSB school Acton. A trail would be awesome

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:01 AM

More in Milton throughout neighbourhoods maybe on tennis courts

Anonymous

2/12/2022 09:51 AM

Flood all diamonds at fairgrounds and designate each of them for specific activity ex hockey, pleasure skate etc

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:49 AM

Gellert. Cedarvale

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:41 PM

Kingham road area

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:22 PM

Any parks or parkettes. Maybe work with schools that can use them for physical education

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:26 PM

Gellert

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:35 PM

Wallace St Park Where they should also have safety measures for sledding hill

Anonymous

2/13/2022 08:36 AM

Rennie st Park in Acton

Anonymous

2/13/2022 09:01 AM

Dominion Gardens - large flat field adjacent to townhouses. Ideal location with existing parking lot(s). Possibility to utilize splash pad washrooms if winterized. Great tie in with friends of old seed house and light up the hills community groups.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 09:49 AM

Gellert community center, jubilee park (or a rink behind st Catherine's of Alexandria school), Hungry hallow. Undeveloped areas south of 10 side road

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

Public parks

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:37 AM

Gellert Community Centre (lots of parking already there)

Anonymous

2/13/2022 12:09 PM

Gallert area

Anonymous

2/13/2022 01:17 PM

Hungry hollow ravine trail a Skating trail would be great although probably cost prohibitive

Anonymous

2/13/2022 03:27 PM

Sir Donaldmann Park Bovis Park Mackenzie Smith Bennett school soccer field

Anonymous

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

Fairy Lake area. Or near the Acton community centre

Anonymous

2/13/2022 05:24 PM

The Fairgrounds or the Gellert

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:59 AM

No

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:27 AM

Georgetown south has no where to skate that's allowed.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:26 AM

Use tennis courts to place them throughout neighbourhoods

Anonymous

2/14/2022 01:48 PM

Gellert Community Centre

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:10 PM

McNally park, gallert, stewarttown school field.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:23 PM

McNally Park in Stewart's Mill

Anonymous

McNally Park

2/14/2022 02:31 PM

Anonymous

Stewart mills park

2/14/2022 02:40 PM

Anonymous

At park locations within the community

2/14/2022 02:47 PM

Anonymous

The soccer field area in Stewart's mill subdivision.

2/14/2022 03:00 PM

Anonymous

McNally Street Park

2/14/2022 03:02 PM

Anonymous

I think the Stewart Mill area would truly take advantage of a skating rink, Our storm water pond is used all the time but it is against the law to do so. This would eliminate having kids skate on water that is not monitored. Or if skating on natural bodies of water will be allowed, maybe the town can have someone come by once a week to measure the thickness of the water.

2/14/2022 04:42 PM

Anonymous

Georgetown south

2/14/2022 04:48 PM

Anonymous

Gellert (lighted formal skating surfaces), more volunteer run informal surfaces at local parks / schoolyards

2/14/2022 05:16 PM

Anonymous

More rinks in Glen Williams

2/14/2022 05:39 PM

Anonymous

No

2/14/2022 06:00 PM

Anonymous

In south George

2/14/2022 06:20 PM

Anonymous

Dominion seed gardens. Trafalgar sports park. Gellert centre. Tennis courts

2/14/2022 06:35 PM

Anonymous

Fairgrounds

2/14/2022 07:01 PM

Anonymous

In areas with the highest population density

2/14/2022 07:33 PM

Anonymous

Gellert paved walkways. Cedarvale park.

2/14/2022 07:38 PM

Anonymous

Fairy Lake

2/14/2022 08:06 PM

Anonymous

- In the glen. - gellert community center.

2/14/2022 08:06 PM

Anonymous

Tennis courts at Gellert should be converted to outdoor skating in winter

2/14/2022 08:12 PM

Anonymous

Any Schools yards or parks beside them, TSP, cedarvale, dominion garden, Stewart mills ...anywhere. The more the merrier

2/14/2022 08:20 PM

Anonymous

Joseph Gibbons park near the tennis courts. Trafalgar sports park area. Gellert Centre (soccer field area). There's soccer facilities at Trafalgar Sports Plex

2/14/2022 08:34 PM

Anonymous

Trafalgar park

2/14/2022 09:24 PM

Anonymous

I enjoy the fairgrounds. I just think there could be more ice available, maybe I need each ball diamond or part of the track? Dominion Gardens!?

2/14/2022 09:36 PM

Anonymous

Gellert

2/14/2022 09:38 PM

Anonymous

Dominion Gardens Park

2/14/2022 11:37 PM

Anonymous

Consider neighborhoods that might already be underserved by the towns.

2/15/2022 01:53 AM

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:59 AM

Selfishly we'd love one at Stewart's Mill

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:41 AM

Not really.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:18 AM

No ideas. But for question 14. I don't think people know what you're asking. I barely do.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:23 AM

anywhere pretty, natural, less 'touristy' the better! Lots of trees.
Scotsdale Farm, Cedarvale Park, Glen Williams somewhere near the river (like the baseball diamond rink now).

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:28 AM

Lands around Town Hall, Dominion Gardens, Trails.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:22 AM

you don't get a long season out of natural rinks and they are less safe. We've done a backyard rink for 8 years and our inlays use their pond. we are always on the ice before them and on the ice after them. much longer season.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:45 AM

Trafalgar sports park and Gellert

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:57 AM

Fairy Lake.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 11:44 AM

The Gelart

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:08 PM

Gellert Community Centre outdoor park

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:46 PM

TSP

Anonymous

2/15/2022 04:03 PM

Trafalgar Park or Gellert community centre

Anonymous

Gellert, Georgetown South

2/15/2022 05:24 PM

Anonymous

Gallert

2/15/2022 06:06 PM

Anonymous

Gellert. Jubilee park. Mold masters. Danby park. St Catherines school. GDHS. CTK. Cedarvale. Dominion gardens. Acton arena fields. Any and all storm ponds.

2/15/2022 06:22 PM

Anonymous

Any large park for trails...Cedarville.. dominion gardens trafalgar park...

2/15/2022 07:17 PM

Anonymous

Gellert community centre, McNally soccer field, TSP

2/15/2022 07:22 PM

Anonymous

Perhaps as part of new park space(s) being planned in the new development are between 8th & Trafalgar? Though if doing more standard rinks vs trails, the locations of current rinks are fine, we haven't stayed away because of location/parking concerns.

2/16/2022 11:27 AM

Anonymous

Gellert area, Dominion Seed Garden

2/16/2022 12:34 PM

Anonymous

Gellert baseball diamonds

2/16/2022 12:55 PM

Anonymous

1 facility for every area of Halton Hills. For example, in Acton. 1 at the Arena and 1 at Fairy Lake covers the town.

2/16/2022 01:51 PM

Anonymous

In the South End

2/16/2022 04:28 PM

Anonymous

Cedarvale Park, West Branch Drive Park, Georgetown South Gellert for a path

2/16/2022 08:10 PM

Anonymous

Around all the baseball diamonds at the fair ground (long skating path)

2/16/2022 08:47 PM

Anonymous

None

2/16/2022 11:31 PM

Anonymous

2/17/2022 01:03 AM

Sports center park near where ball diamonds are, lots of parking there. Park at Kennedy Circ & Louis St Laurent. Big park Dorset. Park at Bennet & Clark. Trudeau park. To name a few...

Anonymous

2/17/2022 04:45 AM

Bring back natural outdoor rink on fairy lake . It's huge and can accommodate so many people. Thanks

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:52 AM

Sir Donald Mann Park

Anonymous

2/17/2022 09:07 AM

Prospect park in Acton would make a great place for a skating trail.

Sandra

2/17/2022 10:31 AM

added to map, Seedhouse skating trail, Fairgrounds, Gellert

Anonymous

2/17/2022 12:39 PM

Gellert park, trafilgar park, Georgetown fair grounds, fairy lake

Anonymous

2/18/2022 10:18 AM

Gellert Center baseball diamonds

Anonymous

2/18/2022 12:18 PM

trafalgar new school site which has been sitting vacant for twenty years, more facilities at park school

Anonymous

2/18/2022 02:28 PM

In the Dominion Gardens near superstore. So it can be accesible to everyone and conveyient.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 06:03 PM

Gellert Community Centre

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:08 PM

Harrison school

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:26 PM

Near Gellert as there already is parking. Nice complement to swimming in summer.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:28 PM

Harrison public school

Anonymous

2/19/2022 12:15 AM

just build an outdoor rink ice hockey in the winter ball hockey in the summer or tennis courts like toronto

Anonymous

2/19/2022 07:31 AM

Soccer Fields by the Acton Arena

DTurple

2/19/2022 11:11 AM

Sir Donald Mann in Acton

Anonymous

2/19/2022 01:44 PM

The trail that goes around Fairy Lake would be an ideal location for a refrigerated skating trail.

Vicki Newman

2/19/2022 04:45 PM

Near residential area to allow people to access it on foot and not have to drive. Gellert park Cedarvale Dominion Gardens Glen Park Harrison School - Maybe?

Anonymous

2/20/2022 01:42 AM

Anonymous

2/20/2022 01:10 PM

Back parking lot of moldmasters, TSP,

Anonymous

2/20/2022 03:57 PM

Flooding of the track at the fairgrounds for an oval trail for skating. Concession already there and washrooms to keep entire families active in winter.

Anonymous

2/20/2022 05:14 PM

Gellert

Anonymous

2/21/2022 12:27 PM

Barber park

Anonymous

2/21/2022 04:46 PM

Tanners trail for a natural skating trail. Prospet park for natural skating trail.

Anonymous

2/22/2022 12:04 PM

Dominion Gardens

Anonymous

2/22/2022 12:16 PM

Dominion Park would be great for an outdoor refrigerated trail

Anonymous

2/23/2022 10:55 AM

In a rural setting. Or.....Trafalgar sports park

Anonymous

2/23/2022 12:06 PM

Cedarvale Park, Dominions Garden, Gellert

Anonymous

2/23/2022 05:57 PM

Sherwood Rec Center

Anonymous

2/23/2022 08:44 PM

Please run the Glen Park rink so we can have it for longer and better ice. The volunteers have done an incredible job but it would be great for the Town to step in.

Anonymous

2/24/2022 12:41 PM

N/a

Anonymous

2/24/2022 04:32 PM

South Georgetown - Gellert

Anonymous

2/25/2022 01:03 PM

Dominion Gardens loop or the Fairgrounds track could both become good skating trails. Tennis courts by the Gellert are a good spot as well.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:18 PM

MSB Rennie Street Parking Lot

Anonymous

2/26/2022 12:44 PM

Prospect park acton Gellert Georgetown

Anonymous

2/26/2022 04:22 PM

More flooding on rinks to prevent holes

Anonymous

2/27/2022 09:38 PM

Dominion Gardens Park

Anonymous

Fairgrounds. Gellert.

2/27/2022 10:04 PM

Anonymous

2/28/2022 10:45 AM

-Gellert Park using the tennis courts, football field and the trails. -
Dominion Gardens trails. -CTK football field.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 12:52 PM

More skating pods at Fairgrounds Park where there is lots of space &
there is already lighting.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 08:48 PM

School properties in lower income neighbourhoods.

PatrickBanc

3/01/2022 01:44 PM

Please, put in an outdoor rink near Joseph Gibbons school in Moore
Park. Maybe inside the tennis courts area as they are already lit up or
beside it in the field. It would be really really nice and residents would
definitely help maintain it.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:46 AM

Yes. The tennis courts at the Gallery park would be the bet location.
Very big space would provide 3 rinks to skate on. One thats individual
and the other 4 courts can be divided in half. Its more safe then the
others with the chain link fence. Example, people that want to play
hockey take a shot they miss the net, it hits the fence. No pucks flying
out of the area.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:16 PM

Prospect park... great spot for a trail on the walking path in the winter.
Or the tennis court would make a great rink.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 06:50 PM

Cedervale soccer field, Fair grounds, Dominion gardens.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:18 PM

Gellert or any walking trail made into ice path.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:29 AM

No

Anonymous

3/03/2022 10:14 AM

Utilize tennis courts for skating surfaces.

Sheilajm

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

Gellert Ponds

Anonymous

3/03/2022 03:30 PM

Pond Or soccer field in Stewarts Mill neighbourhood, Pond in Riverwood Park, pond in Gardiner Park.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 05:15 PM

The space beside Norval united? Would also love to see a bike track there too though!

Anonymous

3/03/2022 06:25 PM

Free and paid options maybe? Limit non local groups. Love the natural and refrigerated trail option!!

Anonymous

3/03/2022 07:47 PM

Rennie

Anonymous

3/03/2022 08:29 PM

Dominion gardens, cedarvale

Anonymous

3/04/2022 08:49 AM

Georgetown south, west side (Silvercreek PS)

Anonymous

3/08/2022 11:03 PM

St brigettes, gellert

Anonymous

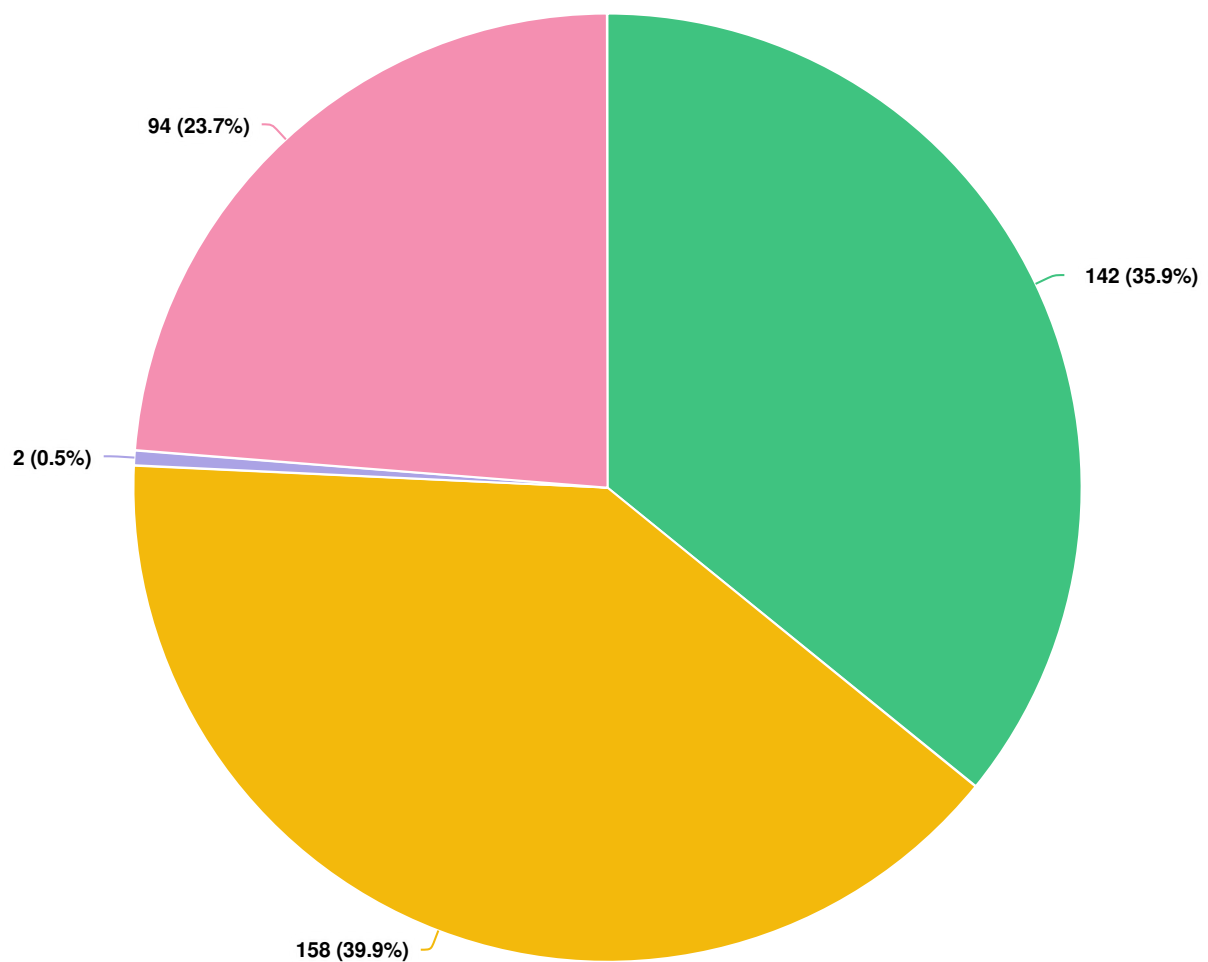
3/09/2022 05:41 PM

Fairy Lake, MSB school park

Optional question (199 response(s), 202 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q16 Do you have a preference for the type of ice facility?

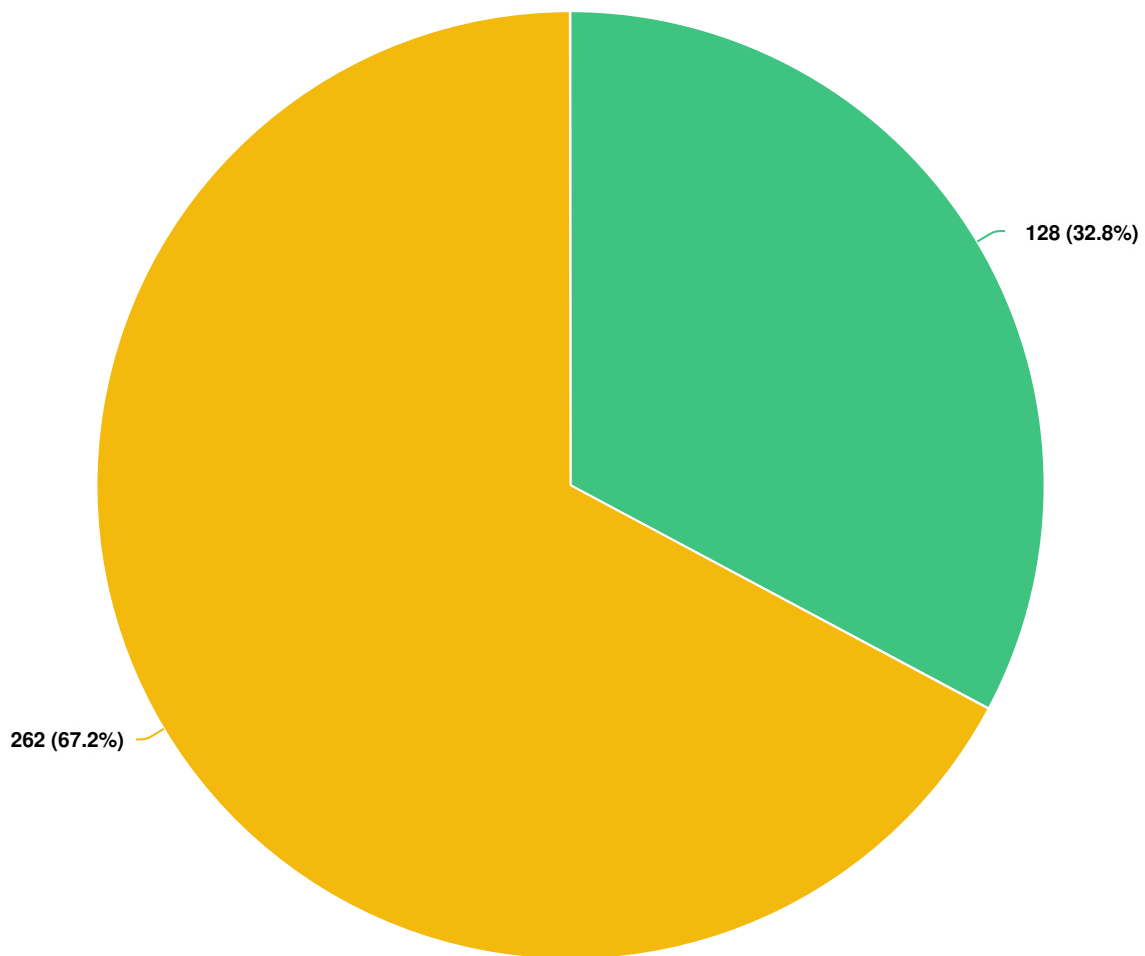


Question options

- No preference
- Synthetic
- Artificial (i.e. refrigerated rinks & refrigerated skating trails)
- Natural (i.e. ponds, basic rinks)

Optional question (396 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q17 Synthetic ice is a polymer-based material that is designed to be substitute for natural or artificial/refrigerated ice surfaces. Have you ever used synthetic ice?



Question options

☐ No ☐ Yes

Optional question (390 response(s), 11 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q18 Do you have any comments on synthetic ice?

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

No.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:59 AM

Cost and maintenance

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:11 AM

Not needed IMO

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:58 AM

I believe this to be too costly and hard on skate blades

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:03 PM

Environmental concerns?

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:41 PM

Terrible. Does not glide like real ice and dulls skate blades very quickly

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:18 PM

Why?

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:51 PM

Hard on skates

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:09 PM

Synthetic ice is not great in my opinion and the cost vs. the experience isn't really worth it unless for something basic (small area) such as a shooting practice facility.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:55 PM

Kills the blades and is a bit difficult to skate on.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:50 AM

Not ideal

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:55 AM

Not as good as real ice

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

I imagine it's not a good as the real thing.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:46 AM

Don't like it at all

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:20 AM

wouldn't use it.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

Much harder to skate on. I would build refrigerated ice rink with boards and can be used for ball hockey, rollerblading, lacrosse in summer. The Town needs to thinks big as we did have Scotia Bank Hockey day in Canada. How many thousands were at that parade? Hockey crazed region.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:02 PM

Not very good

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:09 PM

It's very messy and isn't very good.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

Would love to try it out.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

Not as good as natural or artificial ice

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:20 PM

Need to sharpen skates after each use

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:21 PM

Ruins skate blades

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:43 PM

Tough on blades, not for everyone

Towntalk

2/09/2022 02:05 PM

It creates tiny shreds of plastic that stick to EVERYTHING. We had one in our basement and with static, the plastic shreds stuck to socks and clothing and were transported throughout the house. I don't think it would be good for the environment if you had one outdoor with high usage. It would make a mess. It also dulls skates but no worse than skating on outside natural ice.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

Ruins skates

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:45 PM

It's terrible, not good for equipment and hurts more when you fall.
Coating can be oily.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 04:45 PM

Expensive but a good alternative

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:00 PM

Don't use , kills Sharpness of blade

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:12 PM

it is harder to skate on and damages the blades even faster then
pond hockey :)

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:16 PM

Not preferred

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:03 PM

Not great

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:39 PM

It wrecks your skates

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:38 PM

I would love this!!

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:23 PM

Not interested in using this type of surface.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:27 PM

Too hard to skate on. Might be alright for summer

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:53 PM

A good option for warmer weather, can be an excellent option if you
use the higher end products like Can-Ice

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:23 PM

Expensive

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

Though I listed "no preference". Really, I prefer natural or artificial. Synthetic takes away from the Canadian specialty of having access to ice outdoors.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:57 AM

Can-Ice is the best product for this but camera security and locked fencing would be needed to keep is protected from vandalism

Anonymous

2/10/2022 02:48 PM

It's not the same as the real thing

Anonymous

2/10/2022 03:31 PM

It works but takes getting used to

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:01 PM

Not a good experience

Michael Puzder

2/11/2022 12:18 AM

I think it would be a good low cost alternative.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:43 AM

It's not that great.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 08:09 AM

It doesn't feel good.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:21 AM

would be willing to try it as longer lasting alternative for outdoor rinks

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:01 AM

Never heard of it before now

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:49 AM

No

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:35 PM

Not Canadian!

Anonymous

2/13/2022 09:49 AM

It's okay but not as good as the real thing

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

Expensive!

Anonymous

2/13/2022 12:01 PM

Not the same, hard on skates and much more difficult to skate on.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 01:17 PM

Not the same

Anonymous

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

Not as good as real ice

Anonymous

2/13/2022 05:24 PM

Do not like it at all

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:59 AM

They are terrible. Just don't do it. Take a look at Windsor, Ontario's failure of trying to use a synthetic ice surface.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:26 AM

Never heard of it

Anonymous

2/14/2022 01:48 PM

The quality of synthetic ice is poor compared to real ice.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 02:47 PM

It's not great at all

Anonymous

2/14/2022 04:42 PM

no

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:16 PM

Not preferred

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:19 PM

Slower and harder to stop

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:33 PM

Terrible

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:00 PM

Sucks

Anonymous 2/14/2022 07:33 PM	No
Anonymous 2/14/2022 08:20 PM	Not the best but better than nothing
Anonymous 2/14/2022 08:34 PM	Smoother which prevents injuries. Natural has bumps and cracks.
Anonymous 2/15/2022 01:53 AM	I question if it is environmentally sound. Are there studies around what it may leach into the ground?
Anonymous 2/15/2022 08:41 AM	It's not worth it. Not at all like a regular skating experience.
Anonymous 2/15/2022 09:23 AM	Not really conducive to a natural setting.
Anonymous 2/15/2022 09:28 AM	Not very good. Not even close to natural ice.
Anonymous 2/15/2022 09:59 AM	don't like it
Anonymous 2/15/2022 10:22 AM	is it eco friendly?
Anonymous 2/15/2022 10:45 AM	its terrible
Anonymous 2/15/2022 10:57 AM	It wasn't that pleasant. You have to push extra hard and you don't glide well. It was okay and an experience, but nothing beats real ice.
Anonymous 2/15/2022 12:08 PM	no
Anonymous 2/15/2022 03:46 PM	last resort

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:26 PM

It's not as good as natural, expensive and not easily repaired

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:28 PM

Fun to play on

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:42 PM

No the same feeling

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:06 PM

No

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:22 PM

I think it's an expensive option but season could be prolonged.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 10:37 AM

Ruins blades

Anonymous

2/16/2022 10:52 AM

New to me, maybe it is a good option?

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:09 AM

I don't think a year round rink is needed. Just more locations for fall/winter skating

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:27 AM

It's not enjoyable to be on...

Anonymous

2/16/2022 01:51 PM

Very hard to skate on and on blades

Anonymous

2/16/2022 02:25 PM

It is garbage. We live in Canada, lets embrace the cold and make some ice, not plastic.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:10 PM

What do you do with it in the summer? Otherwise good solution (if it is more affordable than refrigerated ice). Needs a cost analysis.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:47 PM

Too expensive

Anonymous

My son and his friends tried it but found it difficult to use however it

2/16/2022 08:52 PM

was warmer temperatures and the temperature may have been the problem.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:31 PM

Environmental impact of waste after skating season is over should be considered

Anonymous

2/17/2022 01:03 AM

Better for fluctuation of winter weather,

Anonymous

2/17/2022 04:45 AM

Did not like it

Anonymous

2/17/2022 12:39 PM

I didn't enjoy it at all. The glide wasn't the same.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 10:18 AM

I don't like it

Anonymous

2/18/2022 02:28 PM

I think it's great!

Anonymous

2/18/2022 04:43 PM

Really hard on skates. Too many shavings plastic etc hard clean up

Anonymous

2/18/2022 06:03 PM

I would not use it. I'm a former figure skater and don't find this ideal especially still having good skates.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:28 PM

Concerned about what it would do to skate blades and requirements to sharpen after.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 07:31 AM

Big cost and needs to be maintained. Doesn't feel "natural" and takes away from experience. Synthetic ice is used for high level training, etc.

DTurple

2/19/2022 11:11 AM

No thanks

Vicki Newman

2/19/2022 04:45 PM

It's sticky and bad for blades BUT It's also fairly low maintenance. Also 'skateable' year round!

Anonymous

2/21/2022 04:46 PM

no

Anonymous

2/22/2022 12:04 PM

don't like it

Anonymous

2/22/2022 12:16 PM

Brampton had one last year was a flop, terrible

Anonymous

2/23/2022 10:55 AM

Not worth \$\$\$\$

Anonymous

2/23/2022 12:06 PM

Is it environmentally friendly?

Anonymous

2/24/2022 12:41 PM

I don't like the sound of synthetic ice, but I don't know enough about it to say either way.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 01:03 PM

Synthetic ice is not good because it doesn't have the same depth as real ice, making the skating experience poor in comparison. It feels like you are skating on the floor.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:18 PM

Not interested

Anonymous

2/26/2022 07:21 AM

It's not the same

Anonymous

2/26/2022 04:22 PM

It's nice

Anonymous

2/27/2022 09:38 PM

no

Anonymous

3/02/2022 05:18 PM

no

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:18 PM

No

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:29 AM

It's different. Not great.

Sheilajm

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

No

Anonymous

3/03/2022 03:30 PM

Don't like it. Doesn't glide the same.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 09:28 PM

Very hard to skate on. Not enjoyable

Anonymous

3/04/2022 08:49 AM

Not effective.

Anonymous

3/07/2022 09:27 AM

We should not be using synthetic in Canada

Anonymous

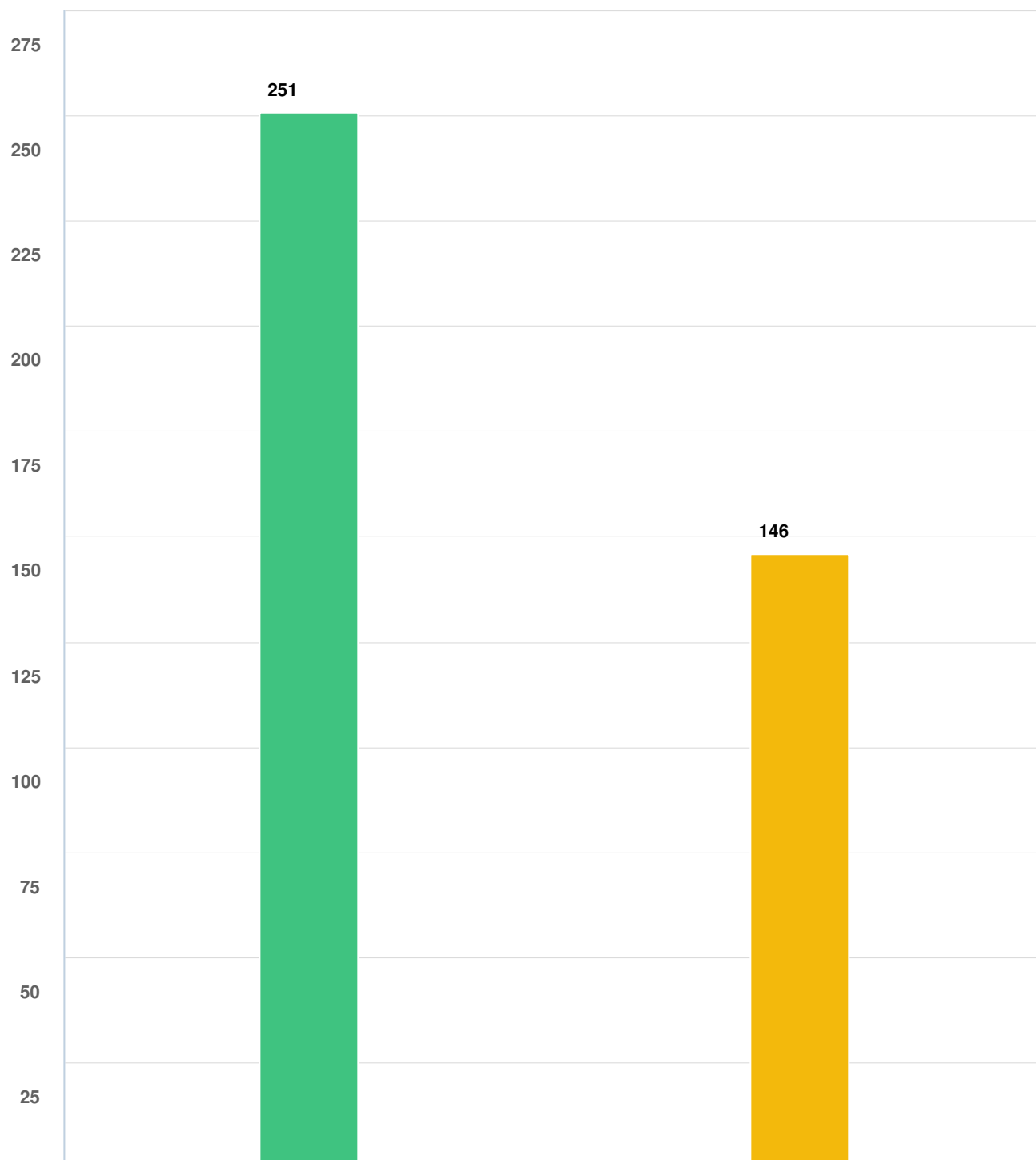
3/07/2022 09:42 PM

Not worth the money.

Optional question (123 response(s), 278 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q19 Some outdoor ice options have a high capital or operating cost or are best suited for programmed use. Would you be willing to pay a user fee for enhanced levels of services at existing or new outdoor ice facilities?



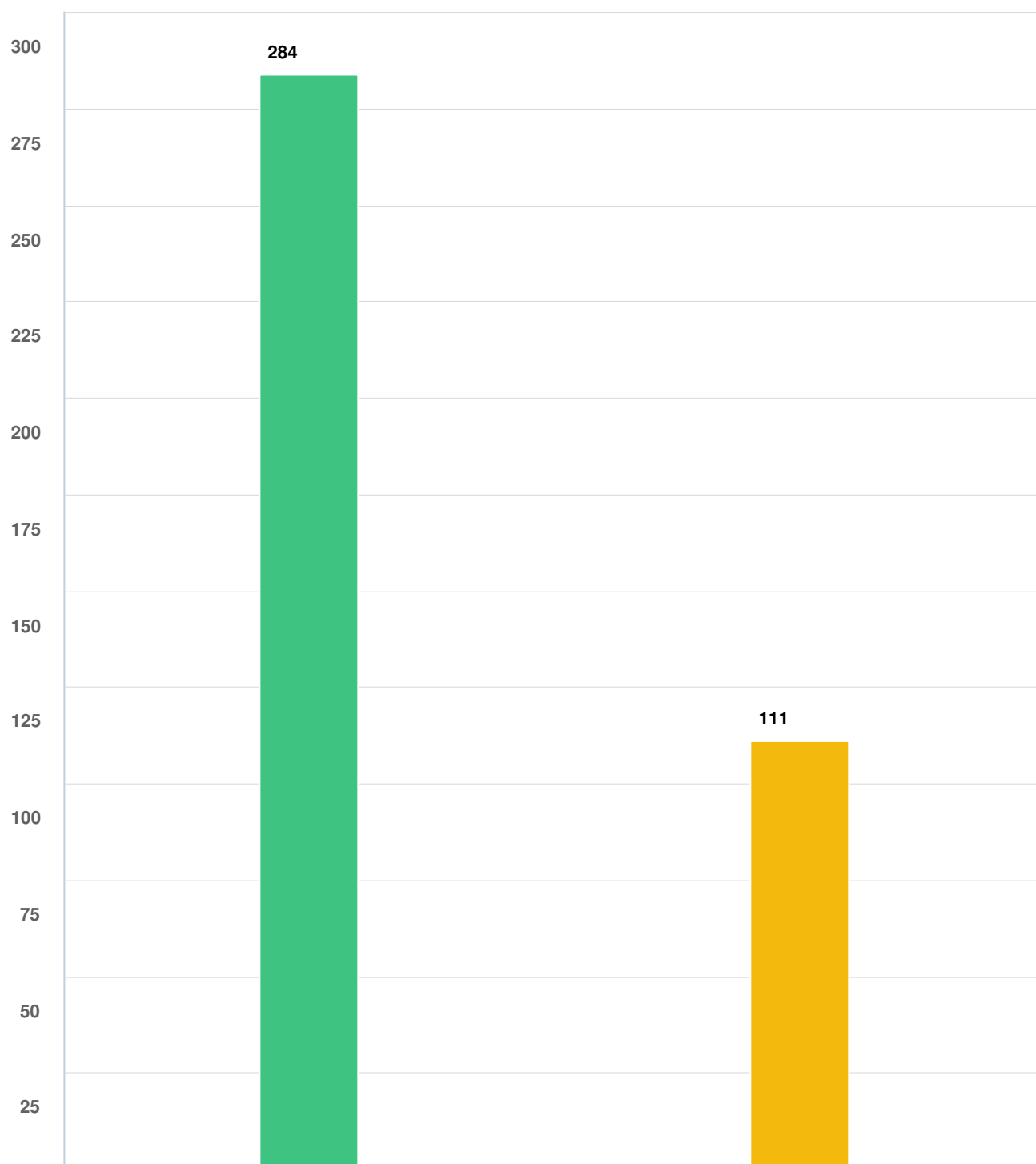
Question options

☐ No ☒ Yes

Optional question (397 response(s), 4 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q20 Would you support the Town in operating formal ice facilities on Fairy Lake if feasible?
(That could include monitoring ice conditions and maintaining skating surfaces.)



Question options

● No ● Yes

Optional question (395 response(s), 6 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q21 Why/Why not?

Anonymous

2/07/2022 09:28 AM

I would try it if monitoring occurred

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

There is a significant appetite for Fairy Lake to be used for skating, and it often is, even if it is unofficial.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:59 AM

I don't see it as a priority but would support

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:11 AM

Natural ice surfaces are key.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:58 AM

I'm willing to support upkeep of rinks and would sign up if there was a volunteer list

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:03 PM

Too far away for South Georgetown residents where bulk of growth and young families are

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:19 PM

It's great when kids can play pond hockey or even just skate on a pond.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:41 PM

Why wouldn't you? This would be a cost effective way to provide more access

Anonymous

2/08/2022 02:30 PM

I probably wouldn't go out there to use it too often but I like the idea for sure.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:18 PM

Make sure it's safe

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:23 PM

Yes because it is a nice experience to skate on a pond

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:51 PM

Feel safer knowing that it's managed and maintained by the town

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:09 PM

We don't live close enough that we'd likely ever use it.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:32 PM

Too far away for regular use

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:55 PM

Climate change would make for very short seasons.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:40 AM

Too far

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:58 AM

Don't have time

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:59 AM

It would be good to know someone is monitoring it to ensure safety

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:58 AM

I don't think I would know how to do that.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:29 AM

If the amount is able to afford monitoring, it would provide a great experience for residents to skate on a lake.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:48 AM

This would be wonderful for the community!

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:55 AM

I live in Georgetown

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

Time constraints

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:25 AM

I don't live in Acton so I would just drive to Mount Pleasant instead the same or less distance to skate for free.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:20 AM

I don't live in acton.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

We have skates in years past but it's not safe. Once you try it the fun wears off. Formal outdoor refrigerated ice the only way to go.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:02 PM

Live in georgetown

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:21 PM

A small cost for services in this nature should be acceptable

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:43 PM

I will feel safer using the lake if monitored.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:54 PM

I think its important to monitor skating on bodies of water for safety

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:23 PM

I would gladly volunteer to monitor and maintain Fairy Lake ice conditions.

Towntalk

2/09/2022 02:05 PM

Part of the joy of skating outdoors is that it is free. It also encourages people to play together. I realize it's not allowed but it's what I love about the hidden lake SWM pond. Kids play with teens and everyone just gets along. Sharing shovels etc. it's so great to see. You wouldn't get that in a programmed / scheduled / for-fee environment

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:32 PM

Nothing beats outdoor skating on a natural lake or pond. We can't use Fairy Lake in the summer for safety reasons, which is a shame, but to have to the lake and not use it at all is worse. If the town could regularly monitor the ice on the lake to ensure safety, we would absolutely use it!

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

Keep something closer to gtown, gellert area

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:47 PM

I don't live in Acton, I'm looking for more opportunities in Georgetown to skate.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:00 PM

Easy to do and use without town... happens naturally

Anonymous

outdoor skating is great and any other safe options would be

2/09/2022 05:12 PM

welcomed - keep the kids safe and off storm ponds which is concerning

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:03 PM

Lots of fun

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:05 PM

Lake skating would be fun!

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:32 PM

I am sorry I wouldn't have the time right now as I am a working mom of young kids.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 07:56 PM

It would be a very short season

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:07 PM

Good for tourism

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

I support the use of fairy Lake for ice surfaces (rinks and trails) but I do feel it is important that it is tested for safety. But also, I'm afraid of you charge a fee for use that this might be a barrier for use for some families or participants.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:57 AM

This is an important service as formal sports are not affordable for most

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:30 AM

I feel like the increased insurance costs for operating a facility on a natural body of water would not be worth it. Better to use those resources on a different location.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 02:42 PM

Too dangerous

Anonymous

2/10/2022 02:48 PM

I think outdoor rinks are a great idea. Fairy Lake has parking to host many residents.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 03:31 PM

Makes winter more enjoyable

Anonymous

2/10/2022 05:05 PM

The Town should focus on essentials (needs), not wants.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 05:36 PM

As long as the ice thickness is checked regularly to ensure its' safety.
This would be a great option for families. If you made 2, one could strictly be for skating and the other for hockey.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:01 PM

As long as costs are reasonable

Anonymous

2/10/2022 08:26 PM

There would need to be visual enhancements on Fairy Kaneohe Christmas trees along the paths. Pathways are essential

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:01 PM

Time

Anonymous

2/11/2022 08:09 AM

The weather is to unpredictable. Short season.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:21 AM

lots of room. easier for families with small kids to avoid being run over by shinny players

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:36 AM

We don't live close to fairy lake so we don't use it but having it monitored and maintained is safer for the community.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 01:25 PM

Great, local attraction for the town,

Jul867

2/11/2022 03:23 PM

I don't live close by, otherwise I would assist.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 06:26 PM

Great easy option

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:42 PM

It's a great experience for the kids. Lots of space and added safety measures

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:29 AM

We live in Georgetown

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:51 AM

People will be there regardless

Anonymous

2/12/2022 07:51 AM

I think this would be very popular

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:01 AM

As long as ice safety was monitored that's fine

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:49 AM

It's a beautiful setting and if it is managed safely it would offer a great option for residents.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:34 PM

Cost should be used else where. Demand for outdoor ice is inflated due to pandemic.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:41 PM

We have been skating fairy lake every year. It's a beautiful thing to be able to enjoy in the winter

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:21 PM

Cost

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:22 PM

Too far for us

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:29 PM

Beautiful setting, large space

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:35 PM

Still dangerous to me

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

I am not sure its feasible on that water but its a nice big surface!

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:37 AM

A small fee to help maintain the rink I think is reasonable.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

Great to get people out and active.

Anonymous 2/13/2022 05:24 PM	Scary
Anonymous 2/13/2022 07:56 PM	Not a risk I am interested in.
Anonymous 2/14/2022 07:59 AM	You're just asking for trouble. There is always going to be that person who won't follow the rules and somebody is going to go beyond the boundaries and through the ice
Anonymous 2/14/2022 09:24 AM	Live in Georgetown
Anonymous 2/14/2022 11:26 AM	If it was monitored for safety that's fine
Anonymous 2/14/2022 12:35 PM	Provides an additional ice surface with add safety measures
Anonymous 2/14/2022 01:48 PM	Limited window of possible operation on Fairy Lake.
Anonymous 2/14/2022 02:10 PM	We need more outdoor rinks In Georgetown
Anonymous 2/14/2022 02:31 PM	Fairy Lake is in Acton and not ideal for my family. But if I lived in Acton, sure.
Anonymous 2/14/2022 02:40 PM	Encourage people to enjoy he outdoors without additional fees
Anonymous 2/14/2022 03:02 PM	Additional physical activity during the winter months.
Anonymous 2/14/2022 04:42 PM	I am more comfortable with having a rink that is not on deep waters
Anonymous 2/14/2022 05:33 PM	It's a great option

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:00 PM

Enhanced safety

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:07 PM

It would be a unique opportunity and may increase tourism to prospect park during the winter.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:35 PM

Great natural skating opportunities.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:33 PM

We should encourage all outdoor and indoor activities

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:38 PM

Safety

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:12 PM

Need more local facilities in Georgetown

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:20 PM

Wouldn't use it

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:34 PM

The more options available the better.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:50 PM

Not sure it is safe and could encourage more widespread use of the whole lake.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:38 PM

It would be nice to have an outdoor surface that is smoothed out and maintained

Anonymous

2/14/2022 10:15 PM

Prefer investing in surfaces that do not depend on the lake freezing.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:37 PM

As long as it results in good quality ice. Preference would be to improve ice at Fairgrounds.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:57 AM

I live in Georgetown, the fairground rinks are more than suitable as long as they are maintained

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:59 AM

Wouldn't necessarily drive to Acton that often

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:15 AM

Climate warming

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:41 AM

That'd be cool. I don't think I'd use it often because I'm in Georgetown but would definitely go a few times per year.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:18 AM

It's the one thing that we can do when we want and for how long we want. It's just really affordable when so many other things aren't. Please just let it be accessible all the time without barriers for use.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:23 AM

A tentative yes - don't want to see heavy programming, heavy rules/security, no shinny rules, etc.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:28 AM

Great idea

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:22 AM

you could, but again, you won't get as long of season out of it. especially if the weather fluctuates

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:45 AM

I live too far away

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:57 AM

Are you kidding?!? That would be awesome!

Anonymous

2/15/2022 11:35 AM

It would be a nice alternative.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:08 PM

That is way too far for us. We need something in Georgetown. Being a hockey town we would expect to have an outdoor rink that is well maintained and in Georgetown. The best place would be at Gellert Community Centre.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:29 PM

Because there are a lot of young people in Acton and there is not alot for these kids to do unless its organised sports so its important that there are other facilities that kids can use

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:46 PM

support safe use.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:26 PM

Keep it free so all residents can enjoyed, there are enough paid indoor facilities for those who want organized events

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:06 PM

To far and no time

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:22 PM

Sounds like it would improve conditions and help regulate various times for leisure or scrimmage (old and older having separate times).

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:17 PM

Natural bodies of water are unreliable.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:10 PM

While I live in G-Town and not Acton, having an asset such as Fairy Lake in a region would be a great place to provide an safe outdoor space for winter fun. I just wish there was a better connection between Fairy Lake and the down town because I would love to go for a skate and then a coffee or a taco.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:27 AM

Doesn't seem realistic to expect it would be safe consistently enough given changing weather patterns...not worth investment?

Anonymous

2/16/2022 12:34 PM

Don't live in Acton.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 01:51 PM

With the fluctuations in conditions, any facility on natural water should be monitored.

Alec.fry

2/16/2022 04:19 PM

utilizing existing area would be great. Concerns about maintaining health of existing shoreline would be important

Anonymous

2/16/2022 06:09 PM

The Town does not have to build or maintain a rink on Fairy Lake but rather should support the local residents that are already making outdoor rinks. This should be done without hassle and/or requiring a permit by the Town. The residents are already doing a great job for everyone's enjoyment and isn't costing tax paying dollars. Currently the only time it cost tax paying dollars is when bylaw unnecessarily

comes to harass residents that are skating.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:10 PM

I like the idea because it has a low impact on the natural environment, we're using what we have and the feel of traditional Canadiana. But is it safe for kids to get from the shoreline onto the ice? Would need emergency equipment nearby, and it may involve more risk.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:31 PM

I wouldn't travel to acton to skate

Anonymous

2/17/2022 01:03 AM

As a location but not the only one. Needs to be large area

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:08 AM

Opportunity to keep youth busy

Sandral

2/17/2022 10:31 AM

If feasible and not too expensive. People used to always skate on ponds until lawyers and insurance people got involved.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 12:39 PM

The town has always done their plans half-assed. The skateboard park at the Gellert is horrible. The kids crash into people on the path. The paths aren't even lit all the way around the park and parts of it aren't even maintained. Construction gets done and years later signs still exist. Nothing has ever been done correctly. I'm comparing it to the care Milton puts into place. I am tired of paying for every little thing in this town. When you've got three trucks of workers and all workers chatting for quite a long time while vehicles are running, I'm sure the budget could stop that waste and let kids and families enjoy the outdoors.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:41 PM

Likely would not drive to Acton for skating

Anonymous

2/18/2022 10:18 AM

Prefer to have skating on hard surface and not on a lake

Anonymous

2/18/2022 12:18 PM

i dont live in Acton

Anonymous

I don't have enough time

2/18/2022 02:28 PM

Anonymous

2/18/2022 06:03 PM

Not sure if I would use it personally due to location but better ice conditions make for a better skating experience.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 12:15 AM

i don't skate on lakes or ponds

Anonymous

2/19/2022 07:31 AM

More options to skate the better for the community.

DTurple

2/19/2022 11:11 AM

Fairy lake is easy. Stay away from incoming water flow at the bridge. Monitor ice thick. You can auger a 10 inch hole in the ice and use a 2 inch pump to flood. The lake supplies it's own water. Easy.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 02:47 PM

Skating on a natural water feature is a unique and special experience.

Vicki Newman

2/19/2022 04:45 PM

Skating on open water terrifies me

Anonymous

2/20/2022 03:57 PM

Would maybe take us to Acton for it.

Anonymous

2/20/2022 05:14 PM

Because we don't live in Acton

Anonymous

2/21/2022 08:03 AM

Too far away

Anonymous

2/21/2022 12:27 PM

Don't live in Acton so unlikely to use it

Anonymous

2/21/2022 04:46 PM

I think that Fairy Lake already has informal rinks used by many town people.

Anonymous

2/23/2022 10:55 AM

Do not 'need' a more formal look/programming.

Anonymous

Too far from Milton

2/23/2022 05:57 PM

Anonymous

2/24/2022 12:41 PM

Outdoor rinks in natural environment is such a wonderful experience. It's not always as easy, predictable or workable, but there's a sense of freedom and slight that isn't as true on an indoor rink.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 09:18 AM

Not close to me

Anonymous

2/25/2022 01:03 PM

You could also do the pond in Stewart's Mill. I know people skate there.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:42 PM

Safety and liability concerns. It could be harder to encourage youth to stay away from lakes, ponds and stormwater ponds if they're sometimes used for this purpose. Can be confusing messaging. There are other options.

Anonymous

2/26/2022 07:21 AM

It would make it safer

Anonymous

2/26/2022 12:44 PM

I understand it would cost to support it

Anonymous

2/27/2022 01:48 PM

I am in Georgetown

Anonymous

2/27/2022 02:33 PM

It would assist with knowing ahead of time if skating is an option there

Anonymous

2/27/2022 04:25 PM

More access to maintained ice rinks outdoors

Anonymous

2/27/2022 09:38 PM

Because of the weather. An expensive installation that is weather dependent. There is a big lack of recreational facilities and it should be where it can be reached by largest population.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 10:45 AM

I would like to see more options in Georgetown

Anonymous

Don't live in Acton

2/28/2022 12:52 PM

Anonymous

if its worth it.

3/02/2022 07:46 AM

Anonymous

I do not like the idea of my kids skating on the lake. Prospect park is big enough to support ice on the land for skating.

3/02/2022 01:16 PM

Anonymous

Cost to maintain.

3/02/2022 05:18 PM

Anonymous

To ensure lake is safe to skate on - I felt very safe skating in Ottawa at the canal because I know it is regulated and checked regularly. Otherwise lake surface is risky if not regulated.

3/02/2022 07:18 PM

Anonymous

Idk

3/03/2022 09:29 AM

Anonymous

Natural ice surface

3/03/2022 09:59 AM

Anonymous

Not as accessible. It's more difficult for disabled parents to get to and with no seating available they can't be a spectator or supervise their children.

3/03/2022 10:43 AM

Sheilajm

Good idea

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

Anonymous

Sure I would but would be nice to have something supported in Georgetown also

3/03/2022 11:39 AM

Anonymous

It's a little far but it would be nice to spend more time outside with the family.

3/03/2022 03:30 PM

Anonymous

I don't live in acton. So I won't go there.

3/03/2022 06:25 PM

Anonymous

Season would be too short.

3/03/2022 07:47 PM

Anonymous

3/07/2022 09:27 AM

Skating on the lake is one of the best skating experience one may have, there is no space limitation and it is as close to the nature as possible

Anonymous

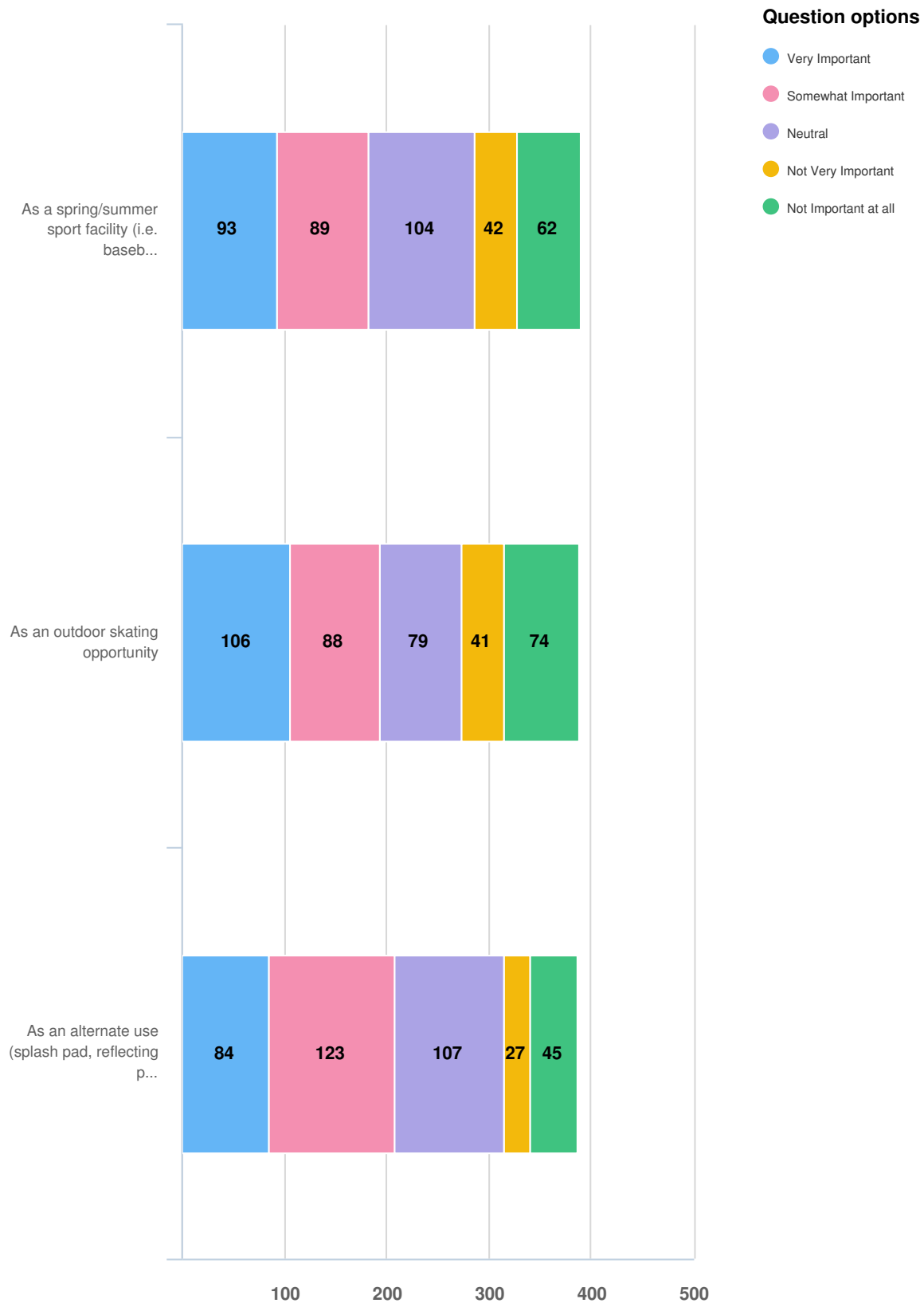
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It's a large surface and can be lots of fun!

Optional question (172 response(s), 229 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q22 How important is it to have year round use of the outdoor ice facilities?



Optional question (395 response(s), 6 skipped)

Question type: Likert Question

Q22 How important is it to have year round use of the outdoor ice facilities?

As a spring/summer sport facility (i.e. baseball diamond, soccer field)

Very Important : 93



Somewhat Important : 89



Neutral : 104



Not Very Important : 42

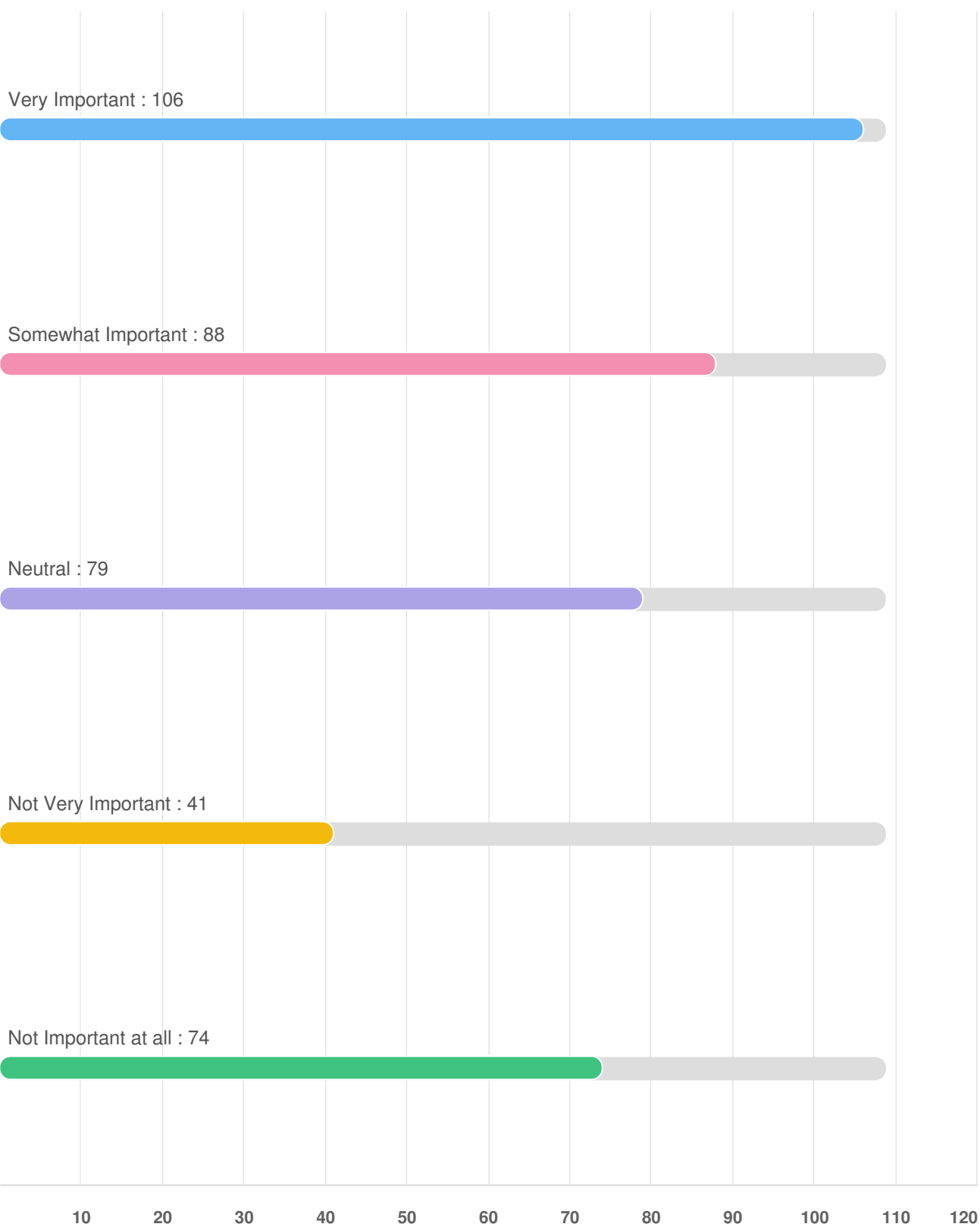


Not Important at all : 62



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As an outdoor skating opportunity



As an alternate use (splash pad, reflecting pool, event space)

Very Important : 84



Somewhat Important : 123



Neutral : 107



Not Very Important : 27



Not Important at all : 45



10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120 130

Q23 Why/Why not?

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

For many people, skating is a winter activity. For a portion of the population, year round use would be beneficial.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 11:34 AM

It would be better to enjoy outdoor spaces naturally in their season, and have a place to enjoy spring/summer activities

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:11 AM

A good volunteer management resource pool would be able to accommodate all community recreation resources. IMO

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:58 AM

Diversity of sport is important

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:41 PM

Makes the most sense to have these facilities be utilized Year round for different purposes.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:20 PM

Good family facilities benefit our community

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:39 PM

Some type of ice pad for hockey could be used for other sports year round.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 08:36 PM

Adds lots of variety for everyone

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:51 PM

I would love to see it have multipurpose uses in off season

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:55 PM

Multi sport options would be a great enhancement to our community

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:48 AM

It would be so awesome if the rink could be used year round as a community space, if it was like a community hub with skating in winter, splash pad or wading pool in summer, with a playground and gathering area.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:52 AM

I would like my child to be able to skate year round as that is his sport and passion.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

NA

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:25 AM

I'm confused by this question since you can't skate outside unless it's cold.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

If you build it they will come. Why should residents have to drive to other cities? Also Oakville has an outdoor refrigerated rink and that is so far south for the residents of Halton Hills.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

Another splash pad, please! We could use more of these amenities for all the young families.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:19 PM

If making the investment, it makes better sense to have a year round opportunity on the land

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:43 PM

Kids are involved in multiple sports.

Towntalk

2/09/2022 02:05 PM

I honestly don't understand the questions. Is it important to have use of outdoor ice facilities as a soccer field? Do you mean how important is it to have year round use? If you are building something, would make most sense to use it year-round in some capacity otherwise it would be a waste of money.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:32 PM

This is a small community and there is not a lot to do, but public sporting facilities gives kids, and families, groups of friends etc. something fun and healthy to do!

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

Kids need to be active all Year round and adults also need many outdoor areas to keep active

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:45 PM

Land is valuable so best if it's multipurpose so it can be enjoyed all year. Would like to see rink turned basketball courts.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:47 PM

Skating is a winter sport. There's plenty of other options to get active in the spring and summer.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:03 PM

Don't need to skate in the summer

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:27 PM

Need the kids to be active

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

I'm not super clear on this question. I like that the baseball diamonds are being used for ice rinks in the winter. But I don't think it's necessary to utilize 3 season spaces for ice surfaces. The biggest key is to make it accessible to as many Acton folks as possible.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:57 AM

Provide it as a Spring/Summer Box Lacrosse and Ball hockey space

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:30 AM

Not sure I understand this question. Choose the best location for the rink and if you can use the space for another activity at a different season awesome, if not it is a use for town land for the winter season.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 02:48 PM

The space can double its use.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:01 PM

Too costly

Anonymous

2/10/2022 08:26 PM

Thinking single purpose will lead to greater creativity. But a possibility

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:21 AM

new learners young and old would have more time to acquire & practice skills. it can be fairly cheap to obtain hand me down or thrift shop skates in Canadian towns. (so less \$\$ needed than to pick up skiing).

Jul867

2/11/2022 03:23 PM

I don't understand this question. However, I think it could be a great idea to build a splash pad which could double as a rink in the winter. For example, Newmarket town centre has a wading pool that residents use to cool off in the summer and skate in the winter.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 06:26 PM

More access for everyone

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:42 PM

I don't understand the questions

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:01 AM

Year round is not important. I do other things in summer

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:49 AM

Outdoor facilities should be able to do double duty in order to be efficient

Anonymous

2/12/2022 04:17 PM

Skating is a winter sport. Lots of other stuff to do in summer and spring.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:22 PM

Kids are grown up

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:35 PM

We need all the in town fun we can get!

Anonymous

2/13/2022 08:01 AM

Multipurpose area plus it would get people talking about the town and the next season plus it would be nice for new neighbours to know there one place where their kids can go and it's safe

Anonymous

2/13/2022 09:49 AM

Doesn't matter but it makes sense to use spaces that can be converted depending on the season. Ie skating trails are walking trails in the summer, or ice rink is a soccer field or a basketball court in the summer.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

Keep people using that space year round. Encourage outdoor activities

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:37 AM

A space used as a rink and outdoor pool would be such a great addition to the town. We do not have any outdoor pools.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

Good to get multiple use out of facilities. Better for the community.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:59 AM

Are you actually why it's important to me if I can skate in the summer?

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:24 AM

Don't understand your question

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:26 AM

There's other things to do in summer

Anonymous

2/14/2022 01:48 PM

I'm happy with skating availability between November and April

Anonymous

2/14/2022 04:42 PM

Ice skating is a winter sport and if anyone wants to ice skate that bad, they can use the indoor facilities in the summer months

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:00 PM

So it's not sitting idle for six months of the year

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:35 PM

Skating outdoors in the summer is not feasible.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:38 PM

We pay a lot of taxes. Georgetown in particular needs safe and supervised places for children and youth to go.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:20 PM

Multi use means more use for same \$

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:34 PM

Summer has lots of sports and activities but anything that encourages outside exercise is winter is good.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:50 PM

Summer has lots of sports and activities but anything that encourages outside exercise is winter is good.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:38 PM

No sense in wasting the soace

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:57 AM

Skating is a winter activity

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:41 AM

It would be awesome to repurpose the area maybe as a wading pool or something but I don't think it needs to stay a skating rink all year round (unless I'm misunderstanding the question). Part of the fun of skating is that it's a fun winter activity.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:18 AM

We live in Canada. It's a winter sport and there are lots of summer ones. Let's not contribute more to the climate change crisis... unless you must.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:23 AM

Let's stick with the natural seasons. We skate in the winter when it is cold and there is ice. No need for fake ice in the summer months.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:59 AM

c/mon...not in the warm months...keep 2 pads open at the arena

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:22 AM

Living in community-relationship with fellow residents is important.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:45 AM

Makes more use of spaces instead of seasonal use

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:29 PM

I am only speaking from experience with Maple Creek park as we see it busy in the Spring/Summer with baseball and then to see it busy in the Winter with the ice rink is just fantastic! So the park is in use all the time!

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:46 PM

winter sport

Anonymous

2/15/2022 04:03 PM

A great investment that could be used all year long. Why not make it a rollerblade rink in the summer?

Anonymous

2/15/2022 05:26 PM

There are enough indoor ice facilities

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:22 PM

I don't really understand the question. Summer access to outdoor skating? Not necessary. Summer activities should be enhanced in the summer.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:17 PM

Variety is spice of life.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:10 PM

What ever works

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:27 AM

Just seems wise to be able to be able to use the same space for other outdoor activities in the off-season.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 12:34 PM

It's a winter thing in my mind.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 01:51 PM

Cost prohibitive

Anonymous

2/16/2022 02:25 PM

We should be spending money that gives the best return. I would rather spend more money upfront in order to get a space that has a dual/multi purpose use year round

Alec.fry

2/16/2022 04:19 PM

Multi-use area would be the best and most cost effective. Year round outdoor skating opportunity isn't really practical.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 05:07 PM

seasonality and continued changing of activities to match time of year an enjoyable aspect of our climate and allows best use of spaces at any given time

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:10 PM

It only needs to be year-round if it is a highly-built, specialized structure - e.g. with community programming in mind, with a roof, walls, concessions, washrooms, public art, etc. etc. etc. If it is a natural setting, it should just go back to being natural

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:52 PM

Feels like more if a winter activity imo

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:31 PM

I don't understand this question

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:08 AM

Anything to keep youth busy. They need more options to keep busy in town.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 09:07 AM

Best to spend money on a year round option.

Sandral

Not needed year round, Ideally November through mid March

2/17/2022 10:31 AM

Anonymous

none

2/18/2022 10:18 AM

Anonymous

I think kids need entertainment all year round

2/18/2022 02:28 PM

Anonymous

Multi use is ideal but may not be the best location or right size for a rink. If I want to skate in warmer weather I can go to Mold Masters.

2/18/2022 06:03 PM

Anonymous

Splash pool would get good use with young families. A sport court with boards would be well used and my preference

2/18/2022 09:28 PM

Anonymous

Kids need to stay active! Their mental health depends on it!

2/19/2022 07:31 AM

Vicki Newman

2/19/2022 04:45 PM

Anonymous

More cost effective hopefully.

2/20/2022 03:57 PM

Anonymous

Skaing is for outside and the winter

2/21/2022 04:46 PM

Anonymous

It makes sense to use the ice facilities year round. For example, a refrigerated surface ice pad with boards could be used for ball hockey, basketball, etc. In the off-season.

2/22/2022 11:25 AM

Anonymous

Have options.

2/23/2022 10:55 AM

Anonymous

That last question is super confusing.

2/23/2022 08:44 PM

Anonymous

I view it as a recreational winter activity. We can do the summer activities in the summer and not spend more resources on fighting the heat to keep a surface frozen.

2/24/2022 12:41 PM

Anonymous

2/25/2022 01:03 PM

So many kids/people participate in ice sports in the town, and renting ice at MoldMasters isn't cheap or feasible if you are not part of a group and just want to skate at other times in the year.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:18 PM

We have these already. Just flood flat surface. Simple (ok maybe not quite simple but you get the idea)

Anonymous

2/27/2022 09:38 PM

I guess it is because I don't know how an outdoor rink works in the summer. It sounds really expensive. I think we would get nothing. The parks in Toronto don't appear to have outdoor rinks in the summer but have lots in the winter. Withrow Park on Logan Ave is excellent and is used all the time. A real community centre in the middle of a populated area. Dominion Garden Park would be an excellent focal point that could appeal to all AGES. How delightful when the park is fully lit by the volunteers. I wonder how relevant this study is when the town has cancelled the Gellert expansion after all the consultation.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 12:52 PM

I consider skating a winter activity. There are plenty of things to do in other seasons.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:46 AM

use the spaces we already have is a good idea

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:16 PM

Anything that encourages people, especially kids, to get outside and be active is important.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:18 PM

Very costly to maintain spring summer skating and other options and sports exist in spring summer plus Not many would skate outside in the summer . Winter outdoor skating would be sufficient. Keep it a winter sport. Those who wish to skate in the summer can join hockey/skating clubs indoors on existing ice. Otherwise it would be a high price to pay for all to keep it going. Stay with seasons! Just like growing food in season to compare. No need for recreational outdoor skating in summer. The only benefit would be to maintain end of winter refrigerated ice to prolong season for a little bit.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 09:14 PM

Just need for winter use. If can be used in other seasons then that is an extra

Sheilajm

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

Should be a winter activity

Anonymous

3/03/2022 03:30 PM

I didn't understand this question

Anonymous

3/07/2022 09:27 AM

Not sure if having a year round outdoor rink is something needed. If there are outdoor rinks in the winter season, that is good enough.

Anonymous

3/07/2022 09:42 PM

Skating outdoors all year is impractical, so finding year use would be beneficial.

Optional question (105 response(s), 296 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q24 Do you have any comments on the Town's Community Volunteer Ice Rink Process?

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

No.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:11 AM

Should be more transparent and advertised to secure volunteers.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:58 AM

I wasn't aware of such a program

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:41 PM

It's appreciated. Without it the town would really have virtually no outdoor recreation.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:18 PM

Great to have them but it's time to out dedicated resources.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 08:36 PM

Thank you volunteers

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:51 PM

Thankful for the opportunity to skate their and the volunteer's efforts

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:55 PM

N/A

Anonymous

2/09/2022 08:18 AM

Thank you for all your efforts

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

NA

Anonymous

2/09/2022 10:46 AM

Thank you

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

Doing a good job.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

A town webpage that is updated 1-2 week with the status of those rinks would be great. I never know which ones are actually up and running.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:21 PM

No

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:43 PM

I didn't realize it was run by volunteers.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:32 PM

If you use at least one adult volunteer at the location at a time, they can oversee high school students doing their community volunteer hours, as long as they do abide by the regulations in place.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

The person at maple creek does a great job can we get something at gellert

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:45 PM

Thank you to the volunteers

Anonymous

2/09/2022 05:16 PM

Haven't used it personally.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 06:03 PM

I think it's been fabulous

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

I am not familiar with this. I use prospect park daily and would likely know about this process of there were signage I could read about at

the park.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:30 AM

Don't have any experience with this.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:01 PM

No

Anonymous

2/11/2022 06:26 PM

Great we are participating this year and helping with the rink at Boris park

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:12 PM

This is amazing that we are looking to enhance and / or create new outdoor skating experiences in our wonderful town!

Anonymous

2/11/2022 10:22 PM

Thank you

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:51 AM

Good luck! Hope to see some 'calm ice' to skate on in the years to come.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 08:01 AM

No

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:49 AM

I'm not aware of the process

Anonymous

2/13/2022 09:49 AM

Need more exposure awareness of program....

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

Not familiar. Did not know about it

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:37 AM

I think it is great that volunteers do this! However, I think the accessibility is a challenge for the little ones and parents.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 03:27 PM

Great idea,

Anonymous

No

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

Anonymous

No

2/14/2022 07:59 AM

Anonymous

No.

2/14/2022 01:48 PM

Anonymous

I think the town has been doing great at trying to provide outdoor skating for residents. Having said that, any more that could be maintained would surely be used regularly.

2/14/2022 02:31 PM

Anonymous

I don't know much about it

2/14/2022 04:42 PM

Anonymous

It is a great program, need this at more parks and more marketing to solicit volunteers.

2/14/2022 05:16 PM

Anonymous

No

2/14/2022 06:00 PM

Anonymous

Keep up the great work!

2/14/2022 07:01 PM

Anonymous

It's great as many I'm sure would help if it means we could have more

2/14/2022 08:20 PM

Anonymous

would be good to have those families that want to build a rink on a school or town property to submit a request and able to put forward a rink in short timing instead of a lengthy process.

2/14/2022 08:34 PM

Anonymous

I am not really sure how that works

2/14/2022 09:36 PM

Anonymous

No.

2/15/2022 08:41 AM

Anonymous

No

2/15/2022 09:28 AM

Anonymous 2/15/2022 10:45 AM	expand the volunteer base, the process for volunteering is unclear
Anonymous 2/15/2022 12:08 PM	No
Anonymous 2/15/2022 12:29 PM	These are the best especially if you have volunteers to run them. We are very lucky that we have had the same man look after the rink for many years but it is really nice to see the community come together to help him with clearing the snow etc.
Anonymous 2/15/2022 03:46 PM	nice program
Anonymous 2/15/2022 06:22 PM	I don't know much about it. Wish I did cause our family could potentially help if a location walking distance from us was to start up.
Anonymous 2/15/2022 07:22 PM	Not familiar with it
Anonymous 2/16/2022 11:09 AM	Start the ice rinks earlier in the winter
Anonymous 2/16/2022 11:27 AM	Don't know enough to comment.
Anonymous 2/16/2022 12:55 PM	I'm really impressed that the town allows/encourages this process.
Anonymous 2/16/2022 01:51 PM	I am uninformed
Anonymous 2/16/2022 11:31 PM	Not on the process, but the rink at joseph gibbons park has been great
Anonymous 2/17/2022 06:08 AM	Do not know anything about it
Anonymous 2/17/2022 09:07 AM	I know nothing about it

Sandral 2/17/2022 10:31 AM	Hit and miss, quality of ice not great or easy to maintain
Anonymous 2/18/2022 10:18 AM	no
Anonymous 2/18/2022 12:18 PM	I did not hear about it until five years ago
Anonymous 2/18/2022 02:28 PM	No I think they are doing great
Anonymous 2/18/2022 09:26 PM	Haven't seen a rink at West Branch park but I would like to help as a volunteer.
Anonymous 2/19/2022 07:31 AM	No
Vicki Newman 2/19/2022 04:45 PM	Thank you to the Volunteers
Anonymous 2/20/2022 03:57 PM	Glen Williams does an amazing job with their outdoor rink and I am sure other people from other parts of Halton Hills would do the same if given the space and advice.
Anonymous 2/21/2022 04:46 PM	The ice makers are lovely. If we could just get the hockey players and nets off them then we could enjoy them.
Anonymous 2/23/2022 05:57 PM	Poorly run
Anonymous 2/24/2022 12:41 PM	N/A
Anonymous 2/27/2022 02:33 PM	It's nice but seems leads to inadequate maintenance or notification of maintenance frequency
Anonymous 2/27/2022 09:38 PM	I know nothing about it. If I was younger maybe I would.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 12:52 PM

Great idea

PatrickBanc

3/01/2022 01:44 PM

I'd love to learn about it and volunteer. - Patrick 6475238460

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:16 PM

Why has the ice at the basketball court ar acton arena not been taken care of for over a month?

Anonymous

3/02/2022 04:02 PM

We have enjoyed the Meadowgken rink and appreciate the volunteer work in it.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 06:50 PM

Seems to work

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:18 PM

Great idea but lots of work and need willing participants .

Anonymous

3/03/2022 10:43 AM

I have no information on this. So perhaps more needs to be done to spread the word (more social media coverage).

Sheilajm

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

THink I have said it already

Anonymous

3/03/2022 03:30 PM

You could consider high school kids to volunteer as part of their volunteer hours

Anonymous

3/05/2022 01:47 PM

Give the volunteers a tax credit

Anonymous

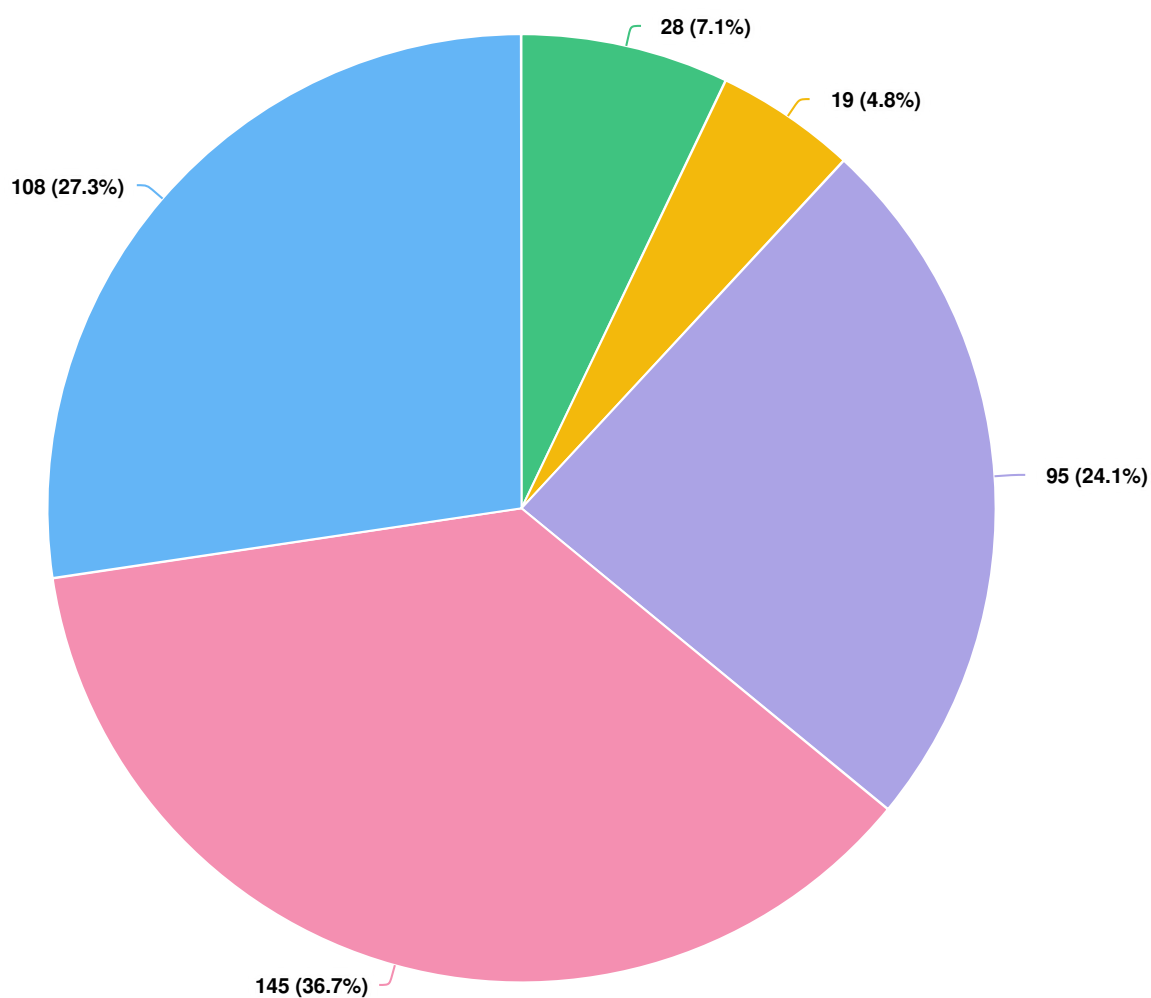
3/07/2022 09:42 PM

No, but the rinks themselves are okay at best.

Optional question (83 response(s), 318 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q25 | The Town has specific goals related to climate change and becoming net zero (greenhouse gas Emissions) by 2030, as well as specific goals related to climate resiliency and adaptation. Recognizing climate change impacts and goals, how important is i...



Question options

● Very Important ● Somewhat Important ● Neutral ● Not Very Important ● Not Important at all

Optional question (395 response(s), 6 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q26 **Why?**

Anonymous

2/07/2022 09:28 AM

We do not want to harm our environment even if we want to have these recreational facilities. Natural ice is great just a shorter season. Perhaps have it better maintained.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

If new ice facilities do not consider climate change impact and goals, they could become unpopular with a portion of the population overtime, and that undermines their purpose as a fun community activity.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 11:11 AM

Natural ice services should be enough to sustain community requirements. Refrigerated services not required.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 12:41 PM

Focus those efforts in other areas

Anonymous

2/08/2022 02:30 PM

Just not something I'm concerned about because I assume you guys won't have like a coal fired compressor to make ice.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:18 PM

This is great for health and community. Put in solar panels to pay for the facilities

Anonymous

2/08/2022 03:39 PM

These commitments are important so should be considered into any planning activities.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 08:36 PM

We all want to help the environment

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:51 PM

While I don't want the facility to contribute I feel we have ways to offset potential impact points

Anonymous

2/08/2022 10:55 PM

Need to have outlets for kids and seniors tk enjoy active lifestyles

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:29 AM

We should always be looking for environmental friendly options to protect our environment.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

NA

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

Lighting options can be LED and Ice resurface Zamboni come battery operated now.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:11 PM

Climate change and environmental stewardship is an important consideration in all matters.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:21 PM

Important to keep green house emissions down.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 12:43 PM

Better for our childrens future

Anonymous

2/09/2022 02:32 PM

We are past the point of not doing anything about climate change. It is a responsibility of the town, as well as citizens of the town.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

Better for Environment

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:45 PM

I want my kids to have a healthy future and why loose sight of the goal

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

I am an outdoor educator and strongly agree that this is an important goal (and happy to see it in the town's plans) but we need to balance this with accessibility for citizens.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:30 AM

I fear to obtain this any new rinks will be cost prohibitive

Anonymous

2/10/2022 10:41 AM

it's all B.S.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 07:01 PM

Costs

Anonymous

Exercise , rinks are important to health and cost is minimal. No

2/11/2022 07:43 AM

Zamboni was used either.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:21 AM

if we have these facilities in both major towns, more people can walk to them instead of driving out of town. therefore less fuel burned

Anonymous

2/11/2022 06:26 PM

It's important to think of the environment

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:42 PM

Because we only have one earth

Anonymous

2/12/2022 06:29 AM

SNAP neighborhood project

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:49 AM

I just want an option to skate without being political.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 10:21 PM

There won't be natural ice - just H2O. Too warm for outside natural ice is the future. Don't bother to spend the \$\$ on such a short term idea/facility.

Anonymous

2/12/2022 11:22 PM

Keep it natural

Anonymous

2/13/2022 09:49 AM

I don't really care about this initiative

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

Thats 8 years away. At 10 years facilities need updating so you could implement a short term plan with no major renos

Anonymous

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

We should be moving towards a more sustainable community

Anonymous

2/13/2022 05:36 PM

The cost of obtaining this will make it cost prohibitive and most likely mean higher fees downloaded to users

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:59 AM

It's an ice rink, it's not going to cause or stop global warming either way

Anonymous

2/14/2022 01:48 PM

Choosing energy efficient and environmentally friendly ice rink refrigeration solutions makes sense but will not have a major impact on the climate.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 04:42 PM

becoming aware of the emissions we could avoid is important for the environment

Anonymous

2/14/2022 05:24 PM

Minimal impact can be achieved

Anonymous

2/14/2022 06:35 PM

Climate and environmental issues are important to me.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 07:38 PM

Meet goals.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:06 PM

We should carefully weigh of what we do to our earth to what services we want?

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:20 PM

If it means we can get these rinks then great !

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:34 PM

Not everything can followed the regulations and maintain a solid budget. If it's affordable and meeting emissions then yes. But if not, try to find a balance.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:24 PM

Any new ventures by the town should take into consideration the impact on the environment .

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:36 PM

If the town has said it is part of their plan they should stick to their word

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:38 PM

Why not? The sustainability of the planet depends on it

Anonymous

2/14/2022 11:37 PM

Refrigeration requires a lot of energy but the key is to only have a few of such facilities. Everything else can be natural ice.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:41 AM

I think it's very important to take environmental considerations; but I think the mental and physical health of the community is also important so a balance is necessary.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:18 AM

Until the growth in Georgetown materializes, I'm not sure we need more sports facilities. It's just more tax dollars going to leisure when really we just need to get people on trails outdoors.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:23 AM

We need to be MORE active in moving towards a healthier, sustainable planet - the goals related to climate change should be considered with every town decision.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 10:45 AM

natural ice will supplement the availability of indoor rinks reducing the need to expand the energy / carbon heavy indoor rinks

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:46 PM

improve where we can

Anonymous

2/15/2022 04:03 PM

All new opportunities should be carbon free, to help with climate change.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:06 PM

Just would love to have an outdoor rink.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:22 PM

Because the town needs to do their part in taking care of the environment.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:10 PM

Climate change is the obvious crisis that we as a collective society have been ignoring. It is real and it should be included in our municipal planning. However, we should not stop providing for an enjoyable community living experience under the misguided idea that it is our personal choices that are driving climate change. We should not cancel skating rinks while funding urban sprawl and oil extraction. While I said it was very important, the importance should be proportional to it's impact and not take on the the burden of climate change for the sectors that are truly causing the problem.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:27 AM

Because it's the reality we have to adapt to.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 02:25 PM

Find a way to offset any negative impacts from adding these facilities.
Get credits for planting trees or having the hungry hollow etc.

Alec.fry

2/16/2022 04:19 PM

Recognize that maintenance of the areas requires machinery and personnel, but having an outdoor space to use that's close is more important rather than going elsewhere for a similar experience/facility.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 07:14 PM

Anything to benefit the environment is a good thing for our future

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:52 PM

We should all care for Mother Earth!

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:31 PM

Climate change needs to be addressed in every action we take. We must do what we know is right, even it costs more or is not the popular vote

Anonymous

2/17/2022 01:03 AM

It is critical that our citizens get more outdoor exercise and recreational involvement with nature to better their health and resulting with the green issues affecting climate will then benefit because of a more active population

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:08 AM

To heal the world

Sandral

2/17/2022 10:31 AM

The Town should be equally worried about physical activity and chronic disease prevention which potentially have high costs on the region and province (we are all one tax payer no matter the level of government. Taxes are twice that of Toronto yet Toronto has hundreds of ice facilities and also has environmental sustainability goals.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 12:39 PM

Really. Isn't this to allow for enjoyment of our green space for future generations.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 12:18 PM

its the right thing to do

Anonymous

2/18/2022 02:28 PM

We need to stop climate change before it stops us

Anonymous

2/18/2022 06:03 PM

It makes most sense to implement now even if it means slightly more upfront cost. 2030 is only 8 years away. It would probably cost more if you didn't do it immediately and then had to go back and modify processes etc. to meet this goal.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:26 PM

If we can be environmentally friendly and keep operating costs to minimum that is great.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 09:28 PM

I don't think an outdoor ice rink tips the scales on this impact. Worst case, make it a sport court without refrigeration

Anonymous

2/19/2022 12:15 AM

I've been hearing this since the 70s global warming cooling y2k

Anonymous

2/19/2022 07:31 AM

Need to be environmentally responsible.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 02:47 PM

New refrigerated surface will probably be needed if winters are generally warmer, but these should try and use green energy sources.

Anonymous

2/20/2022 03:57 PM

Of course it's important but for people's fitness and mental health getting them outside active in winter trumps it to a degree.

Anonymous

2/21/2022 04:46 PM

Climate change is important

Anonymous

2/22/2022 11:25 AM

All decisions going forward must be in line with net zero and climate change targets if we wish to survive.

Anonymous

2/22/2022 12:16 PM

Our provincial and federal government are already choking us on this

Anonymous

2/24/2022 12:41 PM

Every little effort counts.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 01:03 PM

I think cost-effectiveness should be top of mind, green materials/systems can be expensive and at the end of the day don't

always benefit the environment as much as they suggest.

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:18 PM

We need to live within our environment

Anonymous

2/25/2022 06:42 PM

Everything we do should consider climate impacts.

Anonymous

2/27/2022 01:48 PM

We must act now

Anonymous

2/27/2022 02:33 PM

Ensuring a clean future for our children is important

Anonymous

2/27/2022 09:38 PM

I guess I don't know how an artificial outdoor facility used in the cooler months impacts the climate.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 12:52 PM

We need to be consistent with our climate change goals.

Anonymous

2/28/2022 08:48 PM

The good and damage we do now will have lasting impacts for years to come. The more natural our approach can be, the better.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 01:16 PM

It is also important to keep our community active to be healthy.

Anonymous

3/02/2022 07:18 PM

Caring for environment

Anonymous

3/03/2022 10:14 AM

It's the worlds future

Sheilajm

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

For our children

Anonymous

3/03/2022 06:25 PM

It would be great to find conscientious Ways to develop better parks.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 08:29 PM

We are supposed to be leaders in our effort and we have declared a climate emergency.

Anonymous

3/05/2022 01:47 PM

It's become a revenue tool for politicians Try cutting other costs

Anonymous

3/07/2022 09:27 AM

How an ability to skate outside during the winter months would impact climate?

Optional question (96 response(s), 305 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q27 Please provide any other comments.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 09:28 AM

Increase the number of natural ice surfaces throughout the town and have them programmed, count the number of people using the current ice to see if a refrigeration type is even warranted based on amount of current users.

Anonymous

2/07/2022 10:05 AM

I have seen an increase in personal rinks this year and have heard similar stories from other communities. More and better ice appears to be a priority for many residents in our community.

Anonymous

2/08/2022 09:51 PM

Strongly support having additional surfaces to use especially those that would be maintained by the town. I appreciate that there is extra costs, and understand that fees are inevitable, but for a safe great surface it's worth it. Not to mention the fun tournaments that can take place as a result!

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:57 AM

NA

Anonymous

2/09/2022 11:51 AM

Glad the town is reviewing. Worthwhile investment. So many youth Hockey players would enjoy as well as figure skating. Families would use both rinks and skating trail.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 01:23 PM

Up until a few years ago the community skated freely on Fairy Lake without issue. Children (and adults) are the responsibility of the parents. Every public beach my family attends has large signage stating no lifeguards. I do not see any difference with regard to the Town's liability toward accidents from Fairy Lake in winter time. Fairy Lake is a wonderful, all season community resource. Prohibiting

wintertime use is short-sighted and sends a poor message that parents and the community cannot make proper decisions regarding personal safety and require the town to do so on their behalf.

Anonymous

2/09/2022 03:27 PM

Provide more outdoor spaces in the south where all the development has happened over the pasted 20 years

Anonymous

2/09/2022 09:53 PM

I work with outdoor rink companies as well as synthetic ice manufactures like Can-Ice and Hockey Shot, please contact me if you have any questions.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 09:53 AM

Thank you for taking the time to consider strengthening our community. If more folks get outside and connect with the land in our town they will be more likely to care and respect for the environment and the community.

Anonymous

2/10/2022 08:26 PM

Love that you are doing this. Look forward to seeing results of survey

Anonymous

2/11/2022 07:26 PM

I wasn't aware of all of the volunteer-run rinks that currently exist. It would be great to see some additional communication of any new facilities that are created - for example, updates via email / social media to let community members know when each facility has opened for the season. I would also like to have access to a site where we can check on ice status / quality by facility before venturing out.

Anonymous

2/11/2022 09:42 PM

A skating trail would be so fun and a great tourist attraction as well.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 09:49 AM

We need more facilities in Georgetown South, ice facilities and water parks etc, there's lots of opportunity.

Anonymous

2/13/2022 11:30 AM

A local ice trail be lovely

Anonymous

2/13/2022 04:19 PM

More facilities are better for the community.

Anonymous

Please put up fencing around the McNally storm pond, there are a

2/14/2022 02:10 PM

ton of kids around this area and they are often on the pond. It's dangerous and the orange blockade stand or sign does not deter them or their parents who permit this activity.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:20 PM

Happy you have this survey. Hope to see changes soon

Anonymous

2/14/2022 08:34 PM

There's a lot of opportunity to put in multiple outdoor facilities for skating. If possible the facility could be used for outdoor ball hockey in late spring and summer for leagues or used and rented out as offseason training of hockey teams.

Anonymous

2/14/2022 09:36 PM

We have been using the Acton arena for our recreation skating. Wonderful spot. Really appreciate the opportunity to use the smaller ice area too. The cost is a bit of a hindrance but we enjoy our time.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 08:41 AM

I think it's great that this is being looked into! Sorry if I sounded like a Karen about the hockey but it's honestly unsafe :(I think there's a way to do both safely.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 09:18 AM

promote hiking trails, support existing outdoor facilities.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 12:29 PM

Our town is growing and more young people are moving in with their families so I think its very important to include them in the growth of our town. I have lived in Georgetown for over 25 years and have been very lucky to bring up 3 children in the town. My children now adults have considered living in GT as living in a bubble as they were safe in GT! But they did not have alot to occupy them when they were teens as you have to leave GT to go to the movies. They would complain that there was not much to do in the town.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 04:03 PM

It would be great that whatever is done be used all year round for other sports that we don't have yet (ex roller blade park) as Halton hills is quite hilly, it is hard to find good roller blade spots in the areas.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 06:22 PM

Thanks for doing this survey. I really hope storm ponds can be regulated so they can be safe spaces to skate. Such a golden opportunity.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 11:27 AM

Question 19 should have had a "maybe" option. I wouldn't be willing to pay just to use ice...there would have to be significant value-add services available that aren't available at other free trails in the GTA.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 12:34 PM

I would skate outdoors but there is always people with sticks and pucks which makes me nervous.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:10 PM

Just a simple covered outdoor rink with patio lights, a coffee/food truck a few times a week, some handrails for people to learn to skate. The pros already have the arenas. It should be geared towards getting kids on the ice, for families who can't afford hockey, for people to enjoy casual recreation.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 08:52 PM

Excited about the idea of more outdoor facilities and The possibility of a skating trail!

Anonymous

2/17/2022 01:03 AM

Too much emphasis is being placed on greenhouse gas instead of encouraging people to get active for personal well being. Need more activities that allow low to all skill levels in order to encourage families to participate together, child to seniors. At no cost! user fees make it too expensive for many families to all participate.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 06:08 AM

Please continue outdoor ice opportunities

Sandral

2/17/2022 10:31 AM

Hope we don't debate it to death and have something concrete happening this year.

Anonymous

2/18/2022 02:28 PM

I don't have any

Anonymous

2/19/2022 07:31 AM

None

Vicki Newman

2/19/2022 04:45 PM

I think it is important to have as much opportunity for kids and adults to access skating ESPECIALLY outdoors where they can get Sunshine and fresh air. It is such a free and joyful and experience. Personally I support the Town in any outdoor ice venture Except skating on lakes

Anonymous

2/20/2022 03:57 PM

I am so glad to see the town getting residents opinions.

Anonymous

2/21/2022 04:46 PM

I love the outdoor rinks

Anonymous

2/22/2022 11:25 AM

Thank you for initiating this study. As we have see during the pandemic, outdoor recreation opportunities are crucial to maintaining our mental health and fitness.

Anonymous

2/24/2022 12:41 PM

Thanks for asking for community input! I really appreciate it.

Anonymous

2/27/2022 09:38 PM

I find it very frustrating that surveys are done and nothing happens because expectations are encourage to be too high and the cost escalates and it is too expensive. Save on consultants and just DO IT. Very disappointed that the Gellert expansion is on hold. I wonder how it will be when additional development takes place and the recreational amenities haven't increased. It is hard to find facilities for community functions, especially since the Gellert is booked for the vaccinations. We do need the vaccination centre. I really enjoy the ravine and have found it essential during covid. It is always busy. I was at the Dominion Gardens park during the light display and it was always busy with families walking. A skating rink would really add to the ambiance.

Anonymous

3/03/2022 03:30 PM

We are a very active town and there is not enough activities for families to do in the winter

Anonymous

3/03/2022 06:25 PM

Without supervision some areas may become free for all hockey rinks or teen hang outs where regular families don't feel safe. Like what happened at Gellert park when the new playground was built. Teens destroy it and sit at the top spitting on little kids and blocking them from playing. I don't want to see this type of park again.

Anonymous

3/05/2022 01:47 PM

Time to reduce spending and taxing

Optional question (42 response(s), 359 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question