

Outdoor Ice Strategy Survey #2

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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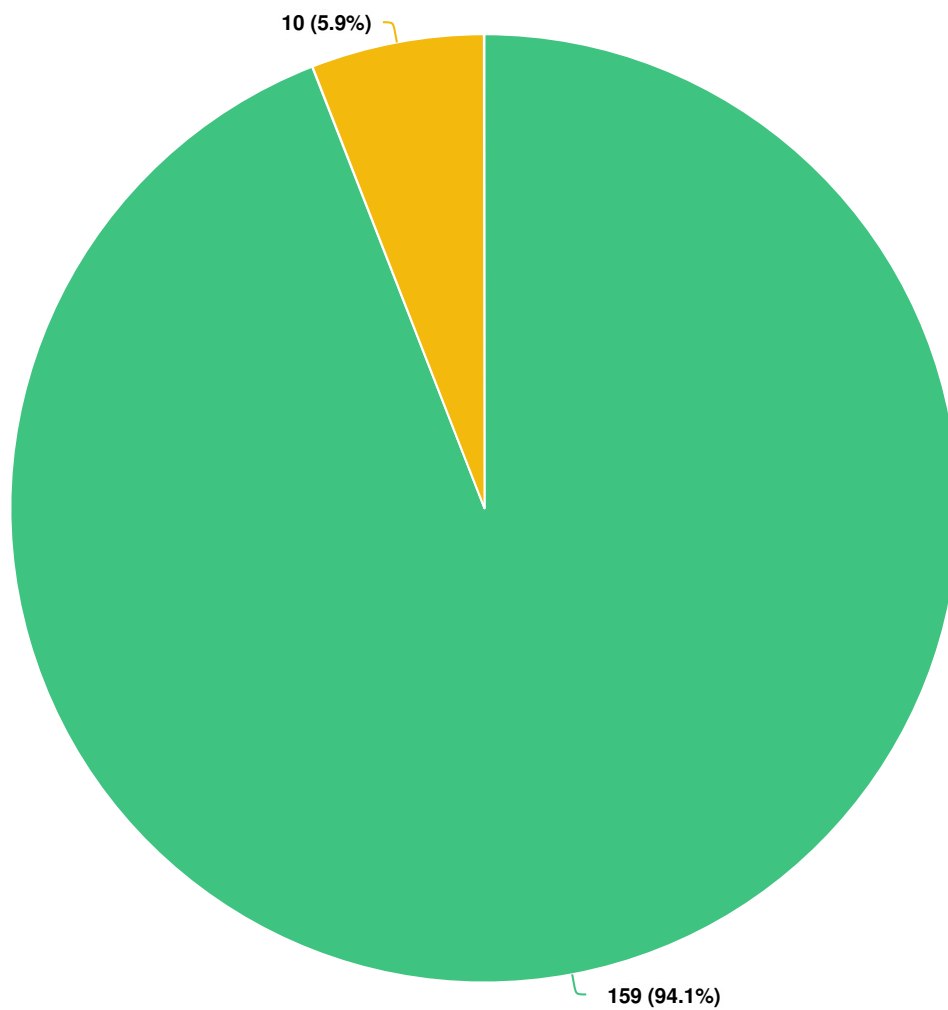
PROJECT NAME:

Outdoor Ice Strategy



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Do you agree with the draft vision and goals document that has been prepared?



Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (169 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 | Please provide any Comments on the draft vision and goals here?

Anonymous

2/21/2023 03:52 PM

I love the effort that has gone into this - the only concerns I have is that nothing is servicing the Delrex area. Cedarvale Park could also be a good location? Also re: synthetic rinks - these usually cost \$ and people think they're cool but they're not super practical and actually quite difficult to skate on so I think interest would be lost quickly. I also worry about the temperatures for Fairy Lake - climate change is quick approaching and it doesn't seem like it will be sustainable - the Ottawa canal didn't even freeze this year!

Anonymous

2/21/2023 06:10 PM

Refrigerated ice is the only true upgrade to offer the community. Synthetic ice is terrible to skate on and ruins skate blades very quickly. It also needs to be maintained by scrubbing the surface and ensuring the surface material is smooth. It would be nice to consider Acton as a secondary location for a refrigerated rink. Perhaps at the tennis courts at Fairy lake like many of the Toronto locations have by installing boards etc or by the skate park/ basketball court.

Anonymous

2/21/2023 07:23 PM

I think we can't have more indoor rinks built then expanding areas to the gellert would be ideal for the very populated town south area.



2/21/2023 08:48 PM

Sorry, it's a lot of blah blah blah

Anonymous

2/22/2023 08:31 AM

A skating trail would be great, refrigerated would be necessary

Anonymous

2/22/2023 01:10 PM

as acton resident, can confirm that in most winters lately, the ice doesn't stay not hard enough to support skating for very many weeks. altho I love the idea of greater use of the lake for skating

Anonymous

2/22/2023 04:25 PM

It references community awareness which is of course important, but I think this should consider making people aware of the status of the natural ice (the ice conditions once built), perhaps through social media

Anonymous

2/22/2023 05:18 PM

Like options A and C as I live in Acton.

Anonymous

2/23/2023 03:52 PM

I think that Halton Should also include some potential Sponsors in order to help with the initial and ongoing operating cost. Local Sponsors like Saputo and Maple Leaf Foods etc. MLSE would also be a good partner as they large amounts advertising the activities in the communities.

Anonymous

2/25/2023 11:53 PM

Options A and B should be combined into one option. Have the natural ice rinks and create a refrigerated pad too. If you out solar panels on the roof of the structure, could be a good way to help offset the costs.

Anonymous

2/27/2023 12:41 PM

want to see more access through neighborhoods run ice surfaces

Anonymous

3/01/2023 10:41 AM

Outdoor rinks provide great opportunities for community and provide access to all members to participate. However, as evidenced by our current winter, weather is not always cooperative and some options to address this are required

Anonymous

3/05/2023 08:36 AM

A and E obvious, the artificial pad is nice but needs to be larger with some features. I assume it is trying to include shinny options and recreational skating? Isn't shinny covered in A & E? This pad should be recreational skating only. Was hoping for a linear circular path to promote fitness not like arenas going around in circles . We have enough of these options. Get creative

Anonymous

3/05/2023 05:09 PM

I think after this winter we need to consider an refrigerated ice for Acton as well

Anonymous

3/05/2023 05:17 PM

I think having the outdoor ice rinks is a great idea for the youth in our community. Providing options in both Acton and Georgetown would give everyone an opportunity to skate.

Anonymous

3/05/2023 05:43 PM

Just focus on Proposed skating trail and rinks on Fairy Lake

Anonymous

3/05/2023 08:55 PM

Where is the draft version?

Anonymous

3/06/2023 05:30 PM

Typical Halton Hills. Have 2-3 surveys done...then do nothing. Look at the money wasted on Fairy Lake. Another study will show the

water is ruined by the geese and nothing will be done.

Anonymous

3/08/2023 10:37 AM

We need more recreation facilities in town! Especially ice as we are close to maximizing prime time while we are expecting significant resident growth in coming years

Anonymous

3/08/2023 11:05 PM

Great idea for more outdoor rinks. Save money by not putting roof & staffing. Plus roof removes outdoor ambiance. Do it more like toronto ice rink in the square. Also, new gellert phase 2 one looks quite far from parking lot.

Anonymous

3/09/2023 11:43 AM

It would be great to add in a refrigerated outdoor ice surface, considering how our winter temperatures vary.

Anonymous

3/09/2023 09:02 PM

A rink similar to Mount Pleasant or Chinguacousy would be great! Or an outdoor skating trail.

Anonymous

3/09/2023 09:09 PM

This is a great step forward for Georgetown!

Anonymous

3/11/2023 08:48 AM

Dominion, fairgrounds and gellert will be so packed. If putting rinks here, put smaller ones in less populated locations.

Anonymous

3/11/2023 01:50 PM

I think it is a good idea to have these ice programs. Skating and shinny programs are only available primarily during weekdays during daytime business hours. As many people like myself work during the day these rinks would provide the opportunity to have access to recreation programs early in day like the recreational swim programs and during the evenings and weekends.

Anonymous

3/11/2023 09:18 PM

Climate Change has made weather forecasting not as accurate as desired. Often, involving time and duration of temperatures and events.

Anonymous

3/12/2023 03:41 PM

the improvement to natural ice sounds good and would have limited costs but weather is significant issue. option b is best and would allow for summer use (ball hockey).

Anonymous

The changing and unpredictable climate really hampers a lot of these

3/14/2023 12:35 AM

options.

Anonymous

3/14/2023 09:20 AM

I like all options although I don't think synthetic ice has the same feel or really replaces natural ice. The synthetic ice would be a great addition to community events especially when natural ice isn't possible but i don't think it makes sense as a permanent installation.

[REDACTED]

3/17/2023 07:57 AM

I strongly believe we should invest in a new refrigerated facility at the Gellert. This town desperately needs a proper outdoor rink and this new facility would be appreciated for many generations.

[REDACTED]

3/17/2023 11:59 AM

A priority needs to be community involvement to create and maintain rinks. With our changing weather patterns we cannot afford to have the town be on standby to create rinks.

Anonymous

3/18/2023 08:26 PM

The Fairy lake would be the most appealing.

Anonymous

3/20/2023 06:33 AM

When considering an ice program it needs to include the option to play hockey with nets. Change rooms and washrooms must be included and it needs to be managed in a client positive way.

Anonymous

3/20/2023 05:50 PM

Well thought out - I hope there is a three willingness to achieve the Vision. Missing is a timeline.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] :37 PM

N/A

Optional question (35 response(s), 134 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q3 Please Rank the Options in order from Most Important (1) to Least Important (5)

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Option B: Refrigerated Facility within the Gellert Park Expansion	2.09
Option A: Improve Natural Ice Rink Program	2.25
Option C: Fairy Lake Ice Program	3.09
Option E: Formal Volunteer Ice Rink Program	3.46
Option D: Synthetic Ice Surface for Special Events	4.10

Mandatory Question (169 response(s))

Question type: Ranking Question

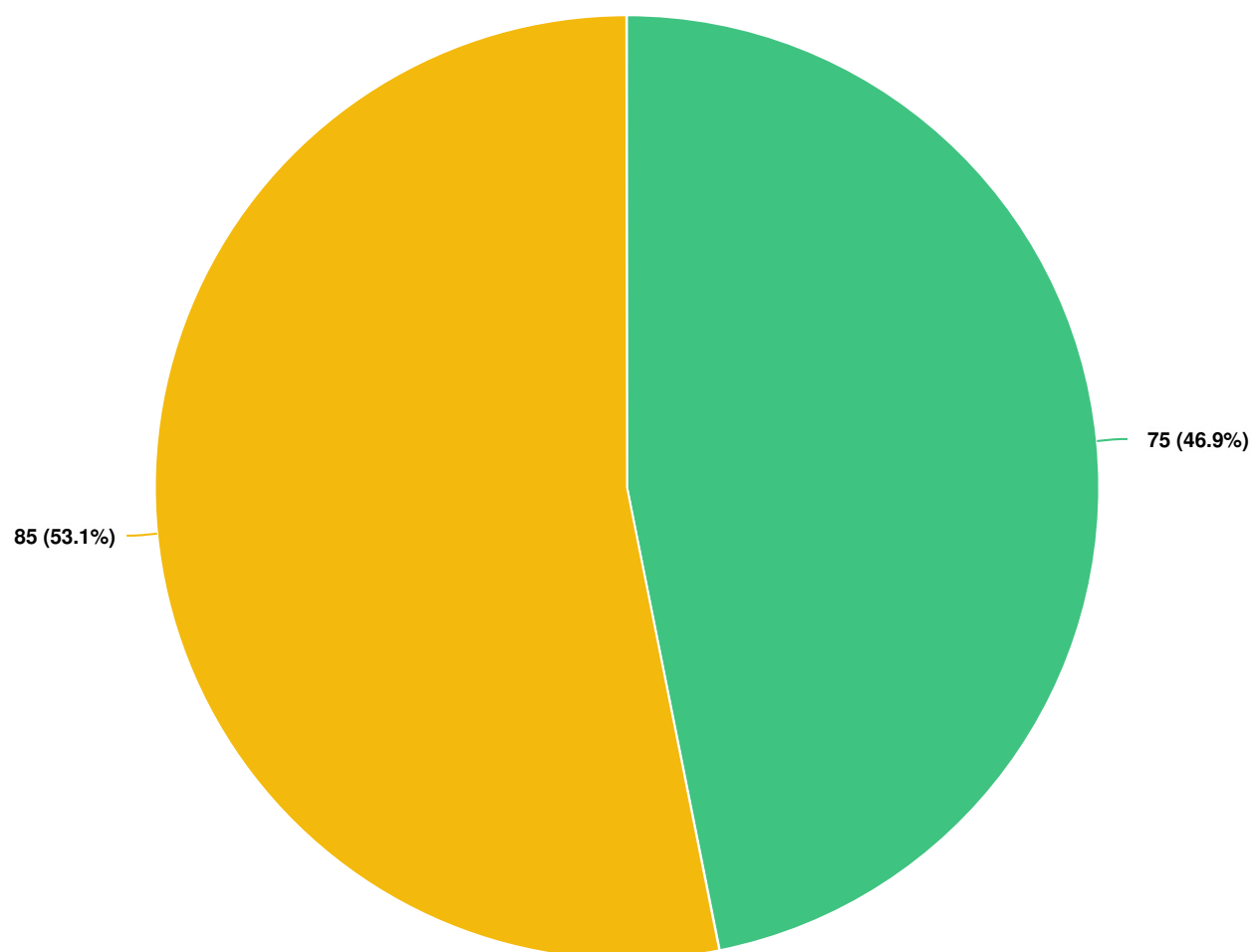
Q4 If the preferred approach was to improve the natural ice rink program (Option A). Please rank the potential improvements from most important (1) to Least Important (5)

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Option A1: New natural ice surface at Gellert Community Park	2.17
Option A3: Formal operation of a second rink at Fairgrounds Parks (Georgetown)	2.50
Option A2: Town operated natural ice surface at Glen Williams Park	2.90
Option A4: Formal operation of the natural ice surface at Acton Sports Park Multi-Purpose Court	3.49
Option A5: Formal operation of a second rink at Prospect Park (Acton)	3.89

Optional question (145 response(s), 24 skipped)

Question type: Ranking Question

Q5 | If the preferred option for an outdoor ice facility was a refrigerated outdoor ice facility as part of the Gellert Park Expansion (Option B), would you prefer to see a:



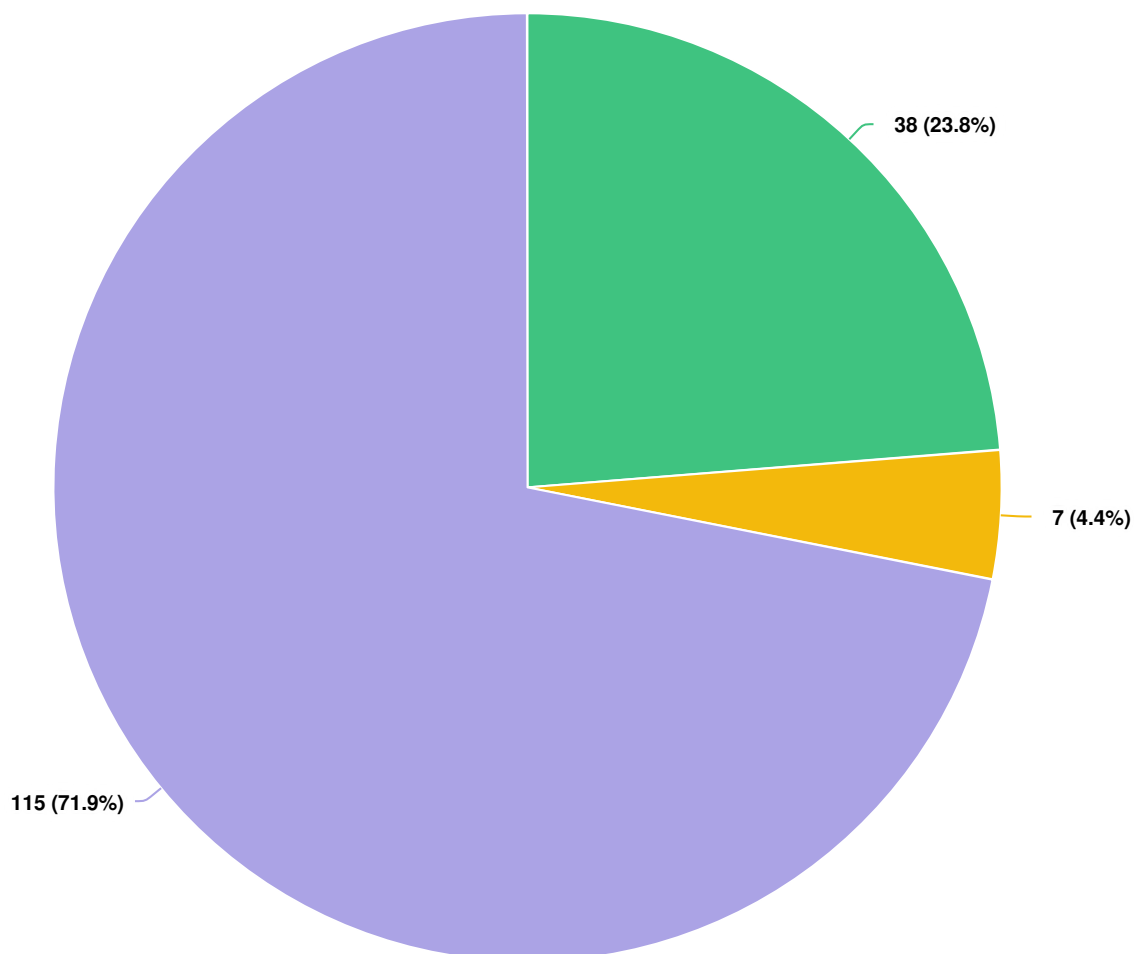
Question options

● multi-purpose outdoor skating rink ● skating trail

Optional question (160 response(s), 9 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 | If an outdoor ice program was operated at Fairy Lake (Option C) do you think it should be operated by:



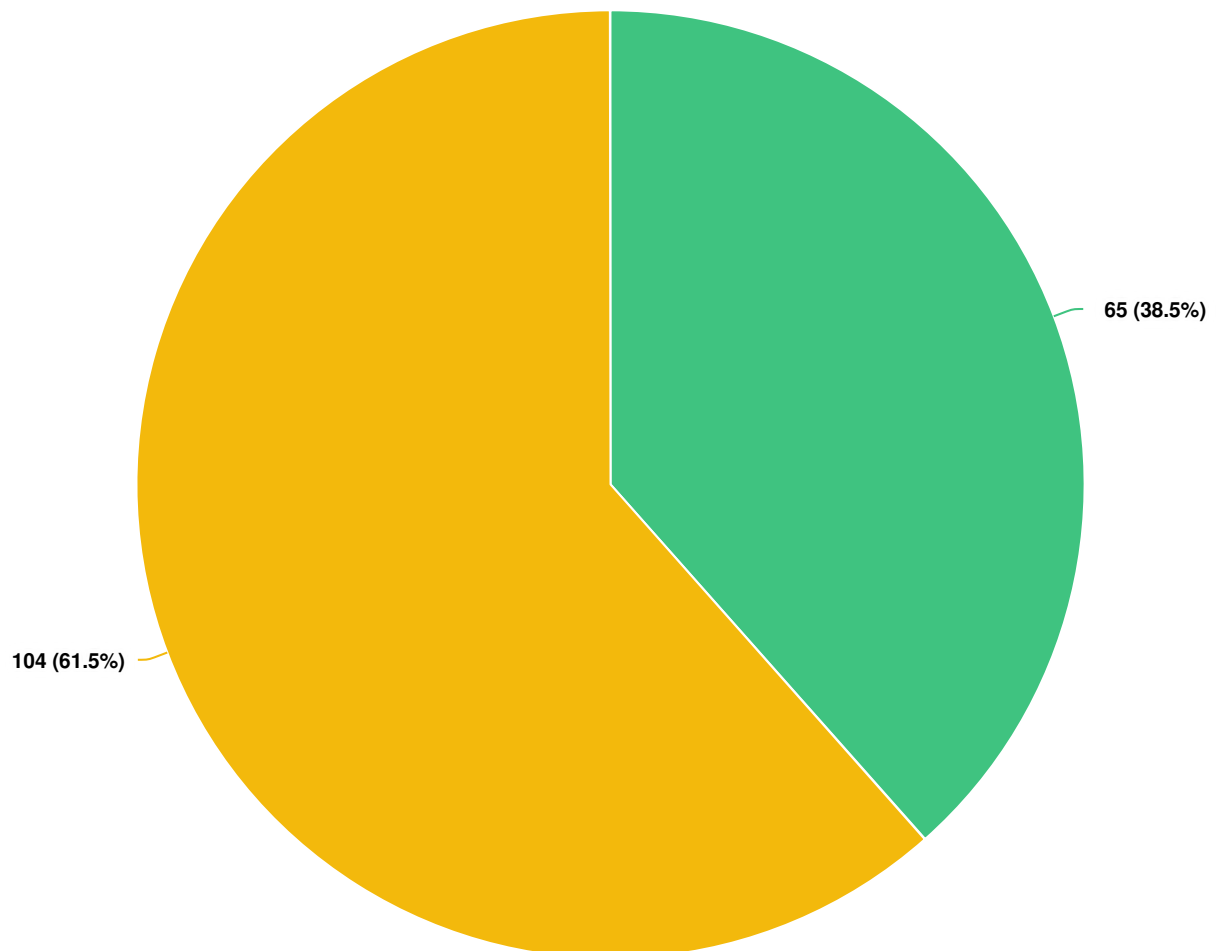
Question options

● Town Staff ● Volunteers ● Partnership with the Town and Volunteers

Optional question (160 response(s), 9 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 | Do you think the Town should consider a pilot project or demonstration to investigate synthetic ice surfaces for special events (Option D)?



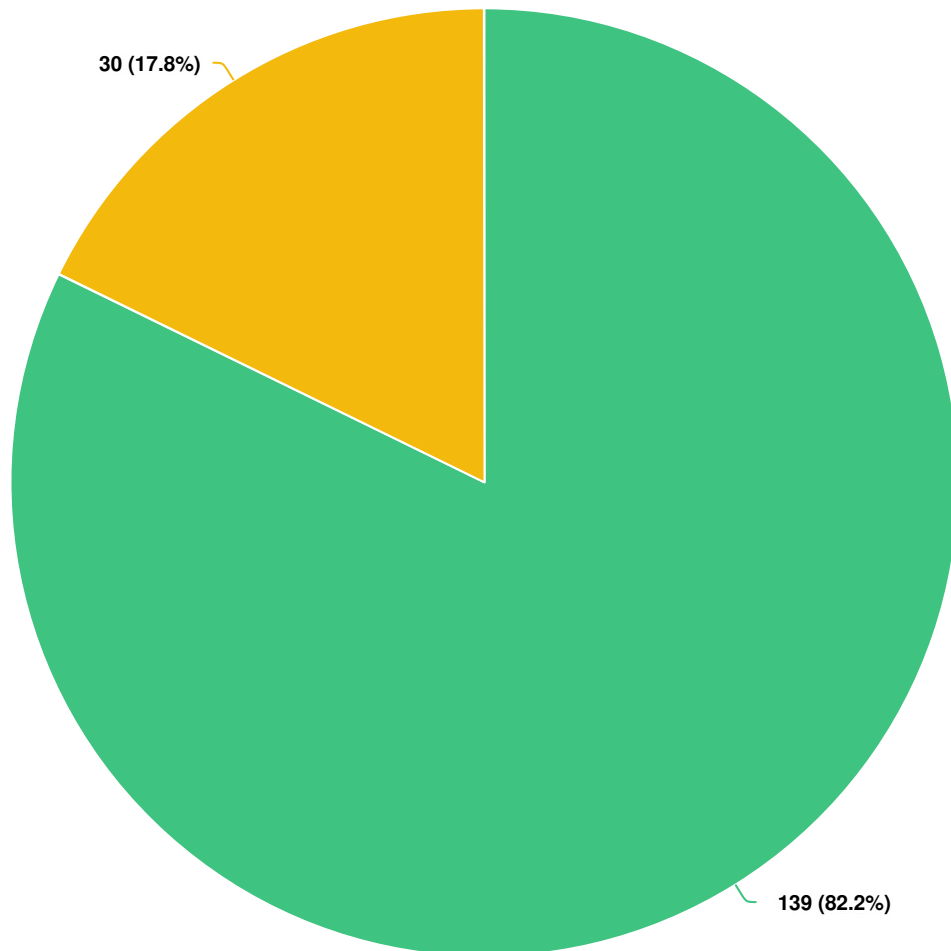
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (169 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 | Do you think the Volunteer Program (Option E) should be formalized, regardless of any of the other options that are selected?

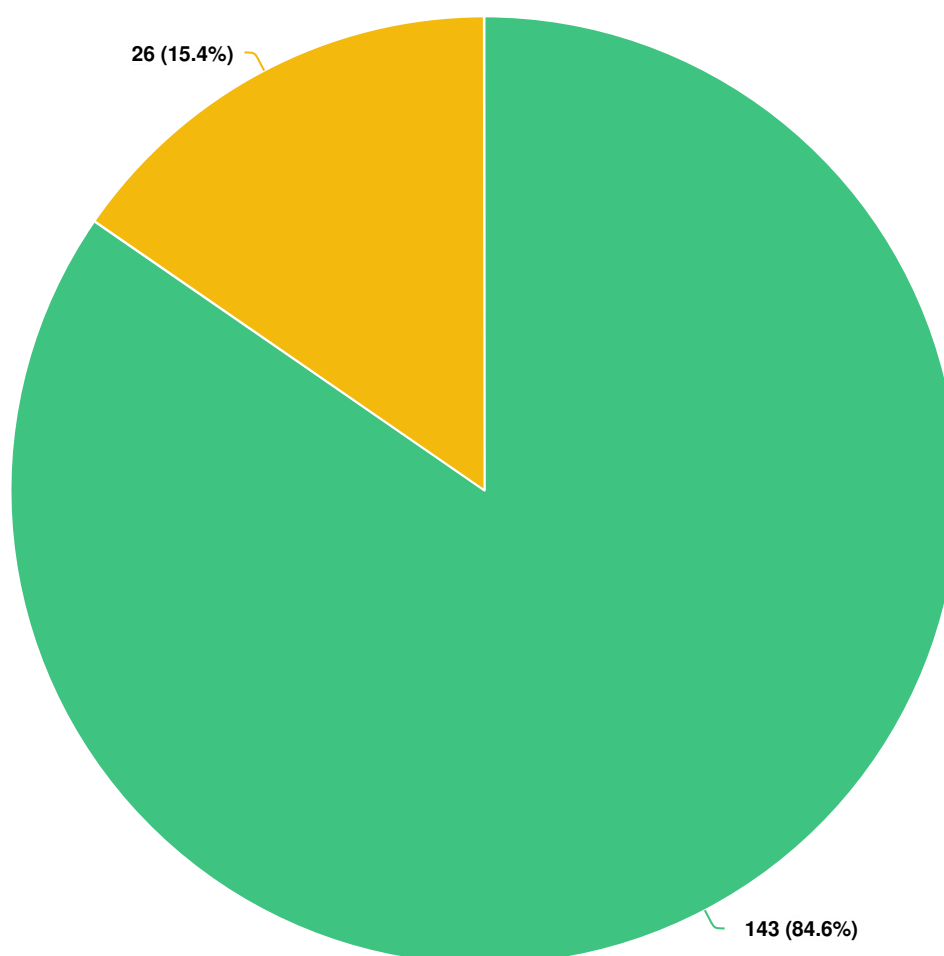


Question options

● Yes ● No

Mandatory Question (169 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 Given the Climate Change implications for outdoor ice (decrease in skateable days and/or increasing costs of refrigeration), do you think the Town should invest in refrigerated outdoor ice rinks?



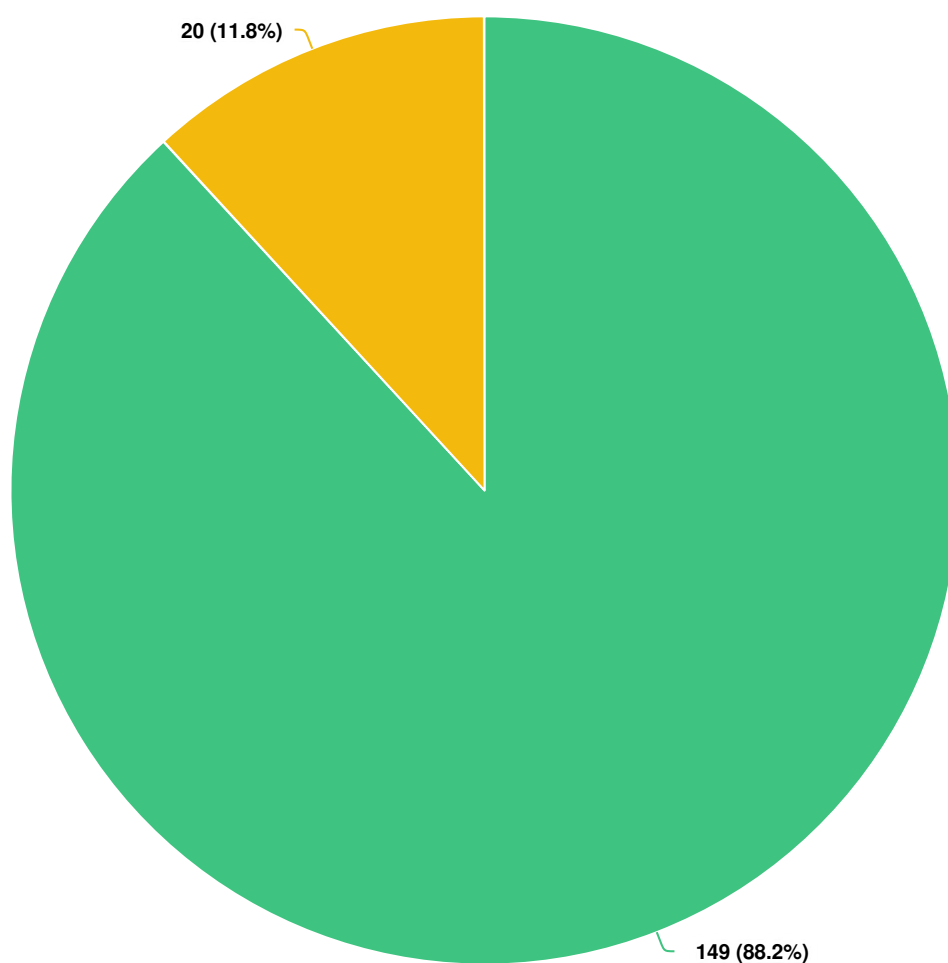
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (169 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q10 | Do you think the Town should consider refrigerated facilities when considering future parks and public spaces? (Example: Future Town Square or Community Park in the Vision Georgetown Secondary Plan)



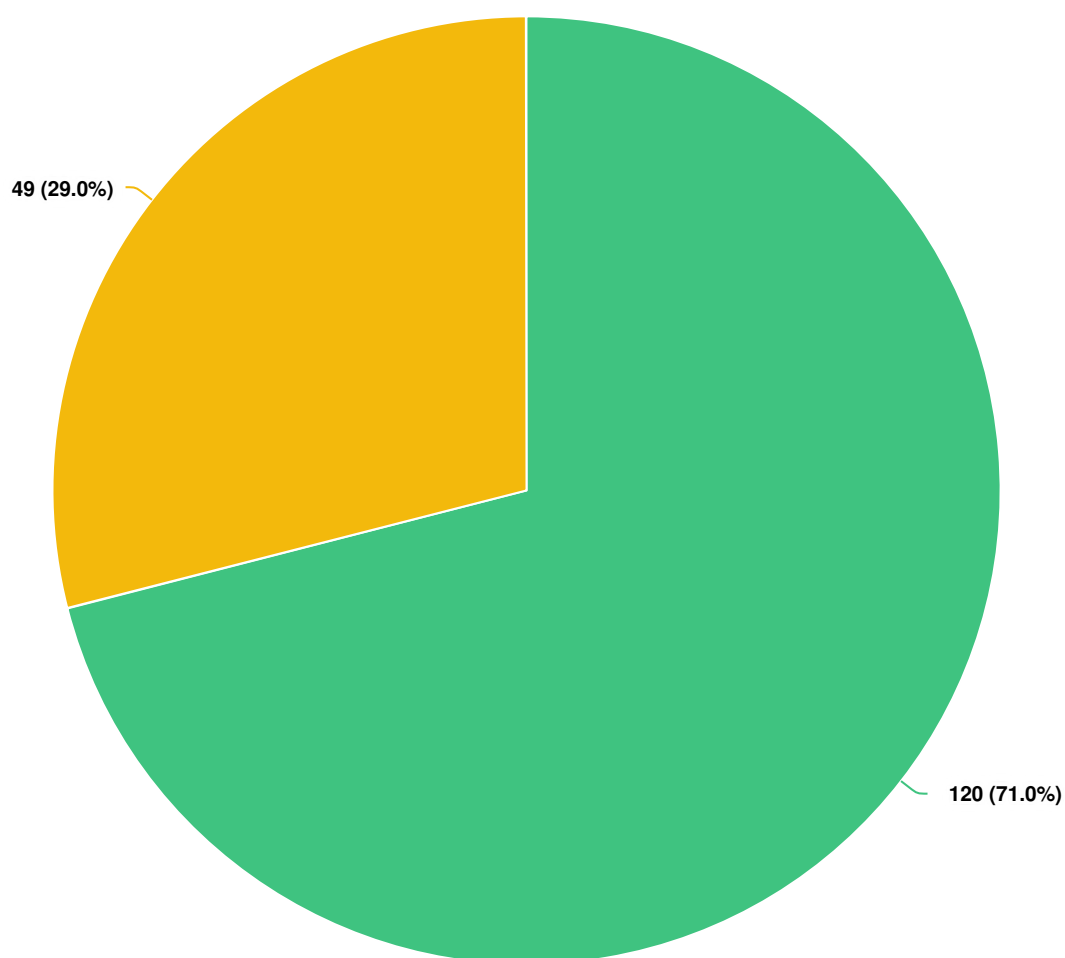
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (169 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 | Outdoor Ice Facilities and Programs can be expensive to construct and operate. Are you willing to pay increased fees and levies to fund the construction and ongoing operation of new premium outdoor ice facilities (i.e. refrigerated)?



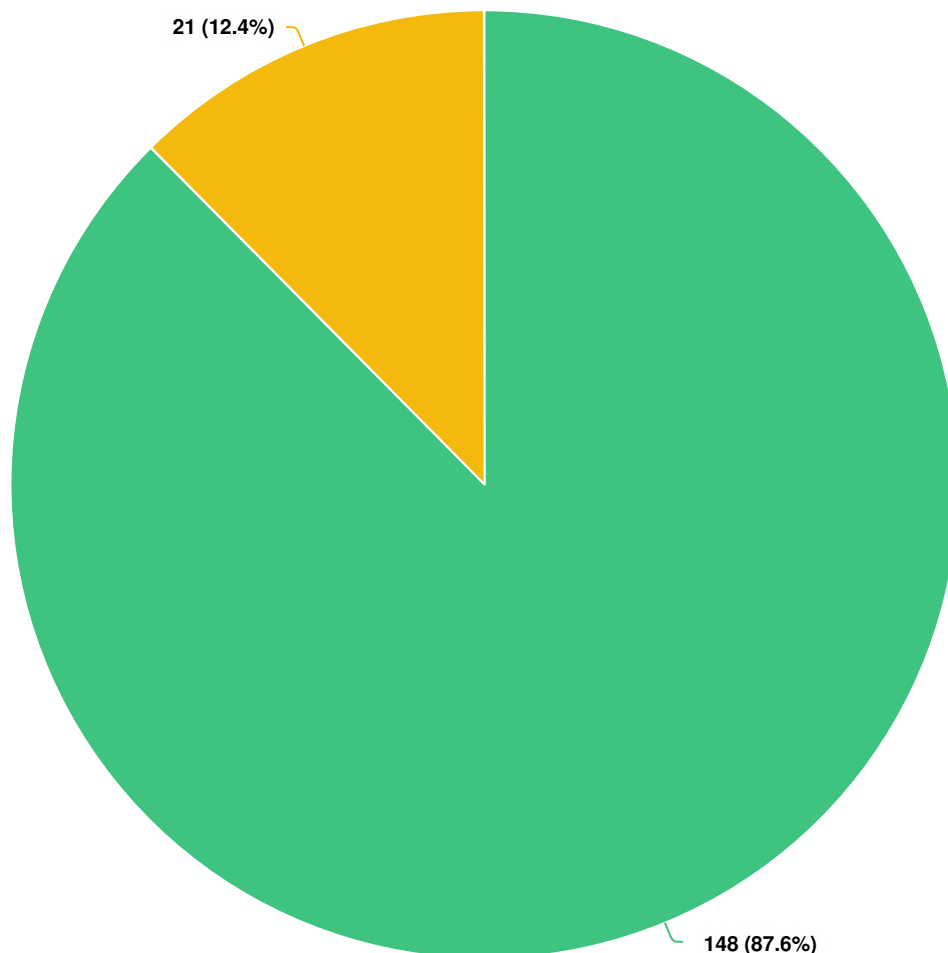
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (169 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 | Do you think the Town should investigate partnerships with the private sector to deliver premium outdoor ice facilities and services?



Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Mandatory Question (169 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q13 | Please provide any other comments on the options for providing enhanced outdoor ice facilities and programs in Halton Hills?

Anonymous

2/21/2023 02:13 PM

Acton is lacking in services and should be a priority for this type of service. Should be noted that Acton was not considered for artificial ice and this should be considered.

Anonymous

2/21/2023 03:52 PM

Even if refrigerated rinks are not an option, I think the town at least needs a zamboni - makes a huge difference!

Anonymous

2/21/2023 04:39 PM

Combine skating trail and rink for better community use. Have it lit and play music like Gage Park in Brampton. Consider snack bar for revenue stream and employment opportunities.

Anonymous

2/21/2023 06:10 PM

I don't think Fairy Lake should be an option. If someone falls through it is a big liability. The town should focus on an outdoor refrigerated rink that is covered with lighting and washroom/changeroom facilities. It can be incorporated with a small skating trail beside it like some of the Toronto locations that attach to the main rink and loop around the outside perimeter. A public/private partnership would help keep costs down and you could sell sponsorship rights to name it and rink boards etc. With climate change and the weather being unpredictable, refrigerated ice is the only viable option. It would serve future generations and Halton Hills population is only growing with Georgetown south future development plans. It would be enjoyed by the numerous hockey and figure skating families as well as keeping the town's citizenship active with leisure skates etc. In the height of summer the rink could be used for ball hockey/ rollerblading and camps etc. Hopefully Acton could get a rink also but definitely one for Georgetown.

Anonymous

2/21/2023 07:23 PM

We have been to smaller Towns and centre that's have many indoor arenas beside 1 in town and 1 in Acton. More needs to be invested in more facilities to keep Children and families active. Especially when so many kids play hockey and want to public skates, shinny, stick n puck etc. rental Ice fees are so much higher in town than other cities. This needs to Be looked at.

Anonymous

2/21/2023 08:31 PM

Skating path like the one Brampton gage park


2/21/2023 08:48 PM

Let's embrace natural ice surfaces

Anonymous
2/21/2023 09:27 PM

We should have some ice fishing huts

Anonymous
2/22/2023 09:42 AM

Other winter sports should be allowed too, like curling.

Anonymous
2/22/2023 11:14 AM

The amount of outdoor skating achievable on natural rinks is next to zero, especially in today's changing climate. On a good year, we may have 2 weeks of iffy ice at best, with no outdoor ice in a bad year. Over the last 10 years in Georgetown, we've had probably 5-7 weeks of ice combined. If we build a new large-scale community park, it should include some type of refrigerated outdoor ice, but it would be too costly to retrofit. Fairy Lake is an interesting idea and I think the most promising low-cost option.

Anonymous
2/22/2023 01:10 PM

priority should be fully outdoor (rather than enclosed semi-indoor space). covid taught us that outdoor even in winter is better for social and family gatherings. working parents and school kids spend enough time indoors. need more casual (less elite team) opportunities.

Anonymous
2/22/2023 04:25 PM

I think refrigerated outdoor ice is key for this to really be successful. The weather is just too unpredictable for natural ice. Also, the use of the outdoor ice space could be used in other months i.e. used for ball hockey, roller blading, rented out for birthday parties etc., and this should be part of the consideration

Anonymous
2/22/2023 05:18 PM

Really enjoyed the rinks at prospect pk in Acton . Not sure we really need to invest in refrigeration. Ok with just using when cold enough. Just need 2 rinks one for shinny and one for pleasure skating as shared use of one rink was dangerous. Big kids hitting pucks around with little one learning to skate.

Anonymous
2/22/2023 08:46 PM

Outdoor rinks that can support other sports in off season : lax, basketball, ball hockey.....

Anonymous
2/24/2023 03:57 PM

I fully support spending money that gets our populating including kids outside and exercising. I would pay more taxes to make this happen. Georgetown is a hockey and skating community and initiatives like this will help build good neighbors and a place I want to live

Anonymous

2/25/2023 01:01 PM

Skating trail at fairy lake, Prospect Park

Anonymous

2/25/2023 03:01 PM

To much reliance on the weather. The Rideau canal did not open this year, we need a solution that doesn't depend on mother nature. I love the covered rink, but I would include a refrigerated skate trail as well. That way you can have shinny and skating at the same time, no conflicts. Plant trees along the trail and do a 'light up the hills' along the trail in the winter, sell permits for food trucks, (Ex. Beaver tails) it would be amazing. On a beautiful sunny weekend you are going to create an amazing spot for our residents to gather in the winter. Some of your pictures are of Greenwood park in Toronto. Take a closer look of that park, it is a covered rink AND a skating trail. Improve on existing ideas, don't skimp out on this.

Anonymous

2/26/2023 08:57 AM

The outdoor rinks provided great learning, fun and experiences for my new skaters in my family. Kids need to be able to have extended access to low cost skating options throughout the winter season. More than 1 to 2 hours per weekend day. As a teen, I had nightly access to an outdoor shinny rink which was used daily by dozens of kids who need good options to keep healthy and occupied during their teen years.

Anonymous

2/27/2023 12:41 PM

We had lots of outdoor rinks in Guelph, all run by local volunteers but had all materials and costs provided by the town. Usually at parks and school fields. Costs are not major and allow the whole area to use the surface for either staking of hockey. Parent would flood and maintain the surfaces.

Anonymous

3/01/2023 10:41 AM

If refrigerated facilities are included, partnership should be considered. Perhaps a user fee and/or a reservation system to prevent over crowding and to help cover costs. This should be taken into consideration when planning new indoor/outdoor facilities

Anonymous

3/01/2023 02:46 PM

If outdoor facilities are more expensive perhaps build another arena for recreational ice skating-roller skating at Gellert so more control re weather conditions

Anonymous

3/01/2023 08:42 PM

Question 5 was a very good question. I wish I could have selected both. A nice skating trail with lights for night time could be a great opportunity for night markets for family fun nights with bands and

Christmas light displays. You can tell a lot of time and thought went into the options! Great job!!

Anonymous

3/01/2023 08:56 PM

Halton Hills need to build parks and recreation facilities. Georgetown is growing and we need more options for our children. We definitely need another pool.

Anonymous

3/01/2023 09:39 PM

Dependable outdoor skating is a wonderful, healthy, fun outdoor winter activity. To achieve this, refrigerated skating trail and a multi-use outdoor rink should be built.

Anonymous

3/05/2023 08:36 AM

Dominion Gardens is a perfect location for an ice trail. Gellert & Fairy Lake good also. A trail promotes greater fitness and enjoyment

Anonymous

3/05/2023 04:04 PM

Glad to see emphasis placed on outdoor recreation in Georgetown. Would be nice to have several locations so people could walk to locations

Anonymous

3/05/2023 08:09 PM

Winter is long and we need to keep physically active, so outdoor skating should be a priority.

Anonymous

3/05/2023 08:55 PM

Is the town using all of it ice surfaces currently?

Anonymous

3/05/2023 09:11 PM

Learn from other communities.

Anonymous

3/08/2023 08:54 AM

Please install the promised winterized outdoor tap in Glen Williams park!

Anonymous

3/08/2023 10:37 AM

Please work with current tenants of your indoor ice facilities as well. Would be great having programs run outdoors as a supplement to the great programs being run now. For the outdoor rinks please include wind abatement trees/other wind blocks to help make the facility as pleasant as possible and to reduce maintenance ie snow clearing

Anonymous

3/08/2023 03:24 PM

Guelph has outdoor skating rinks several of them operating now... we have a major problem getting outdoor rinks up and running and it's been an issue for years here in Georgetown. This is really a shame

for Georgetown and Acton residents.

Anonymous

3/08/2023 04:59 PM

Ice skating is a healthy outdoor activity however it is not for all given vulnerability and physical health issues including aging joints and mobility issues. Also if an option it needs to consider not just hockey but leisure skating. Some supportive amenities would also be nice and these could be partnership collaborating with fund raising and sponsorships.

Anonymous

3/08/2023 07:50 PM

I'm grateful that the town is looking into this. Skating is a great way for people of all ages to get out and enjoy winter as a part of a healthy, active lifestyle!

Anonymous

3/08/2023 08:15 PM

Looking for corporate sponsors for the outdoor rinks would be a great idea to offset costs, events could be organized to help pay for costs as well, ie 3 on 3 tournaments

Anonymous

3/08/2023 08:34 PM

Give the kids in town something to do they do nit use drop in centres there is not enough places to go in town I drive my kids out of town to skate, play shinny and public skate with friends smaller towns have more city facilities why do we not invest in our kids to keep them in town being active. Between ball hockey, lacrosse not enough ice being kept in all year round. Other cities are making money by having more facilities available for skating.

Anonymous

3/08/2023 11:05 PM

Even just some more outdoor ice pads that aren't formalized would be nice.

Anonymous

3/09/2023 09:54 AM

The Fairy Lake setup with medium equipment (recommended) would be cost effective and support future tourism maybe a winter fairy fest once experience is gained by town and volunteers for maintenance.

Anonymous

3/09/2023 09:09 PM

Refrigerated ice rinks are a must!

Anonymous

3/10/2023 06:47 PM

Local food and restaurants would benefit from visitors coming to use the service. Sponsors of special events or parties, fundraisers etc. and bonfires, marshmallows and hot chocolate sales kiosks would benefit the town as income generation. Youth volunteer hours could be formalized with local schools and community wellbeing improvements seen due to outdoor activities and socialization.

Anonymous

3/11/2023 01:50 PM

Having quality safe ice should be a strong consideration. Charging a fee or monthly memberships like other recreation programs like swimming or skating in the indoor facilities would be a good way to generate revenue.

Anonymous

3/11/2023 09:18 PM

Private sector should partner with municipalities in transition to zero carbon projects and not increase carbon foot print.

Anonymous

3/12/2023 03:41 PM

Halton Hills is growing. We need more ice time for youth hockey. ****
Increased stick/puck ice times would be great! The rink opens at 6am. I would be there 3x a week with youth on ice between 6-8am. Look to Milton's four pad. From 6-8 its full every week day.

Anonymous

3/14/2023 12:35 AM

I have been involved in the Meadowglen volunteer ice. This season, we would have had NO opportunity to have our ice. Finding volunteers was tricky after the first year and lugging hoses and not having them freeze was really tough. Our community benefited greatly and I feel the town could have helped more.

Anonymous

3/14/2023 09:20 AM

The more rinks the better as they become crowded. I like the idea of specific times and/or specific rinks for leisure vs shinny. I think the town needs better communication with the community as to which rinks are open when.

Anonymous

3/14/2023 04:04 PM

We need more programs for our families and the refrigerated ice rink would be a great option for the winter.

Anonymous

3/16/2023 06:31 PM

Why to rink or skating trail considered in Cedarvale Park or Dominion Gardens?



3/17/2023 07:57 AM

Please do everything in your power to build a refrigerated rink at the Gellert. It will bring the community together and be a great space for kids to learn as well as provide employment opportunities. The rink can also serve as a ball hockey rink in the summer so the town can continue to make money from permits. Georgetown deserves a facility like this and I would be willing to contribute in any way I can to make it happen.



Must have community involvement

Anonymous

3/17/2023 12:25 PM

It's important to our family as we enjoy skating but we are not part of the hockey community

Anonymous

3/18/2023 08:26 PM

We pay a lot in taxes and don't have many free facilities in lieu of that. Having the town provide options for skating would benefit residents and help with encouraging healthy lifestyles. There is almost no options for recreational skating at moldmasters. The non hockey players need somewhere to skate too. Also there are No activities for youth here. Give them an option of skating without having to go to Brampton to enjoy their skating trail.

Anonymous

3/19/2023 09:29 PM

Leverage volunteers by formalizing that program and providing more options for volunteer run rinks in neighbourhoods. This provides the best cost to benefit.

Anonymous

3/20/2023 06:33 AM

I would love to have the project include an outdoor basketball, walking/ running track and outdoor workout trail. I have seen these in many large us cities and they are heavily used.

Anonymous

3/20/2023 11:40 AM

Outdoor ice facilities get families and kids out of the house and outside. Having unique local options would be a mental and physical health benefit.

Anonymous

3/20/2023 03:47 PM

When possible consider fixed covered roof for outdoor ice surface. I.e. a pavilion style/gazebo to restrict sunlight and rain/snow accumulation on ice surface which could minimize long term costs of ice surface maintenance. Consider Private partnership where town allows free advertising on covered gazebo/pavilion structures etc, to subsidize cost of maintenance of ice.

Anonymous

3/20/2023 04:29 PM

Hopefully we are getting one since the weather is crappy

Anonymous

3/20/2023 05:50 PM

Consider using some of the ponds near the Gellert as ice rinks - town could provide ice depth measurement and some basic support for volunteers



3/22/2023 02:37 PM

Corporate sponsorship from local business should fund these projects, not rising taxes.

Anonymous

3/23/2023 09:42 PM

There's not much to do in the winter so any way we can encourage people to get out with a unique opportunity to get outside and exercise and have social time is good for the community. I think refrigerated is the way to go to extend the season and a trail would create a unique experience since we already have great indoor rinks for hockey and going in circles

Optional question (59 response(s), 110 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question