



Town of Halton Hills

**Recreation & Parks Strategic Action Plan
Consultation Summary Report**

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1.0 Introduction

The perspectives of community members, Town staff, and Councillors are important elements in the development of the Recreation & Parks Strategic Action Plan and its associated recommendations. The following activities were completed as part of the Strategic Action Plan's community engagement program:

- Project awareness campaign
- Let's Talk Halton Hills website
- Community Imagination Event and Open House
- Random Sample Household Telephone Survey
- Staff Workshops
- Mayor and Councillor Interviews
- Community Survey to Test the Draft Plan
- Virtual Public Open House and Community Conversation to Test the Draft Plan

This Consultation Summary Report summarizes feedback received to date through these various outreach initiatives.

Information and suggestions received through consultations as presented in this report should not be interpreted as recommendations. Community feedback has not been altered even in instances where comments may not reflect the Town's actual policies, practices, or level of provision.

2.0 Let's Talk Halton Hills & Other Project Awareness

A number of promotional tools were used to raise awareness of the Strategic Action Plan and to inform the community of opportunities to provide input. Methods to engage the community included the Let's Talk Halton Hills website (over 1,000 page visits to date), a visioning event and open house with the community, and two distinct surveys carried out at different points in the planning process. The Strategic Action Plan process was promoted through social media, word of mouth, and at special events. In October 2019, the Town set-up a booth at a Hometown Hockey event to promote the Strategic Action Plan and provide their input (42 responses were received). Collectively, these techniques proved to be an effective, accessible, and efficient means of communication.

3.0 Community Imagination Event & Open House

The Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan was formally introduced to the general public on September 24, 2019 at the Gellert Community Centre. A facilitated session was conducted that focused on visualizing the current and future state of the Town's recreation and parks at the onset of the evening, and immediately followed by an open house that allowed residents to contribute additional ideas and opinions. The open house portion was coordinated with the Recreation and Parks Department's concurrent Rates & Fees Review and the Gellert Community Centre expansion study.



A combined total of 100 people participated in the Community Imagination Event and Open House sessions. Members of Town Council and Staff were also in attendance to observe the proceedings. The Event had strong representation by persons interested in pickleball as well as members of a local gymnastics club that is seeking a new space to deliver their programs. Residents that were unable to attend the Community Imagination Event & Open House had an opportunity to provide their input through the Let's Talk Halton Hills website. The following is a summary of common themes conveyed during the Community Launch Event. A transcription of comments received is detailed in **Appendix A** and **Appendix B**.

Imagination Session

Branded as “Visualizing Recreation and Parks in Halton Hills,” the first session was a formal discussion informed by a presentation about the purpose of the Strategic Action Plan and structured according to the following three questions about recreation and parks in Halton Hills:

1. Why are recreation and parks important to you and the community?
2. How can we make sure that all people have an ability to participate in our recreation facilities and parks?
3. How do you picture recreation and parks in Halton Hills in 5 years from now (consider parks and trails, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, and recreation programs)?

Common points of discussion and priorities were captured in real time by a graphic illustrator who developed a visual representation of how residents view recreation and parks in Halton Hills (Figure 1).

Importance of Recreation and Parks in Halton Hills

As illustrated in Figure 1, participants indicated that recreation and parks was important in Halton Hills because they create community spaces that allow people to gather and socialize with others. From a health and wellness perspective, participants expressed that recreation and parks encourage people to be physically active and get outside, thus reducing the amount of screen time and other sedentary activities. Participants also felt that recreation and parks make communities safe and reduces crime as it provides something for people to do and somewhere to go, as it brings people out in the community.

Participation in Recreation Facilities and Parks for All People

In order to ensure that all residents can participate in the Town’s recreation facilities and parks, participants identified that opportunities should be inclusive of everyone, regardless of age, orientation, background, ability, and income. Recreation facilities must consider universal and barrier-free design, while programs and services must have regard for Halton Hills’ vulnerable groups. Suggestions included (but were not limited to) removing physical barriers within facilities, financial subsidies, equipment rentals, materials/services in different languages, seniors discounts, and maintaining the use of traditional print media to distribute information (for less tech-savvy residents).

Providing residents with a choice when it comes to participating in recreation and parks was also suggested. Other suggestions included offering a broad range of facilities, programs and services that appeal to a variety of interests. A number of facilities were identified as being needed to enhance resident choices in participating in recreation and parks activities such as a gymnasium, gymnastics facility, trails, pickleball courts, year-round facilities, and more. The need to offer different times that people can engage in recreation and parks activities was also identified so that they can participate when it fits their schedule.

Figure 1: Visualizing Recreation and Parks in Halton Hills



Recreation and Parks in Halton Hills in the next Five Years

Looking over the next five years, participants envision that Halton Hills' recreation and parks system would be fully utilized. Participants were in favour of enhancing the use of existing recreation and parks facilities prior to constructing new ones to make sure that resources are used effectively and efficiently.

There was also a desire to ensure that recreation and parks opportunities respond to the needs of current and future residents, including the development or expansion of existing facility space, as well as the introduction or enhancement of programs and services. Suggested facilities included (but were not limited to) gymnasiums, fitness centres, a gymnastics facility, volleyball courts, indoor pool, pickleball courts, soccer fields, an outdoor skating rink, and indoor walking track. Strengthening Halton Hills' active transportation network was also mentioned given the emphasis on active living, health and wellness.

Additionally, participants indicated that consideration should be given to establishing new, or strengthening existing partnerships in order to share the roles, responsibilities, and resources related to the provision of recreation and parks opportunities in Halton Hills.

Open House

The drop-in open house portion of the evening used a series of display boards to highlight the planning process and background information about Halton Hills. Attendees provided their thoughts on a variety of key topic areas related to recreation and parks facilities, programs and services relating to the topics presented in the following paragraphs. Input provided through the Let's Talk Halton Hills project page have also been included.

Gellert Community Centre

The expansion to the Gellert Community Centre was tested with the public through the presentation of concept plans that were developed prior to the Strategic Action Plan's commencement. Preliminary concepts were presented to the public and are illustrated in Figure 2 to Figure 6 for reference. There was overwhelming support and excitement for the proposed expansion, with many residents supporting Concept #1. Specifically, the feedback revealed positive support for a large gymnasium (provided that pickleball lines are included), indoor walking track, seniors' space, fitness space, and multi-purpose rooms.

Some comments centred upon increasing the size of spaces shown for the proposed seniors and fitness areas. Some residents also expressed concerns over the impact of proposed parking on an adjacent residential area. Suggestions for recreation facilities that were not included as a part of the concept included an indoor or outdoor pool (it is noted that an indoor pool already exists at the facility), indoor artificial turf field, gymnastics facility, dome for the tennis courts, and a dog park.

Figure 2: Gellert Community Centre Concept 1, First Floor

Gellert Community Centre - Concept 1 (first floor)

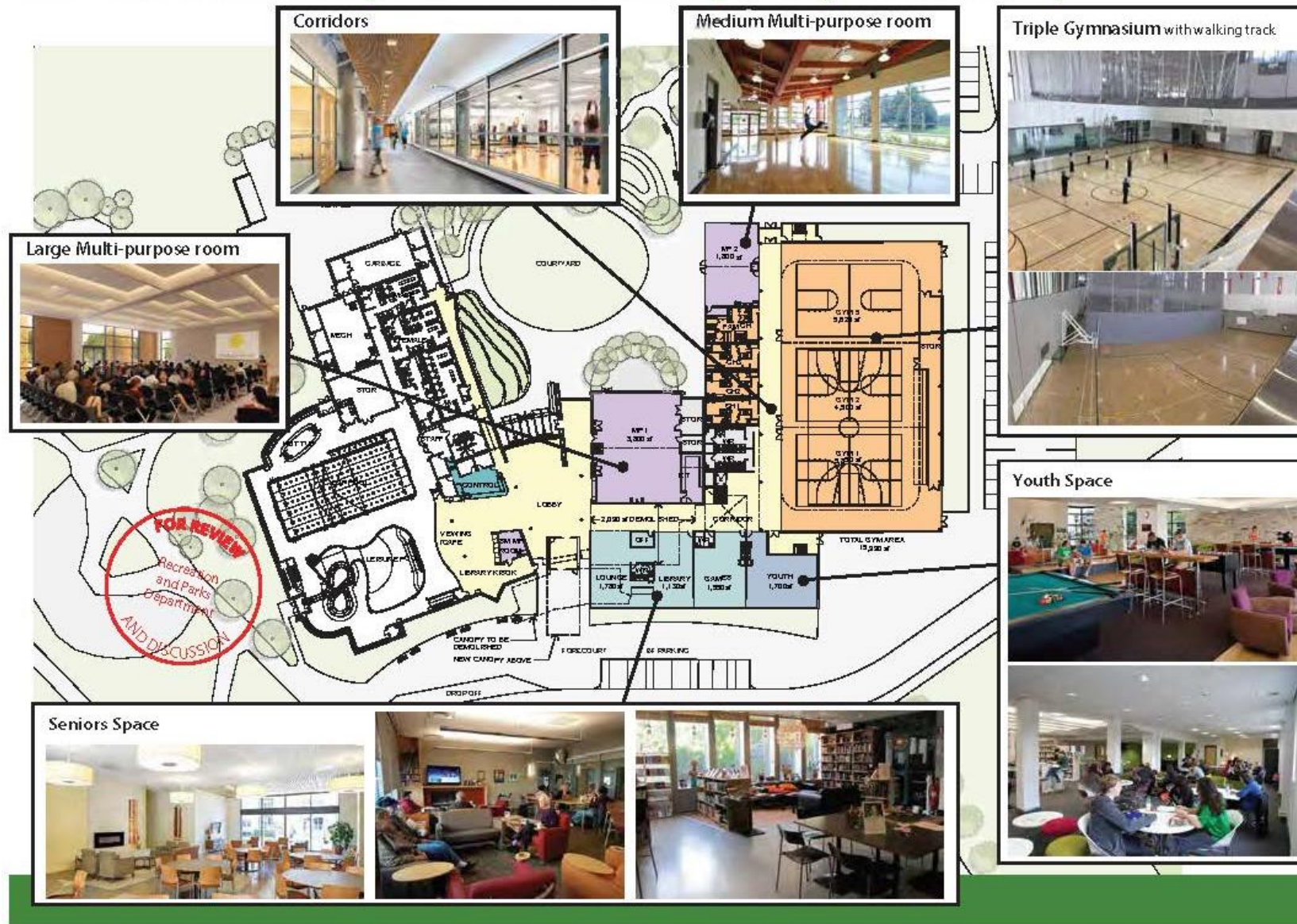


Figure 3: Gellert Community Centre Concept 1, Second Floor

Concept 1 (second floor)

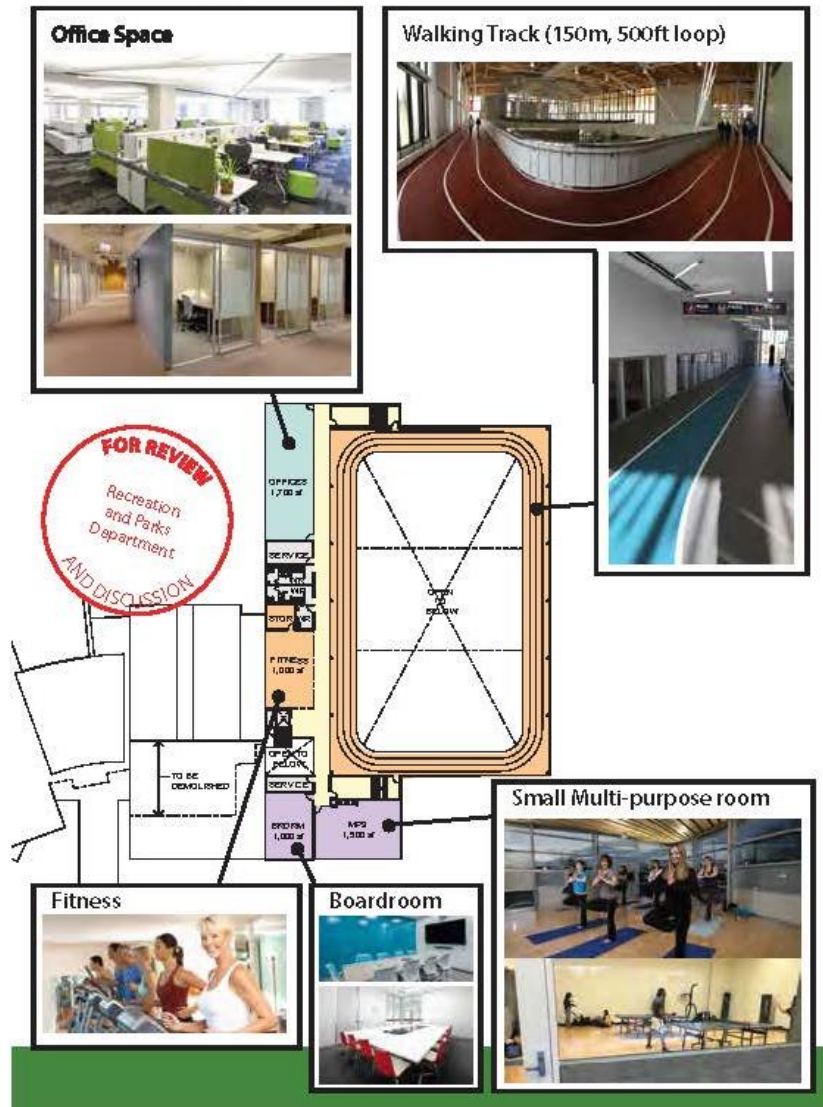


Figure 5: Gellert Community Park, Option A

Gellert Community Park - Option A

In Progress Draft

Parking Count: 494 spaces



Figure 6: Gellert Community Park, Option B

Gellert Community Park - Option B

In Progress Draft

Parking Count: 498 spaces



Acton Lion’s Indoor Pool and Georgetown Indoor Pool

Mixed feedback was received in relation to the Acton Lion’s Indoor Pool and the Georgetown Indoor Pool (also known as the Town’s Collegiate Pools) since they are attached to local secondary schools . Many residents enjoyed using the Collegiate Pools, however, there was a general sentiment that both pools are in need of updating. The pools were described as being “too cold and dark,” in need of family and accessible change rooms, and a desire for therapeutic tanks/warmer water. Access to the Collegiate Pools is a challenge during daytime school hours and as a result, people suggested that separate public entrances should be provided at each location.

Certain attendees would like improved aquatic programs at the Collegiate Pools that accommodate the needs of youth and seniors, including more aqua-fit programs, day time usage, and adult and seniors only swims.

Improved Indoor Recreation Facilities and Activities

The most common suggestion received for improving indoor recreation activities and facilities pertained to indoor pickleball courts, something that is a common request in communities across the province with the rising popularity of the sport. Other suggestions included indoor walking tracks, gymnasiums, gymnastics space, and gymnasium space. Suggested activities included programs for youth, as well as better promotion of activities that are currently available. A list of the most common suggestions is contained in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Top Suggestions to Improve Indoor Recreation Facilities and Activities

Top Suggested Indoor Recreation Facilities	Top Suggested Indoor Recreation Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor pickleball courts (12) • Indoor walking tracks (10) • Gymnastics space (10) • Gymnasium space (9) • Multi-use recreation facilities (7) • Indoor field (e.g., soccer, lacrosse, etc.) (4) • Indoor pool (4) • Arena improvements (e.g., NHL pads) (1) • Café (1) • Fitness space (1) • Maintaining existing infrastructure (1) • Youth/senior space (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities for youth (1) • Increased promotion of existing recreation activities (1) • Year-round activities (1) • Health and wellness activities (1) • Recreational skating activities (1)

= number of mentions

Improving Outdoor Recreation Facilities and Activities

Common outdoor recreation facilities noted as being needed in Halton Hills included skating rinks, pickleball courts, off-leash dog parks, and an outdoor pool. Less frequently mentioned suggestions consisted of basketball courts, trails, skateboard parks, and splash pads.

The desire to improve outdoor recreation facilities was also suggested, including enhancing safety and reducing vandalism within parks, establishing designated times for pickleball and tennis at multi-use courts, public WIFI, shaded areas and seating. A summary of outdoor recreation suggestions is contained in Table 2.

Table 2: Summary of Top Suggestions to Improve Outdoor Recreation Facilities and Activities

Top Suggested Outdoor Recreation Facilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor ice rink (12) • Outdoor pickleball courts (7) • Off-Leash dog park (5) • Outdoor pool (5) • Basketball courts (4) • Trails (4) • Safety and reduce vandalism (3) • Skateboard park (3) • splash pad (3) • Multi-use courts (e.g., tennis, pickleball, basketball) (2) • Shade (2) • Artificial turf field • Ball diamond maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated times for pickleball and tennis at multi-use courts • Drinking fountains • Field lacrosse • Outdoor fitness equipment • Parks in new areas of Halton Hills • Picnic areas • Playgrounds • Playground zip lines • Public WIFI • Sand volleyball courts • Seating • Washrooms

= number of mentions

Enhancing Local Parkland

Suggestions for enhancing local parkland (such as Parkettes and Neighbourhood Parks) included pickleball courts, trails (such as at Prospect Park), naturalized greenspaces, and supporting amenities such as shade trees, BBQ pits, gardens, and drinking fountains.

Enhancing Non-Local Parkland

Suggestions for enhancing non-local parkland (such as Community Parks and Town-Wide parks) included dog parks, pickleball courts, beach volleyball courts (at Gellert Community Centre), artificial turf fields, trails, and supporting amenities such as washrooms, shade trees, BBQ pits, drinking fountains, gardens, and casual open space.

Gaps in Recreation and Parks Programs and Services

Infants and Children (Age 0-9)

A gymnastics space was suggested for infants and children.

Youth (Age 10-19)

Residents noted that youth would benefit from greater access to gymnasium space to facilitate a wide range of indoor activities and drop-in sports such as basketball, volleyball, tennis, while also accommodating pickleball. Residents also viewed dedicated youth space as being very important as it provides this segment of the community with a safe place to gather and hang out, particularly after school. Other facility suggestions included gymnastics space, sand volleyball courts, and a skateboard park.

A variety of recreation programs were suggested that appeal to youth including health and wellness programs (e.g., yoga), art in the park, technology, environmental stewardship, leadership, and instructional classes. It was noted that the Town must ensure that activities are inclusive of persons of all abilities. Other suggestions included engaging youth directly to understand their needs as they change over time, as well as focusing on promotion to ensure that youth are aware of what recreation activities are available in Halton Hills. Establishing a Youth Advisory Council was suggested to give youth a voice in the decision making process.

Adults (Age 20-54)

A variety of activities were suggested for adults such as pickleball, sand volleyball courts, a gymnasium, and indoor walking track.

Older Adults and Seniors

Broadly speaking, residents expressed that recreation opportunities for older adults and seniors must be accessible and inclusive (from a physical and affordability perspective) in order to maximize participation. Continuing to implement the Town's Seniors Strategy was also noted.

In terms of recreation facilities, there was a strong desire for indoor pickleball courts to respond to the growing popularity of the sport as well as a connected trails system and dedicated space for older adults and seniors to gather, socialize, and attend programs.

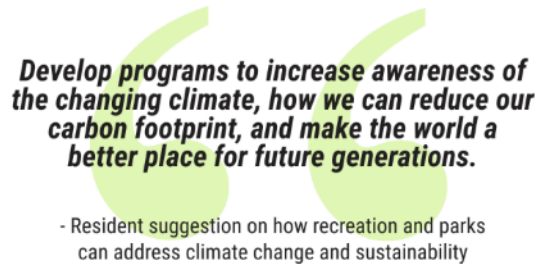
In terms of programs, a number of activities were suggested to respond to the varied interests of this age group, including discussion groups, educational and instructional courses, low-impact fitness, gardening, indoor walking, aqua-fit, nature walks, walking tours, and youth mentorship.

Families

Suggestions for family activities included pickleball courts and winter activities such as sledding and skiing.

Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability

Suggestions were identified with regard to how recreation and parks could address climate change and environmental sustainability. Residents indicated that a greater emphasis should be placed on using renewable energy within the recreation and parks system, such as installing electric vehicle charging stations at Town facilities, and using environmentally-friendly technology such as LED lighting and solar power. Suggestions also included the provision of additional garbage and recycling stations within parks and facilities, adding more public drinking fountains/refilling stations, the planting of more trees in the community (particularly native species), and educational programs or awareness initiatives to teach the public about what they can do to reduce their impact on the environment.



Develop programs to increase awareness of the changing climate, how we can reduce our carbon footprint, and make the world a better place for future generations.

- Resident suggestion on how recreation and parks can address climate change and sustainability

Connecting the Community through Recreation and Parks

Input received from participants on connecting the community through recreation and parks included the desire for the Town to enhance its active transportation network to ensure that connections are strengthened between existing trails and community facilities. There was strong support for enhancing local cycling infrastructure, including dedicated on-road cycling lanes and paved shoulders. Additional walking trails, sidewalks as well as multi-use trails were suggested along with supporting amenities, including signage and wayfinding, bike locks, and active transportation education to raise awareness about what is available in the community.

Changing Recreation and Park Opportunities in Halton Hills

Residents that provided input through the Let's Talk Halton Hills website and the Hometown Hockey pop-up survey shared ideas about what one thing they would change about recreation and park opportunities in Halton Hills. A variety of suggestions were submitted for improving or providing new recreation and parks facilities including (but not limited to) a new ice pad to improve ice availability, pickleball courts, indoor walking track, gymnastics facility, multi-use indoor field, playgrounds, swimming pool, walking and cycling trails, outdoor fitness, and a larger seniors' centre. Needs were stated for more programs geared towards children, youth, adults and older adults such as dance, stick and puck, fitness, swimming, and skating. It was also felt that recreation and parks services should be more affordable, particularly with respect to using and renting ice. Comments were also received for the Town to seek out more sponsorships as well as providing greater supports for residents that require mental, addiction and housing supports.

4.0 Random Sample Household Telephone Survey

A random sample household telephone survey was conducted by Logit Group in October 2019 to collect statistically representative data from Halton Hills' households. The survey tested participation, opinions, and priorities for recreation and park opportunities in Halton Hills.

A total of 402 surveys were completed and analyzed. This section summarizes the principal findings of the survey. A more detailed summary is contained in **Appendix C**. Relevant comparisons are made against the survey findings from the 2007 Strategic Action Plan to understand how participation, opinions, and priorities have changed over the past 12 years.

As with other consultation tools, the survey findings should not be considered in isolation, but instead factored within the context of the overall community consultation process and other research carried out for the Strategic Action Plan.

Summary of Survey Respondents

The following is a high-level summary of the demographic profile of responding households:

- The household make-up of the survey sample is generally representative of the entire population. The survey sample was slightly under-represented in children (age 0-9) and mature adults (age 35-54), and overrepresented in youth (age 10-19) and older adults/seniors (age 55+). These results are common for telephone surveys as older adults and seniors tend to be more willing to complete a survey. It should also be noted that the survey was not administered to persons under the age of 18.
- The average household size was 3.0 persons per household, on par with Halton Hills' 2016 Census (2.9 persons per household).
- Half (51%) of respondents have lived in Halton Hills for 20 years or more while 16% have lived in the Town for 16 to 20 years while the remaining 33% have lived in Halton Hills for less than 15 years.
- 52% of respondents were female; 48% were male.

Participation in Recreation and parks

More than one out of five respondents (22%) indicated that they were not able to participate in recreation and parks activities as often as they would like (76% of respondents said that they are able). Of the respondents unable to participate as often as they would like, 42% said that it was because of the lack of time. From a municipal perspective, ensuring that there is a broad range of opportunities to participate in recreation and park activities at varying times and days, including consideration of extended hours of operation, if demand warrants. Table 3 summarizes the full list of barriers to participating in recreation and parks as often as respondents would like.

Table 3: Barriers to Participation

Barriers	%
Lack of personal time / Too busy	42%
Accessibility / Disability / Age	25%
Lack of desired facilities or programs	6%
Lack of money / Too expensive	6%
Program not offered at a convenient time	3%
Lack of information / Unaware of opportunities	3%
Lack of transportation / Facility too far away	2%

Importance and Satisfaction with Recreation and Park Opportunities

Table 4 summarizes respondents' level of satisfaction with recreation and park activities available in Halton Hills by age group. Respondents were most satisfied with opportunities for families (54%) and infants and children (51%). Satisfaction levels were generally lower for other age groups (43% - 45%). The results suggest that there is room to improve recreation and park opportunities for all age groups.

Table 4: Satisfaction with Recreation and Park Opportunities, by Age Group

	Not Satisfied at All / Not Satisfied	Neither Satisfied or Not Satisfied	Very Satisfied or Satisfied	Don't Know
Infants and Children (Age 0-9)	3%	13%	51%	34%
Youth (Age 10-19)	10%	20%	43%	27%
Adults (Age 20-54)	10%	27%	45%	18%
Older Adults and Seniors (Age 55+)	13%	21%	43%	23%
Families	7%	24%	54%	16%

Table 5 summarizes respondents' level of importance and satisfaction with various recreation and parks facilities. Facilities that have lower levels of satisfaction when compared to the level of importance suggests that the respondents' expectations are not being met. With this in mind, the biggest gap where expectations are not being met are indoor recreation facilities such as pools and arenas. Given that expectations are not being met for any facility type, the results suggests that there is room for some improvement in all of these areas.

The 2007 Strategic Action Plan surveyed respondents about their satisfaction with recreation and parks opportunities in Halton Hills; however, the methodology for administering this question differed from the 2019 Strategic Action Plan. While the results are not directly comparable, it was noted that satisfaction levels for all age groups (with the exception of youth) declined since the previous Strategic Action Plan. This suggests that there is work to be done with respect to improving recreation and park opportunities in Halton Hills.

Table 5: Importance and Satisfaction of Recreation and Parks Facilities

	Very Important or Important	Very Satisfied or Satisfied	Gap	Meeting Expectations
Outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields and playgrounds.	78%	67%	-11%	No
Recreational trails and pathways.	78%	65%	-12%	No
Indoor recreation facilities such as pools and arenas.	77%	61%	-16%	No
Open space for unstructured uses such as picnics and relaxing.	62%	51%	-11%	No

67% of respondents were satisfied with outdoor recreation facilities, which is a decline of 3% from the 2007 Strategic Action Plan. By contrast, satisfaction with indoor recreation facilities has remained unchanged (61%) since the 2007 Plan. Regardless of these findings, striving to enhance the quality of recreation and park facilities in Halton Hills should be paramount.

Support for Investment in Improving Indoor and Outdoor Recreation Facilities

The highest priorities for investing in improving indoor and outdoor recreation facilities (for upgrades or new construction) is highlighted in Table 6. The top five priorities for investment are indoor pools (48%), arenas (34%), soccer fields (30%), ball diamonds (18%), and indoor sports fields (17%). These results suggest that there is support for investing in facilities that facilitate organized sports. In addition to the facility types that are listed, respondents identified other priorities such as walking and/or cycling trails, parks and open spaces, multi-use recreation centres, outdoor pools, indoor walking tracks, libraries, and pickleball courts.

Table 6: Support for Investment in Improving Indoor and Outdoor Recreation Facilities

Priority	Facility Type	%	Change in Priority from 2007 Strategic Action Plan
1	Indoor pools	48%	Up 5 places
2	Indoor arenas	34%	No change
3	Soccer fields	30%	Up 4 places
4	Baseball or softball diamonds	18%	Up 7 places
5	Indoor sports fields	17%	Up 7 places
6	Playgrounds	16%	Down 2 places
7	Gymnasiums	11%	Up 2 places
8	Senior' centres	9%	Down 5 places
9	Outdoor ice rinks	9%	Down 1 place
10	Fitness centres	8%	No change
11	Youth centres	7%	Down 10 places
12	Picnic pavilions	7%	Up 3 places
13	Tennis courts	6%	Up 4 places
14	Basketball courts	5%	No change
15	Off-leash dog parks	4%	Up 1 place
16	Splash/Spray pads	4%	Down 10 places
17	BMX or mountain bike parks	4%	New entry
18	Track and field facilities	4%	No change
19	Skateboard parks	3%	Down 6 places
20	Meeting and program rooms	3%	Up 1 places
21	Football fields	3%	Down 1 place
22	Beach volleyball courts	3%	Down 2 places
23	Cricket pitches	0.2%	New entry

Compared to the 2007 Strategic Action Plan, a number of facilities that have become a higher priority over time, particularly indoor pools, soccer fields, ball diamonds, and indoor sports fields. These facilities have moved up in priority between four and seven places compared to other facility types. Facility types whose priority has declined include youth centres, splash pads, and seniors' centres.

Gellert Community Centre

The majority of respondents supported the proposed expansion of the Gellert Community Centre. Two out of every three respondents (66%) would use the Gellert Community Centre more often than they do at present if it was expanded to include the proposed facility components such as a gymnasium, walking track, multi-purpose space, youth and seniors' space, and outdoor recreation facilities.

65% of respondents support the idea of the Town partnering with others (such as the YMCA) to help deliver programs and services at the Gellert Community Centre. 41% of respondents indicated that their household would be willing to purchase a membership to use the Gellert Community Centre (Table 7).

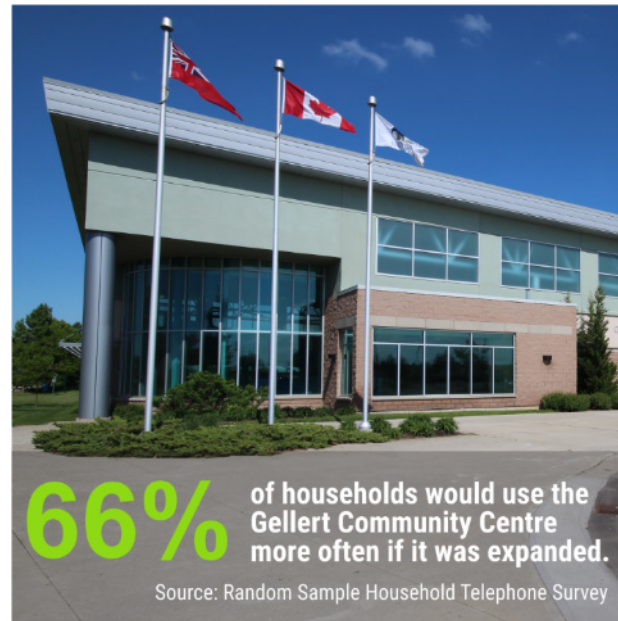


Table 7: Agreement with Statements about the Gellert Community Centre

	Strongly Disagree or Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Strongly Agree or Agree	Don't Know
My household would use the Gellert Community Centre more often if the Town expanded the facility with some or all of the components that were mentioned.	18%	13%	66%	3%
The Town should partner with others such as the YMCA to help deliver programs and services at the Gellert Community Centre.	14%	17%	65%	3%
My household would purchase a membership to use the Gellert Community Centre.	33%	22%	41%	4%

Support for Investment in Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and Georgetown Indoor Pool

There is support for the Town to continue operating the Collegiate Pools (Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and Georgetown Indoor Pool). Table 8 shows that 69% and 64% of respondents supported renovating the Georgetown Indoor Pool and Acton Lion's Indoor Pool, respectively, to keep them open to the public. Less than 7% of respondents supported closing either Collegiate Pool.



69%

of households supported renovating the Georgetown Indoor Pool and keeping it open.

67%

of households supported renovating the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and keeping it open.



Source: Random Sample Household Telephone Survey

Table 8: Support for Investment in Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and Georgetown Indoor Pool

	Strongly Oppose or Oppose	Neither Support or Oppose	Strongly Support or Support	Don't Know
Renovate the Georgetown Indoor Pool and keep it open.	8%	20%	69%	3%
Renovate the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and keep it open.	9%	20%	64%	7%
Close the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and do not replace it.	73%	11%	7%	9%
Close the Georgetown Indoor Pool and do not replace it.	78%	10%	6%	5%

Compared to the 2007 Strategic Action Plan, support for renovating and maintaining the Georgetown Indoor Pool has declined from 73% to 69%. Similarly, support for renovating and maintaining the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool declined from 71% to 69%. Despite these results, support to continue operating these two pool locations remains relatively high.

Agreement with Statements about Recreation and Parks

Table 9 summarizes respondents' level of agreement with various statements about recreation and parks in Halton Hills. The results suggest that the Town has done a good job of providing recreation and parks opportunities. There was general agreement (70%) that recreation and parks services should consider the impact of climate change and the environment. Nearly two-thirds of respondents also felt that recreation and parks services provided by the Town are generally affordable (8% of respondents disagreed and 26% were neutral). More than half (58%) of respondents indicated that expanding the Gellert Community Centre should be a high priority for Council and 57% felt that the Town does a good job in informing them about recreation and parks services.

Compared to the 2007 Strategic Action Plan, respondents' level of agreement with respect to recreation and parks services being affordable declined by 25%. The Town's job in informing respondents about recreation and parks services also declined by 27%. These results suggests that there is room to improve both of these areas.

Table 9: Level of Agreement with Statements about Recreation and Parks

	Strongly Disagree or Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Strongly Agree or Agree	Don't Know
Recreation and parks services should consider the impact of climate change and the environment.	12%	16%	70%	3%
Recreation and parks services provided by the Town of Halton Hills are generally affordable.	8%	26%	62%	5%
Expanding the Gellert Community Centre should be a priority for Town Council.	15%	24%	58%	4%
The Town does a good job in informing me about recreation and parks services.	19%	23%	57%	1%

5.0 Staff Workshop

Two staff workshops were held on October 29, 2019 to support the development of the Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan. The workshops were attended by 43 staff representing a range of positions. Discussions centred on draft Departmental vision and mission statements, alignment with the key goals of the Framework for Recreation in Canada (FRC) and other supportive actions. Several key points were offered and common ground was found where there was either consensus or a good number of opinions in agreement on various topics, which are summarized in this section.

Goals of the Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan

There was a consensus that the goals of the Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan should align with the goals of the Framework for Recreation in Canada. The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is in a mature state whereby staff are proactive, innovative and work with community partners to advance participation in quality and safe opportunities. There are many actions and initiatives in existence that support each goal. The summary below focuses on the suggested actions offered by staff for future consideration.

Goal One: Active Living

- The increase in older adult population requires a collective focus on the provision of programs and services for this age group – determining the current capacity and utilization and projecting further space and program needs will require a simple plan.
- The Town's Physical Activity Strategy has been well implemented and is seeing promising results. It may be time to measure its impact and refresh the strategy in another 3-5 years.
- The utilization of public spaces requires further review – the stated statistics in the Background Summary Report prepared to inform the Strategic Action Plan indicates low utilization percentages as prime and non-prime time were combined. Staff would like to see the statistics stated in both, prime and non-prime time for an overall total to determine where issues exist.
- A review of the balance between casual and drop in participation and registered programs should be undertaken to determine gaps, participation and cost recovery rates in each program type and to consider the best future programming model.

Goal Two: Inclusion and Access

- Efforts to include persons with disabilities are viewed as successful – working with local support organizations and assistance for residents with disabilities are effective. What is not known is the penetration rate of persons with disabilities in programs and services (ideally, it should be the same as the general population). Staff and volunteer resources along with equipment needs requires a review. Most efforts have been made to include children under 13 years. With the aging population and an anticipated increase with those with mobility issues – more efforts with respect to therapeutic programs should be studied.
- Staff would like to see an intentional approach to including marginalized populations, to better understand what groups (females, isolated seniors, LGBTQ2S, etc.) in Halton Hills are marginalized, the role of the Town and its partners, and the current efforts to include marginalized residents. Staff would like to receive needed training and develop a plan to address the gaps.
- The subsidy policy and program are in existence and staff would like to understand the take up and how this has increased/decreased participation over the years, and what can be done to further including persons with low income.

Goal Three: Connecting People and Nature

- The Department has been a strong proponent of getting residents outdoors and into nature by creating awareness, supporting like-minded community groups and ensuring that the active transportation system is planned for and maintained. They are working with groups to further these initiatives and in strengthening neighbourhood capacity. A community survey would assist in what percentage of the population utilize outdoor spaces on a regular basis, current awareness of opportunities and what further actions might prompt greater connections with nature.
- Staff would like to understand and further their role in contributing to Halton Hills Climate Action Plan.

Goal Four: Supportive Environments

- Staff felt that the current expansion proposal for the Gellert Community Centre and the Collegiate Pool Strategy are important and should include input from the staff and people who will be operating and using them.
- There was also a desire to strengthen relationships with the local school boards to increase affordable access to gymnasiums. Questions were raised regarding the capacity to expand partnerships to enable a broader range of no-fee/low-fee or universal programs.

Goal Five: Recreation Capacity

- The use of technology requires a review in the Department, as it is felt that the smaller facilities have inadequate infrastructure and often have system issues with no access for days. Residents expect the same level of services as larger facilities. Further a review of how technology can make the Department more efficient and effective would address all technology issues and opportunities and prioritize future actions.
- Staff understand from groups that volunteerism is declining and a system of working together with other groups may assist in promoting volunteerism and collectively being able to attract and support volunteers.
- Staff felt that the corporate training calendar is a good tool in providing training and professional development opportunities for common subject matter. It is felt that not all staff can access the opportunities and further that Recreation and Parks require specific training for certain subjects. Examples include how to include marginalized populations, youth engagement, new approaches to challenging play and forest bathing. Staff would like to develop an internal training plan and include opportunities for staff to share what new developments are occurring in their discipline.

Developing a Vision and Mission Statement

A vision statement should depict a strong or desired future state to describe how the community should be viewed as a result of the work of the Department and community partners. Staff felt that the vision statement should be a succinct message that demonstrates that Departmental staff are dedicated to engage residents in meaningful and accessible recreation experiences. The notion of innovation and connecting people to promote community cohesion should also be considered within the vision statement.

A mission statement should include what the department does, who they do it for and how they go about their work. The mission statement is more of an internal statement to guide staff and volunteers. Staff expressed that the mission statement should be a concise declaration to influence their daily efforts and responsibilities in providing recreation opportunities.

Vision Statement:

Recreation for All

Mission Statement:

We provide meaningful services with our partners to enhance quality of life for Halton Hills residents through the physical, mental and social benefits that recreation and parks bring.

Setting Targets and Performance Measures

Staff agreed that the setting of targets would provide concrete direction to staff and ensure that they are accountable for their work. Collecting baseline data would be the work within the first year to ensure that targets could be realistic and achievable over time.

Measuring performance is an existing initiative of the Recreation and Parks Department. The initial step was to collect current measures and data. Staff cautioned that the measures cannot become the total focus, but they should reflect the priorities, could change and they would allow staff to make meaningful plans.

6.0 Council Interviews

Individual interviews with the Mayor and members of Town Council were conducted to understand their collective expectations and priorities for the Strategic Action Plan. These confidential discussions have been summarized for internal consideration and were carefully considered throughout the preparation of the Strategic Action Plan.

7.0 Online Community Survey

An online community survey was conducted in April 2020 to test the 10 preliminary directions arising from the Draft Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan with the public. Respondents rated their level of priority for each preliminary direction and were asked to explain why they felt this way, as well as how each preliminary direction would affect their life. A total of 102 completed surveys were received with feedback summarized in the pages that follow. A summary of comments can be found in **Appendix D**.

Priority of Preliminary Directions

Respondents were asked if each preliminary direction should be a “High Priority” or “Low Priority” for the Recreation and Parks Department, with a summary of the results presented in Table 10. The need to support efficient, effective and innovative uses of new and existing facilities was identified as the top priority among respondents. This is consistent with the input received through the other consultation activities as respondents felt that while the efficient use of existing facilities should be a priority, the Town should be exploring new and innovative facility opportunities to respond to emerging recreation and parks trends and demands for modern amenities and facility upgrades. Other preliminary directions that respondents felt were priorities included focusing on recreation opportunities at the beginner level that encourages life-long participation and providing recreation and parks opportunities that respond to changing demographics, interests and participation rates.

Table 10: Priority of Preliminary Directions

Preliminary Directions	High Priority	Low Priority
PD#6: Support efficient, effective and innovative use of new and existing facilities.	87%	13%
PD#1: Focus on physical recreation at a beginner level that starts people on a path of lifelong participation.	81%	19%
PD#5: Create recreation and parks services that respond to changes in demographics, interests and participation rates.	80%	20%
PD#3: Enhance the number of innovative and meaningful initiatives that connect people to nature.	79%	21%
PD#7: Seek partnerships, supports and sponsorships with others to further develop and fund recreation and parks services.	75%	25%
PD#2: Work with support organizations to increase access to recreation and parks services for people facing constraints to participating.	75%	25%
PD#10: Provide support to community groups so they remain viable in the long term and contribute to the physical, social and mental health of residents.	73%	27%
PD#4: Support the goals of the Halton Hills Climate Change Action Plan.	72%	28%
PD#9: Work with community groups to promote volunteerism and engage more volunteers in recreation and parks services.	54%	46%
PD#8: Improve the public's awareness of recreation services and their customer experience through innovative communications and marketing techniques.	40%	60%

Preliminary Direction #1: Focus on physical recreation at a beginner level that starts people on a path of lifelong participation.

Four out of five respondents (81%) reported that this preliminary direction should be a high priority as it was felt that everyone in the community should be physically active. Respondents recognize that in order to achieve lifelong participation in physical activity, there needs to be something available for everyone, particularly for children, youth, older adults and seniors.

The remaining 19% of respondents identified that this preliminary direction as a low priority, with a number of people believing that the Town is already achieving this goal. Others felt that they can already participate in beginner-level activities anywhere such as at home or at a park, while others raised concerns that the activities offered by the Town (e.g., fitness) are too basic and participants do not have enough of a challenge.

Preliminary Direction #2: Work with support organizations to increase access to recreation and parks services for people facing constraints to participating.

Three-quarters of respondents (75%) stated that this preliminary direction should be a high priority because it is recognized that all residents should have an opportunity to participate in recreation and parks activities, regardless of income or ability. Some respondents also felt that programs offered by the Town are not affordable and that some facilities are not fully accessible.

The other 25% of respondents identified that this preliminary direction is a low priority, with some of the opinion that the Town is already doing enough to be inclusive of all residents. Some also felt that it is not possible to make all areas accessible for persons with disabilities, while others indicated that the Town should focus on other priorities and work with other organizations that are experts at making Halton Hills more inclusive.

Preliminary Direction #3: Enhance the number of innovative and meaningful initiatives that connect people to nature.

Approximately four out of five respondents (79%) indicated that this preliminary direction should be a high priority as getting outdoors to enjoy nature helps improve mental health and well-being, particularly as it was felt that many people spend too much time indoors. Respondents recognize that access to greenspace and nature facilitates unstructured outdoor activities such as walking, cycling, nature enjoyment, and social gatherings.

21% of respondents reported that this preliminary direction should be a low priority because there are already nature opportunities in Halton Hills including outdoor spaces and trails, including those offered by the Town and others (e.g., conservation areas, Bruce Trail, etc.).

Preliminary Direction #4: Support the goals of the Halton Hills Climate Change Action Plan.

Supporting the goals of the Town's Climate Change Action Plan was a high priority among 72% of survey respondents. Reasons for this included a recognition of the need to minimize the rate of climate change as it impacts residents' ability to enjoy outdoor spaces and the natural environment. Respondents felt that education about climate change and the Town's initiatives is an important step to addressing this issue.

This preliminary direction was identified as a low priority by 28% of the respondents, primarily due to the fact that they are unaware of the Town's Climate Change Action Plan and the recommended initiatives.

Preliminary Direction #5: Create recreation and parks services that respond to changes in demographics, interests and participation rates.

Four out of five respondents (80%) felt that this preliminary direction should be a high priority, with many of the opinion that it is important for as many residents as possible in Halton Hills to have an opportunity to participate in recreation and parks opportunities. While respondents indicated that a broad range of opportunities should be provided, recreation and parks activities and facilities were mentioned, highlighting their popularity at the local level, including pickleball, beach volleyball, group fitness classes, gymnasium, outdoor pool, basketball, trails for cycling and walking, and more.

For 20% of respondents, this preliminary direction was a low priority largely on the basis that the Town already provides a diverse range of programs and services. Certain respondents felt that it is more important to provide a focused range of high quality opportunities rather than investing in new activities that may be short-lived. Some people mentioned that it is not possible to provide something for everybody and that people will adapt to the opportunities that are currently provided.

Preliminary Direction #6: Support efficient, effective and innovative use of new and existing facilities.

This was the highest priority out of all preliminary directions with 87% support. With the Town providing many recreation and parks facilities, many respondents were of the view that it is important to maintain these assets in a cost-effective manner and ensure that they are being used efficiently. Some respondents stated that aging facilities need to be replaced or improved in order to continue meeting the needs of residents, and that facilities have modern amenities that are desired. Construction of multi-use facilities (rather than single purpose facilities) was suggested to achieve this preliminary direction.

Of the 13% of respondents that indicated that this preliminary direction should be a low priority, most stated that it was because they felt that the Town's facilities are already being used well.

Preliminary Direction #7: Seek partnerships, supports and sponsorships with others to further develop and fund recreation and parks services.

Three out of four respondents (75%) identified that this preliminary direction is a high priority because there are a number of great community groups in Halton Hills that the Town can work with. Collaborating with such organizations could help to minimize municipal resources being spent, particularly as it relates to funding. Additionally, some respondents stated that working with partners can ensure that programs and services are high quality since they are being delivered by experts, rather than employing additional Town staff that may not have the knowledge or experience to do so. Working with partners was also believed to encourage community involvement and volunteerism.

One-quarter of respondents (25%) indicated that this preliminary direction should be a low priority as some raised concerns regarding community groups may place a greater focus on priorities (e.g.

maximizing revenues) that do not necessarily represent the best interest of the public. It was identified that the Town must maintain decision-making powers in order to best serve residents. Others identified that the ability to form strong partnerships is dependent upon individual organizations.

Preliminary Direction #8: Improve the public’s awareness of recreation services and their customer experience through innovative communications and marketing techniques.

While 60% respondents felt that this preliminary direction should be a high priority, it ranked lowest among all other preliminary directions. Those that felt that this preliminary direction should be a high priority expressed that it is important for the community to be aware of what opportunities are available in order to ensure that programs, facilities and services are used. The importance of effective customer service was mentioned, as well as the use of the Town’s website and mobile solutions. Promotion and awareness efforts must be user-friendly in order to communicate messages effectively.

40% of respondents reported that this preliminary direction should be a low priority. Respondents felt that the Town is already doing a good job any no further investment is required in raising public awareness about opportunities. One respondent mentioned that the Town should look to ensure that there is sufficient program capacity available before investing in promotional efforts as some activities are filled quickly.

Preliminary Direction #9: Work with community groups to promote volunteerism and engage more volunteers in recreation and parks services.

More than half (54%) of respondents reported that this preliminary direction is a high priority. Respondents recognize that volunteers play an important role in delivering community services, while minimizing municipal resources and providing an opportunity for residents to get involved, particularly youth, older adults and seniors.

Less than half (46%) of respondents felt that this preliminary direction is a low priority because they recognize that finding volunteers is becoming more of a challenge due to increasingly busy lifestyles. Some respondents indicated that they were unsure of what volunteer positions are available or in demand so they were unable to identify this preliminary direction as a high priority. Other respondents feel that there are currently sufficient volunteers in Halton Hills, while some respondents expressed that these should be paid positions, which could be funded through the tax base.

Preliminary Direction #10: Provide support to community groups so they remain viable in the long term and contribute to the physical, social and mental health of residents.

73% of respondents indicated that this preliminary direction should be a high priority as there is a belief that the Town should support local community groups to ensure that they remain viable and continue to provide key community services over the long-term. Respondents recognize that the presence of many local community groups contributes to the quality of life in Halton Hills and the support of the Town is paramount to those organizations. Respondents mentioned there are space needs for some local groups in order to grow including a new indoor pool, indoor artificial turf field and a gymnastics space.

Over one-quarter of respondents (27%) felt that this preliminary direction should be a low priority as some respondents were unsure about how the Town would provide a supporting role to local community groups, and the support that is offered should vary based on the type of group. Some respondents felt that the Town should have a limited supporting role with staff focusing their efforts on other priorities.

Overall Impressions

Generally speaking, respondents felt that the preliminary directions are on the right track to ensure that residents are active and healthy, and that the Town is vibrant, environmentally sustainable, and economically strong. Respondents appreciated the fact that they are being engaged at this point of the process to have an opportunity to provide the Town with feedback. Some respondents indicated that the Town must take action and are excited to see how the preliminary directions are implemented. It was also recognized that available funding and resources will influence what is done in the community and it will be important to focus on creating affordable and inclusive recreation and parks opportunities with less emphasis on organized sports and building new facilities.

Interest in Preliminary Directions

Respondents were asked to identify the preliminary direction out of the ten that they were most interested in. The top three preliminary directions among all respondents is identified below:

Preliminary Direction #6: Support efficient, effective and innovative use of new and existing facilities. More than one-quarter (26%) of respondents identified this preliminary direction as their top priority as they recognize the importance of maximizing the use of existing facilities. It is also important for the Town to ensure that new facilities and/or spaces are provided to address emerging demands and activities, with mentions made to pickleball, gymnastics, basketball, indoor walking, indoor pool, and indoor artificial turf field.

Preliminary Direction #1: Focus on physical recreation at a beginner level that starts people on a path of lifelong participation. One out of five respondents indicated that the Town should ensure that there is something for everyone to be engaged in life-long physical activity. Respondents recognize that there should be more recreation and parks activities other than organized sports.

Preliminary Direction #3: Enhance the number of innovative and meaningful initiatives that connect people to nature. 18% of respondents identified that this preliminary direction should be a high priority as they recognize the benefits associated with being outdoors and felt that this should be a priority in Halton Hills. A number of respondents expressed the desire for more outdoor spaces, particularly walking and cycling trails, as well as outdoor fitness equipment.

Other Considerations

Respondents expressed many other considerations for the Town to investigate to improve recreation and parks in Halton Hills. The desire for new facilities was mentioned including multi-use facilities, walking and cycling trails and youth centre. The desire for a YMCA facility was expressed that would provide access to an indoor pool and fitness centre. Respondents reiterated the fact in order to maximize community involvement and participation in recreation and parks opportunities, the Town should focus on maximizing the use of existing facilities before constructing new ones and ensure that opportunities are affordable and inclusive.

8.0 Virtual Public Open House

A Virtual Public Open House was hosted on the Town's Let's Talk Halton Hill's website in September 2020 to provide the public with an opportunity to review the Draft Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan and provide feedback. Interested members of the public could review a full copy of the draft document or a summary presentation slideshow that provided a highlight of the project to date. A total of 50 responses were received with the feedback summarized below. A compilation of feedback can be found in **Appendix E**.

- A number of comments were received regarding the desire for indoor and outdoor **pickleball** facilities in Halton Hills. Comments received emphasized that the provision of pickleball courts should be a high priority for the Town given the popularity of the sport and the fact that Halton Hills is home to a growing segment of older adults and seniors (who are the primary market for pickleball) that desire social and fitness activities. Pickleball players appreciate having access to the pickleball courts at Prospect Park; however, requests were made for dedicated courts in Georgetown. A gymnasium was also requested to facilitate indoor pickleball opportunities, as well as other indoor sports such as badminton, basketball and volleyball.
- Requests were made to enhance Halton Hills' **trail network**. Suggestions included providing additional trail access points to the ravine in Georgetown and to the Hungry Hollows Trails, and ensuring that trails are accessible for all residents, including those that use mobility aids or strollers. A general comment to expand the Town's trail network was also made, particularly given recent increases in trail usage due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Other **general comments** were received regarding requests for greater park security, the desire for basketball courts and outdoor skating rinks, as well as the need to ensure that recreation and parks opportunities are affordable for all (particularly swimming).

9.0 Virtual Community Conversation

A virtual Community Conversation discussion forum was held on September 29, 2020 to present the Draft Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan. The forum explored a number of recreation and parks discussion topics including:

- Fitness programs and facilities;
- Supporting community volunteers;
- Lessons learned from COVID-19 to enhance engagement and programming; and
- The Town's service continuum (determining programs and facilities).

Participants included members of the general public and stakeholder groups, including Halton Hills Pickleball Players Group, Hillview Active Living Centre, and organizations that provide basketball programs, community initiatives and others. Town Council and staff were also in attendance. The following is a high level summary of the input that was received. A detailed summary is contained in **Appendix F**.

- Some participants felt that they are well served in terms of the **fitness programs and facilities** that Halton Hills provides. Certain individuals stated that there is a role for the Town to play in providing fitness opportunities in Halton Hills, although it is important to ensure that they are complementary with the private sector.
- It was suggested that the Town should assist groups through **volunteer management** training to provide organizations with the expertise and knowledge to recruit, manage and retain volunteers, plan for succession, grow capacity, and set volunteers up for success.
- Participants recognized that there are certain benefits associated with participating in virtual programs. While it is recognized that the Town offers some online programs, participants felt that it is important to **maintain a balance of virtual and in-person activities** to ensure that there are a variety of opportunities to participate. This is particularly important given that virtual and in-person programs offer different user experiences and the fact that not all residents have access to a computer or are comfortable with attending a class online.
- Participants indicated that the Town's working relationship with schools has been strong. **Reciprocal agreements** between the Town and the schools have played an important role in providing access to school facilities, although it was recognized that some school gyms are not appropriately sized for certain user groups or activities.

10.0 Implications of Consultation Findings on Themes Being Tested in the Strategic Action Plan

The Background Summary Report presented the following themes to be tested as part of the Strategic Action Plan. Feedback from consultations that relate to these topics are discussed below.

Developing the Vision and Mission

The Recreation and Parks Departmental Vision and Mission Statements were renewed in November 2018 in light of national frameworks and in consideration of the Town's corporate Strategic Plan. Community and staff consultations re-affirmed elements of the Departmental vision and mission statements, though suggestions were received to simplify the statements and possibly make them more concise. The Vision and Mission Statements are found in Section 5.0 of the Consultation Summary Report.

Keeping Up with Changes in the Town's Community Profile

The Town's demographic profile is evolving, prompting residents and stakeholders to emphasize that recreation and park opportunities also evolve to respond to current and future residents, and to keep pace with growth. There was agreement that the Town's population is aging, although there is a need to ensure that a balance of recreation and park opportunities exists for all age groups, particularly given the importance of engaging Halton Hills' youth demographic.

Further, 62% of household survey respondents felt that recreation and parks services provided in Halton Hills are generally affordable. Through the survey and in-person discussions, certain individuals emphasized that sustained efforts are needed so that programs and services remain accessible and inclusive of all residents, regardless of ability or income status.

Trends Influencing Halton Hills' Recreation and Parks System

In addition to the Town's shifting demographic trends and the increased emphasis on inclusivity and accessibility, a broad variety of trends were observed in the recreation and parks system in Halton Hills. The consultation process revealed that participation in recreation is evolving. There is an increasing interest in active living and low-impact fitness programs (e.g., pickleball), unstructured and drop-in activities, and casual enjoyment of parks and open spaces, which is being driven by factors such as the Town's aging older adults and seniors who want to remain active and the desire to lead healthier lifestyles (which are also becoming increasingly busy). These factors have heightened the demand for a connected trails system in Halton Hills for walking and cycling, which are commonly identified in many communities as some of the most popular recreation activities.

Additionally, the community as a whole is becoming more environmentally-conscious and recognizes that the recreation and parks system can play a role in making Halton Hills more sustainable through

the use of land, use of energy efficient technologies, and providing and promoting programs and strategies about the environment and waste reduction.

Determining Valued Elements of Departmental Service Delivery

Consultation with Town staff revealed a number of strengths with respect to the recreation and parks delivery system. Town staff are versatile and able to adapt to trends in recreation and parks; as a result, staff continuously engage the community to understand what activities are in demand, strive to improve programs, and encourage residents to be outside. Town staff feel that progress has been made to ensure that its recreation and park opportunities are accessible and inclusive, with mentions made to the Town's subsidy program as well as efforts to remove barriers to aging recreation facilities.

There is a general sentiment that the Town's recreation facilities and parks are well used; staff articulated a desire to maximize how services are used with considerations given to developing new programming, designing multi-use spaces that can accommodate many activities, and strengthening communication practices to raise awareness and promote opportunities (e.g., leveraging the use of technology). Having a strong understanding of utilization levels and establishing targets would assist staff in determining whether adequate capacity exists to meet growth-related needs. Working with others through new or enhanced partnerships with service providers and community organizations was also a strategy to consider in an effort to expand the variety of low to no-fee programs and services. Staff and the public affirmed that the Gellert Community Centre expansion and the Collegiate Pool Revitalization Study demonstrate a proactive approach to long-term planning for quality recreation and parks services. The need to leverage other community facilities in Halton Hills was also expressed, particularly with respect to schools, highlighting the importance of forming/strengthening partnerships.

Gellert Community Centre Expansion Feasibility Study

The consultation process revealed that the Gellert Community Centre is highly valued in Halton Hills. There was a general consensus that the proposed facility expansion would be a welcomed addition to the community to alleviate pressures for new and/or expanded recreation spaces. Generally speaking, there was support for Concept #1 with positive support for the large gymnasium (provided that pickleball lines are included), indoor walking track, and space for seniors, fitness and multi-purpose rooms. With the Household Telephone Survey finding that 66% of households would use the Gellert Community Centre more often if it was expanded, this project would strengthen the Town's objective of facilitating active and healthy lifestyles through the provision of quality recreation and parks opportunities, and allowing the Department to further deliver upon strategies falling under in its "Active Easy" initiative.

Collegiate Pool Revitalization Strategy

There was strong community support to maintain indoor swimming opportunities at the Georgetown Indoor Pool and Acton Lion's Indoor Pool. More than two-thirds of household telephone survey respondents supported keeping each collegiate pool open and renovating them in recognition of the aging state of these pools; accordingly, surveyed residents supported investments targeted to updating and modernizing both collegiate pools. Suggestions were also made to increase the types and frequency of aquatic programs that are offered at these locations, such as adding times for recreational and lane swimming, particularly during the daytime.

Appendix A: Community Imagination Event & Open House Summary

Note: in addition to the input below, 14 written submission were received – generally speaking towards the need for indoor and outdoor pickleball facilities and gymnastics facility. Other requests were made for indoor walking track, outdoor pool, indoor soccer field, multi-sport courts, and beach volleyball.

1. What are your thoughts about the proposed Gellert Community Centre expansion?

- Sport Courts
 - Pickleball courts (22)
 - Tennis court lighting (2)
 - Keep tennis courts for tennis
- Gymnastics facility should be considered as a part of the expansion (8)
- Gymnasium is needed (for activities such as pickleball, volleyball and basketball) (5)
- Leash-free dog park (2)
- Outdoor pool (2)
- Option A is preferred (2)
- Outdoor skating rink
- Walking track
- Beach volleyball courts are needed
- Indoor soccer field
- Soccer field
- What is the timing
- Design
 - Larger windows and viewing areas (2)
 - Plant trees along the rear of the community centre

2. What are your thoughts about the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and Georgetown Indoor Pool?

- Acton Lion's Indoor Pool
 - Renovate the pool
 - Separate entrance and parking lot from the school
 - Expand the pool to add a therapy pool
- Georgetown Indoor Pool
 - Another pool is needed but how can the Georgetown Indoor Pool meet that need?
Worth the money
 - The pool is always empty – please consider gymnastics the Halton Hills Gymnastics Club has nowhere to park and the gym is always full
- Another pool and more programs for youth and seniors are needed
- No more pools are needed they are too expensive

3. How can we improve indoor recreation activities and facilities?

- Install parking lot lighting at the Georgetown Indoor Pool
- Pickleball courts (6)
- Gymnastics
 - Need a large gymnastics facility – the Halton Hills Gymnastics Club is not getting support from the local government and the County is successful in the sport
 - Halton Hills Gymnastics Club is a very popular and positive environment. Many people from our community and out of Town are here several times a week for their children to do gymnastics. There is not enough parking to support the amount of people coming in and out of the facility. Gymnastics is a sport that deserves more help from our Town
 - Indoor gymnastics for activities like basketball
 - Gymnastics needs more space because we have a lot of people
 - Gymnastics is a sport – it is a fundamental sport for all other sports
 - Need a Town-run gymnastics club. Been part of the local club for 14 years, time for a new facility. Please include gymnastics – no more pools or baseball diamonds
 - Year-round space for the Halton Hills Gymnastics Club with all the other Town activities. How can this not be included in the Plan?
 - We need a bigger facility for gymnastics in Georgetown
- More rollerblading times at the arena – not during school hours so youth can take part
- Larger multi-use facilities with library daycare
- Indoor field
 - Indoor lacrosse
 - Indoor sports field (2)
- Gymnasium / Space for Multi-Purpose Sports
 - Build a multi-purpose gym for pickleball, basketball, etc.
 - Build the proposed multi-purpose gym at Gellert
 - We desperately need a gym for indoor sports for all ages
 - Having at least 3x multi-sport courts in a gym
 - Take one rink and make it an indoor facility that can be used for lacrosse, baseball, football, pickleball, ball hockey. Optimize hockey scheduling – there is always one rink with no one in it
- Year-Round Facility
 - Year-round, both genders, foundation sport should be a priority
 - Please consider sports that run year-round and they are at full capacity right now with no parking space.

4. How can we improve outdoor recreation activities and facilities?

- Pickleball courts (4)
- Leash-free dog park
- Give field lacrosse one field for the season. The season runs mid-April until May long weekend – by the time we have a permit for field use, the season is over
- Outdoor skating rink or trail (e.g., at Prospect Park) (4)
- Outdoor pool
- Either creating at least two volleyball courts at a new location or if any tennis courts could be converted
- Lacrosse bowl
- Ensure you have enough staff to maintain parks and facilities

5. How can we enhance local parkland in Halton Hills?

- Fire pit
- Pickleball courts (2)
- Install a walking path at Prospect Park in Acton
- Natural greenspaces without structures but with limited trail pathways

6. How can we enhance non-local parkland in Halton Hills?

- Pickleball courts
- Beach volleyball courts at Gellert Centre of Trafalgar Park

7. What additional recreation and parks programs or services are needed?

- Infants and Children (Age 0-9)
 - Gymnastics space for the Halton Hills Gymnastics Club
- Youth (Age 10-19)
 - Pick up soccer games
 - More organized programming for teens (age 13-19)
 - Basketball courts, beach volleyball leagues, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing
 - Supporting the existing established Halton Hills Gymnastics Club to encourage boys and girls to be active
- Adults (Age 20-54)
 - Pickleball courts (indoor and outdoor) (3)
 - Gym for basketball
 - Indoor walking track
 - Adult beach volleyball courts and programming (3)

- Greater utilization of billboards and signage at the Town community centres, Acton ice rink, Georgetown library, Gellert Centre, Mold Masters, etc.
- Construction of the participation program and further promotion of it
- Older Adults and Seniors (Age 55+)
 - Pickleball (indoor and outdoor) (17)
 - Cycling
 - Specialized aquatic classes such as aqua-fit, therapeutic/rehabilitation, etc.
 - Gymnasium for pickleball, badminton, volleyball, basketball, etc. (2)
- Families
 - Pickleball (4)
 - Winter outdoor activities such as sledding, skiing, hot chocolate stand, etc.

8. How can we enhance recreation and parks opportunities for youth?

- Gymnastics is a great sport for youth and adults. We encourage the Town to create a culture of health at all ages
- Youth centres is a necessary service. Your holistic approach to servicing youth is innovative and a model for others to follow
- Include sports that don't include technology. It's great for the brain and body such as gymnastics
- Include gymnastics centre as a part of your funding base – gymnastics is very popular
- Beach volleyball courts for drop-in and leagues (3)
- Basketball courts for drop-in and leagues (2)
- Aqua-fit classes for teens
- Use Facebook for communications
- Pickleball courts (2)

9. How can we enhance recreation and parks opportunities for older adults and seniors?

- Pickleball courts (9)
- Implement a seniors strategy to overlay and provide inclusion in all Town plans
- Seniors discount rate
- Conversation circles

10. What can recreation and parks do to address climate change and environmental sustainability?

- Focus on diversity of plants suitable for all organisms
- Could the Bovis Park drain in Acton be naturalized?
- Follow LEED certifications for new buildings

- Adopt more recycling programs (e.g., waste recovery)
- Ensure developers incorporate greenspace (e.g., no concrete coverage, not just retention ponds) similar to the north end of Mississauga and parts of Milton
- Provide free charging stations for electric cars
- Look at waterways, water quality, and management

11. How can recreation and parks be used to connect the community and its destinations?

- Trail connection between Town facilities
- Bike lanes on roadways
- Space for dog activities
- Safety signs and reminders for drivers and cyclists
- Connecting sites with active transportation opportunities

Appendix B: Recreation & Parks Strategic Action Plan – Virtual Open House (Let's Talk Halton Hills)

Survey Report

27 June 2017 - 29 October 2019

Recreation & Parks Strategic Action Plan - Virtual Open House

PROJECT: Recreation & Parks Strategic Action Plan

Let's Talk Halton Hills



Q1 What are your thoughts about the proposed Gellert Community Centre expansion?

Anonymous

10/03/2019 03:46 PM

Amazing-We need a large gym desperately.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 04:46 PM

I have concerns that no new pool facilities are included. Aquafit classes are often over extended and with new residential development we will need new pool facilities for all age groups. Perhaps some of the outdoor space could be converted to pool space. If you think of outdoor basketball courts being used for less than six months of the year Compared to pool use being all year round.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 05:32 PM

Would like another pool.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 05:48 PM

Basketball courts do not seem appropriate use of public space. 6 months a year use and small group would use.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 06:10 PM

Agree town requires a larger centre

Anonymous

10/03/2019 08:38 PM

As a senior my interest lies in an indoor space for Pickle Ball play. Also any outdoor courts would also be welcome as these would be used regularly as weather permitted.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 08:12 AM

Good Idea

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10/04/2019 12:03 PM

I like the Gellert expansion plans. They are similar to the ones presented in 2015. Are there any plans being created for a necessary new recreation centre with a competition pool ?

Anonymous

10/04/2019 02:10 PM

Love it. Bigger fan of option 1, the walking track will be great for my aging parents in the winter.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 02:27 PM

Concept 1 gets my vote. As a senior I need and would like a walking track especially in inclement weather! Milton's track is used by people of all ages and abilities - from disabled people (mentally and physically) to serious runners. I have even seen an elderly man there who needed oxygen and a walker. Georgetown, rightly spends money on the young and healthy — but we need to also include those who can not use the costly hockey arenas and swimming pools.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 04:47 PM

walking track is needed and space for seniors and extra curricular activities for seniors such as yoga, dancing classes, art classes

Anonymous

10/04/2019 07:59 PM

I'm very interested in Concept #1, with a walking track - this would be useful for ALL ages, but as a Senior, I need to be able to walk during the winter months

Anonymous

10/04/2019 09:07 PM

My personal priorities would include space for seniors and an indoor walking track.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 05:16 PM

Some of the ideas look good. Not sure I would remove items that are already being used at the site like the soccer field.

Anonymous

10/07/2019 06:28 AM

Sounds like a good plan. What year will this work begin and finish? Passive area should include butterfly gardens-vegetable gardens.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:13 PM

I am an active senior. My passion is Pickleball. I enjoy lots of play time in the summer at lots of outdoor and indoor locations. The arenas in town have finally caught on to another use for their dry rink space PICKLEBALL!!!! But we only have one spot to play in Georgetown with only two courts which we are very great for but more than half our membership cannot play. How about using the new indoor gymnasium for shared space with badminton, basketball, volleyball and Pickleball players????? This can be done with only changing the net position and Coloured coded lines for each sport.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:34 PM

Don't like the idea of concert space...

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:36 PM

The triple gymnasium and walking track are great possible additions. I am unclear as to who would benefit from the office space proposed in Concept 1. Is this for on-site staff? It does seem like a lot of elements (youth, seniors, meeting rooms, fitness, etc) at one location. Is it possible to spread these things about more throughout Town? Has any thought been given to winterizing those courts so they can be used year round, i.e. erecting a bubble? A beach volleyball court seems like a lot of bother and expense for something with relatively limited use. Trails and outdoor fitness spaces are always welcome and they can be used by a wide range of individuals. Facilities already at Gellert (ie. Major soccer field) should remain.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 02:30 PM

I think as our community grows we definitely need safe spaces for persons to engage n active pursuits. Love the idea of a walking track, and an gym where youth could hang out in poor weather (hot/cold/wet), perhaps a fitness gym

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:38 PM

Would like pickleball to be included in the gymnasium

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:50 PM

The expansion looks great, and will help cater to increased residences in Georgetown south. I do not think there is significant need for a boardroom, there are plenty of places for smaller groups to meet. Larger meeting space is definitely needed. While the indoor gymnasium is great, a large indoor soccer field would be a great addition. The facility in Georgetown is too small for most teams to use. A larger facility would be booked steady by local soccer teams, and would attract visitors due to potential tournaments/exhibition games, especially during the winter months.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 05:14 PM

1000 square feet is very tight for a fitness space serving a community like Georgetown South

Anonymous

10/09/2019 06:40 PM

The addition of a gymnasium in the Gellert Centre should be the highest priority. At present the town has no facilities whatsoever for seniors and others to play pickleball indoors in the cold months through the day. It would also allow for indoor badminton play. Compared to the community centre in Goderich Ontario, the Gellert is a distant distant third rate facility.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 07:06 PM

I love the idea, especially of gyms and rooms to use.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 08:37 PM

I think multi-use rooms are a good addition, as it the indoor gym. I like the idea of a fitness space and walking track, especially if seniors will be using the space as well.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 11:17 PM

Can't happen fast enough

Anonymous

10/10/2019 06:25 AM

Looks like a better use of the space.

Anonymous

10/10/2019 10:05 AM

The proposed expansion offers a wide range of features, many of which are becoming commonplace in municipal community centres - items such as dedicated areas for youth and seniors. The addition of indoor and outdoor courts provide much needed athletic space, particularly for basketball which is fast becoming a popular sport in the GTA (particularly in light of the recent Raptors Championship win). I personally prefer Option 1 with the two-level design and Option B for the outdoor space, I think with the Trafalgar Sports Park, there is a sizeable and growing soccer field capacity in town, and Option B opens up the Gellert campus for other sports and physical activities. Gym sounds good so indoor pickleball could be played.

Anonymous

10/10/2019 10:12 AM

Anonymous

10/10/2019 12:25 PM

All good ideas however seniors would find it hard to get to the centre . Indoor tracks could be built into arenas also and indoors sports facilities also added to arenas . Pool facilities at Gellert and Acton are inferior to other communities

Anonymous

10/11/2019 12:54 PM

An indoor track and multi use space sound like great ideas. A flexible use outdoor amphitheater would also be amazing. No to sand volleyball courts because of high upkeep vs minimal returns.

Anonymous

10/11/2019 05:37 PM

Sounds interesting - these things would be great for our community

Anonymous

10/11/2019 07:11 PM

I like the indoor track. This should've been done as well at Moldmasters with the rink expansion We really need indoor tracks! An outdoor 50 meter pool would be great too! We have the people and it would save on all these one family back yard pools! The swim team could also train there and host meets to bring in revenue.

Anonymous

10/12/2019 08:53 AM

I support expansion of the Gellert, especially for youth and senior spaces.

Anonymous

10/12/2019 09:40 AM

Concept 1 with option A is the best choice.

Anonymous

10/12/2019 02:03 PM

Love it .. Especially Concept 1 with the walking track. So many in the community need a place to walk in the winter and rainy weather

Anonymous

10/12/2019 02:48 PM

Is their services and amenities for disabled youth and young adults.

Anonymous

10/13/2019 08:15 AM

I think it is great we need more things to do around town

Anonymous

10/14/2019 04:24 PM

The multi purpose rooms, senior space, and youth space are "nice" to have, but the key facilities that can't be sourced elsewhere are pool and gymnasium. Current pool availability is inadequate and will get worse as new housing develops. There's a current need for indoor and outdoor (summer) pickleball courts, so the gymnasium should be lined for pickleball. Parking looks inadequate. Community gardens are a nice idea, but of questionable value, and require ongoing maintenance. Town already has a good and accessible library system; why the need for a library space here?

Anonymous

10/15/2019 07:49 AM

That the Seniors space is not large enough to replace what the Seniors already have in the Indoor Mall space that they are renting. Why would you not make it so they can move into this building completely and then you would not be paying rent to an outside company and the revenue from the space would be going directly to the TOHH?

Anonymous

10/17/2019 08:31 AM

Gymnastics is a very popular sport in Ontario, year round, great foundational sport for all the other sports. Would be great if kids could have access to gymnasium facility with gymnastics equipment. In other countries they have state of the art facilities for this sport knowing that if you introduce children to sport at the young age then is more likely to continue with sports later in life. That is why i think is critical important to have a gymnastics facility, it's for the sake of all other sports.

Anonymous

10/17/2019 09:48 AM

Gallery is already a great facility. I wouldn't mess with it too much. Yes expand it, and make it accessible for everyone. I would look to tweet it more so it doesn't cost a fortune in tax payers money.

Anonymous

10/17/2019 01:42 PM

I would love to see the Gellert Community Centre Expansion. Georgetown is expanding its development yearly and it would be beneficial to everyone to have a designated area for all sporting events. This would also allow families to take their kids to one area of town instead of to multiple areas. In addition we would be able to get involved in competitions and bring people together in our area. All around its a great idea. The gymnastics center on Armstrong is getting crowded and this would also allow more programs and kids to take part in the wonderful programs they offer. Lets go for it!!

Anonymous

10/17/2019 02:18 PM

Very much welcomed with our growing community

Anonymous

10/17/2019 03:17 PM

Obviously a need for a full service rec centre. With all of the growth in Georgetown over the 15+years, I am surprised we are still asking for citizens to complete surveys. What happened to planning that would have seen these facilities well under way by now or even completed?

Anonymous

10/17/2019 09:05 PM

The parking should not be in behind near existing homes, parking should be in the front where it's well lit and easier to monitor, same reasoning for transportation path, too close to existing homes,

Anonymous

10/17/2019 09:41 PM

Expanding the Gellert is a good idea. However, as an owner of the property directly behind the proposed development it has to be done correctly. We paid \$30k for a (ravine lot) which now proposed to be a parking lot. Ample

Anonymous

10/17/2019 10:40 PM

clearance and coverage should be provided to ensure our investment is protected.

I would like a dog park where the proposed mini soccer field is. I believe there is more than enough room to accommodate a dog park as the one on Maple street . There are many dogs in our subdivision and our dogs need a park close by. The parking lot should be in the front of the community centre not in the back by our homes. Also the service roads shouldn't be near our homes as this creates easy access to our homes and presents a safety issue to the residents on Northwest Court. We have all paid premiums when we purchased our homes and we don't want people walking and having access to our property. This is far too much exposure regarding our privacy and reduces our value to our homes. The lights in the present tennis courts are the wrong lights they should be soft lights. Theses lights need to be replaced immediately. Hopefully the proper lights will be used in the future areas, keeping the residents in mind on Northwest Court. I would also like to see an outdoor skating rink , outdoor pool for the many residents in this subdivision with smaller children whose parents cannot afford a private pool or skating rink. It would also allow residents to socialize with their children in both summer and winter seasons. A seniors area is a must as we have a lot of seniors residing in our neighborhood. Above all please keep the residents on Northwest Court in mind when planning, as if you resided in our neighborhood. Thank you for your time.

Anonymous

10/17/2019 11:25 PM

Looking forward to the additions, the plan looks great

Anonymous

10/18/2019 10:13 AM

Looks amazing! I think it has capture a lot of the population

Anonymous

10/18/2019 10:13 AM

I like the inclusion of seniors space. Is there any plan to include seniors housing nearby so the centre could be easily accessed by seniors? Affordable seniors housing in Halton Hills is in very short supply.

Anonymous

10/18/2019 05:49 PM

It's hard to see. Hope the plans include additional indoor courts for pickleball and badminton.

Anonymous

10/18/2019 06:07 PM

The facility that is missing from this drawing is a new GYMNASTICS facility. There seems to be plenty of room based on the drawing presented. It should replace the multi-use courts , sand volleyball courts and/or soccer fields. The use of these facilities are seasonal and or not used at all in the winter. A GYMNASTICS facility is more versatile, serves more residents of all ages, is open 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year and generates significant revenue that can offset both capital and maintenance costs. The other option that make sense is to replace the gymnasium with the GYMNASTICS facility. It could have the same footprint but go up 2 levels. Again, it would be used more frequently and by more residents than a regular basketball court. There are fantastic examples of this type of structure in Milton, Orangeville, Oakville and Mississauga to name a few.

Anonymous

10/18/2019 07:18 PM

I think this is necessary as an employee of halton hills gymnastics centre we have a growing community that needs more space. As a program that runs

Anonymous

10/18/2019 11:15 PM

year round, not for profit and has succeeded independatly in the community for so long, we would strive and the community would be mutually benefitted from our expansion

Sounds great but has it already been decided what is going into the plan? Could there be further discussion about gymnastics being included in the space?

Anonymous

10/19/2019 08:08 AM

Good idea, should have been done years ago. Need to see a gymnastics facility as well as more hockey rinks

d 10/19/2019 09:06

AM

I am for it

Anonymous

10/19/2019 09:51 AM

Great. Gives youth something g to do. And for older adults as well.

Optional question (58 responses, 8 skipped)

Q2 What are your thoughts about the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and Georgetown Indoor Pool?

- Anonymous
10/03/2019 03:46 PM
If it is an increase in the current size of the Georgetown pool, great idea because the current pool is too small.
- Anonymous
10/03/2019 04:46 PM
Both pools are okay but the the hours are so limited for public use (no day time use for lap swimming, then Gellert could be freed up for aquafit type classes) and facilities not really handicap friendly compare to Gellert and the ramp into the pool.
- Anonymous
10/03/2019 05:32 PM
Cold and dark. Need ramps or temporary steps if you want to attract daytime seniors.
- Anonymous
10/03/2019 06:10 PM
No insights on Acton pool. Georgetown pool is fine however may be challenged to accommodate the needs of both the growing senior and youth populations. More aqua fit programs for adults and seniors year round would be appreciated.
- Anonymous
10/03/2019 08:38 PM
As a none swimmer I think that this pool would be a welcome and inviting place for families to enjoy.
- Anonymous
10/04/2019 08:12 AM
doesn't impact me
- coverdaler
10/04/2019 12:03 PM
Both pools are still needed and need to be upgraded. I do not like entering these pools through the school itself. Separate entrances are needed. Is there room for spectators ?
- Anonymous
10/04/2019 02:10 PM
Pools are vital to helping kids stay active and learn to swim.
- Anonymous
10/04/2019 04:47 PM
extra classes needed for aqua fit and times for seniors at the Gellert Centre
- Anonymous
10/04/2019 07:59 PM
Georgetown indoor pool excellent
- Anonymous
10/04/2019 09:07 PM
I haven't been to the Georgetown indoor pool in many years so can't comment
- Anonymous
10/06/2019 05:16 PM
They should be maintained unless the town plans on building additional facilities
- Anonymous
10/07/2019 06:28 AM
More hot tubs for seniors only!
- Anonymous
10/09/2019 12:13 PM
Pools are great!
- Anonymous
10/09/2019 12:34 PM
Great idea

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:36 PM

Great pools which work for certain specific purposes. They need to be maintained and upgraded regularly. Changerooms at GIP require more private changing facilities.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 02:30 PM

Both pools are dated but very functional. They are great swim lesson spaces, and spaces for training. Perhaps the indoor pool could be open for lanes at peak training times (spring/holidays) to take the congestion off of Gellert.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:38 PM

The Acton pool could sure use an update

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:50 PM

I have only used the Gellert pool and think it is great. More lane swims would be beneficial.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 05:14 PM

It has helped GEorgetown District become a powerhouse in school swimming and is beneficial To local youth aspiring to become competitive swimmers

Anonymous

10/09/2019 06:40 PM

I have not been involved with swimming for many years.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 07:06 PM

I think these pools are valuable commodities and that in both cases they should be utilized by schools and groups far more. No Halton Hills person should not know how to swim. It should be a skill that we simply ensure our residents have...proactive. Will it prevent all drownings, sadly no, but perhaps a few more and or help with quick help to ensure survival...all great things! having said all that, windows while expensive and not necessarily energy efficient would be a wonderful addition to the older pools. Makes them brighter and more enjoyable. Also, any way we could implement a solar energy heating system. Would help ecologically and economically.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 08:37 PM

I don't know about Acton, but what I remember about Georgetown Indoor Pool at GDHS - it was dark, it was cold, it smelled bad. I think adding natural lighting (skylights, windows) would be really beneficial, and a face lift with some cosmetic updates.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 11:17 PM

As long as they are being used, it's a good thing (I do not use them)

Anonymous

10/10/2019 06:25 AM

Small, crowded, not family friendly.

Anonymous

10/10/2019 10:05 AM

I can only speak to the Georgetown indoor pool, but it is a small and aging space for pool related swim activities. I think more indoor swim spaces like the Gellert, which offer mixed swim opportunities in a bright and open space would be preferable. Allowing for both recreational and competitive swimming makes the space more accessible to residents of all ages and abilities.

Anonymous

10/10/2019 10:12 AM

We need the pools for sure

Anonymous

10/10/2019 12:25 PM

Inferior requires seating and larger to be useful for any form of compation

Anonymous

10/11/2019 12:54 PM

Never been to either one.

Anonymous 10/11/2019 05:37 PM	Never been to the Acton pool. The Georgetown Pool is old and I am sure that it must need to be replaced.
Anonymous 10/11/2019 07:11 PM	Need a 50 meter pool and space to host meets!
Anonymous 10/12/2019 09:40 AM	Old. Need to be condemned and build separate facility with bigger pool to attract swimming events
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:03 PM	Very possitive.. use The Gellart Pool weekly
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:48 PM	I have not used Georgetown indoor pool in 20 years. Acton indoor pool there is no family change room. My special needs son is not well accommodated there because he can't change in woman's because he is too old but cannot do anything independently in male change room. Shallow end is too deep for beginners. Temperature is always colder than the Gellert.
Anonymous 10/13/2019 08:15 AM	Gellert pool we enjoy alot we go often
Anonymous 10/14/2019 04:24 PM	Georgetown indoor pool needs improvements to inadequate change facilities, and to terrible viewing access for meets and families.
Anonymous 10/15/2019 07:49 AM	They are both necessary facilities for our swim teams to be able to hold competitions, as the Gellert Pool is not deep enough and a few feet short to be able to hold a swim meet. The GDHS pool is aged, and needs to be revamped to offer on deck seating for family members. The Georgetown Pool is not open enough for general public use.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 08:31 AM	No opinion on this.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 09:43 AM	We love the Acton Indoor Pool. It is like an old friend. I learned to swim there as have my children. It is nice that Acton has that option and we are not always obligated to drive to Georgetown. My teenage kids can walk or bike there now for Rec Swims. It also allows the Aqua Ducks and Acton High Swim team to practice locally. Georgetown High school and CtK swim team practices at the Georgetown Indoor Pool (walking distance for CtK). I can't think of any improvements - just would like to see them maintained for the future.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 09:48 AM	Georgetown's pool is great. I haven't been to the Acton pool.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 01:30 PM	I've never been to Acton. The indoor pool at GDHS is extremely hard to get to and park at.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 01:42 PM	I've never attended the Acton Lion's indoor pool, but have attended the Georgetown indoor pool. The Georgetown pool is very well set up and well maintained . It meets everyone's needs.
Anonymous	More adult learning programmes

10/17/2019 02:18 PM

Anonymous

10/17/2019 03:17 PM

Acton's pool is fine but I don't see how trying to upgrade or "fix" the Georgetown Indoor Pool is a good use of money. The building is too old and parking will be an issue. Time to bite the bullet and get moving on a new pool with up to date facilities we need to be competitive in the area, allowing us to host swim meets/competitions.

Anonymous

10/17/2019 09:41 PM

No comment

Anonymous

10/17/2019 10:40 PM

I believe we should have an outdoor pool and skating rink.

Anonymous

10/17/2019 11:25 PM

The pools are getting old and it feels like they need refinements and improvements. We have great aquatics competitive teams that would greatly benefit from refreshments to the facility.

Anonymous

10/18/2019 10:13 AM

Should be available to residents when students are not using then.

10/18/2019 06:07 PM

I am not familiar with this pool, but am a big supporter of pools in general. A town of our size should have a regulation 50 metre pool (not sure if the Town has one or not.)

Anonymous

10/18/2019 07:18 PM

amazing!

Anonymous

10/18/2019 11:15 PM

Georgetown's Indoor Pool was never intended to be a race style pool - that was supposed to be at the highschool. The Gellert pool is fulfilling the need it was intended for.

Anonymous

10/19/2019 08:08 AM

Good pools. No need for anymore though as also Gellert available and way too expensive as it is to take a family, would rather travel to Brampton where its much cheaper and a workout pass is available. Even as a non resident passes are reasonable which includes many gyms, pools, rinks.... a yealry pass there for everything is much less expensive than only a few months of just swimming here.

Anonymous

10/19/2019 09:51 AM

Nothing at this tjme

Optional question (53 responses, 13 skipped)

Q3 How can we improve indoor recreation activities and facilities?

Anonymous

10/03/2019 03:46 PM

Allow pickleball activities in a new gym or perhaps if there is a free rink at the arenas in winter use it for Pickleball and other sports. Facilities should be large enough to hold things like indoor soccer, basketball, pickleball, etc.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 04:46 PM

Definitely need another pool... I like the indoor walking at the Gellert planned expansion.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 05:32 PM

More indoor pools.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 05:48 PM

We need another pool, also a satellite library, parking is an issue downtown.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 06:10 PM

Offer more wellness and mindfulness programs during weekdays (during the day)for adults and seniors to attend. General interest programs during the day could also be considered. Example yoga, meditation, badminton, cooking for one or two, etc

Anonymous

10/03/2019 08:38 PM

You could convert 1 arena floor to be used for pickleball play year round and this would eliminate the need for any outdoor courts.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 08:12 AM

Better promotion of events

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10/04/2019 12:03 PM

When the police headquarters relocates, is the Town able to take over that property to create senior and youth spaces ??

Anonymous

10/04/2019 02:10 PM

Adding gyms, and more common spaces. Things for kids, teenagers and seniors to do indoors during the winter.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 07:59 PM

Most of them don't affect me, as I am not under the age of 50.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 09:07 PM

Indoor walking track, seniors fitness facilities, wifi.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 05:16 PM

Keep them well maintained and up to date with the latest technology.

Anonymous

10/07/2019 06:28 AM

A coffee shop

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:13 PM

Continue to offer indoor Pickleball as soon as ice is out and until ice returns. Believe we can get 5-6 courts per rink.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:34 PM

All good

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:36 PM

Greater variety of facilities such as the proposed walking track. Keep fees as low as possible. Although hockey organizations have the loudest voices,

Anonymous

10/09/2019 02:30 PM

consider all types of users.

A walking track at moldmasters arena would be great. Especially as Rep parents are required to have kids at the rink 60 minutes before a game it would be an opportunity to have a work out and stay in the building where our kids are playing. Also, keep the snack bar open until the end of the intermission/flood in late hockey games.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:38 PM

Please ad pickleball courts

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:50 PM

Parking is consistently a problem at this facility (more would be a great addition). It would be beneficial if there was a large hall (one not limited in use by hockey heritage).

Anonymous

10/09/2019 05:14 PM

The lack of gymnasium space for youth and fitness centers attached to community centers is alarming. We have long night and cold winters in halton hills

Anonymous

10/09/2019 06:40 PM

Do not put ice in one of the rinks. This will leave it as a substitute for gymnasium space year around.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 07:06 PM

We need to utilize the buildings we have like school gyms, town facilities more by keeping costs low or no-cost at all. Buildings sitting empty that would be better suited to community groups etc. while churches pick up the slack seems silly. Community is better for having many community groups so encourage the use of them. Better to make less and have them always used than make more but have them sit empty often.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 08:37 PM

The indoor recreation facilities need to be made more multi-use. Right now, we have ice rinks in one location and pools in another. I know families would like to have a space where they can have multiple activities in one location, so that they can cater to the needs and interests of their families while not having to drive everywhere. The current facilities do not do this. In addition, there is no warm-up space within the current ice rink facility for sports teams, which often leads to other program disruptions. Many other municipalities are moving to multi-use spaces (e.g., community centres with fitness centres, walking tracks, gymnastic centres) that allow for multi-purpose use.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 11:17 PM

Been playing pickleball at Mold-Masters all summer; it's a great facility. Would be nice to have one of the rinks re-purposed as an all year pickleball centre. I am sure that we could fill it up. We need to get more kids and teenagers involved. Pickleball is a low cost, highly social, physical activity.

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10/10/2019 06:25 AM

Mold-Masters-better seating outside Fernbrook-the high tables with chairs cause feet to fall asleep-need a railing for them, very uncomfortable! Warm seating area in Alcott for parents watching practices...or put the heaters on once in a while!

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10/10/2019 10:05 AM

I would like to see more mixed-use community centres, right now we have very purpose-built centres like the Georgetown and Action arena complexes, and the Gellert Centre which is very pool-oriented. I work in Vaughan and the community centres there are built to offer multiple opportunities in one place - pool, arena, gym, seniors space, and youth space all in one place. I will say as well, leading a youth organization in Georgetown that we are sorely in need of larger meeting spaces for activities and gatherings. The Town

Anonymous 10/10/2019 10:12 AM	operates many spaces around town but they are very limited in space and size and almost always booked up. I would love some larger multi-purpose rooms for doing training, band practices, etc. It was great to have pickleball In the arena in the summer but need somewhere for the winter.
Anonymous 10/10/2019 12:25 PM	Add to arenas
Anonymous 10/11/2019 12:54 PM	Hockey arenas are great as is - just maintain. Same for Gellert pool - it's perfect.
Anonymous 10/11/2019 05:37 PM	Have not used this facility but if there is areas that could be used for meetings, etc. it should be well known in the community and the fee should not be much.
Anonymous 10/11/2019 07:11 PM	Indoor tracks. Open gym time for youth to play games and have a ball/equipment signout program.
Anonymous 10/12/2019 08:53 AM	I would like to see indoor walking tracks and a gym facility.
Anonymous 10/12/2019 09:40 AM	Expand/Renovate Alcott rink to standard NHL size rink and move change rooms to south side of rink. Remove old skate board park. (Eye sore, better options in town) -Fifa sized indoor turf soccer field (ability to split into 4 smaller fields and half field to run soccer programs -Fitness area more areas for low impact and senior activities.. ie ,, Indoor track
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:03 PM	
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:48 PM	There is not much available in acton other than arena and seniors centre. What about kids who don't want to skate or normal aged adults.
Anonymous 10/13/2019 08:15 AM	We need more for youth where they can met and hang out
Anonymous 10/14/2019 04:24 PM	Need more all weather pools. Unaware of unmet needs for meeting rooms, halls, etc. Need all weather pickleball courts.
Anonymous 10/15/2019 07:49 AM	Again, construction at this site was shortsighted when it comes to viewing. Also this would be an ideal location for a walking track for members to be able to access. Perhaps an extension would allow for the Senior Centre to move here.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 08:31 AM	It's already a state of the art facility it's up to the management and coaches to create an amazing experience for those practicing sport here
Anonymous 10/17/2019 09:43 AM	Add a walking track in Acton
Anonymous 10/17/2019 09:48 AM	Make the programs consistent. Make sure people know that they are happening and the details about them. Be encouraging to new members to come out and try them.
Anonymous	Bigger and better activity centre's are appreciated. Georgetown keeps

10/17/2019 01:42 PM

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expanding and we need to keep our kids active. Expanding the Gellert Centre is a good start.

Include gym and more activities for adults

Again, with the growth we've seen in the last 15+ years, the time for surveys is well past us. Indoor rec facilities in Halton Hills should be about more than hockey. Reasonable rental rates and spaces for all ages are a priority. Multi-use gymnasiums for basketball, volley ball, pickle ball, etc. are needed as well as another indoor pool. Citizens who had to line up at 7:30 am for the Summer 2019 8:10 am Aquafit classes at Gellert would agree.

More places for our children to play during the winter

A yoga studio and a seniors area would be welcomed

No improvements needed

Indoor walking track

Because of the central location, could be a great place to add seniors facilities like a pool and exercise room. Our downtown library is excellent and doesn't really need duplication.

Need additional court space. More time for recreational skating.

We really need to consider activities for both girls and boys. The majority of taxpayers dollars go to facilities that cater to sports that boys dominate. I suspect boys play hockey and soccer and use the skate parks more than girls (a review of total registrations would probably verify this). The \$29,000,000 used to build 3 new arenas was great, but let's put some resources (ie. taxpayer's \$) towards sports where girls dominate like GYMNASTICS. Of course, boys also do GYMNASTICS as well as TRAMPOLINE, TUMBLING AND PARKOUR, and their participation is in fact growing in this area.

Include a gymnastics centre

Usage of space - better planning. How can the space be used if it not being used.

Expand arena, model it more like Milton, Orangeville and other areas that incorporate running tracks, gymnastics clubs, pool and better viewing area for hockey games. Local arena falls short on many aspects.

A better gymnastics facility as apart of the expansion. Youth hang out is always helpful to keep teens active.

Anonymous

It's fine

10/19/2019 09:51 AM

Optional question (56 responses, 10 skipped)

Q4 How can we improve outdoor recreation activities and facilities?

Anonymous

10/03/2019 03:46 PM

Add badminton lines and pickleball lines to a few of the many tennis courts already at the Gellert. Minimizes cost vs a new pad. Doing a good job in other areas, except, not familiar with any outdoor ice rinks.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 04:46 PM

My needs are met but then I don't play tennis, pickle ball, soccer, baseball or have younger children

Anonymous

10/03/2019 05:48 PM

Outdoor ice rinks would be good.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 06:10 PM

More walking trails, guided hikes/walks,

Anonymous

10/03/2019 08:38 PM

Any outdoor activities would be a bonus for Georgetown.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 08:12 AM

Build more. Improve site condition, e.g. garbage bins full of dog waste, better lighting, take advantage of nearby private businesses

coverdaler

10/04/2019 12:03 PM

more of them are needed in the planned new sections of Halton Hills

Anonymous

10/04/2019 02:10 PM

Overall, I feel we have pretty good outdoor facilities.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 07:59 PM

Walking trails wherever possible please.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 09:07 PM

Soccer fields, ball diamonds, multi-use fields, tennis and basketball courts, splash pads, skateboard parks, playgrounds, off-leash dog parks, and outdoor ice rinks. All these are important to meet the needs of all ages and life stages.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 05:16 PM

maintain them. As well as publicize what is available and when.

Anonymous

10/07/2019 06:28 AM

Outdoor rinks with music like Gage Park in Brampton

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:13 PM

Allow time on tennis courts for Pickleball. Communities all over are putting Pickleball lines on their tennis courts - different colour so both sports can be enjoyed.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:34 PM

All good

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:36 PM

Lots of great additions in this area over the past few years, esp skate parks in Acton and Georgetown. Ongoing maintenance/upgrade of baseball diamonds is important.

Anonymous

My family enjoys the outdoor ice rink at the fairgrounds----but understand this

10/09/2019 02:30 PM

is tricky with the surface being weather dependent. Would like to see an outdoor skating rink in the south that the kids in the area could walk to. At this time they skate on the reservoir ponds where ice thickness could be an issue.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:38 PM

No Dog park beside creek in Acton Urine and farces runs into the creek and that goes into the lake A clean lake would be lovely Maybe a trail all around fairy lake for community

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:50 PM

No recommendations.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 05:14 PM

Not only look at customer feedback also youth participation stats across Canada.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 06:40 PM

Add some pickleball lines to the tennis and basketball courts.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 07:06 PM

We have exceptional outdoor facilities. They are well maintained and varied. I would only suggest that youth (or adults) who abuse these spaces be made to take care of them better to encourage investment in keeping them that way. An idea to encourage walk ways, bike routes along old railways or older trails was brought up during the last municipal election. This is something that should be investigated.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 08:37 PM

The skate park in the Gellert park has had a terrible roll-out. As an individual who uses that space regularly, if not daily, I have seen a decline in the park since it has opened. There is more garbage in the immediate vicinity of the park, there is increased graffiti around the park, and there is always loud music playing by the individuals at the skate park, which disrupts the tranquility of the green space. I find it very upsetting. I also am disappointed that green space was removed to make room for this, when there is a great deal of unused space in the parking lot that could have been used. I think that in the future outdoor recreation facilities should be accessible to existing pathways and parking lots, but their impact on existing park usage should be researched and considered. I have nearly been run over several times by bikes, scooters and skate boards as I walk past the skate park with my dogs - who are on short leashes. I do very much support the development of outdoor facilities that can be used by all members of the community, young and old. Our community is in need of this. One last note, if the municipality is to continue to build outdoor spaces, they should be properly maintained, like gardens.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 11:17 PM

Convert Prospect Park tennis courts to permanent pickleball courts (sorry to have such a one-track mind). As did Hamilton, we could have programs for school kids and hold tournaments on a regular basis.

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10/10/2019 06:25 AM

More seating for parents.

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10/10/2019 10:05 AM

I think adding some more opportunities for splash pads and off-leash dog parks would be nice, many of the parks in Georgetown offer fairly basic facilities like basketball courts and small play equipment.

Anonymous 10/10/2019 10:12 AM	Doing well there I think.
Anonymous 10/10/2019 12:25 PM	Is being done at present but people used to use outdoor pool not only in to we n but also in Terracotta a lot . Such a facility would be a hit place one right between Acton and Georgetown
Anonymous 10/11/2019 12:54 PM	Improve monitoring of play spaces to ensure safety and reduce vandalism. People also loiter near/on the equipment after hours and leave dangerous items on the ground. I have not witnessed but have heard of multiple bullying incidents at skate park areas.
Anonymous 10/11/2019 05:37 PM	There can never be enough outdoor facilities. I grew up in a community with an outdoor pool and outdoor ice rinks. Great memories. We need those things here for sure.
Anonymous 10/11/2019 07:11 PM	Keep it safe and clean. Shaded and picnic areas.
Anonymous 10/12/2019 09:40 AM	More basketball courts, outdoor pools. Outdoor fifa sized Turf soccer fields (bubble dome in winter)
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:03 PM	splash pad at Dominion Gardens needs a shade. It gets way too hot in the summer for kids to be running there.. also would love to see a carousel and or a childrens train like at Riverside park in Guelph and Chingousy Park in Brampton
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:48 PM	Outdoor fitness equipment in Acton
Anonymous 10/13/2019 08:15 AM	more skate parks basketball courts
Anonymous 10/14/2019 04:24 PM	Need outdoor pickleball courts washrooms and drinking fountains
Anonymous 10/15/2019 07:49 AM	Outdoor basketball courts used to be a staple in Town, now all removed. Thank goodness TSP has come to fruition. It has been a long time coming.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 08:31 AM	Would be nice for some places to be turned into outdoor recreational skating rings during the winter
Anonymous 10/17/2019 09:43 AM	More trees to replace the dead ash trees. Enforce the "No Motorized Vehicles" on Trails. I see 4 wheelers and dirt bikes all the time on the walking trails and it is very intimidating for walkers.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 09:48 AM	Most of the outdoor facilities I have seen or my kids have used are good.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 01:30 PM	Have a better variety of playground equipment. It seems like all the playgrounds in Georgetown are all the same. Maybe consider looking at how parks in the USA are planned and what equipment they have. I would also love more beautiful gardens or places to relax on a walk.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 01:42 PM	The Eaton street park has two play grounds. We should make one of the play grounds bigger and the other site into a skate board park.

Anonymous 10/17/2019 02:18 PM	Dog parks, soccer fields
Anonymous 10/17/2019 03:17 PM	.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 09:41 PM	Outdoor ice rinks
Anonymous 10/17/2019 10:40 PM	A dog park is important as we have many dogs in the subdivision.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 11:25 PM	Mini zip-lines in playgrounds, similar to the one in Milton park by the arena/community centre
Anonymous 10/18/2019 10:13 AM	Outdoor ice rinks in subdivisions, basketball courts off leash dog parks
Anonymous 10/18/2019 10:13 AM	As a senior, marked walking trails and s badminton court would be appreciated.
Anonymous 10/18/2019 05:49 PM	Install permanent pickleball nets in Georgetown.
. 10/18/2019 06:07 PM	Just a quick observation here.... there are 7 kids using this skate facility and 6 are boys. Let's spend some money on sports that girls gravitate to. In terms of improving outdoor facilities, every town our size needs an outdoor pool. I know we used to have on at the old Memorial Arena back in the old days, and they require lots of care and maintenance, but they are worth it.
Anonymous 10/18/2019 11:15 PM	Monitoring - having Police or staff monitor what's going on. Providing WIFI where possible.
Anonymous 10/19/2019 08:08 AM	More basketball courts and street hockey pads in subdivisions, kids should be outside more and engaged. Make more green space including parks in new subdivisions more like Brampton and Milton. In Georgetown we just seem to stack houses with no thought on greenspace or parks.
Anonymous 10/19/2019 09:51 AM	Skateboard parks are great. The problem is the litter and other not so desirable behaviour that happens there. So it's hard to take littler kids there. Outdoor ice rink would be great. Off leash dog park closer to the gellert

Optional question (53 responses, 13 skipped)

Q5 How can we enhance parkland in Halton Hills?

Anonymous

10/03/2019 03:46 PM

Besides sports field and playgrounds an area with picnic tables, covered area , barbecues for events to be held. Other parks like the one in the Stewartown sub-division do not have enough large shade trees in strategic areas.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 04:46 PM

Parkland could be improved with outdoor drinking fountains and water bottle fill up. Soccer fields at TSP need indoor washroom facilities and water station other than what is planned over by the new baseball diamonds. We can also improve parkland focusing on some garden areas with benches for relaxation, mediation. Being outside is not all about running around and there is increased interest in nature mediation. I have been involved with trying to do this with the Mary Street Parkette but with no water accesss and little town involvement it has been made difficult.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 06:10 PM

Incorporate educational experiences into the parkland for children of all ages to learn and explore nature

Anonymous

10/03/2019 08:38 PM

Have a separate kids area where they could play out of harms way, with seating areas for parents along with shaded areas for both.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 08:12 AM

Get rid of all the dog waste

coverdaler

10/04/2019 12:03 PM

Gardens and quiet meditation spaces

Anonymous

10/04/2019 02:10 PM

More walking trails

Anonymous

10/04/2019 07:59 PM

Toilet facilities - places for young mothers to change children..

Anonymous

10/04/2019 09:07 PM

More shade (trees) and seating.

Anonymous

10/07/2019 06:28 AM

Connect more existing trails to hamlets

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:13 PM

Find dual purposes walking trails around soccer and baseball fields??

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:34 PM

Greater enforcement over dogs off leash and owners failing to pick up after their dogs

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:36 PM

Keep adding more parks and open spaces!

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:38 PM

No comment

Anonymous 10/09/2019 03:50 PM	Many times I see parkland not in use. I wonder if there are programs the town or volunteers could run to increase activity and broaden the appeal. More running water and electricity (especially at TSP) would broaden use and appeal.
Anonymous 10/09/2019 05:14 PM	Consider a dome over a soccer field during winter. Can generate income through adults league for halton Hills residents and youth
Anonymous 10/09/2019 06:40 PM	Additional space for dog parks would be useful. Of all of the parks that I pass by in my travels, the Cedarvale dog run is the one that is most often in use.
Anonymous 10/09/2019 07:06 PM	Keep planting trees but find a balance between nice to look at and neat and tidy and the environmental impact of cutting grass or paving walkways.
Anonymous 10/09/2019 08:37 PM	Parkland and green space should be maintained and added to. Trails, trees and natural greenery should be considered.
Anonymous 10/09/2019 11:17 PM	I think that you are doing a pretty good job as it is.
o 10/10/2019 06:25 AM	Enhance bathroom facilities at Trafalgar sports.
d 10/10/2019 10:05 AM	Continuing to develop trails for walking and biking, preserving natural features and providing lighting along pathways for evening use. I think larger park spaces need to have an intelligent layout, the installation of baseball diamonds at the Fairground has placed a lot of permanent barriers that impact events like the Fall Fair.
Anonymous 10/10/2019 10:12 AM	We are doing well there.
Anonymous 10/10/2019 12:25 PM	Take advantage of the natural parkland you have in the town
Anonymous 10/11/2019 05:37 PM	The more parkland the better for our community.
Anonymous 10/11/2019 07:11 PM	Trees, flowers and pathways. Encourage wildlife.
Anonymous 10/12/2019 09:40 AM	Fifa sized turf soccer field (bubble dome)
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:03 PM	More paved and lit walking trails
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:48 PM	More walking trails or paths in Acton
Anonymous 10/14/2019 04:24 PM	Complete the trail from Cedarvale to Willow Park through Hungry Hollow. Create a walking link from Canada Post (Maple and Delrex) to downtown that bypasses Maple Avenue and Guelph Street. Install drinking / bottle-refill fountains at all parks and public spaces - this is also a key sustainability

- Anonymous
10/17/2019 08:31 AM
initiative. Aggressively discourage off-leash dogs in parks and public spaces. Leave natural areas as accessible but ungrooved, such as west end and north side of fairgrounds, Silver Creek through downtown.
It's already big beautiful place to play, we should pay attention the those places and sports that are crowded and don't have a proper facility (like Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre)
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 09:43 AM
Maintain newly planted trees - I see too many that are dead after the first year or are abused by wire guides left on too long.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 09:48 AM
More trails. Make sure that are well kept.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 01:42 PM
I don't know.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 02:18 PM
Improve playgrounds, splash pad
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 03:17 PM
Make walking trails easily accessible and connected. Bridges over roads are more appealing that having to walk through dark tunnels/underpasses
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 09:41 PM
Keep it and make more
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 10:40 PM
Add some dog parks
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 10:13 AM
No comment at this time.
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 05:49 PM
No recommendations. Enjoy the outdoor space for walking.
- H.
10/18/2019 06:07 PM
I think the Town has done a very good job of developing parkland and it makes total sense given the beauty of our landscape and the benefits of getting folks to the outdoors and kids off the screen time.
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 11:15 PM
Communication about what's out there - where trails lead, scavenger hunts - games in the park for youth
- Anonymous
10/19/2019 08:08 AM
Add running trails and ponds. Make new subdivisions that include lush space, not just stacking houses on 30ft lots with nothing but concrete. Our taxes are extremely high and we dont seem to have comparable amenities or green space to other communities.

Optional question (43 responses, 23 skipped)

Q6 What additional recreation and parks programs or services are needed?

Anonymous

10/03/2019 03:46 PM

Pickleball for Seniors and youth too.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 04:46 PM

More senior swimming times both lane and instructor related. Pickle ball also could use some weekday indoor courts besides the Alliance Church

Anonymous

10/03/2019 05:32 PM

older adult areas and activities

Anonymous

10/03/2019 05:48 PM

More seniors swim programs.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 06:10 PM

Indoor tennis, badminton, pickle ball, yoga, meditation, healthy cooking for one or two,

Anonymous

10/03/2019 08:38 PM

Provide some coaching and supervision for any sports area where guidance is needed to prevent injuries.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 08:12 AM

More off leash dog areas

coverdaler

10/04/2019 12:03 PM

more aquafit classes, gymnasiums, pickle ball, badminton , tennis, and indoor soccer

Anonymous

10/04/2019 04:47 PM

more recreation facilities needed for youth and sports where there isn't wait lists and cost productive for families where no child is left out if wanting to play a sport

Anonymous

10/04/2019 09:07 PM

Fitness/exercise geared to older adults to support the health of us aging boomers

Anonymous

10/07/2019 06:28 AM

Outdoor exercise equipment in parks

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:13 PM

More indoor Pickleball facilities. Let's keep our seniors active! The grandkids love this sport also!

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:34 PM

all good

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:36 PM

Adult fitness and youth-options are limited. Bring back daytime fitness programming if possible.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:38 PM

Pickleball for youth

Anonymous

10/09/2019 05:14 PM

More youth basketball drop ins

Anonymous

Pickleball

10/09/2019 06:40 PM

Anonymous

10/09/2019 07:06 PM

Variety for older kids and adults would be nice essential, especially house teams for things that people new to a sport could try. People head out of town to do volleyball, basketball, cheer etc. would be nice to keep those dollars and bodies in town. Asking more groups to provide try it/learn to programs in the rec book may allow people to see opportunities that they may have never considered before in a nonthreatening, noncommittal and less expensive way. Also, perhaps other non sport related activities? Especially for preteens looking for an activity, to build friends outside school community. Another thing that I think the parks service could do is help groups host events here. The baton twirling team for example represents Brampton and Halton Hills but hosts both of its events in Brampton because of cost. Helping groups like this utilize town facilities - including school gyms if necessary - not only helps us showcase our activities and town, but brings in people and money for extended periods of time. (events can be very long days so visits for food etc.). Easy tourism and looks great for town as they are supporting their community groups!

Anonymous

10/09/2019 08:37 PM

If gardens are planted, they need to be maintained. They should not look overgrown or scraggly. Maybe plant some more natural elements that grow and don't look terrible when they are not maintained. More low-cost youth programs for children ages 11+ should also be considered.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 11:17 PM

Pickleball for all, lol.

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10/10/2019 10:05 AM

N/A

Anonymous

10/10/2019 10:12 AM

None that I know of.

Anonymous

10/10/2019 12:25 PM

Use what you have is good

Anonymous

10/11/2019 05:37 PM

I am a senior but feel that there should be lots of things for kids to do - hopefully a lot of them free so every one can take part.

Anonymous

10/11/2019 07:11 PM

Safer swim programs at the Gellert. Less kids per group but preferably less groups in the pool at once. Especially the big pool.

Anonymous

10/12/2019 08:53 AM

More programming for youth and sports programming.

Anonymous

10/12/2019 09:40 AM

Gymnastics

Anonymous

10/12/2019 02:03 PM

older adults and low impact

Anonymous

Stuff for kids with special needs from age 5 and up. Modified sportball,

10/12/2019 02:48 PM

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10/18/2019 07:18 PM

Anonymous

special needs dance class, Lego club or crafting club. More private swimming lessons for special needs. More for 10-18 year olds to do. More stuff for adults to do like crocheting, chess, card games, etc. Pickleball and pool programmes

Teen Exercise Classes

Programs that cater to all ages and levels of abilities.

We need a designated dog park somewhere in town. Several Families have dogs and it would be nice to have an area to allow our dogs to run around off the leash.

Have halton hill gymnastics located on the premises and hire more coaches

Full service rec centre with different rates for families, singles, seniors. Look at what Brampton and Milton are offering and try some of those.

Fitness centres

Community gardens

After school programs - sports, music or art for multiply ages. That are affordable for families, keeping in mind that Halton hills families normally consist of 3 or more kids.

No comment at this time.

Year round drop in pickleball.

We need a GYMNASTICS facility. A facility with sprung floors, gymnastics equipment such as bars, sprung floors, beams, ropes, rings, pommel horses, vaults, etc. It should include a walking / running track around the upper level an include a dance studio. This facility would be for all ages and offer a diverse set of programs such as Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling, Parkour, fitness classes for youth, fitness for seniors, dance, dry-land training for a variety of sports such as hockey and soccer. There is only 1 gymnastics facility in Town (Halton Hills Gymastics Centre) and it will not meet the needs of our growing community very soon. HHGC should re-locate to a new, larger and modern stand-alone or joint facility in the next 5 years with support from the Town and contributions from taxpayer dollars.

Expanding halton hills gymnastics centre into a recreational facility

Gymnastics Parkour Crossfit

10/18/2019 11:15 PM

Anonymous

10/19/2019 08:08 AM

Town run gymnastics club.... no parking at the current facility and every other town provides funding. Building is an old industrial space not conducive to the amount of kids registered and cannot provide some specialized equipment because there is lack of space.

d 10/19/2019 09:06

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Basketball rec league and more outdoor courts (not just in south). Volleyball/beach accessible to public. Active Parks with outdoor gym equipment built in.

Anonymous

10/19/2019 09:51 AM

Skateboard program

Optional question (46 responses, 20 skipped)

Q7 How can we enhance recreation and parks opportunities for youth?

- Anonymous**
10/03/2019 03:46 PM
Pickleball opportunities-learning in school-love it and no where to play.
- Anonymous**
10/03/2019 04:46 PM
Don't have any kids this age group so have no comments.
- Anonymous**
10/03/2019 06:10 PM
Yoga, meditation, mindfulness, cooking for kids, robotics, exploring the outdoors (kayaking, canoeing, nature walks)
- Anonymous**
10/03/2019 08:38 PM
Keep programs open to all youth for after school activities to keep them out of trouble.
- Anonymous**
10/04/2019 08:12 AM
Integrate with mobile technology
- r**
10/04/2019 12:03 PM
Create a youth council to arrange for use of school facilities and town facilities Encourage the existing youth team sports that are already in existence More programmes and assistance for youth who can not afford to play team sports
- Anonymous**
10/04/2019 04:47 PM
more space is needed or gym facilities for indoor sports at the schools
- Anonymous**
10/07/2019 06:28 AM
Need to have more ecology parks for our youth to engage in a sustainable environment built an environmental centre of excellence
- Anonymous**
10/09/2019 12:13 PM
Multi use gymnasiums allow seniors to use in daytime and school kids and young adults and working stiffs to keep active in the evening
- Anonymous**
10/09/2019 12:34 PM
all good
- Anonymous**
10/09/2019 12:36 PM
Lots of good initiatives lately, youth programming is great! Maybe facilitating more leadership/instructional opportunities.
- Anonymous**
10/09/2019 02:30 PM
A pick up basketball league for older teens. Shinnny times for kids 14-18 on friday evening or weekends for kids who just want to play but are not on a team.
- Anonymous**
10/09/2019 03:38 PM
Have more drop in programs
- Anonymous**
10/09/2019 05:14 PM
Basketball programs especially after Raptors won nba championship
- Anonymous**
10/09/2019 06:40 PM
Remember that the demographics of Halton Hills has more seniors than youth.
- Anonymous**
10/09/2019 07:06 PM
ask kids what they want get into schools and find out what sports and activities they want to do then find a way to either offer it or combine with

Anonymous 10/09/2019 08:37 PM	community groups to offer it keeping kids part of something helps them build connections, learn responsibility, accountability and more - all essential skills in proper development of the young adult They need leadership opportunities at low to no cost, as well as safe spaces where they can go to "hang out" that is not Tim Hortons.
Anonymous 10/09/2019 11:17 PM	Not sure about this one.
o 10/10/2019 06:25 AM	More open gym nights.
d 10/10/2019 10:05 AM	Providing youth with dedicated community centre spaces for them to spend time together would alleviate existing problems where youth find themselves congregating in Tim Hortons parking lots or at McDonalds. There is a marked absence of spaces for youth to get together that aren't idling at retail establishments. I also think spaces which offer programming to young people, occasional events or hangouts would be helpful. Additionally, making sufficient spaces and funding available to local youth organizations would allow them to better serve the youth of Halton Hills. There is a real diversity of youth opportunities but finding space and funding to maintain and operate is a real change for some.
Anonymous 10/10/2019 10:12 AM	I think you are doing great.
Anonymous 10/10/2019 12:25 PM	Maybe let youth design own opportunities we clearly like hang out centres
Anonymous 10/11/2019 07:11 PM	More open activities. Basketball nets at all parks etc. Having open mixed activities that you can walk on and join each week. Tennis, volleyball, basketball, curling night etc.
Anonymous 10/12/2019 08:53 AM	Dedicated space for youth. Wide variety of programming. Accessibility for youth across town.
Anonymous 10/12/2019 09:40 AM	Indoor basketball courts
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:03 PM	more variety
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:48 PM	Make more available for 10and over kids. More special needs social groups or programs. More available programs in Acton
Anonymous 10/13/2019 08:15 AM	Skatepark indoors and there is no arcade or bowling somewhere where they can hanf out
Anonymous 10/15/2019 07:49 AM	I think that there needs to be more opportunity for "open gyms" for youth at locations where they can access them. A partnership with the schools to be able to offer community hubs within our communities.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 08:31 AM	Having youth involved in sports activities is critical for the long term success of Halton Hills. Programs that will keep them busy would be amazing. Again

- Anonymous
10/17/2019 09:43 AM
halton hills gymnastics centre is already providing that program for youth and mentoring young coaches to be successful in life.
Teen Exercise classes (zumba, yoga)
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 09:48 AM
Making sure all the opportunities are clearly provided. I feel like some times people just might not be aware that they are happening. Another thing would be getting there. If a program is on the other side of town, it could prove difficult to get there.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 01:30 PM
Make safe places for them to hang out in the evenings.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 02:18 PM
Gymnastics, basketball, soccer
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 03:17 PM
If the programs/services are available from an early age, it stands to reason that the youth will see those opportunities as a regular part of their lives. If families and/or individuals try to register and are repeatedly told there is a waiting list, they will give up and not bother to try again.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 10:40 PM
Gymnastics gym also a gym for the community with adequate exercise equipment.
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 10:13 AM
Have the parks and rec department run programs outside in our parks. Art in the park, drop in basketball, etc.
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 10:13 AM
No comment at this time.
- H.
10/18/2019 06:07 PM
A GYMNASTICS facility would not only provide great activities for all ages, but would also provide paid employment and leadership training to over 40 high school students annually through a "Coaching Development Program". HHGC, as an example, is committed to helping the youth of our community to prepare for and be successful in future job and career opportunities.
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 07:18 PM
expanding halton hills gymnastics centre into a recreational facility to get youth active and moving for a healthy lifestyle
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 11:15 PM
Meet them where their at. Have town staff run inter murals at the schools after school - have different activities lead by town staff to build awareness
- Anonymous
10/19/2019 08:08 AM
More drop in free programs for youth... have a basketball facility (gym), more free skates and swims. Also need programs for teens

Optional question (42 responses, 24 skipped)

Q8 How can we enhance recreation and parks opportunities for older adults and seniors?

Anonymous

10/03/2019 03:46 PM

Pickleball indoor.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 04:46 PM

Gardens, pool facilities (for age related handicapped needs) , indoor walking paths

Anonymous

10/03/2019 05:32 PM

Easy, flat trails with periodic seating and well-lit or open for safety.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 06:10 PM

Keep prices affordable for seniors, daytime programs such as yoga, badminton, more aquatic programs, consider enhancing social interaction developing programs that bring seniors together example cooking for one or two, cafe on site , etc

Anonymous

10/03/2019 08:38 PM

Have nature walks, a space for seniors to get together for companionship. Make sports like Pickleball available year round as this is an excellent way to keep seniors in shape.

coverdaler

10/04/2019 12:03 PM

Gardens and meditation areas Indoor walking tracks Aquafit and exercise programmes

Anonymous

10/04/2019 02:27 PM

Concept 1 in addition to the walking track, I am pleased to see rooms for seniors. Long overdue! Thanks

Anonymous

10/04/2019 03:30 PM

Seniors rates for programs are needed to enhance accessibility. Keeping fit is very important for seniors. Aquafit is necessary as a low impact way to stay flexible and improve balance. Ramps for entry and exit at pools make them safer.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 04:47 PM

make it feasible for seniors to attend any form of recreation, not have the cost so high where a lot of seniors can't attend and also have transportation for seniors to get places

Anonymous

10/04/2019 07:59 PM

As mentioned - trails e.g. from Maple Ave. Downtown area?

Anonymous

10/04/2019 09:07 PM

See precious comments. Provide intellectually stimulating presentations/mini courses.

Anonymous

10/07/2019 06:28 AM

More Drop in centre's across town

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:13 PM

Need I mention PICKLEBALL again!!!!!! Trails for walking and biking. Swimming is excellent for seniors also. More daytime pool arobic classes

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:36 PM

I think they have a lot of options currently and are one of the better served groups in Town.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:38 PM

An indoor pickleball court like Milton leisure centre has

Anonymous 10/09/2019 06:40 PM	Same again, make pickleball available in the cold months. You would also have badminton players using the space.
Anonymous 10/09/2019 07:06 PM	as before but ask them what they want...not just the ones that get involved but the ones that don't too. find ways to keep them connected especially when they don't want to... perhaps teaching youth skills perhaps helping develop programs perhaps partnering with community groups or youth to provide activity or service together
Anonymous 10/09/2019 08:37 PM	Low-impact, well-maintained trails that are easily accessible from a road.
Anonymous 10/09/2019 11:17 PM	Again, not sure about this one, but look at my previous answers.
d 10/10/2019 10:05 AM	Providing dedicated senior spaces with space and programming during the day would be a real benefit to allow seniors to get away from their residences and socialize and stay active.
Anonymous 10/10/2019 10:12 AM	A gym wood really help.
Anonymous 10/10/2019 12:25 PM	You do not seem to do much for seniors unless one goes to the seniors centres . The one in Georgetown is a disgrace you could have easily developed Cedarvale into one . Most senior in town live on fixed income thus make things affordable
Anonymous 10/11/2019 05:37 PM	Have articles in the hard copy paper to let all know what is available. Lots of seniors are on fixed incomes and would like to be more active so that needs to be considered.
Anonymous 10/11/2019 07:11 PM	Indoor tracks!
Anonymous 10/12/2019 09:40 AM	None. Alot available through seniors centre
Anonymous 10/12/2019 02:03 PM	More easier walking trails around town.. would love to see one going from cedarvale to the downtown area along the riverside
Anonymous 10/14/2019 04:24 PM	Pickleball courts and pools Lecture series. e.g. Extended Learning Opportunities lectures in Erin, continuing ed lectures in Guelph and Orangeville. These don' t require lots of fanfare, are low cost, and extremely popular.
Anonymous 10/15/2019 07:49 AM	There are a lot of programs available for the seniors, but are they offered at an affordable rate? The Georgetown Senior Centre is a great location for these programs, and now are being spelled off into Mold Masters as well.
Anonymous 10/17/2019 09:48 AM	Ensure the there is a good variety of programs. Really push the "come out and try something new, you may just like it".
Anonymous 10/17/2019 02:18 PM	Leisure programmes for seniors.. reduce rate
Anonymous	Same comments as before. make the activities accessible, affordable for all

10/17/2019 03:17 PM

and they will keep coming back.

Anonymous

10/17/2019 10:40 PM

A place to socialize, classes for seniors ex knitting classes , seniors dance classes etc

Anonymous

10/18/2019 10:13 AM

Walking trails at different levels of ease marked appropriately. Outdoor gathering spaces for Tai Chi and similar activities.

Anonymous

10/18/2019 05:49 PM

More courts for drop in pickleball league, more affordable curling options in Georgetown.

H.

10/18/2019 06:07 PM

Fitness activities should be offered to seniors in a safe environment. A gymnastics facility normally has 2 large sprung floors where seniors can do many types of fitness activities and classes. These specialized floors are cushioned to provide a safe and comfortable option to hard floors like a basketball court. A walking / running track around the upper level of the GYMNASTICS facility would provide a GREAT, 12-MONTH-A-YEAR exercise option.

Anonymous

10/18/2019 11:15 PM

Accessibility

Anonymous

10/19/2019 08:08 AM

Walking tours of hungry hollow lead by nature enthusiasts, more advertising of seniors activities they can attend

Optional question (37 responses, 29 skipped)

Q9 What can recreation and parks do to address climate change and environmental sustainability?

Anonymous
10/03/2019 03:46 PM

Stop the use of plastic bags, plastic bottles, whatever else is not environmentally friendly-fines.

Anonymous
10/03/2019 04:46 PM

Perhaps clear some of the trails (hungry hollow, all trails from Gellert down to 10th SR)

Anonymous
10/03/2019 05:32 PM

Lots of convenient recycling receptions. Reuseable water bottle filling stations Also consider adding "green" only parking spots to acknowledge electric and hybrid vehicleand vvehicle charging stations at locations such as the Gellert.

Anonymous
10/03/2019 06:10 PM

Develop both youth and senior programs to increase awareness of the changing climate, how they can reduce their carbon foot, leave the world a better place for the next generation (maybe offer a grandma/grandpa and me(ie grandchildren) program bringing generations together to explore and learn

Anonymous
10/03/2019 08:38 PM

They already do a good job. This is not an area that I have any thoughts on at this time.

Anonymous
10/04/2019 08:12 AM

Improve recycling methods and keep park waste out of landfill

coverdaler
10/04/2019 12:03 PM

plant thousands of trees, and then plant some more plant gardens to help with wild life such as butterflies and Bees less tarmac more green

Anonymous
10/04/2019 04:47 PM

clear sidewalks to cut down on falls for anyone!, clear roads quicker

Anonymous
10/04/2019 07:59 PM

Huge important issue...plant more trees!

Anonymous
10/07/2019 06:28 AM

More public education in a store front in Main Street, bring all environmental groups together to educate the public

Anonymous
10/09/2019 12:13 PM

Recyclable bins and use all recyclable products at food kiosk

Anonymous
10/09/2019 12:34 PM

No concerns. The Town cant do anything that could make a difference. China, India, Africa on the other hand can do something to stop pollution etc...

Anonymous
10/09/2019 12:36 PM

Unsure.

Anonymous
10/09/2019 03:38 PM

Climate change is a hoax

Anonymous

More dedicated sanitation solutions.

10/09/2019 03:50 PM

Anonymous

Turn off the lights in the fairgrounds ball diamonds when they are not in use.

10/09/2019 06:40 PM

Anonymous

see previous answers just ensure that our desire for rec and parks don't outweigh environmental sustainability. utilize what we already have - ie school gyms - more

10/09/2019 07:06 PM

Anonymous

Plant natural greenery, make trails more natural (like in Hungry Hollow). Plant trees.

10/09/2019 08:37 PM

Anonymous

Don't know.

10/09/2019 11:17 PM

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Enhance shoulders on side roads-don't need to be bike lanes, just a white line with more than a few inches to be able to move into on busy days.

10/10/2019 06:25 AM

d

Maintain waterways to prevent significant flooding, preserve important natural features.

10/10/2019 10:05 AM

Anonymous

It is what we get and what can we do but deal with it.

10/10/2019 10:12 AM

Anonymous

Have transportation to activities develop Slot of outdoor event design and build facilities taking advantage of green energy Only

10/10/2019 12:25 PM

Anonymous

Pretty good job being done now.

10/11/2019 05:37 PM

Anonymous

More trees. Less garbage especially plastic. No more one use items. Have carpool/shuttle services. Quit taking down trees and habitats to build houses, commercial buildings etc. Don't ruin the greenbelt by mining, building etc. Use less electricity and fuels. Have solar panels heating the pools etc. Facilities built to LEEDS standards.

10/11/2019 07:11 PM

Anonymous

Facilities built to LEEDS standards.

10/12/2019 08:53 AM

Anonymous

Install drinking / bottle-refill fountains at all public spaces and parks. More use of sand and other traction aids rather than salt for winter walkways. Remove Norway Maples in favour of native trees; on all new planting use only native species (and there are lots of very good varieties to pick from).

10/14/2019 04:24 PM

Anonymous

Actually recycle. Witnessed on more than one occasion recycling being picked up and put directly into garbage trucks and compressed with garbage.

10/15/2019 07:49 AM

Anonymous

build more EV charging stations

10/17/2019 08:31 AM

Anonymous

Plant more native trees

10/17/2019 09:43 AM

Anonymous

Do your best to be prepared. Mother nature likes to throw curve balls.

10/17/2019 09:48 AM

- Anonymous
10/17/2019 01:30 PM
This question is so unnecessary and cliché.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 01:42 PM
Adding more trees in our parks will help the environment.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 02:18 PM
Be more conservative when using water, green options for electricity etc
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 03:17 PM
Stay aware of challenges and be seen as a leader in environmental issues.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 10:40 PM
Change the lighting to solar powered
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 11:25 PM
More garbage bins available in various places
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 10:13 AM
Provide recycle along with garbage bins. Plant trees. Put in electrical outlets for hybrid and electric cars in designated parking spaces.
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 05:49 PM
Encourage more recycling of large items. Hold citywide recycling event encouraging people to reuse instead of making disposal too easy. Too many pieces of furniture in reusable condition being thrown out.
- H.
10/18/2019 06:07 PM
This is an important area. All parking lots should have electrical charging stations to encourage the use of electric vehicles. Collecting and properly recycling waste is also important. Banning the use of plastics at concessions would also be a good idea.
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 11:15 PM
Education along the trails
- Anonymous
10/19/2019 08:08 AM
Nothing
- d
10/19/2019 09:06 AM
Stop building more homes. Instead work on updating existing infrastructure. Create more green space for residence to hike and kids to be outdoors.

Optional question (43 responses, 23 skipped)

Q10 | How can recreation & parks enhance opportunities for active transportation?

Anonymous

10/03/2019 03:46 PM

Perhaps connect trails where possible? More bike lanes, lock-up areas? Doing well with this-noticed area in old downtown and at the library-good thinking.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 04:46 PM

Definitely need to become more bike friendly. I will not ride my bike in town. It's dangerous

Anonymous

10/03/2019 05:32 PM

More bike only lanes

Anonymous

10/03/2019 06:10 PM

Guided bike adventures, guided nature walks,

Anonymous

10/03/2019 08:38 PM

Continue to install bike lanes on roadways, have dirt bike trails for people who like to ride in nature.

coverdaler

10/04/2019 12:03 PM

easy use of Activan and taxi for seniors and youth to get to activities learn from CashH how to get and use volunteer drivers

Anonymous

10/04/2019 03:30 PM

Trails and paths should be connected so that roads and highways are not needed to get around on foot or bike.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 04:47 PM

possibly have a hotline for seniors to phone in order to be transported to any recreation, monthly fee that is feasible

Anonymous

10/04/2019 07:59 PM

Activan seems good..

Anonymous

10/07/2019 06:28 AM

More off road trails like Niagara on the Lake that link communities - work with Bruce Trail

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:13 PM

More bike lanes

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:34 PM

Just fine the way it is

Anonymous

10/09/2019 12:36 PM

More paths, interconnected, well-lit trails, and wide sidewalks. Traffic needs to take responsibility for this as well. Sidewalks need to be safe for people to walk on. Maple Ave it one example of a problem where cars drive way over the speed limit and the sidewalk is very close to the road. Please do not limit parking downtown! it is important to have a vibrant, thriving downtown. People need to want to go there and should find it easy to do so. Do not retrofit existing roads by painting a bicycle on it as it does not help and confuses people.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 02:30 PM

I am encouraged by the towns initiatives to improve roadways for cyclists....keep it up!

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:38 PM

No comment

Anonymous

10/09/2019 03:50 PM

The town has undertaken several initiatives to increase bicycle use. I think the town should promote programs for active transportation, but not spend excessively until citizens choose to use them. For example, the new bike racks in Downtown Georgetown are rarely used but take up a valuable parking space. Lead the horse to water, and wait and see if they drink.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 06:40 PM

No comments.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 07:06 PM

we do this well for a community that is substantially sprawled but perhaps we could ensure that the routes outside of town that people are walking and cycling on are safe for those who must use other transportation methods - ie cars too. ensure there are shoulders for walking biking paths before assigning routes etc.

Anonymous

10/09/2019 11:17 PM

More bike lanes and better signage.

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10/10/2019 06:25 AM

better shoulders for biking

d

10/10/2019 10:05 AM

Building dedicated biking lanes on sidewalks when major thoroughfares are constructed, and for new residential neighborhoods. Cycling facilities are valuable for active living and healthy movement, but need to be kept off the roadways to keep cyclists safe and allow vehicle traffic to flow properly.

Anonymous

10/10/2019 10:12 AM

Get bikes to stay in single file instead of all across the road would be a start.

Anonymous

10/10/2019 12:25 PM

Growing up in Denmark bicycle paths was designed into roadways back in 1900 activities outdoors is a way of life public transportation every where . Yes you may have you bike inside the train special cars for that . Here in town the car is king council to timid to move forward.

Anonymous

10/11/2019 05:37 PM

Bike lanes are good for cyclists but many of them start and start and do not join other bike lanes. Bike lanes where put on my street and they are used very little.

Anonymous

10/11/2019 07:11 PM

Shuttle services. Especially for seniors.

Anonymous

10/12/2019 08:53 AM

More bike lanes.

Anonymous

10/12/2019 09:40 AM

Bike trails

Anonymous

10/12/2019 02:03 PM

again more walking trails and bike paths

Anonymous

10/14/2019 04:24 PM

Install segregated bike lanes on major arteries of Maple Ave, Guelph Street, and Mountainview. White lines on the road are a nice idea, but these are

- Anonymous
10/15/2019 07:49 AM
dangerous streets to ride on. Install barriers to segregate the bike lanes on Delrex. Require segregated bike lanes on all new roadways as they're installed, rather than trying to retrofit them.
Lots of focus has been put to this.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 09:43 AM
More black path multi use paths in HH
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 09:48 AM
Build an even better trail system. All over Georgetown. Connect a trail system to normal. The system is a great, safe way to get around. Expand the existing trails. Pave some heavy used trails. Skateboards and mobility users could use them. Make sure there is good lighting.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 01:42 PM
Georgetown does not offer bus transportation other than the Go Bus which is great. Therefore, more and more young people are using their bicycles in town which is wonderful to see. Continuing to add bicycle lanes in our streets and around our parks encourages more and more people to feel safe riding their bikes or walking to these designated areas around town. This is one of the reasons why I moved to this town as its the only known area that encourages active transportation. We should be proud and keep it that way.
Have bikes / skateboards for hire
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 02:18 PM
Educate all participants on the challenges when trails are used for too many activities. Clearly marked trails/paths are helpful so all users know where they should be walking, riding, etc.
- Anonymous
10/17/2019 10:40 PM
Designated Bike paths throughout the community
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 10:13 AM
Provide safe biking trails. Most streets marked for bicycling have lanes much too narrow that cars are frequently parked in. Delrex Blvd and Main Street are just 2 examples.
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 05:49 PM
Better street lighting to encourage evening walking in winter months.
- H.
10/18/2019 06:07 PM
To reiterate, an indoor walking/running track around a gymnastics facility would be a great way to enhance active transportation. The big benefit over all outdoor facilities is that it can be used 12 months a year, of course.
- Anonymous
10/18/2019 11:15 PM
Bike share program - incentives for kids to participate
- Anonymous
10/19/2019 08:08 AM
Paved Bike trails/running trails (even thru hungry hollow).... have "bixi" bikes placed thru town for rent

Optional question (41 responses, 25 skipped)

Appendix C: Random Sample Household Telephone Survey Summary

Q1 - Are you and your household able to participate in recreation and park activities as often as you would like?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Yes	76.1%	70.5%	77.1%	77.7%	78.4%	74.0%	77.0%	78.9%	70.4%
No	22.1%	29.5%	20.3%	20.4%	20.1%	24.0%	22.0%	20.0%	26.1%
Don't Know	1.7%		2.5%	1.9%	1.5%	1.9%	1.0%	1.1%	3.5%

[Table Q2](#)

Q2 - Why are you and your household not able to participate in recreation and parks activities as often as you would like?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
BASE: Not at Q1	89	23	24	42	39	50	22	35	30
Lack of personal time / Too busy	41.6%	60.9%	33.3%	35.7%	38.5%	44.0%	54.5%	62.9%	10.0%
Accessibility / Disability / Age	24.7%	13.0%	12.5%	38.1%	20.5%	28.0%	4.5%	8.6%	56.7%
Lack of desired facilities or programs	5.6%		12.5%	4.8%	7.7%	4.0%	9.1%	8.6%	
Lack of money / Too expensive	5.6%	4.3%	12.5%	2.4%	7.7%	4.0%	4.5%	5.7%	6.7%
Program not offered at a convenient time	3.4%	4.3%	8.3%		5.1%	2.0%	9.1%	2.9%	
Lack of information / Unaware of opportunities	3.4%	4.3%	4.2%	2.4%	5.1%	2.0%	9.1%	2.9%	
Lack of transportation / Facility too far away	2.2%		4.2%	2.4%	2.6%	2.0%		5.7%	
Other	27.0%	30.4%	25.0%	26.2%	25.6%	28.0%	22.7%	20.0%	36.7%

[Table Q3A](#)

Q3A - Using a scale from 1 to 5... rate your level of satisfaction with the recreation and park opportunities for the following age groups. - Infants and Children (Age 0-9)

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Satisfied	26.9%	26.9%	29.7%	25.2%	27.3%	26.4%	22.0%	31.4%	25.2%
4	23.6%	20.5%	27.1%	22.8%	28.9%	18.8%	37.0%	19.4%	18.3%
3	12.7%	14.1%	14.4%	11.2%	13.9%	11.5%	18.0%	10.3%	10.4%
2	1.2%	1.3%	1.7%	1.0%	0.5%	1.9%	3.0%	1.1%	
1 - Not Satisfied at All	1.2%	1.3%		1.9%	2.1%	0.5%	2.0%	1.7%	
Don't Know	34.3%	35.9%	27.1%	37.9%	27.3%	40.9%	18.0%	36.0%	46.1%
TOP-2 BOX	50.5%	47.4%	56.8%	48.1%	56.2%	45.2%	59.0%	50.9%	43.5%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	2.5%	2.6%	1.7%	2.9%	2.6%	2.4%	5.0%	2.9%	
MEAN	4.12	4.10	4.16	4.10	4.09	4.16	3.90	4.21	4.27

[Table Q3B](#)

Q3B - Using a scale from 1 to 5... rate your level of satisfaction with the recreation and park opportunities for the following age groups. - Youth (Age 10-19)

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Satisfied	18.9%	14.1%	19.5%	20.4%	24.2%	13.9%	17.0%	20.6%	17.4%
4	23.6%	20.5%	22.0%	25.7%	29.4%	18.3%	32.0%	22.9%	18.3%
3	20.4%	19.2%	28.8%	16.0%	16.5%	24.0%	25.0%	19.4%	15.7%
2	7.2%	7.7%	9.3%	5.8%	7.2%	7.2%	10.0%	7.4%	5.2%
1 - Not Satisfied at All	3.0%	2.6%	5.1%	1.9%	2.6%	3.4%	5.0%	4.0%	
Don't Know	26.9%	35.9%	15.3%	30.1%	20.1%	33.2%	11.0%	25.7%	43.5%
TOP-2 BOX	42.5%	34.6%	41.5%	46.1%	53.6%	32.2%	49.0%	43.4%	35.7%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	10.2%	10.3%	14.4%	7.8%	9.8%	10.6%	15.0%	11.4%	5.2%
MEAN	3.66	3.56	3.49	3.81	3.82	3.48	3.52	3.65	3.85

[Table Q3C](#)

Q3C - Using a scale from 1 to 5... rate your level of satisfaction with the recreation and park opportunities for the following age groups. - Adults (Age 20-54)

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Satisfied	16.7%	17.9%	16.9%	16.0%	17.0%	16.3%	16.0%	16.6%	15.7%
4	28.4%	37.2%	22.0%	28.6%	28.4%	28.4%	32.0%	29.7%	23.5%
3	27.4%	21.8%	30.5%	27.7%	27.8%	26.9%	28.0%	30.3%	21.7%
2	7.7%	3.8%	11.9%	6.8%	8.2%	7.2%	9.0%	8.6%	6.1%
1 - Not Satisfied at All	2.0%	1.3%	3.4%	1.5%	2.1%	1.9%	5.0%	1.7%	
Don't Know	17.9%	17.9%	15.3%	19.4%	16.5%	19.2%	10.0%	13.1%	33.0%
TOP-2 BOX	45.0%	55.1%	39.0%	44.7%	45.4%	44.7%	48.0%	46.3%	39.1%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	9.7%	5.1%	15.3%	8.3%	10.3%	9.1%	14.0%	10.3%	6.1%
MEAN	3.61	3.81	3.44	3.63	3.60	3.62	3.50	3.59	3.73

[Table Q3D](#)

Q3D - Using a scale from 1 to 5... rate your level of satisfaction with the recreation and park opportunities for the following age groups. - Older Adults and Seniors (Age 55+)

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Satisfied	18.2%	16.7%	15.3%	20.4%	15.5%	20.7%	13.0%	16.6%	24.3%
4	24.9%	21.8%	17.8%	30.1%	24.2%	25.5%	22.0%	21.1%	33.0%
3	21.1%	16.7%	27.1%	19.4%	24.7%	17.8%	21.0%	23.4%	18.3%
2	8.5%	3.8%	8.5%	10.2%	9.8%	7.2%	6.0%	8.6%	10.4%
1 - Not Satisfied at All	4.7%	5.1%	7.6%	2.9%	5.2%	4.3%	6.0%	4.0%	5.2%
Don't Know	22.6%	35.9%	23.7%	17.0%	20.6%	24.5%	32.0%	26.3%	8.7%
TOP-2 BOX	43.0%	38.5%	33.1%	50.5%	39.7%	46.2%	35.0%	37.7%	57.4%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	13.2%	9.0%	16.1%	13.1%	14.9%	11.5%	12.0%	12.6%	15.7%
MEAN	3.56	3.64	3.32	3.66	3.44	3.68	3.44	3.51	3.67

[Table Q3E](#)

Q3E - Using a scale from 1 to 5... rate your level of satisfaction with the recreation and park opportunities for the following age groups. - Families

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Satisfied	22.4%	23.1%	20.3%	23.3%	24.2%	20.7%	26.0%	21.1%	21.7%
4	31.1%	34.6%	29.7%	30.6%	33.0%	29.3%	36.0%	35.4%	21.7%
3	23.9%	16.7%	26.3%	25.2%	21.6%	26.0%	26.0%	25.1%	20.0%
2	6.2%	5.1%	9.3%	4.9%	5.7%	6.7%	4.0%	5.7%	7.8%
1 - Not Satisfied at All	0.7%	1.3%	0.8%	0.5%	1.0%	0.5%	3.0%		
Don't Know	15.7%	19.2%	13.6%	15.5%	14.4%	16.8%	5.0%	12.6%	28.7%
TOP-2 BOX	53.5%	57.7%	50.0%	53.9%	57.2%	50.0%	62.0%	56.6%	43.5%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	7.0%	6.4%	10.2%	5.3%	6.7%	7.2%	7.0%	5.7%	7.8%
MEAN	3.81	3.90	3.69	3.84	3.86	3.76	3.82	3.82	3.80

[Table Q3_1](#)

Q3 - [TOP-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale from 1 to 5... rate your level of satisfaction with the recreation and park opportunities for the following age groups.

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Infants and Children (Age 0-9)	50.5%	47.4%	56.8%	48.1%	56.2%	45.2%	59.0%	50.9%	43.5%
Youth (Age 10-19)	42.5%	34.6%	41.5%	46.1%	53.6%	32.2%	49.0%	43.4%	35.7%
Adults (Age 20-54)	45.0%	55.1%	39.0%	44.7%	45.4%	44.7%	48.0%	46.3%	39.1%
Older Adults and Seniors (Age 55+)	43.0%	38.5%	33.1%	50.5%	39.7%	46.2%	35.0%	37.7%	57.4%
Families	53.5%	57.7%	50.0%	53.9%	57.2%	50.0%	62.0%	56.6%	43.5%

[Table Q3_2](#)

Q3 - [BOTTOM-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale from 1 to 5... rate your level of satisfaction with the recreation and park opportunities for the following age groups.

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Infants and Children (Age 0-9)	2.5%	2.6%	1.7%	2.9%	2.6%	2.4%	5.0%	2.9%	
Youth (Age 10-19)	10.2%	10.3%	14.4%	7.8%	9.8%	10.6%	15.0%	11.4%	5.2%
Adults (Age 20-54)	9.7%	5.1%	15.3%	8.3%	10.3%	9.1%	14.0%	10.3%	6.1%
Older Adults and Seniors (Age 55+)	13.2%	9.0%	16.1%	13.1%	14.9%	11.5%	12.0%	12.6%	15.7%
Families	7.0%	6.4%	10.2%	5.3%	6.7%	7.2%	7.0%	5.7%	7.8%

[Table Q3_3](#)

Q3 - [MEANS SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale from 1 to 5... rate your level of satisfaction with the recreation and park opportunities for the following age groups.

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Infants and Children (Age 0-9)	4.12	4.10	4.16	4.10	4.09	4.16	3.90	4.21	4.27
Youth (Age 10-19)	3.66	3.56	3.49	3.81	3.82	3.48	3.52	3.65	3.85
Adults (Age 20-54)	3.61	3.81	3.44	3.63	3.60	3.62	3.50	3.59	3.73
Older Adults and Seniors (Age 55+)	3.56	3.64	3.32	3.66	3.44	3.68	3.44	3.51	3.67
Families	3.81	3.90	3.69	3.84	3.86	3.76	3.82	3.82	3.80

[Table Q4A](#)

Q4A - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of importance for the following facility types? - Indoor recreation facilities such as pools and arenas

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Important	48.8%	57.7%	50.8%	44.2%	47.4%	50.0%	51.0%	50.9%	44.3%
4	27.9%	16.7%	28.8%	31.6%	28.9%	26.9%	27.0%	29.7%	25.2%
3	15.2%	19.2%	13.6%	14.6%	14.9%	15.4%	16.0%	13.1%	17.4%
2	4.2%	2.6%	4.2%	4.9%	3.6%	4.8%	4.0%	3.4%	6.1%
1 - Not at all Important	3.2%	3.8%	1.7%	3.9%	4.1%	2.4%	2.0%	2.3%	5.2%
Don't Know	0.7%		0.8%	1.0%	1.0%	0.5%		0.6%	1.7%
TOP-2 BOX	76.6%	74.4%	79.7%	75.7%	76.3%	76.9%	78.0%	80.6%	69.6%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	7.5%	6.4%	5.9%	8.7%	7.7%	7.2%	6.0%	5.7%	11.3%
MEAN	4.16	4.22	4.24	4.08	4.13	4.18	4.21	4.24	3.99

[Table Q4B](#)

Q4B - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of importance for the following facility types? - Outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields and playgrounds

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Important	45.5%	42.3%	46.6%	46.1%	45.4%	45.7%	49.0%	47.4%	38.3%
4	32.8%	30.8%	33.1%	33.5%	33.5%	32.2%	39.0%	29.1%	35.7%
3	12.7%	20.5%	11.9%	10.2%	10.8%	14.4%	7.0%	16.0%	12.2%
2	3.7%	2.6%	5.1%	3.4%	4.6%	2.9%	3.0%	3.4%	5.2%
1 - Not at all Important	3.7%	2.6%	2.5%	4.9%	4.6%	2.9%	2.0%	2.9%	5.2%
Don't Know	1.5%	1.3%	0.8%	1.9%	1.0%	1.9%		1.1%	3.5%
TOP-2 BOX	78.4%	73.1%	79.7%	79.6%	78.9%	77.9%	88.0%	76.6%	73.9%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	7.5%	5.1%	7.6%	8.3%	9.3%	5.8%	5.0%	6.3%	10.4%
MEAN	4.14	4.09	4.17	4.15	4.11	4.17	4.30	4.16	4.00

[Table Q4C](#)

Q4C - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of importance for the following facility types? - Open space for unstructured uses such as picnics and relaxing

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Important	29.6%	29.5%	28.0%	30.6%	27.8%	31.3%	26.0%	33.7%	26.1%
4	32.8%	32.1%	36.4%	31.1%	30.4%	35.1%	37.0%	29.1%	33.9%
3	22.6%	26.9%	22.0%	21.4%	23.7%	21.6%	23.0%	24.0%	22.6%
2	9.7%	10.3%	9.3%	9.7%	12.9%	6.7%	9.0%	8.6%	10.4%
1 - Not at all Important	4.0%	1.3%	2.5%	5.8%	4.1%	3.8%	5.0%	4.6%	2.6%
Don't Know	1.2%		1.7%	1.5%	1.0%	1.4%			4.3%
TOP-2 BOX	62.4%	61.5%	64.4%	61.7%	58.2%	66.3%	63.0%	62.9%	60.0%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	13.7%	11.5%	11.9%	15.5%	17.0%	10.6%	14.0%	13.1%	13.0%
MEAN	3.75	3.78	3.79	3.72	3.66	3.84	3.70	3.79	3.74

[Table Q4D](#)

Q4D - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of importance for the following facility types? - Recreational trails and pathways

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Important	48.5%	55.1%	50.0%	45.1%	44.8%	51.9%	51.0%	52.0%	39.1%
4	29.1%	26.9%	28.8%	30.1%	28.4%	29.8%	27.0%	28.6%	33.0%
3	13.4%	10.3%	12.7%	15.0%	15.5%	11.5%	14.0%	12.0%	14.8%
2	4.2%	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%	6.2%	2.4%	7.0%	2.9%	4.3%
1 - Not at all Important	3.2%	3.8%	3.4%	2.9%	4.6%	1.9%	1.0%	4.0%	4.3%
Don't Know	1.5%		0.8%	2.4%	0.5%	2.4%		0.6%	4.3%
TOP-2 BOX	77.6%	82.1%	78.8%	75.2%	73.2%	81.7%	78.0%	80.6%	72.2%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	7.5%	7.7%	7.6%	7.3%	10.8%	4.3%	8.0%	6.9%	8.7%
MEAN	4.17	4.26	4.19	4.13	4.03	4.31	4.20	4.22	4.03

[Table Q4 1](#)

Q4 - [TOP-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of importance for the following facility types?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Indoor recreation facilities such as pools and arenas	76.6%	74.4%	79.7%	75.7%	76.3%	76.9%	78.0%	80.6%	69.6%
Outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields and playgrounds	78.4%	73.1%	79.7%	79.6%	78.9%	77.9%	88.0%	76.6%	73.9%
Open space for unstructured uses such as picnics and relaxing	62.4%	61.5%	64.4%	61.7%	58.2%	66.3%	63.0%	62.9%	60.0%
Recreational trails and pathways	77.6%	82.1%	78.8%	75.2%	73.2%	81.7%	78.0%	80.6%	72.2%

[Table Q4 2](#)

Q4 - [BOTTOM-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of importance for the following facility types?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Indoor recreation facilities such as pools and arenas	7.5%	6.4%	5.9%	8.7%	7.7%	7.2%	6.0%	5.7%	11.3%
Outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields and playgrounds	7.5%	5.1%	7.6%	8.3%	9.3%	5.8%	5.0%	6.3%	10.4%
Open space for unstructured uses such as picnics and relaxing	13.7%	11.5%	11.9%	15.5%	17.0%	10.6%	14.0%	13.1%	13.0%
Recreational trails and pathways	7.5%	7.7%	7.6%	7.3%	10.8%	4.3%	8.0%	6.9%	8.7%

[Table Q4 3](#)

Q4 - [MEANS SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of importance for the following facility types?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Indoor recreation facilities such as pools and arenas	4.16	4.22	4.24	4.08	4.13	4.18	4.21	4.24	3.99
Outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields and playgrounds	4.14	4.09	4.17	4.15	4.11	4.17	4.30	4.16	4.00
Open space for unstructured uses such as picnics and relaxing	3.75	3.78	3.79	3.72	3.66	3.84	3.70	3.79	3.74
Recreational trails and pathways	4.17	4.26	4.19	4.13	4.03	4.31	4.20	4.22	4.03

[Table Q5A](#)

Q5A - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of satisfaction for the following facility types in Halton Hills? - Indoor recreation facilities such as pools and arenas

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Satisfied	26.9%	30.8%	22.0%	28.2%	24.7%	28.8%	29.0%	24.6%	27.8%
4	34.1%	35.9%	32.2%	34.5%	33.0%	35.1%	39.0%	32.6%	34.8%
3	22.6%	21.8%	24.6%	21.8%	24.7%	20.7%	19.0%	26.3%	18.3%
2	10.7%	7.7%	16.1%	8.7%	9.3%	12.0%	9.0%	11.4%	11.3%
1 - Not Satisfied at All	3.7%	3.8%	3.4%	3.9%	6.2%	1.4%	2.0%	4.0%	5.2%
Don't Know	2.0%		1.7%	2.9%	2.1%	1.9%	2.0%	1.1%	2.6%
TOP-2 BOX	60.9%	66.7%	54.2%	62.6%	57.7%	63.9%	68.0%	57.1%	62.6%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	14.4%	11.5%	19.5%	12.6%	15.5%	13.5%	11.0%	15.4%	16.5%
MEAN	3.71	3.82	3.54	3.77	3.62	3.79	3.86	3.63	3.71

[Table Q5B](#)

Q5B - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of satisfaction for the following facility types in Halton Hills? - Outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields and playgrounds

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Satisfied	26.6%	28.2%	25.4%	26.7%	26.3%	26.9%	28.0%	22.9%	30.4%
4	40.3%	38.5%	36.4%	43.2%	40.7%	39.9%	41.0%	41.7%	40.0%
3	23.1%	25.6%	27.1%	19.9%	22.2%	24.0%	25.0%	26.9%	15.7%
2	4.5%	3.8%	4.2%	4.9%	4.1%	4.8%	3.0%	4.0%	5.2%
1 - Not Satisfied at All	2.0%	2.6%	2.5%	1.5%	3.6%	0.5%	2.0%	1.1%	2.6%
Don't Know	3.5%	1.3%	4.2%	3.9%	3.1%	3.8%	1.0%	3.4%	6.1%
TOP-2 BOX	66.9%	66.7%	61.9%	69.9%	67.0%	66.8%	69.0%	64.6%	70.4%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	6.5%	6.4%	6.8%	6.3%	7.7%	5.3%	5.0%	5.1%	7.8%
MEAN	3.88	3.87	3.81	3.92	3.85	3.92	3.91	3.84	3.96

[Table Q5C](#)

Q5C - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of satisfaction for the following facility types in Halton Hills? - Open space for unstructured uses such as picnics and relaxing

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Satisfied	18.2%	15.4%	15.3%	20.9%	16.0%	20.2%	13.0%	19.4%	20.0%
4	32.8%	28.2%	32.2%	35.0%	30.9%	34.6%	32.0%	31.4%	37.4%
3	32.3%	43.6%	31.4%	28.6%	32.5%	32.2%	38.0%	34.9%	24.3%
2	10.4%	9.0%	11.9%	10.2%	12.9%	8.2%	10.0%	8.6%	12.2%
1 - Not Satisfied at All	4.0%	3.8%	4.2%	3.9%	4.6%	3.4%	4.0%	4.0%	3.5%
Don't Know	2.2%		5.1%	1.5%	3.1%	1.4%	3.0%	1.7%	2.6%
TOP-2 BOX	51.0%	43.6%	47.5%	55.8%	46.9%	54.8%	45.0%	50.9%	57.4%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	14.4%	12.8%	16.1%	14.1%	17.5%	11.5%	14.0%	12.6%	15.7%
MEAN	3.52	3.42	3.45	3.60	3.42	3.61	3.41	3.55	3.60

[Table Q5D](#)

Q5D - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of satisfaction for the following facility types in Halton Hills? - Recreational trails and pathways

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Very Satisfied	29.1%	38.5%	22.0%	29.6%	29.9%	28.4%	23.0%	29.1%	33.0%
4	36.3%	33.3%	34.7%	38.3%	32.5%	39.9%	37.0%	37.7%	36.5%
3	23.4%	17.9%	30.5%	21.4%	26.3%	20.7%	28.0%	22.9%	19.1%
2	6.7%	7.7%	7.6%	5.8%	5.7%	7.7%	10.0%	5.7%	4.3%
1 - Not Satisfied at All	2.5%	1.3%	2.5%	2.9%	4.6%	0.5%	2.0%	2.3%	3.5%
Don't Know	2.0%	1.3%	2.5%	1.9%	1.0%	2.9%		2.3%	3.5%
TOP-2 BOX	65.4%	71.8%	56.8%	68.0%	62.4%	68.3%	60.0%	66.9%	69.6%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	9.2%	9.0%	10.2%	8.7%	10.3%	8.2%	12.0%	8.0%	7.8%
MEAN	3.85	4.01	3.68	3.88	3.78	3.91	3.69	3.88	3.95

[Table Q5_1](#)

Q5 - [TOP-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of satisfaction for the following facility types in Halton Hills?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Indoor recreation facilities such as pools and arenas	60.9%	66.7%	54.2%	62.6%	57.7%	63.9%	68.0%	57.1%	62.6%
Outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields and playgrounds	66.9%	66.7%	61.9%	69.9%	67.0%	66.8%	69.0%	64.6%	70.4%
Open space for unstructured uses such as picnics and relaxing	51.0%	43.6%	47.5%	55.8%	46.9%	54.8%	45.0%	50.9%	57.4%
Recreational trails and pathways	65.4%	71.8%	56.8%	68.0%	62.4%	68.3%	60.0%	66.9%	69.6%

[Table Q5_2](#)

Q5 - [BOTTOM-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of satisfaction for the following facility types in Halton Hills?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Indoor recreation facilities such as pools and arenas	14.4%	11.5%	19.5%	12.8%	15.5%	13.5%	11.0%	15.4%	16.5%
Outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields and playgrounds	6.5%	6.4%	6.8%	6.3%	7.7%	5.3%	5.0%	5.1%	7.8%
Open space for unstructured uses such as picnics and relaxing	14.4%	12.8%	16.1%	14.1%	17.5%	11.5%	14.0%	12.6%	15.7%
Recreational trails and pathways	9.2%	9.0%	10.2%	8.7%	10.3%	8.2%	12.0%	8.0%	7.8%

[Table Q5_3](#)

Q5 - [MEANS SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of satisfaction for the following facility types in Halton Hills?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Indoor recreation facilities such as pools and arenas	3.71	3.82	3.54	3.77	3.62	3.79	3.86	3.63	3.71
Outdoor recreation facilities such as sports fields and playgrounds	3.88	3.87	3.81	3.92	3.85	3.92	3.91	3.84	3.96
Open space for unstructured uses such as picnics and relaxing	3.52	3.42	3.45	3.60	3.42	3.61	3.41	3.55	3.60
Recreational trails and pathways	3.85	4.01	3.68	3.88	3.78	3.91	3.69	3.88	3.95

[Table Q6](#)

Q6 - In order to assist the Town in prioritizing spending for new or improved indoor recreation facilities, what 2 indoor recreation facility types are most important to your household?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Indoor arenas	33.8%	32.1%	25.4%	27.7%	26.8%	28.8%	33.0%	27.4%	26.1%
Youth centres	7.0%	6.4%	4.2%	7.3%	6.2%	6.3%	4.0%	5.1%	10.4%
Indoor pools	48.3%	46.2%	48.3%	45.1%	46.4%	46.2%	48.0%	56.6%	31.3%
Fitness centres	8.2%	10.3%	10.2%	4.9%	6.2%	8.7%	9.0%	7.4%	3.5%
Gymnasiums	11.4%	14.1%	11.0%	10.7%	13.4%	9.6%	17.0%	12.6%	5.2%
Meeting and program rooms	2.5%	3.8%	0.8%	1.5%	2.6%	1.0%		1.7%	3.5%
Senior centres	9.0%	9.0%	5.9%	10.2%	8.8%	8.7%	1.0%	4.6%	20.9%
Indoor sports fields	17.2%	14.1%	13.6%	16.0%	14.9%	14.9%	21.0%	10.9%	14.8%
Other	41.8%	35.9%	47.5%	40.8%	39.2%	44.2%	38.0%	42.9%	42.6%

Table Q7

Q7 - In order to assist the Town in prioritizing spending for new or improved outdoor recreation facilities, what 2 outdoor recreation facility types are most important to your household?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Soccer fields	29.9%	24.4%	29.7%	29.1%	33.0%	24.0%	35.0%	25.7%	29.6%
Playgrounds	16.2%	30.8%	10.2%	13.1%	16.5%	14.9%	26.0%	11.4%	12.2%
Baseball or softball diamonds	17.9%	7.7%	14.4%	22.8%	23.2%	12.0%	17.0%	17.7%	17.4%
Track and field facilities	3.7%	6.4%	4.2%	2.4%	2.6%	4.8%	4.0%	3.4%	4.3%
Football fields	2.5%	1.3%	4.2%	1.9%	3.6%	1.4%	4.0%	2.3%	1.7%
Off-leash dog parks	4.2%	3.8%	5.1%	3.9%	2.6%	5.8%	6.0%	2.3%	6.1%
Tennis courts	5.5%	5.1%	11.0%	1.9%	3.1%	7.2%	3.0%	8.6%	1.7%
Beach volleyball courts	2.5%	3.8%	2.5%	1.5%	2.1%	2.4%	4.0%	1.7%	
Basketball courts	4.7%	5.1%	3.4%	4.4%	5.2%	3.4%	7.0%	2.9%	3.5%
Outdoor ice rinks	8.5%	7.7%	7.6%	4.9%	5.2%	7.2%	5.0%	7.4%	6.1%
Splash/Spray pads	4.0%	6.4%	3.4%	3.4%	4.1%	3.8%	6.0%	3.4%	2.6%
Picnic pavilions	7.0%	3.8%	6.8%	8.3%	7.7%	6.3%	4.0%	10.3%	5.2%
Skateboard parks	3.0%	3.8%	2.5%	2.9%	2.1%	3.8%	4.0%	3.4%	0.9%
Cricket pitches	0.2%			0.5%	0.5%				0.9%
BMX or mountain bike parks	3.7%	5.1%	6.8%	1.5%	3.6%	3.8%	6.0%	2.9%	2.6%
Other	56.5%	50.0%	54.2%	60.2%	51.5%	61.1%	43.0%	62.3%	60.0%

Table Q8A

Q8A - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of agreement for the following...? - My household would use the Gellert Community Centre more often if the Town expanded the facility with some or all of t

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Agree	41.5%	46.2%	44.1%	38.3%	34.0%	48.6%	40.0%	45.1%	38.3%
4	24.6%	23.1%	26.3%	24.3%	26.3%	23.1%	30.0%	24.0%	20.9%
3	12.9%	11.5%	10.2%	15.0%	14.9%	11.1%	11.0%	15.4%	10.4%
2	6.5%	9.0%	5.1%	6.3%	6.7%	6.3%	9.0%	4.0%	7.8%
1 - Strongly Disagree	11.4%	7.7%	10.2%	13.6%	14.4%	8.7%	8.0%	9.7%	17.4%
Don't Know	3.0%	2.6%	4.2%	2.4%	3.6%	2.4%	2.0%	1.7%	5.2%
TOP-2 BOX	66.2%	69.2%	70.3%	62.6%	60.3%	71.6%	70.0%	69.1%	59.1%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	17.9%	16.7%	15.3%	19.9%	21.1%	14.9%	17.0%	13.7%	25.2%
MEAN	3.81	3.93	3.93	3.69	3.61	3.99	3.87	3.92	3.58

Table Q8B

Q8B - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of agreement for the following...? - The Town should partner with others such as the YMCA to help deliver programs and services at the Gellert Community

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Agree	41.5%	46.2%	34.7%	43.7%	36.6%	46.2%	40.0%	42.9%	41.7%
4	23.6%	17.9%	28.8%	22.8%	24.2%	23.1%	26.0%	25.1%	20.0%
3	17.4%	15.4%	16.1%	18.9%	19.6%	15.4%	18.0%	17.1%	17.4%
2	6.2%	9.0%	9.3%	3.4%	8.2%	4.3%	5.0%	7.4%	4.3%
1 - Strongly Disagree	8.2%	9.0%	7.6%	8.3%	8.8%	7.7%	10.0%	6.9%	8.7%
Don't Know	3.0%	2.6%	3.4%	2.9%	2.6%	3.4%	1.0%	0.6%	7.8%
TOP-2 BOX	65.2%	64.1%	63.6%	66.5%	60.8%	69.2%	66.0%	68.0%	61.7%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	14.4%	17.9%	16.9%	11.7%	17.0%	12.0%	15.0%	14.3%	13.0%
MEAN	3.87	3.86	3.76	3.93	3.74	3.99	3.82	3.90	3.89

[Table Q8C](#)

Q8C - Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of agreement for the following...? - My household would purchase a membership to use the Gellert Community Centre

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Agree	23.9%	28.2%	28.0%	19.9%	18.0%	29.3%	17.0%	25.7%	27.0%
4	16.7%	16.7%	17.8%	16.0%	17.0%	16.3%	21.0%	17.1%	13.0%
3	22.4%	23.1%	18.6%	24.3%	23.7%	21.2%	25.0%	25.7%	14.8%
2	11.4%	16.7%	10.2%	10.2%	13.4%	9.6%	15.0%	10.9%	9.6%
1 - Strongly Disagree	21.9%	14.1%	21.2%	25.2%	22.7%	21.2%	18.0%	18.3%	29.6%
Don't Know	3.7%	1.3%	4.2%	4.4%	5.2%	2.4%	4.0%	2.3%	6.1%
TOP-2 BOX	40.5%	44.9%	45.8%	35.9%	35.1%	45.7%	38.0%	42.9%	40.0%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	33.3%	30.8%	31.4%	35.4%	36.1%	30.8%	33.0%	29.1%	39.1%
MEAN	3.10	3.29	3.22	2.95	2.94	3.24	3.04	3.22	2.98

[Table Q8_1](#)

Q8 - [TOP-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of agreement for the following...?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
My household would use the Gellert Community Centre more often if the Town expanded the facility with some or all of the components that were mentioned	66.2%	69.2%	70.3%	62.6%	60.3%	71.6%	70.0%	69.1%	59.1%
The Town should partner with others such as the YMCA to help deliver programs and services at the Gellert Community Centre	65.2%	64.1%	63.6%	66.5%	60.8%	69.2%	66.0%	68.0%	61.7%
My household would purchase a membership to use the Gellert Community Centre	40.5%	44.9%	45.8%	35.9%	35.1%	45.7%	38.0%	42.9%	40.0%

[Table Q8_2](#)

Q8 - [BOTTOM-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of agreement for the following...?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
My household would use the Gellert Community Centre more often if the Town expanded the facility with some or all of the components that were mentioned	17.9%	16.7%	15.3%	19.9%	21.1%	14.9%	17.0%	13.7%	25.2%
The Town should partner with others such as the YMCA to help deliver programs and services at the Gellert Community Centre	14.4%	17.9%	16.9%	11.7%	17.0%	12.0%	15.0%	14.3%	13.0%
My household would purchase a membership to use the Gellert Community Centre	33.3%	30.8%	31.4%	35.4%	36.1%	30.8%	33.0%	29.1%	39.1%

[Table Q8_3](#)

Q8 - [MEANS SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale of 1 to 5... what is your level of agreement for the following...?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
My household would use the Gellert Community Centre more often if the Town expanded the facility with some or all of the components that were mentioned	3.81	3.93	3.93	3.69	3.61	3.99	3.87	3.92	3.58
The Town should partner with others such as the YMCA to help deliver programs and services at the Gellert Community Centre	3.87	3.86	3.76	3.93	3.74	3.99	3.82	3.90	3.89
My household would purchase a membership to use the Gellert Community Centre	3.10	3.29	3.22	2.95	2.94	3.24	3.04	3.22	2.98

[Table Q9A](#)

Q9A - Please rate your level of support for the following options using a scale from 1 to 5... - Renovate the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and keep it open

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Support	49.3%	44.9%	44.9%	53.4%	51.0%	47.6%	43.0%	52.6%	50.4%
4	14.9%	15.4%	16.1%	14.1%	11.3%	18.3%	22.0%	13.7%	10.4%
3	20.1%	21.8%	22.9%	18.0%	21.6%	18.8%	22.0%	21.7%	18.3%
2	4.2%	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%	4.6%	3.8%	4.0%	4.6%	3.5%
1 - Strongly Opposed	4.5%	5.1%	5.9%	3.4%	5.2%	3.8%	3.0%	2.9%	7.8%
Don't Know	7.0%	9.0%	5.9%	6.8%	6.2%	7.7%	6.0%	4.6%	9.6%
TOP-2 BOX	64.2%	60.3%	61.0%	67.5%	62.4%	65.9%	65.0%	66.3%	60.9%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	8.7%	9.0%	10.2%	7.8%	9.8%	7.7%	7.0%	7.4%	11.3%
MEAN	4.08	4.00	3.95	4.18	4.05	4.10	4.04	4.14	4.02

[Table Q9B](#)

Q9B - Please rate your level of support for the following options using a scale from 1 to 5... - Close the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and do not replace it

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Support	4.0%	2.6%	4.2%	4.4%	5.7%	2.4%	2.0%	2.9%	7.8%
4	3.0%	6.4%	2.5%	1.9%	3.1%	2.9%	4.0%	3.4%	1.7%
3	10.7%	6.4%	16.9%	8.7%	9.3%	12.0%	10.0%	9.7%	13.0%
2	7.7%	14.1%	4.2%	7.3%	8.2%	7.2%	13.0%	6.3%	5.2%
1 - Strongly Opposed	65.4%	60.3%	64.4%	68.0%	66.0%	64.9%	65.0%	69.1%	60.0%
Don't Know	9.2%	10.3%	7.6%	9.7%	7.7%	10.6%	6.0%	8.6%	12.2%
TOP-2 BOX	7.0%	9.0%	6.8%	6.3%	8.8%	5.3%	6.0%	6.3%	9.6%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	73.1%	74.4%	68.6%	75.2%	74.2%	72.1%	78.0%	75.4%	65.2%
MEAN	1.59	1.63	1.68	1.53	1.64	1.55	1.56	1.52	1.77

[Table Q9C](#)

Q9C - Please rate your level of support for the following options using a scale from 1 to 5... - Renovate the Georgetown Indoor Pool and keep it open

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Support	53.2%	50.0%	53.4%	54.4%	55.7%	51.0%	51.0%	56.0%	52.2%
4	16.2%	15.4%	14.4%	17.5%	13.9%	18.3%	16.0%	14.3%	18.3%
3	19.9%	24.4%	22.0%	17.0%	19.6%	20.2%	23.0%	21.7%	15.7%
2	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	3.1%	1.9%	3.0%	2.3%	1.7%
1 - Strongly Opposed	5.0%	5.1%	5.1%	4.9%	5.2%	4.8%	7.0%	3.4%	6.1%
Don't Know	3.2%	2.6%	2.5%	3.9%	2.6%	3.8%		2.3%	6.1%
TOP-2 BOX	69.4%	65.4%	67.8%	71.8%	69.6%	69.2%	67.0%	70.3%	70.4%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	7.5%	7.7%	7.6%	7.3%	8.2%	6.7%	10.0%	5.7%	7.8%
MEAN	4.14	4.05	4.11	4.19	4.15	4.13	4.01	4.20	4.16

[Table Q9D](#)

Q9D - Please rate your level of support for the following options using a scale from 1 to 5... - Close the Georgetown Indoor Pool and do not replace it

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Support	4.0%	2.6%	3.4%	4.9%	5.7%	2.4%	3.0%	3.4%	6.1%
4	2.2%		2.5%	2.9%	1.5%	2.9%	1.0%	3.4%	1.7%
3	10.4%	3.8%	15.3%	10.2%	8.8%	12.0%	10.0%	9.7%	12.2%
2	7.2%	14.1%	5.9%	5.3%	5.2%	9.1%	6.0%	8.6%	6.1%
1 - Strongly Opposed	71.1%	74.4%	66.9%	72.3%	75.3%	67.3%	79.0%	70.3%	67.0%
Don't Know	5.0%	5.1%	5.9%	4.4%	3.6%	6.3%	1.0%	4.6%	7.0%
TOP-2 BOX	6.2%	2.6%	5.9%	7.8%	7.2%	5.3%	4.0%	6.9%	7.8%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	78.4%	88.5%	72.9%	77.7%	80.4%	76.4%	85.0%	78.9%	73.0%
MEAN	1.53	1.34	1.61	1.56	1.52	1.55	1.41	1.54	1.64

[Table Q9_1](#)

Q9 - [TOP-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Please rate your level of support for the following options using a scale from 1 to 5...

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Renovate the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and keep it open	64.2%	60.3%	61.0%	67.5%	62.4%	65.9%	65.0%	66.3%	60.9%
Close the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and do not replace it	7.0%	9.0%	6.8%	6.3%	8.8%	5.3%	6.0%	6.3%	9.6%
Renovate the Georgetown Indoor Pool and keep it open	69.4%	65.4%	67.8%	71.8%	69.6%	69.2%	67.0%	70.3%	70.4%
Close the Georgetown Indoor Pool and do not replace it	6.2%	2.6%	5.9%	7.8%	7.2%	5.3%	4.0%	6.9%	7.8%

[Table Q9_2](#)

Q9 - [BOTTOM-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Please rate your level of support for the following options using a scale from 1 to 5...

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Renovate the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and keep it open	8.7%	9.0%	10.2%	7.8%	9.8%	7.7%	7.0%	7.4%	11.3%
Close the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and do not replace it	73.1%	74.4%	68.6%	75.2%	74.2%	72.1%	78.0%	75.4%	65.2%
Renovate the Georgetown Indoor Pool and keep it open	7.5%	7.7%	7.6%	7.3%	8.2%	6.7%	10.0%	5.7%	7.8%
Close the Georgetown Indoor Pool and do not replace it	78.4%	88.5%	72.9%	77.7%	80.4%	76.4%	85.0%	78.9%	73.0%

[Table Q9_3](#)

Q9 - [MEANS SUMMARY TABLE] Please rate your level of support for the following options using a scale from 1 to 5...

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Renovate the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and keep it open	4.08	4.00	3.95	4.18	4.05	4.10	4.04	4.14	4.02
Close the Acton Lion's Indoor Pool and do not replace it	1.59	1.63	1.68	1.53	1.64	1.55	1.56	1.52	1.77
Renovate the Georgetown Indoor Pool and keep it open	4.14	4.05	4.11	4.19	4.15	4.13	4.01	4.20	4.16
Close the Georgetown Indoor Pool and do not replace it	1.53	1.34	1.61	1.56	1.52	1.55	1.41	1.54	1.64

[Table Q10A](#)

Q10A - Using a scale from 1 to 5... indicate your level of agreement with the following statements. - The Town does a good job in informing me about recreation and parks services

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Agree	27.9%	26.9%	28.0%	28.2%	23.7%	31.7%	16.0%	32.0%	32.2%
4	29.1%	29.5%	21.2%	33.5%	27.3%	30.8%	35.0%	28.0%	27.8%
3	22.9%	20.5%	28.0%	20.9%	26.3%	19.7%	22.0%	24.0%	20.0%
2	13.4%	19.2%	15.3%	10.2%	13.9%	13.0%	19.0%	12.6%	8.7%
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.7%	2.6%	6.8%	6.3%	7.2%	4.3%	8.0%	2.3%	9.6%
Don't Know	1.0%	1.3%	0.8%	1.0%	1.5%	0.5%		1.1%	1.7%
TOP-2 BOX	57.0%	56.4%	49.2%	61.7%	51.0%	62.5%	51.0%	60.0%	60.0%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	19.2%	21.8%	22.0%	16.5%	21.1%	17.3%	27.0%	14.9%	18.3%
MEAN	3.61	3.60	3.49	3.68	3.47	3.73	3.32	3.76	3.65

[Table Q10B](#)

Q10B - Using a scale from 1 to 5... indicate your level of agreement with the following statements. - Recreation and parks services provided by the Town of Halton Hills are generally affordable

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Agree	30.8%	39.7%	33.1%	26.2%	30.4%	31.3%	31.0%	30.9%	30.4%
4	30.8%	25.6%	37.3%	29.1%	32.0%	29.8%	29.0%	36.0%	24.3%
3	25.6%	21.8%	21.2%	29.6%	25.8%	25.5%	30.0%	25.1%	22.6%
2	4.7%	3.4%	3.4%	7.3%	4.1%	5.3%	3.0%	2.3%	9.6%
1 - Strongly Disagree	3.5%	5.1%	2.5%	3.4%	4.6%	2.4%	4.0%	1.1%	7.0%
Don't Know	4.5%	7.7%	2.5%	4.4%	3.1%	5.8%	3.0%	4.6%	6.1%
TOP-2 BOX	61.7%	65.4%	70.3%	55.3%	62.4%	61.1%	60.0%	66.9%	54.8%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	8.2%	5.1%	5.9%	10.7%	8.8%	7.7%	7.0%	3.4%	16.5%
MEAN	3.85	4.03	3.97	3.71	3.82	3.87	3.82	3.98	3.66

Table Q10C

Q10C - Using a scale from 1 to 5... indicate your level of agreement with the following statements. - Expanding the Gellert Community Centre should be a priority for Town Council

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Agree	36.6%	37.2%	35.6%	36.9%	33.5%	39.4%	23.0%	39.4%	47.0%
4	21.1%	17.9%	23.7%	20.9%	21.6%	20.7%	28.0%	20.6%	13.9%
3	23.9%	23.1%	25.4%	23.3%	23.2%	24.5%	29.0%	22.9%	20.9%
2	7.7%	9.0%	9.3%	6.3%	8.8%	6.7%	14.0%	7.4%	3.5%
1 - Strongly Disagree	7.2%	9.0%	3.4%	8.7%	8.8%	5.8%	3.0%	8.0%	8.7%
Don't Know	3.5%	3.8%	2.5%	3.9%	4.1%	2.9%	3.0%	1.7%	6.1%
TOP-2 BOX	57.7%	55.1%	59.3%	57.8%	55.2%	60.1%	51.0%	60.0%	60.9%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	14.9%	17.9%	12.7%	15.0%	17.5%	12.5%	17.0%	15.4%	12.2%
MEAN	3.75	3.68	3.81	3.74	3.65	3.84	3.56	3.77	3.93

Table Q10D

Q10D - Using a scale from 1 to 5... indicate your level of agreement with the following statements. - Recreation and parks services should consider the impact of climate change and the environment

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
5 - Strongly Agree	51.0%	47.4%	59.3%	47.6%	45.4%	56.3%	53.0%	47.4%	53.9%
4	18.7%	17.9%	19.5%	18.4%	18.6%	18.8%	18.0%	22.9%	13.0%
3	15.7%	19.2%	13.6%	15.5%	18.0%	13.5%	16.0%	17.1%	13.0%
2	5.7%	6.4%	4.2%	6.3%	7.2%	4.3%	9.0%	2.3%	8.7%
1 - Strongly Disagree	6.2%	5.1%	2.5%	8.7%	7.7%	4.8%	3.0%	7.4%	7.0%
Don't Know	2.7%	3.8%	0.8%	3.4%	3.1%	2.4%	1.0%	2.9%	4.3%
TOP-2 BOX	69.7%	65.4%	78.8%	66.0%	63.9%	75.0%	71.0%	70.3%	67.0%
BOTTOM-2 BOX	11.9%	11.5%	6.8%	15.0%	14.9%	9.1%	12.0%	9.7%	15.7%
MEAN	4.05	4.00	4.30	3.93	3.89	4.20	4.10	4.04	4.03

Table Q10_1

Q10 - [TOP-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale from 1 to 5... indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
The Town does a good job in informing me about recreation and parks services	57.0%	56.4%	49.2%	61.7%	51.0%	62.5%	51.0%	60.0%	60.0%
Recreation and parks services provided by the Town of Halton Hills are generally affordable	61.7%	65.4%	70.3%	55.3%	62.4%	61.1%	60.0%	66.9%	54.8%
Expanding the Gellert Community Centre should be a priority for Town Council	57.7%	55.1%	59.3%	57.8%	55.2%	60.1%	51.0%	60.0%	60.9%
Recreation and parks services should consider the impact of climate change and the environment	69.7%	65.4%	78.8%	66.0%	63.9%	75.0%	71.0%	70.3%	67.0%

Table Q10_2

Q10 - [BOTTOM-2 BOX SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale from 1 to 5... indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
The Town does a good job in informing me about recreation and parks services	19.2%	21.8%	22.0%	16.5%	21.1%	17.3%	27.0%	14.9%	18.3%
Recreation and parks services provided by the Town of Halton Hills are generally affordable	8.2%	5.1%	5.9%	10.7%	8.8%	7.7%	7.0%	3.4%	16.5%
Expanding the Gellert Community Centre should be a priority for Town Council	14.9%	17.9%	12.7%	15.0%	17.5%	12.5%	17.0%	15.4%	12.2%
Recreation and parks services should consider the impact of climate change and the environment	11.9%	11.5%	6.8%	15.0%	14.9%	9.1%	12.0%	9.7%	15.7%

[Table Q10_3](#)

Q10 - [MEANS SUMMARY TABLE] Using a scale from 1 to 5... indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
The Town does a good job in informing me about recreation and parks services	3.61	3.60	3.49	3.68	3.47	3.73	3.32	3.76	3.65
Recreation and parks services provided by the Town of Halton Hills are generally affordable	3.85	4.03	3.97	3.71	3.82	3.87	3.82	3.98	3.66
Expanding the Gellert Community Centre should be a priority for Town Council	3.75	3.68	3.81	3.74	3.65	3.84	3.56	3.77	3.93
Recreation and parks services should consider the impact of climate change and the environment	4.05	4.00	4.30	3.93	3.89	4.20	4.10	4.04	4.03

[Table Q11](#)

Q11 - How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
1	13.4%	11.5%	5.1%	18.9%	8.2%	18.3%	1.0%	5.7%	36.5%
2	29.1%	24.4%	21.2%	35.4%	29.9%	28.4%	6.0%	29.1%	49.6%
3	19.9%	24.4%	22.0%	17.0%	21.1%	18.8%	30.0%	24.6%	5.2%
4	23.1%	25.6%	29.7%	18.4%	26.3%	20.2%	41.0%	25.1%	2.6%
5	9.5%	11.5%	12.7%	6.8%	8.8%	10.1%	15.0%	9.7%	4.3%
6	3.2%		5.9%	2.9%	4.1%	2.4%	6.0%	3.4%	0.9%
7	1.2%	1.3%	2.5%	0.5%	1.5%	1.0%		1.7%	0.9%
8	0.5%	1.3%	0.8%			1.0%	1.0%	0.6%	
MEAN	3.03	3.13	3.56	2.69	3.16	2.91	3.86	3.24	1.95

[Table Q12A](#)

Q12A - Please indicate the total number of persons within your household that fall into the following age categories. - 0-9

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
0	86.1%	71.8%	85.6%	91.7%	85.1%	87.0%	60.0%	93.7%	98.3%
1	9.0%	17.9%	11.0%	4.4%	10.3%	7.7%	24.0%	4.0%	1.7%
2	4.7%	10.3%	2.5%	3.9%	4.1%	5.3%	15.0%	2.3%	
3	0.2%		0.8%			0.5%		1.0%	
MEAN	1.38	1.36	1.29	1.47	1.34	1.41	1.43	1.36	1.00

[Table Q12B](#)

Q12B - Please indicate the total number of persons within your household that fall into the following age categories. - 10-19

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
0	68.2%	57.7%	46.6%	84.5%	66.5%	69.7%	51.0%	61.1%	95.7%
1	16.9%	28.2%	26.3%	7.3%	20.1%	13.9%	28.0%	21.1%	0.9%
2	11.9%	12.8%	21.2%	6.3%	11.3%	12.5%	18.0%	14.9%	1.7%
3	2.2%	1.3%	4.2%	1.5%	2.1%	2.4%	1.0%	2.3%	1.7%
4	0.5%		0.8%	0.5%		1.0%		0.6%	
5	0.2%		0.8%				1.0%		
MEAN	1.59	1.36	1.67	1.69	1.46	1.73	1.55	1.54	2.20

[Table Q12C](#)

Q12C - Please indicate the total number of persons within your household that fall into the following age categories. - 20-34

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
0	70.4%	80.8%	68.6%	67.5%	63.4%	76.9%	51.0%	64.6%	95.7%
1	15.4%	6.4%	19.5%	16.5%	17.0%	13.9%	18.0%	22.9%	2.6%
2	11.2%	9.0%	8.5%	13.6%	16.0%	6.7%	23.0%	10.3%	1.7%
3	2.2%	1.3%	3.4%	1.9%	2.6%	1.9%	5.0%	2.3%	
4	0.5%	1.3%		0.5%		1.0%		2.0%	
5	0.2%	1.3%				0.5%	1.0%		
MEAN	1.61	2.07	1.49	1.58	1.66	1.54	1.88	1.42	1.40

[Table Q12D](#)

Q12D - Please indicate the total number of persons within your household that fall into the following age categories. - 35-54

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
0	50.7%	35.9%	33.9%	66.0%	51.5%	50.0%	29.0%	38.3%	88.7%
1	18.7%	21.8%	22.0%	15.5%	17.5%	19.7%	18.0%	27.4%	7.0%
2	29.4%	42.3%	43.2%	16.5%	30.9%	27.9%	52.0%	33.1%	3.5%
3	0.7%		0.8%			1.4%	1.0%	0.6%	
4	0.5%			1.0%		1.0%		0.6%	0.9%
MEAN	1.66	1.66	1.68	1.63	1.64	1.67	1.76	1.58	1.54

[Table Q12E](#)

Q12E - Please indicate the total number of persons within your household that fall into the following age categories. - 55-69

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
0	55.5%	62.8%	57.6%	51.5%	51.0%	59.6%	81.0%	39.4%	57.4%
1	20.6%	24.4%	18.6%	20.4%	21.1%	20.2%	10.0%	28.0%	18.3%
2	22.9%	11.5%	22.9%	27.2%	26.3%	19.7%	9.0%	30.3%	24.3%
3	1.0%	1.3%	0.8%	1.0%	1.5%	0.5%		2.3%	
MEAN	1.56	1.38	1.58	1.60	1.60	1.51	1.47	1.58	1.57

[Table Q12F](#)

Q12F - Please indicate the total number of persons within your household that fall into the following age categories. - 70+

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
0	75.4%	84.6%	82.2%	68.0%	79.4%	71.6%	94.0%	89.1%	37.4%
1	13.7%	12.8%	11.9%	15.0%	10.3%	16.8%	4.0%	7.4%	32.2%
2	10.7%	1.3%	5.9%	17.0%	10.3%	11.1%	2.0%	2.9%	30.4%
3	0.2%	1.3%				0.5%		0.6%	
MEAN	1.45	1.25	1.33	1.53	1.50	1.42	1.33	1.37	1.49

[Table Q12](#)

Q12 - [SUMMARY TABLE] Please indicate the total number of persons within your household that fall into the following age categories.

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	399	76	118	205	193	206	98	174	115
0-9	14.0%	28.9%	14.4%	8.3%	15.0%	13.1%	40.8%	6.3%	1.7%
10-19	31.3%	43.4%	51.7%	15.1%	33.7%	29.1%	48.0%	38.5%	4.3%
20-34	29.1%	17.1%	31.4%	32.2%	35.8%	22.8%	46.9%	35.6%	4.3%
35-54	49.1%	65.8%	66.1%	33.2%	48.7%	49.5%	72.4%	61.5%	10.4%
55-69	44.9%	38.2%	42.4%	48.8%	49.2%	40.8%	19.4%	60.9%	42.6%
70+	24.8%	15.8%	17.8%	32.2%	20.7%	28.6%	6.1%	10.9%	62.6%

[Table Q13](#)

Q13 - Age

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
18 to 24	7.7%	5.1%	16.1%	3.9%	10.8%	4.8%	31.0%		
25 to 34	5.5%	9.0%	1.7%	6.3%	7.7%	3.4%	22.0%		
35 to 44	11.7%	23.1%	11.0%	7.8%	10.3%	13.0%	47.0%		
45 to 54	21.9%	30.8%	30.5%	13.6%	17.0%	26.4%		50.3%	
55 to 64	21.6%	15.4%	18.6%	25.7%	25.8%	17.8%		49.7%	
65+	28.6%	12.8%	16.9%	41.3%	24.7%	32.2%			100.0%
Refused	3.0%	3.8%	5.1%	1.5%	3.6%	2.4%			

[Table Q14](#)

Q14 - Approximately how many years have you lived in Halton Hills?

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
0-4 Years	6.2%	32.1%			6.7%	5.8%	10.0%	5.1%	5.2%
5-10 Year	13.2%	67.9%			11.3%	14.9%	19.0%	15.4%	3.5%
11-15 Years	13.2%		44.9%		13.4%	13.0%	15.0%	14.3%	8.7%
16-20 Years	16.2%		55.1%		18.6%	13.9%	19.0%	18.9%	8.7%
21+ Years	51.2%			100.0%	50.0%	52.4%	37.0%	46.3%	73.9%

[Table Q16](#)

Q16 - Gender

	YEARS LIVED IN HALTON HILLS				GENDER		AGE		
	TOTAL	0-10 years	11-20 years	>20 years	Male	Female	18 to 44	45 to 64	65+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Total	402	78	118	206	194	208	100	175	115
Male	48.3%	44.9%	52.5%	47.1%	100.0%		56.0%	47.4%	41.7%
Female	51.7%	55.1%	47.5%	52.9%		100.0%	44.0%	52.6%	58.3%

Appendix D: Online Community Survey Summary to Review the Draft Preliminary Directions

Preliminary Direction #1: Focus on physical recreation at a beginner level that starts people on a path of lifelong participation.

High Priority - Respondent Comment

Positive childhood development, life long habits are built at the beginner level ensuring a healthy lifestyle from physical recreation- providing that it will also be accessible intellectually and physically for all members of the community.

A healthy active child creates habits and interests which can last a lifetime. Public facilities and programs create a 'feeder system' for recreational or for profit high performance fitness and athletics

A healthy, physical lifestyle early on can help to promote a focus on healthy living as an adult and results in better overall health.

As a mother of 2 boys under 4 we are always looking for activities outside or at the community centre. We frequent all the parks, playgrounds and hiking trails and would love to be able to do even more in our neighborhood. We often find ourselves venturing to Milton or Brampton for more options.

As a mother of two children I believe that it gives my children a chance to explore and use their imagination. With the safe structures provided by the town I can rest my mind and enjoy the laughter and smiles.

As North American's we are built on many conveniences, which can lead to unhealthy diets. Initiating physical exercise at any level, or at any age, is hugely important to many factors of someone's healthy well being both physically as well as mentally.

Because it is important for children to develop strong physical skills and a love for activity from a young age. As an early childhood educator it would impact my job and interactions with children. Many children now just want to play on an iPad.

Beginning at a young age sets a precedent and engagement that can more easily be continued.

Believe future is determined by present-for our grandchildren and beyond.

better parks and trails. more money spent on community athletics to keep people active and decrease illness

Children need to develop a love of physical activity that will last into their later years. As a society, we have too many people who have developed health problems because of their lack of activity or increases in weight.

Common sense.

Creating good health habits at a young age helps the growth of a healthy baby, young kid, etc. In an age where everything is in front of a screen sports activities and 1-1 human interactions are CRITICAL

Early access to developing physical literacy is the key to enjoyment of physical activity across the lifespan.

Encourages outdoor activities in a family environment

Everyone has to be a beginner at some point

everyone needs physical recreation. people of all abilities and levels need to start somewhere.

for seniors as well

Getting kids out to parks gets the whole family out and being active together.

Give me a child to the age of 7 and I'll show you the man.

Healthy kids =healthy adults. The value placed on physical activity when we are young impacts how we live our life as adults.

I am retired but when my children were small we hiked regularly (not without complaint of course but always enjoyed), walked nightly when weather agreeable with reward stops at playground nearby.

I am happy to say that both my children very active with our grandchildren so strongly agree with above premise.

I feel that children especially benefit from early recreation group settings for both their physical and mental development including socializing, listening, learning, a sense of accomplishment and self awareness.

I have always been a part of Halton and their recreation programs. I taught day camp for two summers when I was 17 and 18 at the Acton park and arena. I had to teach canoeing with brooms instead of paddles because they were back ordered. Lol. Both my kids were taught swimming lessons and participated in many of the summer camps. I took my bronze at age 48. In my fifties my friend and signed up for Zumba classes, belly dancing, you name it and now that I am 62, I use the Acton pool four times a week participating in Aquafit. I am a life long user, and believe that everyone benefits from all of the programs offered. These programs are vital to our health and our community. We get fit and we make friends. I don't know where I would be emotionally or physically without the Acton pool. During this time of isolation I miss my Aquafit buddies and my body is suffering too. My friend Joyce is ninety and goes four times a week to the pool too. These programs are invaluable to everyone, at any age!

I have children and they are involved in sport.

I have to keep moving in order to keep moving

I think it is important for opportunities to be there for everyone.
It would not impact me at all save for the fact that my kids enjoyed trying things through Parks programs when they were younger.
I'm not big on gyms and there isn't a lot of other choices as a senior.
If classes are too difficult some may never start. There needs to be different points of entry in activities
If it becomes a habit at a young age it will be easier for children to maintain a healthy active lifestyle as they get older.
If you had outdoor exercise areas for adults it would be very encouraging. With exercise equipment
Important to start early and for individuals to learn about the importance of recreation therapy from a young age
Important to start positive habits as young as possible
It is hard to find affordable recreation programs for small children. This would be helpful.
It is important for everyone in our community to be active. Free and convenient opportunities for this will ensure that the most residents see the impacts.
It is important to be active. Physical activity leads to a healthy live. If you grow up with it you are more likely to carry this on later on.
It is important to engage at an early age as it is a building block and creates healthy habits
It is important to find beginner levels fir physical activity. One it becomes part of life, it will remain.
It is very important to start activity at a young age or it is much harder. A small community such as ours needs the opportunities for our young children. Both of my daughters were/are involved in gymnastics and I would like to see the town back gymnastics.
It not only affects my life but my families life physical activity is a lifelong thing and the entire family needs participation.
It would not impact my life , but it would be good to see more healthy people generally.
it would not impact me but it is worthwhil
It would not impact mine as I don't have young kids but kids should be given these oppportunities to develop life long skills.
It's important to provide opportunity to all Agreed and fitness levels.
It's always fun to learn something new at the beginner level regardless of age.
It's important that recreational spaces be provided for all, at no cost, and be accessible for everyone. Not just hockey rinks, baseball diamonds and soccer fields. Walking trails need to be added in Acton as there are minimal ones.
Its important to teach physcial activity at a young age so it becomes a way of life and promotes a long and healthy lifestyle choices. This impacts me as I have children who have benefited from these types of programs.
Keeps people healthy.
Healthy people means less use of hospitals and other tax burdened programs.
Many children are leading too sedentary a lifestyle that involves use of technology. Parents may both be working and too busy to get their child active.
Many families with young kids in georgetown
My children are 1 and 3, and I want to I still in them a lifelong love of the outdoors, exercise and having fun as a family while being active.
Need to keep people engaged and active to prevent boredom with programs.
not for me but good for grand kids
On a basis note: I have three little ones and I like to enrol them in a variety of activities to demonstrate the importance of staying active, having fun, and developing lifelong skills.
People sometimes forget as they age the need for physical recreation continues. People might stop an activity because it is too challenging and may not be aware what they might be able to do instead Need to recognize people can be active in their homes too- perhaps some on- line options might be considered
Physical Activity is a very important factor for all ages. As a parent of 2 boys is was always our goal to keep our children active in programs and off the coach. To promote the love of sport, exercise and team play.
Physical health is always important. Promoting that at an early age is a good start.
physical literacy is the foundation of all activities

Physical recreation activities increase peoples feelings of well being physically, mentally, and emotionally. Everyone needs a place to start that will not have them feeling discouraged, and keep them coming back. there are activities I am interested in trying (ie. yoga, zumba, thi che) but have never done as I am intimidated to go to a class where other participants are totally with it.
Same idea as sport for life. Getting people interested at a young age. However it doesn't need to be structured!! Free, creative opportunities are key
Sets an important precedent / habit to get into.
Not now... my kids are too old but it will impact others
Starting at a young age is a great way to build strong habits that will last.
Starting young leads to a lifelong love or habit that is more easily continued in later life.
Studies show that kids that are active throughout their childhood are more likely to remain active in their adult years.
Teaching kids that electronic devices are secondary / getting out and playing / nature is so much better for someones mental health then a game on an ipad
We need kids outside, instead of spending too much time on computers. The social impact of these activities are critical for the growth of our children.
We need to get our kids off devices and moving in a safe environment
When I was young, my parent got me doing a large number of outdoor activities and I feel now that I'm 60. I bike, walk, ski and golf. My brain was wired at a young age.
Low Priority - Respondent Comment
At a young age, parents can play with children everywhere. Even with 5 kids, I never needed dedicated dedicated 'beginner' level recreation for them (other than a swing designed for smaller children).
tots do not need expensive equipment or organized activity
We have many parks already. Maintain what we have.
The statement is vague. How would you implement this and for what ages? Give an example? When my kids were little, we enrolled in swimming, movement/gymnastics, Early Years Centre, skating, and soccer so they could choose what they liked as they got older, which is when the facilities are really needed. Another pool with a 50 meter lane option would be ideal for all ages, therefore extremely inclusive.
the Beginner level is so apparent in all exercise classes I have attended thus far. Hard to find an advanced, difficult class
Young children/toddlers are at this beginner stage for only short period of time and can gain this experience through home activities.
We have a large number of parks/splash pads for young children.
We seem to have a lot for younger kids and not enough for 12 and up so I feel we need to focus on the older kids all the way up to senior. It would impact me because there would be better things or just things to do for older kids and they wouldn't be inside so much on screens and just wondering what to do. As well there is not a lot for adults and seniors for during the winter. It would've been great if our hockey facility had a track all around the top like all the other new facilities. Sad this wasn't included when they renovated the arena - it would've been useful for all age groups especially over the winter.
I think most people can and should develop habits of physical activity/recreation on their own.
The question is a little vague. If it means offering classes for young children in various sports, I would say the town should continue offering classes and allowing other providers (little kickers, sportball) to do so. More offerings and facilities beyond swimming, please! Basketball court and indoor soccer tent (a la Milton) would be great.
The photo may be misleading. If the intent is to focus on building more playgrounds for young children. Halton Hills already has excellent children's playground facilities. Additionally, existing programs currently place a tremendous amount of resources and attention on young children.
The community is ageing and we are focusing on the wrong demographic
Kids this age are usually so busy running around that they do create their own activities and have a short attention span on equipment except for splash pads. It would be how additional equipment fits in the total picture after assessing what is missing for other age groups
There are a tonne of opportunities in our community that are geared for children.
No equipment or special set up is required for people just beginning a fitness regime,...we have sidewalks to walk/run on, roads to cycle on, etc.

Because I am a senior and there is not enough venues especially in the winter for those interested in pickleball which is a growing concern as we seniors are all tax payers

Our community already has excellent facilities for this level of recreation

I feel most parks and rec facilities have already achieved this goal.

I think most people have been exposed to some kind of beginner level of physical recreation already through family and school life.

Preliminary Direction #2: Work with support organizations to increase access to recreation and parks services for people facing constraints to participating.

High Priority - Respondent Comment

This would not impact my life at this time. I do understand the need for this- but wonder if select parks might be targetted to do a more complete upgrade for access- rather than just a minimum level across all parks
A lot of our buildings and facilities in Halton Hills are user friendly, but not completely accessible. An attention to bringing all Town facilities to a point where they can be enjoyed by all should be a focus.
Activities cost too much money. Nowadays sports especially are only for those who have.
activities should be affordable for all
All members of the community should have access to recreation and our parks
All people should be able access facilities and participate - it's 2020!
Allowing "all" people access would be super nice regardless of their economic status.
As someone who knows others with mobility disabilities it is of the utmost important to make your services inclusive.
As the size of yards in some subdivisions to have a open place continues to give us a chance to make memories without breaking the bank.
As we get older the need to get outside and stay connected is key to healthy and long life.
Believe in equal access for all
collaboration will result in more opportunities for residents
Doesn't directly impact me but in times of social media its increasingly important to have full inclusion and acesssibility for all who would like to participate
Equal access to all facilities is important to ensure that those who are constrained with participating have the ability and the ease to participate.
Equality
every person should be able to go on a swing / go down a nature path or participate at a skate park
Every Recreation & Parks initiative should have a component focused on increasing and including access for people facing constraints to participating. Examples: funding, transportation, extended or specific hours of operation, modified facilities.
Everybody should be able to participate. Inclusive playgrounds are the way to include all
Everyone can benefit from recreation and should have access equally regardless of means, ability, etc.
Everyone needs access to recreational spaces / activities that are provided through tax dollars by the town. My tax dollars support recreational endeavours and I expect that they are accessible to everyone and are differentiated - enough with hockey, soccer and baseball.
Everyone should be able to enjoy activities
Everyone should feel they have the ability and means to participate, children and adults.
Everyone should have a chance to participate regardless of income
Everyone should have the same benefits and access to facilities
Good idea to be inclusive
Having and increasing accessibility benefits everyone in the long run and ensures equality.
I have 2 kids with special needs, i would love for their to more for them to participate in locally instead of having to drive to Oakville or burlington
I have friends who experience barriers in participating in recreation programs so focusing on making this more accessible would promote them to join in on more recreation opportunities
I think everyone should have equal access to parks and recreation. Is this what our community is in need of ? Is there data on this?
I think it is important everyone be able to participate although this does not affect my life it is an important part of our communities wellbeing
I work with students with disabilities and see them having to face barriers daily. In 2020, every human being should have the right to participate in a barrier free space!
Inclusion is good for society
Inclusiveness needs to be a high priority in society; normalizing people with special needs rather than keeping them in the margins.
It would not impact me, but it would be good for everyone to have the same opportunities.

<p>It's important to think of everyone and have an open dialogue going forward where community members can voice their particular concerns for accessibility. For example the Acton pool has a chair lift to get you in that pool. If the needs were known, and if existing accessibility was advertised it would help a lot. I believe more awareness would be key highlight some issues, ask for input!!</p>
<p>Living in a lower income area, many families face many challenges. Anything that can be done to help minimize any or some of their challenges will help in their overall quality of life. Often support organizations know best how to establish what constraints there are and how best to address them or at least help find a starting point.</p>
<p>Need people to help some people access these amenities and support them. Also having someone helping kids get together to aid participation.</p>
<p>Our facilities have to encourage participation irrespective of income levels. They have to be accessible to all. our facilities need to have the versatility to cater to the novice, but provide the opportunity for our youth to pursue elite athletics.</p> <p>We must have our facilities available for community use particularly if public funds are used to create those facilities. High school gyms and turf fields have to be available for community use. Times can work around other programming as required - but we need excellent facilities, versatile facilities. It is a two step approach: 1. create good versatile infrastructure; 2. Minimize barriers and boundaries; 3. work programming and cost structure to promote full utilization.</p>
<p>physical and financial barriers exist across our community so it is important to put some focus on addressing this where possible</p>
<p>Programs are costly and need to be accessible for everyone no matter their income.</p>
<p>Providing a wide range of recreational activities should be the goal of every Town administration. Places like Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre is a great place for people who are facing different challenges in accessing a quality sport facility.</p>
<p>Providing expert opinion on areas of accessibility (Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility) covers a greater area of disabilities.</p>
<p>Public places need to be accessible for everyone in our community.</p>
<p>rec cost are getting too high for middle class families with multiple children</p>
<p>There are too many children in our community who are left out of activities and we should support groups that welcome all.</p>
<p>There is very little that someone in a wheelchair can do in Halton Hills. My daughter is in a wheelchair. Parks and pools are not accessible for all. Having one thing that someone in a wheelchair can do at a park does not foster inclusive play. Imagine yourself as a child in a wheelchair at each of our parks. Better yet borrow a hospital wheelchair and visit each of our parks and, through the eyes of a child, rate your level of fun and inclusion.</p>
<p>There should be affordable access for all residents.</p>
<p>Thinking of others</p>
<p>This would make me feel more comfortable with doing new things</p>
<p>We need our facilities to be accessible to all at some level</p>
<p>We should work to be an inclusive society.</p>
<p>While this doesn't affect our family directly, I believe all people should be able to enjoy the parks and facilities without feeling like they don't belong.</p>
<p>Working with others that are involved with someone who has constraints will help us understand better what needs to be done to make participation easier</p>
<p>Low Priority - Respondent Comments</p>
<p>As a parent of a child with hearing loss and other issues, I do love that some programs are accessible for others; however, I find that the world doesn't always accommodate people - with and without constraints and sometimes you just have to persevere.</p>
<p>HH currently has a vast amount of activities for youth. The people complaining are the ones that spend their time with their noses in a computer playing warcraft games</p>
<p>I feel the town has done a great job in the last few years to already make this happen in many programs. The exception being teens with special needs, they seem to have nothing available to them other than the youth center (which is open to individual 12-24 years) not a proper situation for very impressionable and vulnerable individuals, unless more supervision or specific times are put in place. That being said the aquatics department has gone above and beyond to make their department inclusive for all! I was very disappointed with camps.</p>

<p>I think this is important to do, but in the context of Georgetown, are there a lot of people facing such constraints? Also, it would be easier to judge the level of priority if the entire list of priorities was presented for ranking, relative to one another.</p>
<p>In my view, there is appropriate access for those facing constraints already. I'm sure it can be improved but it is not a high priority.</p>
<p>It's a priority... but not as high as others... working with other organizations who are experts in specific area is key</p>
<p>Most good organizations have this process in place, you can make sure they have this written in their charter or mission statement.</p>
<p>Needs to be considered but not the top priority since minority.....</p>
<p>Not sure what kind of restraints? The accessible playground in acton is great.</p>
<p>Some of areas have higher inherent risks and dangers that cannot be accommodated.</p>
<p>That's a pretty vague question so I really can't answer.</p>
<p>There are excellent advocacy groups already making this a priority for our town.</p>
<p>too much money is spent on overthinking and overbuilding this stuff - kids can play in an empty lot - they don't need stadium seating/lighting/parking/etc</p>
<p>We have many accessible options.</p>
<p>What would those constraints entail - finances, mobility - not really sure how to answer.</p>
<p>While I do not have a need for this I feel it should be a priority as everyone should be able to participate. All new projects going forward should be inclusive.</p>
<p>While inclusivity is important, and should be considered when possible, the reality is not all things are always going to be 100% accessible. So there should be accessible options available but this does not always need to be the main focus or consideration.</p>

Preliminary Direction #3: Enhance the number of innovative and meaningful initiatives that connect people to nature.

High Priority - Respondent Comment

Again a vague question.

Being at one with nature is good for everyones mental health. Especially as our communities keep getting larger and less and less green space

Being in nature is wonderful for our mental health!

Connecting to nature has benefits to our well-being. Having an activity outside lightens the load on facilities. For example, some people may want to walk the trails but for safety reasons they would like to be in a group in case of emergency or for safety reasons.

Connection to the physical environment is so important.

Consider seasonality! Implement winter activities, night time lighting to ensure the areas are being used ALL year.

Art installation- providing opportunities for local artist to display sculptures, models ex.

Land Art- create natural berms or land forms for kids to play on

Ground Surface- apply colour, permeable pavement, bios Wales

Biodiversity- Native plants, Pollinator meadows

could provide tourism destination

Differentiations other than organized sports are necessary to encourage residents to develop a healthy lifestyle. If it is easily accessible than more people will use it. For physical and mental well-being it's important to get outside and into nature.

Encourages community to appreciate and protect our environment

Especially for kids. Need to combat nature deficiency

Especially with the current times and COVID19 it is important to have positive open space for people to be able to walk, enjoy and spend time outside safely.

Getting out into nature is a fantastic learning experience for people of all ages and is good for peoples mental/physical health. This should always be encouraged in everything.

Getting outside and experiencing nature has a calming effect. Ensuring areas like Hungry Hollow are maintained and areas like this expanded are important.

Good way to relieve stress

Halton has great wooded areas

Halton Hills is unique in that we are surrounded my nature. I think that is why people gravitate here. I endorse being outdoors because of the physical and mental benefits.

I grew up playing outside and learning to have an appreciation for nature. I think if people are taught this at a young age they will grow up respecting the environment and their surroundings more.

I love being in nature as it helps me relax and fell at peace. Bringing people together in nature and among community is important for a healthy community of people

I love this. Being in nature has been proven to decrease depression and increase our awareness of our need to protect our environment. I know it has a big impact in my life. Being outside, using parks and trails should be encouraged and programs could be created around nature. I have an idea for an indoor walking trail that goes up in a slow incline surrounded by vegetation for the winter months. It would be like a butterfly conservatory, but more tower like with all glass, heated, with plants, where people could hike up to a lookout, and hike down and do that a few times for exercise. A water feature would be nice too.

I send most time indoors so more opportunities that connect to nature would be great!

Important for physical and mental health. Need to make sure the provincial government stops the assault on natural space. Ensure that developers embed protection of natural spaces.

It really doesn't cost much to maintain walkways, paths thru natural space except to developers.

It encourages physical conditioning

It is proven that being in nature is good for your mental and physical being.

it is vital for people of all ages, natural life relaxation
It would probably not impact me so much, but I find it's very important to be connected to the rest of nature and understand our part in the whole picture.
just another good way of getting people out of the house
Keeping the community clean and helping with the environment would help the sustainability. It also is a learning experience for life growth.
Life long habits are formed by making these connections early and often... this would impact me as we spend a lot of time outdoors and are always looking for new opportunities...
Mindfulness is a key contributor to mental health. Connecting with nature has to be one of the best tools out there for this.
Most people enjoy biking, hiking, rollerblading on the trails.
Natural settings and learning experience is good for all ages.
Nature is a natural calm so promoting it helps mental health
Nature is always so much better for all ages. Really enjoying life's true beauty and taking the time to savour it and respect it. Fresh air always makes a positive impact and it can create appreciation.
Nature is beautiful and revitalizes us
Nature is important
Nature is important, promotes walking, active lifestyle, appreciate nature.
Nature is important. Children need to connect with nature and stay away from screens.
Often times, keeping in touch with nature is a way to heal emotional and mental problems.
Parkland, walking trails, paths.....outdoor accessible areas are great ways for people of all ages to get outside and be active. My family loves to be outside and take advantage of settings like this. I also would also put emphasis on a safe environment, ie lighted pathways in more open areas. □
People need to appreciate nature. The more people live in condos and isolated neighbourhoods, the more they need the experiences. We are fortunate in Halton Hills to have the rural areas and ravines but the more build up we become the less chance to enjoy nature and appreciate it.
People need to get out and hear the birds
Scientific studies have shown that exposure to nature and natural elements can improve both your physical and mental health.
Sustainability link
The focus on enhancing the "natural" experience should be just that. Keeping the experience natural. I live beside a very natural space. Over the past years this space has been transformed into a not so natural, filled with concrete & outdoor structures space. These large creations do not attract local Halton Hills residents to use the space. If spaces were kept natural, encouraged the respectful enjoyment and exploration of nature, the experience is both beneficial and sustains the natural space for the long term. However, include larger parking lots, outside public washrooms, places with night time lighting, the space stops being a place to experience and enjoy nature. It turns into a destination location for groups of visitors that are more interested in a quick place to stop and use the bathrooms, hang out, and even come back for nighttime visits. Wildlife diminishes, garbage increases, noise levels increase, maintenance costs increase, and the natural visual attraction of the space becomes transformed into a contrived, high maintenance concrete park setting.
The Halton Hills trails are great and would love to see them expanded upon. Great to be outside.
the outdoors is the most accessible form of recreation - it's within walking distance for everyone
the outdoors remind us to connect with nature and disconnect from our highly technological world. important to me as my family enjoys hikes and walks through nature and the chance to reset.
There are so many benefits of having nature in our lives. In times like a pandemic, nature helps us release stress and has a calming effect on our every day lives.
There is little to no green space in the downtown area for people to gather.
This is a high priority in education with kids - getting them outside - the more they connect and appreciate nature the more they will advocate for it. it is also healthy to be outside when again many kids are inside too much.
This is a win-win situation. Connecting with nature enhances quality of life and if people see the value in the connection, they will continue to or start to support these connections or programs.
This is beneficial to all regardless of age and fitness levels.
this takes advantage of our unique natural area
This town would benefit from any type of initiative that would connect people to nature. Families and seniors need these inexpensive ways to go for beautiful walks etc.

We all need to get back to the basics of enjoying our surroundings and not be dependent on marketed and costly activities
We are all nature-deprived. Access to nature is good for everything that ails us.
We have a great natural ecosystem but unfortunately Guelph, Maple and Mountainview act like moats
We have become a nation of electronic users. We need more encouragement to get outside with more trails etc
We have good natural resources for parks and trails but they are under invested in.
We live in God given surroundings. We should be encouraged to make use of them, providing we leave only our footsteps
We love walking trails, cross country skiing, skating,....and any outdoor activities - especially those in nature.
would help people get out more - maybe make the walks more interactive - scavenger hunts / fun facts posted on trails
would likely be affordable
Young and old can enjoy this.
Low Priority - Respondent Comment
Again, there are a lot of trails and outdoor opportunities available in our community, but again they are not available to all as they are not all accessible.
Agree that this is a natural asset for Halton Hills. I think that Government should encourage and act as an enabler to community special interest groups which already exist - the Bruce Trail as a good model. Encourage the enthusiasts.
Good for all ages especially seniors
Halton Hills has been blessed with the Bruce Trail and other natural areas to experience nature
HH is full of opportunities to connect with people and nature
I consider this to be a lower priority as this is something most people can pursue on their own, but pointing out nature's special offerings could still be meaningful for children who are learning.
I feel that people will engage in nature if they want to and are unlikely to do so if not already so inclined. I love the trees, parks and aesthetics of nature everywhere and appreciate the ease to which I am able to enjoy these things BUT I don't know that it qualifies them for a higher priority.
It would be nice to be able to connect to nature closer to home.
Not sure what this means
People will choose on their own whether to connect to nature. I don't think programs are needed. Extending/restoring trail networks where possible would be more valuable, in my mind - more trail space running along the Credit River would be great.
People with an interest of connecting to nature will find the opportunities on their own.
There are already so many wonderful conservation areas nearby. This seems to be well covered
We need places to go to disconnect from our daily routine and re-energize
would depend on initiative.

Preliminary Direction #4: Support the goals of the Halton Hills Climate Change Action Plan.

High Priority - Respondent Comment

Addressing climate change is very important for our community, and our world.
Always a good idea - although I don't really understand how it relates to this subject.
Can't really say why because I don't know what your action plan is but I will try to find out.
Clean air is necessary for life and the climate change actions will benefit everyone!
Climate change is always important. It's important to respect and appreciate where we live and why it was or is the way it is.
Climate change is an important challenge for us all and more needs to be done to understand and confront it.
Climate change is going to play a big role in everyone's lives in upcoming years. Halton Hills is already destroying hundreds of acres of farmland and turning it residential, which is creating more impermeable surfaces which will impact runoff and water levels. Halton needs to ensure that they are prepared for more extreme weather, and protect as many natural landscapes as possible.
Climate change is important. It would provide me and others with more knowledge to help make changes for the future
Climate change is occurring the more we are prepared for it, the better our transition through it will be.
Climate Change is real and will impact future generations greatly. The time to act is now!
Climate change should always be on our minds as residents and those global community initiatives should be supported and promoted. Again this benefits everyone
Climate should be considered first in every decision as it impacts the future
Covid-19 is teaching humans that Climate Change is a real thing. More importantly, humans have just as much of an impact on fixing the climate problem as they do on creating it. We see how reduced traffic has created cleaner air. This translates directly toward encouraging better connected walking, hiking, biking systems throughout the town. NOT JUST FOLLOWING EXISTING ROADS. Companies emissions can be reduced. We are seeing the positive impact of such emissions currently. How do we learn of the current Covid-19 situation, it's positive impact on the environment and then translate those lessons into actions that improve climate change moving forward?
Do our part to protect the earth
Ever evolving. Review and ensure we are doing our part.
everyone should be doing this -- we need to keep our world
Exercise without clean air is useless.
First priority would be awareness of the goals. I honestly don't know what they are.
future life for everybody
I support climate action plans but must own up that I do not know anything about Halton Hills climate change action plan
If there's no world to live in.... what else really matters? Our children and grandchildren deserve better than what we've left them.
in a highly destructive time for the climate its important that halton hills do their part to minimize their footprint and maximize ways to support the climate
Increase bike paths.... It will courage more to exercise
Increased awareness of climate change and our environmental impact is needed everywhere.
It would make me happy to live in a more peaceful less stressful environment.
It's the only earth we have and we need to start somewhere
Keeping the community GREEN. Is not only for the environment but for the outlook on the community, and it makes a happier place to live.
Makes sense. We should be good stewards of our town. It will make our town better in every way.
More green areas should be preserved in Halton hills - less residential building!
Need to fix the climate.
Not just my life but next generations as well.
Oceans are a disaster, plastic bottles & bags must go, wildlife being diminished from human behaviour.
Our kids need a place to go in the future so it's up to us to preserve it
The environment is in crisis and as a species we need to make changes for the better for future generations.
There is so much more out there for us to enjoy.

This is a great opportunity to continue to educate our younger population.
This is absolutely a priority
This needs to be a consideration in all decisions
Very important to look after our environment for now and the future of the planet. We need to educate the your people of the importance.
we all must do our part- creating awareness of the actions we can take and educate the children to educate the parents would be my approach/
We are destroying this earth. We need to take a few steps back and slow down
We need to do better to support climate changes, we only have one earth and we need to treat it more respectfully.
We need to focus on the environment and changing all of the ways we have damaged it over the years to leave a better place for future generations.
We need to help not hinder
We need to keep fighting for climate change, albeit we seem to have been forced into that these days by staying home. Not a solution for very long we all hope.
We need to keep our green spaces, parks and rivers. Love walking the paths and trails and see nature.
We need to stop paving our farm lands and start encouraging rural values
we only have 1 world so we need to take care
We want to leave our children with the best possible world.
With the covid 19 and lack of travel the earth is becoming less polluted and the effects go to show how much better the world can be with care and conservation. I do believe the weather changes have been so dynamic and some weather conditions can be very frightful that there is a real need to protect the future. The raging forest fires are devastating.
Without a healthy environment, we cannot enjoy all of the benefits that are available to us.
Low Priority - Respondent Comment
believe that climate change has been blown out of proportion and should be a provincial/federal initiative not local municipalities
Excessive
Honestly, I may have put high priority if I knew more about the HH Climate Change Action Plan. Sorry.....not knowledgeable in this facet.
I believe everything go's in cycles. I am not saying we should ignore the climate , but we should be doing more conscious.
I don't know enough about it to have an opinion. I have not read any of how Halton hills feels about climate change.
I feel that the climate is indeed changing; however, I am unconvinced that our planned efforts will have the desired effect.
I think this is important initiative however I feel immersing people in nature is how to teach them about taking care of the planet and why it is important to do so
I'm not sure
I'm not familiar with this plan.
It's a priority but not above others... the key is incremental change that is sustainable... one off programs that can't be sustained should be avoided... baby steps to get where we want to be... but we have to keep stepping!
Not sure what the plan even is but keeping more people working from home - even just one day a week - would have greater impact....as seen now during pandemic.
Not that this isn't a priority, understanding that everything we do should support climate change in some way.
overrated
People need to own this goal for themselves,
These goals make very minimal changes in the overall climate change plans. Focus on putting time and effort into something that people need and want in this town!
This plan is largely lipservice. Real sustainability initiatives would be appreciated.
Unsure where we'd start
What are the goals?
With know one flying and driving or running big transit, the climate has started to repair itself due to pandemic

Preliminary Direction #5: Create recreation and parks services that respond to changes in demographics, interests and participation rates.

High Priority - Respondent Comment

A variety of options would ensure more participation.

As a family with children and our town's growth it would be extremely important to have a multi use facility that allows many things to happen in one localized location. Instead of having to travel between facilities and possibly out of town for proper locations.

As demographics change we need to be willing to add programs that interest new residents

As interests evolve and change and people wish to try new and innovative things, the Town needs to respond in order with support.

As rhectiw demographics and interests change we need to change along with it or the parks will not be used

As the demographics age and communities change it's important to be responsive to trends and the growing interests among residents

Beach volleyball courts are a must as volleyball is one of the most social sports that all skill levels can play and enjoy

Definitely more Pickleball courts.

Demographics are changing in our community, we need to ensure that we are meeting those numbers and needs.

Each age and gender should feel included.

Ensure we have something for all ages. Men and women. Babies and pregnant moms.

Town gym facility? Outdoor pool. Wading pool for babies.

Everyone should be included and encouraged. It would impact our town for the good. Making our town friendly and inclusive.

Having lived through an era where we had to outsource area time out of town, I know that this did and had the potential to hardship/risk to families in the past. However, without having some services available locally currently, it would be difficult to identify which services are needed. I I

I believe we need way more for kids to do especially in the rec guide. We may not have population of big cities but we have lots of kids and those kids need to be kept busy and kept in our community instead of parents driving all over to take their kids to activities in other cities because we arent offering anything for them to do here

I feel that parks and recreation helps with the overall health of the people in the community. My main concern with parks and recreation is the cost of enrollment and the effects that has on not only the low income but the middle class aswell.

I like to keep up

i need recreation for my good health & the same for others young or old

I really enjoy fitness classes at the Gellert and looking forward to enjoying classes with my children too.

I think it's too easy to have something in place and think everything is fine, but actually often recreational opportunities have to be changed or perhaps even simplified (for example low cost opportunities).

I think the town is lagging behind other municipalities in Halton and beyond in terms of the infrastructure and space available for recreation. Gellert phase 2 and/or an additional rec centre with more than a swimming pool is needed. Indoor spaces for youth during winter (multi-use court, weight room, etc.) are needed. I find myself even challenged in this regard: during the winter, I like to run and weight train indoors, but I can't justify paying for a yearlong gym membership. A town-run weight room and a few treadmills with 3 month passes (which I used when living in Oakville) would be great.

If no response to change the result is obsolescence

If we followed the last survey conducted, we would have a vast number of unused Pickleball courts and gymnastics areas based solely on a disproportional attendance at the meeting.

increase recreational areas for seniors as well ie.. pickleball courts

It will make me more interested in paying for yearly memberships if there is more options

It's always good to recognize all demographics in a society if we are wanting to be inclusive.

Its always good to have a number of options to socialize.

Less focus on organized sports (too much money has been spent on arenas and sports fields in the last decade), more emphasis on accessible spaces / activities for individuals, seniors and families.

Love playing pickleball and it's great to see so many seniors active. Need adequate facilities to address the number of people who want to get involved. Currently playing in school gyms which are too small.

No more hockey! Enough already. There are other sports in this world. How about basketball nets at Gellert or an indoor walking/running track.
Obviously we should bother to offer services that aren't being used. User fees make sense here.
Our group currently uses our school gyms and the cost is 4x Peel Region and availability is limited. Our public elementary schools tend to be old and the gyms are too small for our use. If the new gyms proceed at Gellert it is important they be of sufficient size to properly host sporting events. Also, please don't tie up full sized gyms for sessions that could be hosted in community rooms or small school gyms.
Pickleball is fastest growing sport-Georgetown one of the few without a multi-purpose court for many sport opportunities besides P-Ball. How can we stay active without a place to go?
Promotes community involvement
Rec center's are great places for community interaction.
Residents shouldn't need to leave Town to play recreational or competitive basketball!
Services should reflect that people are interested in.
Serving the community means you serve different segments or the community. It also means as the community evolves demographically and ethnically. This is why I promote the concept of building in as much versatility as possible into our facilities - so that they are flexible and can be easily adapted to changing needs - age/skill levels/interests. For example, we have aging pool infrastructure. As we move to replace the GDHS Pool, we invest in a 50 meter pool, with bulkheads which can be adjusted to create smaller pools, and a pool bottom which can be raised. That way we have a 50 meter pool for high level competition, but we build in the versatility to create 2 -3 smaller spaces, or we can raise the pool bottom for small children. Versatility will cost a little money, but has a big payout in terms of utility for our whole community. I have done this. Its possible with foresightful planning.
Should meet the community's interests and needs.
Staying on trend always residents to expand their interests and can lead to the possibility that new people join in. I would say that there should be close monitoring with programs to see off they are still drawing people in, etc... (with appropriate timelines)
supply and demand
Supply and demand. It's just good business sense to ensure that any plan is flexible enough to predict and change with both supply and demand. The scope of demand has to explore areas outside what is currently successful. Just because HOCKEY and SKATING work shouldn't mean that is the only focus. Diversification is key to meeting the needs of a larger cross section of the population. How can we make facilities multi-purposed? How can we switch up an experience to meet the needs of a completely different group of users?
That's pretty obvious
There are no indoor sports in the daytime in the winter for adults except hockey. I go out of town to play tennis and pay a premium as an out of town resident in other communities. I know others play pickle ball during the day and pay a premium because it is out of town. You need a car and extra cash to participate. The nice weather season is very short so many adults are without activities that they enjoy. The best Pickle Ball courts in Georgetown are at the Racket Club. The membership is expensive. The arena courts are OK but the surface is hard on old joints and the lighting is a challenge but it is certainly better than having no space or place to play when it rains. I also pay to join Good Life. Tennis in the summer is better at the Racket Club if you don't want to play inter county.
There are so many studies done regarding the positive impact of recreational sports in the development of babies, kids, youth and so on. Providing places where kids can practice recreational sports is crucial for the well-being of the individual and society. There are studies done that show the earlier the kids start participating in recreational sport the healthier, smarter they will be. I can not think of any other sport better then gymnastics to help them start on that path. I found Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre to be a perfect place for my kids when they were little.
There is need for fresh eyes and not rest on our laurels. It seems that the same old groups get the attention with no planning for things needed to be started now, rather than wait until it's overdue
They need to address EVERYONE , community engagement is extremely important. Reach out to students, adults in retirement, their needs change from season to season. Provide a variety of services that can be altered based on participation rates.
Things are always changing and evolving. It would be great to have recreation and park services that respond to that
Things are always changing. If we do not stay with it we will be left behind and than it will be hard to catch up when we realize we need to.

This is the only way to achieve continued support and participation. Flexibility is essential to changing interests and needs.
This keeps residents engaged in activities and makes our community a great community to live in.
We are seeing more and more people in the "seniors" demographic that are active and want to try new things, I will soon be one of them.
we need more variety in halton hills.
We need more. Especially more walking and bike paths. Paths that are not along busy roads.
We need recreation to support people in this town. There are not enough outlets for people especially teens/ children to engage in. Focus on expanding and encouraging participation in sports. Look at the interests in this town. For example; gymnastics is so popular and the facility is way too overcrowded! Listen to what these kids need!
We need to change with the times and demographics of our town.
We need to ensure that we have access to recreational facilities that are beyond the typical (I.e. ice rinks) facilities. Ensuring the community has a variety of options is important.
We personally feel that the town needs outdoor basketball courts/nets. Right now there is nothing other than at elementary schools and they are not good. We would even like indoor rec centre options.
We should be supporting groups that provide recreation to all. Especially the Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre who have many groups through their doors and are the foundation sport for all.
Well obviously it is important to understand the demographic living in Halton. There's no point in doing something if the demographic doesn't want it or have enough to support it.
While I would love for the most obscure sports and hobbies to get their time in the limelight, the system is based on funding and without following the trends of interests, demographics and participation there will be a likely disconnect between the funds needed and the money available.
With all the new building in Halton Hills, our small rec centres aren't serving everyone's needs anymore. Time to put additions onto existing rec buildings!
Would not impact my life. If it gets people involved then do it.
Yes. This needs to be constantly monitored to accommodate the demographics. Programs will fade and others will be over-enrolled...we need to adjust the programs... supply and demand. Why are ice rinks selling off ice time for half price, but the community pool is at capacity?
You need to capture all demographics
Your picture says it all
Low Priority - Respondent Comment
I think more detail is needed here to provide for the needs of the community- but is there a minimum level needed to offer Or could you try some new activity offerings as an experiment to gauge response?
Everything is based on supply and demand
Halton Hills rec should not be trying to offer everything to everybody
I believe services adequately address this issue.
I do not think its needed to bring in different services as there are already so many great options. People move to Canada to want to Canadian experience, so it should be a priority to ensure that the sports continue to be available that people are used to expecting. This would impact my life as my kids get older I would be very disappointed if they couldnt enroll in basketball, soccer, volleyball, swimming, skating etc.
If something becomes more popular and can be accommodated, great. However, we shouldn't focus too much on fads as they can be short lived.
People will adapt
Shift it you can.. fads should be avoided... it costs a lot to build new programs... it should only be done if fiscally responsible to do so.
This could be a costly and time consuming.
Yes, adapt to change. However it is important to provide equal recreation opportunities for a variety of needs. Focusing on many areas, not one group.

Preliminary Direction #6: Support efficient, effective and innovative use of new and existing facilities.

High Priority - Respondent Comment

20000new residents in Gtown south will need facilities

As an investor I can't think of any better way to support/encourage the young kids through a modern state of the art facility to get them involved in recreational activities

Back to a track above the arenas. Becomes multipurpose and even those unactive people might get encouraged to start walking it when they are sitting on their butt watching their kid/relative playing hockey/skating or whatever.

Build facilities with multiple uses.

Gymnasium where one can play indoor badminton, Pickleball, basketball in same space with different coloured lines for each sport and nets that can be adjusted up or down.

Buildings and facilities are build not very economical- or energy efficient. Lots of open/ waste space. It is expensive to build new facility's and the taxpayer has already a heavy load to carry- even more once this covid 19 is over.

Cheaper to expand existing facilities than new buildings, lower taxes this way.

Consider more hours of programming that target early mornings, later at night. More opportunities for non town programs to rent out the space.

Do more with less.

Don't bother making new facilities if you're not going to focus on the already existing ones.

Encouraging the use of all facilities is a redundant ask. This is a requirement for every park facility. Marketing is key to the successful use of any facility and of any initiative in those facilities.

Everybody (but especially children, teens) in town need more than a swimming pool. I drive to Milton for basketball classes for my six-year-old. A rec centre is a hub in a community, and while residents utilize Gellert extensively, it is not that kind of hub right now. There's no reason for a teenager to spend much time there, but they need places to congregate in town.

Facilities should be used to their maximum potential, even if this include creating innovative was to use the space.

For my reason stated earlier

Fully support the need for additional gym space for usage, and an indoor walking/running track.

Gain efficiencies to reduce budget

Gellert isn't really much of anything except to swim, vote and have a meeting. It is used as a warming/cooling place for people in need supposedly but how would the needy get there? There is NOTHING for them if they do get there. I was really disappointed one year when I went to see if anyone needed a winter coat and there wasn't even a coffee pot.

Get the most utility from what we have. Include all the capital assets- including schools.

give more facilities for seniors

I will feel better about accessing these services and programs if it's in a sustainable centre that runs more efficiently

I wish there were areas that were more available at a low cost. For instance, we were trying to arrange an informal art group in Acton on a drop in basis. Unfortunately, to this point it didn't get off the ground although many town owned facilities were empty. It wouldn't be cost effective for only 3 to cover the 2 hour rental min at the boathouse for instance if only 3 people showed up that particular evening. To this day, we have a lot of people interested, however no space to do so. We also wanted it to be inclusive - so if someone from the group homes in Acton per se wanted to come out to do art, they could do so with no cost.

If existing facilities could be used it could happen faster than building new facilities. Chances are New facilities would depend on growth. There is a lot of lag time waiting for changes or improvements to happen. I think I might be too old to enjoy any changes as it will take a long time so it won't impact me personally.

Important to use facilities to full capacity.

Innovative uses of facilities might gain more users throughout a person's lifetime, fir example, we used the facilities much more when our kids were young

When they got to middle school and high school not at all

It is more cost effective doing so.

it would be most economical if we could find a way to better utilize the spaces and facilities we have the gellert is great for a pool but little else, walking tracks, gymnastics and multi use gym space(for pickle ball, basketball, cheer etc) would be great.

It's important to build facilities that can adapt over time. It's a huge capital investment for the tax payer and we should build to support longevity
Let's make good use of the facilities we already have!
Leverage what we have already... empty buildings are a waste!
Makes good economic, financial and sustainable sense.
Makes logical sense as basic infrastructure already in place and accessible sites.
Making sure people know what is happening and when to ensure all the facilities are used to their best potential is important.
Making use of existing facilities is responsible use of our tax dollars.
Max out current location and one thing Halton did was walk fit.
More classes. More options. Family sportsball for aged 7 child. Family sports.
motivate folks to use what we got
New facilities are a MUST. AIP and GIP are garbage pools and not available during the day as school is in attendance. Halton Hills is so far behind on facilities compared to other areas. Pools, gymnastics, rock climbing, public gym, basketball courts, beach volleyball access our facilities in halton hills are a huge disappointment.
New, clean and efficient facilities are top reasons that would entice me to join!
of course!
Our community does not seem to have a great deal of public facilities for recreational use, The facilities appear very individual, swimming pool or arena, gym space need to get from a school. Walking or running track go to Milton. could we not utilize space better ie. walking track above skating pad or better over outside of new pool!
remind resident about fun activities at centres -
Super important! Especially since we are a growing community, therefore our community centre needs to grow, especially the pool! The pool is universal...everyone can use it! This is a no brainer! Parent & Tot, all ages, special populations, birthday parties, competative swimmers, Masters swimmers, synchronized swimming, water polo, platform or spring board diving, life saving, lane swims, recreational swims, scuba diving, water running, water aerobics, water rehabilitation ... so many possibilities! Check out the Victor Davis Pool/Community Centre in Guelph.
The buildings are there, just add needed facilities. Very cost effective
The town needs to support those facilities to keep them up to date and make using them affordable to the populace.
There has been a lot of money and time invested in many of our existing resources and facilities, and we need to ensure that we are reinvesting in these existing spaces.
Things that are needed tend to sit in a holding pattern. We may not be able to action new centres but let's at least get planning. Ie. Pools
This goes with my statement in the last question. The cost of running the facilities and the cost that is given to the community.
This seems to me like it would result in cost saving and maximizing current assets for the betterment of the community.
To be honest probably higher taxes but investing money in facilities that offer something for everyone at every age keeps a variety of people in the community which in the long run is better for the community.
Waste not, want not.
We all need to take advantage of the great things available to us here in Halton Hills and Canada in general.
We have 140 boys and girls in our sports club and we are struggling to get proper gym space. We need more affordable options in Town.
We have beautiful facilities- as we grow we made need more , activities are already hard to get into
We have facilities that are under utilized and could have a variety of activities in them instead of sitting empty for chunks of time during the week.
We have some great facilities, let's keep them up to date and in good working order. Let's create new ones! I also think an outdoor covered skating rink in Fairy Lake Park would be so great, they have a very cool one in Perkinsfield Ontario. Every time I see it I think of Acton. It could hold public skating with music, fairy lights ,and small hockey games or ringette. A beautiful addition to our beautiful town!
We need high class facilities for our town.
We need to be cautious about our use of energy and environmental footprint as a good citizen.
We should be partnering with Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre.

We should make the most of what we have and get the community out there.

Work to improve towns ROI

Yes reuse reuse reuse

Low Priority - Respondent Comment

As above

facilities are used as they should be

I don't think it would have a large impact on my life. It's always good to use the existing facilities in an efficient manner, and often if possible rather than having them stand empty for many hours a week.

More space is needed.

These facilities are there and are being used. It can always be improved again with the needs of the town.

This seems like a leading statement. I don't see why this isnt already happening.

Preliminary Direction #7: Seek partnerships, supports and sponsorships with others to further develop and fund recreation and parks services.

High Priority - Respondent Comment

A means to an end-whatever works to get us a multi-purpose court in G-town!

Already a large Pickleball association in Halton Hills but lack of facilities

Any way to fund recreational endeavours puts less pressure on the local finances - especially with the recent Covid pandemic.

Budgets only stretch so far and we need money for lots of things

Its not fair for a community to have to wait 5 years or more fir a park - support from other groups or businesses would help

Building the infrastructure we need is costly and so seeking out partnerships, supports, and sponsorships represents good stewardship of town and taxpayer money.

Community partnership is important

Creative funding streams need to be found.

Get sponsorship for day camps to connect with nature , like Upper Canada College.

Having partners is a great way to have experts in their fields lead programs and a winning experiences for their participants. This would keep people coming back.

I agree with this! Evaluation is important to see what's working and whats not. When partnerships & supports come together there are greater opportunities for ideas to develop rec and parks services

I believe our local sports clubs would be able to raise money to support more capacity if the Town would assist. Similar to how the TSP ball diamonds came to be funded.

I feel that this is one part that our community is lacking in. With extra partnerships can help the cost to many different parts of our community.

I'm aware that in order to deliver the best to our community we need to create partnerships and seek sponsorships whenever we can. You know they used to have gymnastics in school in the past where kids were way more active, but due to the liability and lack of specialization in the sport they took it out of schools. We need to provide support to those organizations where schools can't help with the development in that particular area.

If collaboration can help foster new programs and funding, win win.

If possible, that's certainly helpful

If we want this to be accessible for all we need to make sure that user fees are not a barrier for residents. Strategic partnerships will help ensure costs stay low and growth can still occur.

Important to find new revenue sources to fund recreational endeavours, as long as it benefits everyone. No more rinks! Invest in walking trails, outdoor spaces that can be enjoyed by all, not just sports teams.

In order to be successful, the Town should seek assistance and created relationships through partnerships and sponsorships. Support from the community and the community groups will also be essential.

It is important to assist and partner with existing services to ensure they stay part of the community

It's always good to have help and more ideas and opinions to bounce off of. Chat circles play an important role in talking through the ideas to see what comes out and when people are invested things get done.

Make sure that we are getting the most out of our facilities

Makes sense to gain help with such services. Costs always increase and good will towards the communities of these opportunities is good financial sense.

No impact. If it encourages engagement that is what is needed

Our town needs to develop and fund more activities to promote and encourage recreation and have adequate facilities for everyone

Partnering with local environmental groups, or even indigenous groups, could expand local interest.

Partners can reduce operating costs and drive better programs and bring subject matter expertise. The YMCA is a great example!

Partnerships are good if they are true partnerships. Experience says that partnerships tend not to be taken seriously unless they agree with Staff ideas/recommendations.

Partnerships will strengthen the services offered in a community.

Partnerships would hopefully support programs financially and relieve the costs impacting participants and not-for-profit organizations that run programs.

Please see my answer on number 12.

Promote community involvement & volunteerism
Require support from developers
Save money
See #12
Sharing responsibility within our community promotes ownership over facilities and recreational programs. It makes people conscious of what is happening locally and makes them care about it.
sharing the cost for service = more services available
Sounds good - again,...I have no idea what it actually means
Sponsorships would be great so it's not all coming out of the taxpayers pockets.
Sure, it's always good to review the use and need of facilities. An indoor turf field would be a wise investment too. Then the kids wouldn't be injuring themselves slipping on the gym floor for indoor soccer training.
The title doesn't match the description... the title is a must... you have to have real numbers feedback to determine effectiveness and efficiency... partnerships are nice but can turn into a black hole of time and money if not down preperly.
There are a lot of groups in Halton Hills that offer excellent programs, why not allow the experts to offer the programs?
This would be an important way to secure continuity of services and obtain relevant data.
This would impact my life by supporting those who are less fortunate than me having opportunities they may not have been able to have, therefore creating a healthier community
to help support the creation of a larger multi use facility partnerships with local recreational buisnesses and sponsorships would minimize the cost that would flow to the residents as a resident that would be great.
use all the resources
We do need partnerships. Taxes become too high without partnerships.
We need money to run things!!
We should be supporting our NOT FOR PROFIT clubs who receive no funding from the Town.
work together to avoid duplication of service
work with existing agencies ... boys and girls club / big brother big sister / senior link
Working w partners that specialize is the most cost effective decision. What do we have available. Yoga in the park. Family sports. Family paint night.
Working with corporate Canada give everyone a chance to grow intellectually, mentally and physically.
Low Priority - Respondent Comment
As long as the amount of time and work make sense
Can lead to loss of control in decision making
I agree
I'm leery of making this a high priority. Special interest groups are motivated to support and encourage what is in the best interest of themselves. NOT the residents of HH as a whole. In the end the "special interest" gets meet and does not reflect the needs of the local community as a whole. Quite often the needs or impact of such projects on the properties locally impacted never get addressed. The focus is on the big project and the big promise that usually doesn't get delivered.
it will take a longer time to add to the recreation complement if this happens. Money will be tight and nothing will happen.
Not sure what this implies...with local businesses or schools?
Not sure who would support your programs, hockey, soccer, not sure
Partnerships could keep costs down
Please be wary of partnerships with companies who go against the values of the parks and rec team (ie companies with poor environmental records, food companies promoting junk food, etc)
priority is the existing facilities to be used and maintained to the highest ability
We should not rely on private industry to provide philanthropic support. Why not just build into tax base.
While partnerships and supports are important, leveraging existing resources efficiently should be the first avenue of growth. Particularly when our taxes increased beyond the rate of inflation last year.

Preliminary Direction #8: Improve the public's awareness of recreation services and their customer experience through innovative communications and marketing techniques.

High Priority - Respondent Comment

Customer service is important

Easy access will makes things more attractive and participation easier.

Ensure technology and communication stay current and relevant. The business of connecting with people, with end users is dependent upon how well, how efficiently you can communicate, enroll, register, deliver messaging.

get the information out there -- mail out of electronic

I am not sure this really answers this question, but innovative communications might start when it comes to looking after our local ball diamonds in Acton. We had to fight and prove many safety infractions with photograph proof to get anything done. This was wrong on so many levels. Safety should be "first" when it comes to recreation. Having a son who also plays in Georgetown, clearly identifies where our recreation tax dollars are going. This is wrong!

I hate to spend money on it, but if you don't tell them then they don't come.

I have noticed that often services are not known well.

if people don't know about what is offered, they won't participate

It is nice to able to have everything at hand, however when needed, there should also be a person available to talk to.

Keeps the community connected and promotes the use of the towns programs and facilities is a win win fo the town and the residents.

More knowledge. More use

Need a better enrollment system and more marketing of programs. We often find out after the fact.

People have to know what is happening in order to participate and having an easy platform to register is key.

Promote our assets, would be informative

quick readiness and availability of information is paramount in today's society - we are always looking for quick access to information online and via social media

The more people are aware, the more ideas, input, etc.....

The new website is terrible, it does not navigate intuitively, search functions aren't tagged correctly and finding information is frustrating.

A comprehensive digital strategy should be initiated to support any changes as it's more cost effective and has longer term viability then print magazines.

There are so many personal stories like mine. Let's hear these, let's promote our town and what we do! More programs, mean we all get to participate!

We need to ensure that offering are online in a quick and easily accessible location. Mobile phone capabilities are extremely important as more and more users are using their phones as their primary device when researching.

Without good awareness and effective customer service, programs always suffer. Excellent service will be shared by the public within their community circles and this helps promotion.

Low Priority - Respondent Comment

I think innovative techniques are good but you need a blend of both innovation and traditional to reach the most people

Advertisements seem pretty good now

Again, I feel that you need to look at the demographics of our community and ensure that the promotional opportunities address all areas of the community and are not all centred on electronic promotions.

Already effective.

As a parent, I seek out rec services and have no problem accessing what the town offers (Perfect Mind works quite well - good choice). There are a lot of parent networks (ex. Georgetown Mommies) in town so parents certainly can find services and programs. Also, in a smaller town, word-of-mouth does a lot of this work, I believe.

Cancellations could be online as they do in Brampton vs. emailing the organizations.

Catalogues are sufficient.

Everything appears to be full now except for hockey registration. Swimming lessons and activities are hard to join....no space. I hear the morning swim activities for adults is really full and there isn't room for new people. If there is room for more participants than more public awareness would be good but if there is a lack of space than don't bother. It can be frustrating. I believe there is a need to advertise some of the library programs and shows especially in the John Elliot theatre like the tiff movies. Spent the money on more facilities than promote.

fine.

I do not think these services need any marketing. Personally I get annoyed seeing government funding advertising services. Public can easily access the information by going online. Its not new information that there are programs available so I dont think this would be needed.

I don't think this is necessary as this is already promoted well

I feel like we already have access to sooo much information at the tip of our fingers, we just need to have the resources. "Hey Google where is a place in Georgetown where I can do recreational sport". We just need those places. Having those places in a warehouse, garage etc, in Canada in 2020 is not OK and safe. I've been in France in the fall of 1990 and they have a state of the art facility with courts for indoor basketball, handball, table tennis, gymnastics. That was 30 year ago. We have to rethink the quality of life. Doing dance and karate or gymnastics in a garage room is NOT ok.

I feel that communications and marketing techniques are fairly strong at the Town.

I feel that the Town of Halton Hills has this well under control. I'm very impressed.

I feel the à town does a good job already.

I like what we have now and not sure how we can improve it.

I love the recreation book you put out, but not sure if you do this, the book should be online

I think it's good already- easy to navigate and if you go into gellert, staff that assist are amazing

I think that the public is white aware. Using social media is an inexpensive oebusive way if communicating

I think the town does a very good job with both. Invest the time and money elsewhere. .

I think word of mouth is always best. And it's free! That's how I've found out about so many programs and classes in Halton. I'm always telling other families about the programs we enjoy and inciting them to join us. Let's spend money on other things more than advertising.

I've been using the resources for years already and dont have any complaints so far.

if it's good they will come

If people want to participate they will find a way.

It is fine as is.

It's fairly straight forward

It's fine

Its available.

people can find a simple website - no need to waste money on advertising

Public feedback is important... but only as a small piece of the puzzle... you typically only hear from the super excited or supper ticked off... most people are in the middle. Real numbers of participants and \$ should be looked at forst

Seems to me it is adequate at this time and try to maximize any opportunities to get free publicity.

Services do adequate job currently...

Surveys often yield a 10% result. Not always worth the time and effort. I'm not sure you can improve the public's awareness. You can try but people are blind.

the existing material tells everybody what they need to know

The latest changes to the website and online sign-up have been great. Communications are easy to find online and the newsletters are informative and succinct.

The Town does a great job now

The town has been doing a good job with most of it communication initiatives to date

This is a low priority because word travels in this town and I do not think funding needs to be poured into effective marketing techniques.

You do a good job already

Your monthly email updates are informative. Do these go to all residents?

Preliminary Direction #9: Work with community groups to promote volunteerism and engage more volunteers in recreation and parks services.

High Priority - Respondent Comment

being involved in your community is important
Cost savings...community building
Costs would be lowered if volunteers are utilized. There are many students who need volunteer hours so this would be a great option for them.
Everyone has an opinion but no one wants to help
Excellent idea. I could volunteer.
Excellent opportunity for our youth, seniors etc and helps keep costs done. Reengages the community into itself...makes it sustainable and valued.
For sure... they can make all the difference... especially if they are good! Feedback on volunteer programs are key to figure out when the program doesn't make sense any more
get everyone involved
good chance to use high school students in your programs
Great for the community as well
Help high school kids get their hours
I would love to see special needs individuals being incorporated into volunteer position more. They are eager, helpful and happy to be included in the community. I remember when higher functioning special needs individual where welcomed to volunteer in camps, unfortunately that is not accepted any longer.
If people want to volunteer they will find a way. Encouragement to do so would require some marketing
Important for youth to serve
In a town with little activity for our teens this would highly benefit us and allow our teens to be more engaged with positive activities
It sounds like it is or the question wouldn't be on the survey. I personally could see volunteers being more engaged in the trail opportunities.
Many activities do not occur without volunteers. Volunteers also help keep costs manageable for many.
No impact. If people are volunteering they are engaged and that is what you need. Giving things away for free is not a good idea.
Promotes Sense of community and keeps costs in-check
promotion of civic engagement
helping our young people get involved and earn employable skills
helping our aging population remain connected to the community and give back
sure
Things are so costly so if volunteer could help that may ease the cost
Two folds here. 1. We have to come together as a community to volunteer and support our local organizations. 2. Develop youth in our community through volunteering (which some organizations are already doing a great job)
Volunteer are always important
Volunteer work is very rewarding
Volunteering and engaging with your community is key to creating and maintaining a global citizen.
Volunteering is highly rewarding. People of all ages have valuable skills to give if they are given the opportunity and some training.
Volunteerism is critical at a young age to help the youth become the leaders of the future that we need. Especially as I get older.
Volunteers and community groups need to be treated truly as partners not outsiders
Volunteers are a huge part. But if we could somehow include trade and swaps to relieve the financial cost or even spread them out to different areas.
Volunteers are key to the strength of a community.
Volunteers can also help spread information regarding the facilities and programs into the community. It also creates a stronger community.
We need more volunteers in our community and sport groups.
When youth and community members contribute and take ownership of their involvement in a venture, this makes the venture more sustainable.

Without volunteers some programs can't run.
Working with community groups would increase volunteers.
Yes more volunteers for community hours.
Youth involvement is beneficial both to the volunteers and the community.
Low Priority - Respondent Comment
Advertise at schools and library.
Again, not that this isn't a priority as volunteerism decreases in a busy world. Just not a high priority in the identified priorities.
Already in place through high schools.
As above, build into tax base.
Volunteers are few & far between as so many service clubs aware. Will not go into multiple issues contributing.
Current level is sufficient.....Maintain it.
Great way to train future community leaders
I again can't really answer this with knowledge based fact as I don't currently know what the volunteer needs are.
I agree this is a great idea. Again the town should be an encourager and enabler, and leverage partnerships to accomplish this goal.
I believe we as a human should be volunteering in all aspects of once life.
I can't see the priority because I'm not sure what these volunteers would do.
I have volunteered but it was fairly disorganized and I didn't continue.
I would need more info on what the volunteers would be doing before making this a high priority
If the town wants volunteers, then they need to start respecting them and working with them instead of throwing bureaucratic red tape at them (volunteer dog park group is a perfect example).
It's always good to give back to you community but I don't think it's a high priority from many other things.
It's not a high priority in my life per say, but many teenagers would benefit in more volunteer opportunities for school etc.
Most community groups utilize volunteers to be able to operate their programs. While it is important to have volunteers in Town programs as well, in my opinion the Volunteer Co-ordinator should be also recognizing all of these opportunities and promoting them within the Town as well.
No comment
Not really aware of what proportion of staffing is driven by volunteers.
Not sure
Our volunteers in Halton Hills are largely over extended. Use your resources more efficiently...
Paying jobs are needed.
People need to be paid
The town can collaborate with local high schools to encourage students to complete their volunteer hours with the town.
This one is hard. Prior to covid 19, so many community members were commuting out of town to work and having long days. It's very hard to find volunteers who aren't already busy. I wonder if this will change.
Volunteer last help everything run smoother, but people feel pulled when kids participate in many things
Volunteering is great! Personally I think volunteering with people who are in need (poverty, low income, not enough food, etc) would be more beneficial.
We have no shortage of volunteers.
You already do this successfully.

Preliminary Direction #10: Provide support to community groups so they remain viable in the long term and contribute to the physical, social and mental health of residents.

High Priority - Respondent Comment

Again, please refer to my comment number 12.
Ages for senior programs keep changing
all around health is important for everyone
Anything that contributes to the social and mental wellbeing of community members should always be a priority. Healthy minds; healthy community.
Being in a group or feeling like you belong is always important to everyone's well being. It helps keep peoples spirits up, keeps people out of trouble, healthcare and may other places.
Community groups are front line support and resources for many families. Making sure they stay viable is essential to the growth and well-being of the community.
Community groups are important as they can provide a sense of 'family' for many people. They also help the community in times of need and therefore it is important to foster a relationship with them.
Community groups contribute to a community is a huge way. Supporting the groups in a community is a positive action.
Community groups drive almost all large initiatives in Halton hills...they need to be supported, rewarded, and recognized for their contributions. Municipal charges should be reduced for non profits and they should be supported in their navigation of the events process.
Community groups need to feel supported by the TOHH in many aspects of their operations and not just "questioned" when their file needs updating.
Especially with the recent COVID pandemic vulnerable people will need more support than ever.
Every piece of progress or development starts with a plan
God idea.Vommunity groups have problems remaining viable or continuing in the first place.
Going forward I will need more support, and so will others. It's a good thing.
Great way to keep everyone informed. I would appreciate that too!
Groups can always use the help and support of more people
Halton hills is still a close knit community and the spirit of the town is to help each other, this would just be expected to go along with that mentality. The town needs to be part of the community and the assistance that you see so often.
Having the facilities to host these community groups would be great, if that is needed. Obviously I think a bigger pool and indoor field would provide the best use to our community.
I have a special need daughter who does programs at Horizon packaging and have to pay for all activities, but I don't see any activities outside their program
I think if the groups hold merit but need support - such as a sports club needing space etc - it is in the towns best interest to help so that they can be there for future use.
I think the Town should be supportive to volunteer groups who are providing opportunities for the Town community. Sometimes there are are a lot of hoops to jump through to get things done. I know the town has been very support of the Georgetown Craft Beer Festival. Light Up The Hills and Canada Day in the Glen are activities that provides a lot of enjoyment to everyone. I am sure money will be tight after this virus is over. Activities might be limited. The world will be changed and the future community events might be limited. The lighting of the 3 parks will be a definite highlight but community celebrations might be a challenge. The whole community will be impacted by the future changes and it will be very important to support whatever can be done to provide community spirit and celebration.
Important to be good neighbours as this current health crisis has demonstrated.
it will sustain it
Its so important to engage as many people as possible and try not to let people fall through the cracks as some can feel isolated and could take a not so desirable path.
Making connections with community partners is important
May need some kind of outlet to burn off their daily frustrations
Mental health affects all of our community
Not sure
Our community health depends on our local groups that provides that service

Part of a Community group-partnership has been rewarding, valuable.
Participation and community involvement is so important for everyone's well being, any way the town can assist groups that are offering this to our community should be followed up on.
Protect the infrastructure already in place
see previous comments
Since The Town can't operate the vast number of activities in a community, it is necessary to support the organizations that are willing to manage these activities.
Support already well established community groups that are already contributing to these important humane needs.
support our organizations
The more viable community groups are, the more activities can be made available.
The town needs to support certain groups so they can grow and have long lasting effects in Georgetown benefiting our community.
Very Important. We should be supporting groups that provide programs for all and we should be funding activities such as gymnastics.
We are all in it together
Would create a healthier community of young people
Low Priority - Respondent Comments
Again, low priority does not mean don't do it. We already do this well. If we turn our focus onto other revenue generating initiatives for the next 5 years, it will enable a higher stream of financial resources over the long term enabling this item to benefit in the long run.
Important but not the towns primary responsibility... help where you can but monitor closely
It would depend what the community group was.
Na
No experience with community groups requiring parks and rec support so really cant comment
Not sure how this is applicable or what type of community groups are being suggested.
Not sure the support that this means.
Not the Town's role. Encourage and enable.
projects need to be self sustaining as much as possible
there are programs that do this,,,not a part of rec dept
There might be a way to combine groups to create a stronger one that border on each other interest. There are several groups in town that have similar interest. Why not work / combine them.
You only care about Halton hills programs. I participate in third party community groups and Halton hills does not support them.

What is your overall impression of the recommendations? Are we on the right track?

Respondent Comment

Maybe- i think each point now needs more detail to respond to

Yes

Absolutely, on the right track.

Absolutely. We need keen leadership to get and keep things going.

Asking the public in my eyes is a good step to being on the right track. Hoping these comments are not taken lightly. Nobody likes to engage in a survey with no action plan behind them.

Basically yes, Maintain, Promote and Fully utilize the resource we have

Focus should be on having physical resources available for growing community with more green spaces and recreational facilities.

Glad to see that you are looking to the future. Unfortunately you can't please everyone

Glad you're doing a survey for people in the community.

Good . We all need to work on the future; it is in every one's best interest.

Great recommendations. Comprehensive list.

I am impressed at the scope of the recommendations. I am excited to see how this progresses moving forward and would love to continue to be a part of it.

I am sure you are but again it takes so long to see the changes that are needed and with this virus complication it will take even longer. Sometimes it is a make work program for consultants. Just Do It!

I believe you are on track with the recommendations. I think you have considered a wide variety of recommendations and although it may be difficult to achieve each one to its full potential, even doing a little bit of work on the recommendations would go a long way.

I didn't see a track

I have always found the town very responsive to community needs.

I hear too much talk and not even close to enough action.

I like that the town is asking these questions and looking for input. I hope that the plans are executed and we as residents start to see progress.

I need to go back and review prior to addressing this issue

I really want to see more kids programming offered in rec guide it is top priority for my family.

I think it is important to support the groups that are already in our community providing a great service to ensure they stay viable. ie: Halton Hills Gymnastics services many families and they are a non-profit. Especially after this Covid time, they will need the town to support them.

I think many of the items a limited in scope and not based on our growing demographic. It may have been suited to our town 10 years ago. We should be looking to towns that have grown or are still growing and see what strategies have worked for them.

I think so.

I think you are 50/50 fiscal responsibility and efficiency seem to not be a part of the plan which is frustrating. youth involvement is also not included which would be good to see. There is also no recognition of the importance of agriculture to your overall strategy and with disappearing ag lands a connection to ag will be ever more important.

I think you are on the right track but please look at the needs and wants of the community. Do not put money into something that is not really going to benefit the community in the long run.

I'm very impressed with your recommendations. Putting people first can only lead to a better society. You are on the right track. Thank you.

If making a Multi-purpose court is Town priority over all else, you are on the right track. Adding another few ice pads previously which now do not get used as much as they should has increased our taxes to pay for this on-going expense.....Registration cost high, does not cover expense enough.....

In some cases, I think the plans are a bit vague still. I think we need to ensure that our parks and recs are representing the needs of our communities and allowing for those that want to go outside the standard rec programs can find somewhere to call home.

in some respects you are

It would seem that we have a plan to move forward

Lagging behind in Georgetown with proper physical facilities for sports and physical activities for 50+

Maybe I'm off track because I didn't realize how big your scope was. As a active resident with active children, our interests are in a pool and indoor field. More safe bike lanes and even a trail system would be nice. Your questions opened my eyes to what you have to consider.
no
No, there is too much focus on organized sports and development of facilities to support that. More emphasis is needed on creating affordable and accessible recreational spaces / activities for all residents.
Recommendations look good. I would however love to see more thought and options available for youth 13+ in town. There is very little to attract and keep them busy, active and engaged.
Seems like the right track. You really have to take everything into consideration not just what money is thrown at you and their idea. It's has to work and work well, not to do with who has the most money to support.
Somehow good, I think having this kind of survey mean you are open to ideas and see what other people have been exposed in the past. As I said France had state of the art recreational facility 30 years ago. I think we can do something if we come together
Somewhat and are willing to get input
Sure
There seem to be a lot of good ideas in this plan. I think it will be important to put funding where people will really be able to notice. Ensure there are enough facilities to meet the growing needs of the area. The last thing that Halton needs is kids missing out because spots are filled up too quickly.
there's nothing here that's concrete enough to answer this,...
They seem a little vague.
yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
yes
Yes
yes but... Need a YMCA for all it can bring to a community. So much more than a community Center! Need a 50 meter pool to replace GDHS (and I am not a swimmer!)
yes definately
Yes especially in the areas of community involvement
Yes I believe that you most certainly are.
Yes I think you are!
Yes, hopefully it wont be long before we see action.
Yes, I agree with all of your recommendations.
Yes, it is important to constantly evolve and update the recreation options with changes in demographics, and needs
Yes.
Yes.
Yes. Asking the right questions (which I think you are) is always the first step.
Yes. Looks like a good plan
YES. Love it!

Yes. Your ideas are broad and expansive. I hope you have a plan for slow and thoughtful implementation.

Yes... I think... hard to tell from just this survey... town is doing a lot more than that...

You didn't really explain any of your recommendations...

Which recommendation(s) interested you the most and why?

Respondent Comment

Ongoing focus on life long physical activity

Additional programs we need to offer more in our town so kids can remain physical locally and make friends in town.

Every age category and sport should be able to find a spot in Halton Hills without having to travel to other towns to practice their sports or activities

Expanding recreation opportunities besides hockey

Expanding recreational activities to interest all demographics

Hard to say. I suppose that having a activities that everyone can participate might be the best. Some can't afford expensive activities and they need to be able to.

I am really interested in local fitness classes.

I do believe there is a real need for inside day sports for adults in the winter who don't play hockey. Milton has some excellent examples and many adults in Halton Hills spend a lot of time in Milton and Brampton. They shop in these places too unfortunately.

I like the recommendation that supports local recreation and would assist with the expansion and innovation of local groups. Some recreation has always been overlooked by the town (gymnastics for example) More of the community has other recreational interests than the sports that have always had the towns support. (Hockey etc)

Listening to and adapting to what current families need.

Making recreation and parks services more open to people, whether it is their first time trying something, experienced at a sport or has a disability of some sort.

More Pickleball facilities especially in the winter- indoor facilities.

Multi-Purpose court. Georgetown needs this badly!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Recreation at a beginner level, considering a variety of age groups when programming activities

Recreation programs - we need them to keep our youth healthy, active and happy.

Responding to recreation needs is the most important one, this town continues to grow and families should be able to rely on their town to provide the appropriate activities and facilities. We shouldn;t be looking to all our neighbours for better options (i.e. mississauga, milton etc.)

The need for a variety of activities and ensuring that they are accessible to as many residents as possible.

Accessibility recommendations and recommendations that focus teens.

Disabled programs

Inclusive spaces for everyone

Making more accessible and inclusive spaces because every person deserves to have the sameness opportunities!

Reducing barrier to access, making sure programs are interesting and new.

Enhance the number of innovative and meaningful initiatives that connect people to nature.

Connecting people with nature

Creating new facilities (I have a an idea on transforming our curling rink), maintaining existing facilities that people hold dear, and incorporating everyone!

Cycling paths & walking trails

Developing more connections with nature. It is important that the town invests in walking trails in Acton, as lots of development in this area has taken place in Georgetown.

Focusing on new facilities with multiple uses.

Creating Natural spaces. Natural spaces require nothing but the person to explore and enjoy. Natural spaces are great for the environment and the climate. Financially, they free up resources (money, staff) for other initiatives. Natural space solutions encourage family use, meet the needs of multiple age groups, can be applied across Halton Hills, and are 4 season use!. Nature encourages connectedness in more ways than one.

For me pesonally I would put more weight on outdoor pathways and greenspace areas and recreational sport areas....basketball courts. My children are tween/teens and these affect them.

improving natural areas/greenspace

In the short term - community groups partnering with the municipality
In the long term - the environment - getting kids outside and climate change action
More natural environmental areas. I prefer outdoor activities than indoor.
More walking trails and biking trails would be great. get people off the roadways interlink communities and also having the trails with flowers etc is sop impactful. I love the work they do a Remembrance Park. So amazing. Every time I go by I look at the flowers and what's new and it always lifts my spirits. They are so nicely done. It brings calm to a world of crazy sometimes.
Personally i like to be in nature , so connecting with nature #5 also # 9 and improving of all efficiencies.
Would like to have more walking and especially bike paths.
Outdoor exercise equipment too.
Climate change and access to nature.
Impacts go beyond community centre hours of service and park usage.
Even before recent distancing guidelines rarely see playgrounds extensively used indicating that probably have enough of these small sequestered spaces with few mature trees in evidence.
Climate change initiatives and focusing on engaging young children. We have two young children and these are the two that would affect them the most.
Climate change plan interests me the most because it is a big concern i have. I think this area is growing very quickly and it doesnt always seem that the impacts that the growing population are being considered.
Agree we need more gyms - and making it all accessible.
Support efficient, effective and innovative use of new and existing facilities.
facilities - Gellert Phase 2
Facilities. Our Pools are not serving the public.
Gymnastics. HHGC has not had any support from the Town of Halton Hills and should be part of the strategic plan.
Increase accessibility to pickleball courts year round.
Increase more venues for seniors as we are such
maintaining and updating existing facilities before adding more
Need more court facilities for basketball and volleyball
New facilities
New facilities and support for local groups because we are a growing community and our facilities need to grow with it. Put me on repeat (sorry)... a bigger pool and an indoor field.
New facilities to engage more of our community in recreation
pickleball facilities reqd for seniors as well as youth
Suggested basketball courts and indoor track.
That you look at old facilities. Because it seems more likely for you to just build new ones.
Using new and existing infrastructure. I know Gellert Phase 2 and rec centre construction costs a lot, but that is without a doubt the most pressing need. There are a lot of programs that simply can't be offered because we don't have spaces for them to occur in. The proposed design for Gellert Phase 2 looks great - I would drop all other recommendations and just focus on getting this build as quickly and as well as possible.
What is the "one" thing that if we improve 20% can have 80% return back? I think is gymnastics. From what I know gymnastics is the Foundation of ALL sports, so helping organizations like Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre to be part of the society we can help ALL other sports to impact the young and older generation alike.
Seek partnerships, supports and sponsorships with others to further develop and fund recreation and parks services.
Community group support, as it is difficult for sports organizations and other groups to find the support elsewhere. Town support and involvement is appreciated and important. The main importance is so much of the community relies on these variety of activities, from baseball/softball, hockey, pickleball, lacrosse etc. Building future needs is also a priority, with multiple gym use and other needed facilities.
Encouraging collaboration within the community is a great start.
helping community groups because I have volunteered with several and all need either space or support to survive in the community. plus the benefit to children is unmeasurable.
Work with community groups to promote volunteerism and engage more volunteers in recreation and parks services.
Community involvement. People will stay engaged if they feel like they are key part of any group.
I feel that most were actually tied in together and would all be important.

na
See above
They all had merit and not sure how you will prioritize.
They all interest me as I see the value in each of them.
Unsure

Have we missed anything important to you, your family, or the broader community?

Respondent Comment

'Again we need a YMCA. - for the facilities provided - pools/fitness/ studio spaces - for the far superior programming to all age segments - for the volunteer and youth job opportunities - accessible to all, with no operating cost burden on the tax payer
Add a youth centre in the south
adequate parkland in GT south as well as off leash areas in GT south. Even the new Vision plan lacks adequate parkland, what are you thinking
Agriculture, people with disability, families.
Comprehensive list!
Finding more opportunities and additional innovative ideas to promote awareness of services. Using more social media.
Focus on youth!
How to get more volunteerism.
I can't think of anything.
I dont see too much that does any thing for the older community members, they are often left behind.
I hope someone will read not just mine comments but everyone's and have a broader view of the impact of the recreational sports have at every level
I think all the initiative are good and to find a way to prioritize is important to put in place the leadership required.
I think that there needs to be more networking opportunities, where like services come together and share their needs/plans/etc.
I think you have a great direction. I'm not in this boat yet, but supporting youth in the community through work, volunteer or entertainment opportunities should also be considered.
I think you have it covered... thank you.
In general, we need to make recreation whether it be sport, creative or otherwise, it needs to be affordable for all. Thinking back to young people whose children had talent, but they couldn't afford to be involved...makes me sad. Safety at our Acton ball diamonds is paramount too. Large uneven areas outfield is asking for broken ankles/sprains etc. Thinking that many adults (who are working supporting families) are out to get some recreational exercise are risking their livelihood, in your fields (specifically in Acton) This isn't fair! We need to do some work to ensure it is as safe as Georgetown fields are.
Increase municipal funding assistance for groups.
It all costs money. To paraphrase jurisprudent Oliver Wendell Holmes, don't mind paying my taxes....they are the price of civilization. Everyone needs to contribute.
It would be nice to have a bike path just for bikes without cars, like they have on Toronto lakeshores bike pathway
Just and observation,...painting bicycles on the shoulder of the road does not create bike lanes,...it just adds maintenance work for town crews to keep up the meaningless labels.
Just Do It! This took a long time.
let's make maximum use of our facilities and supports existing groups
More walking trail development in Acton. Georgetown has tons of walking trails, but Acton has barely anything. Time to invest in Acton.
multi use facilities that partner with existing local recreation businesses. Shop local and provide local. There is a charm about Georgetown that comes from homegrown grass roots!
no - other then making all play grounds accessible for everyone
No, it seems you care, and already know how important all this is to the community. 😊
No, please continue with expanding recreational outlets in this town!!
Opportunities for individuals with special needs to be involved in public programming after age 12.
Pickle ball courts
See above
See above response to question 22.
Should consider upgrade or replacing Georgetown indoor pool to ensure swim club can continue to grow.
Where can we give specific ideas for new community classes to try out? For example, parent and child art, bike learning in the winter for young children, yoga with toddlers, etc.

Appendix E: Virtual Public Open House Summary

The following comments were received from the Virtual Public Open House in September 2020 on the Draft Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan. Please note that the feedback presented in this section have not been edited or altered, even in instances where the comments do not accurately reflect the Town's level of service.

- Also consider creating an access to the ravine trail system where 10th line turns into Argyll.
- Can we please have cameras mounted at the location? If it was up to me Acton would have cameras on every corner.
- Desperate for an in-door gym, multi-purpose-Pickleball, etc.
- Even though the majority of Pickleball players are seniors in Halton Hills, part of that is probably because there is playing time mostly in the day. The evening times are almost always fully booked, but of course, with COVID, the schools aren't available this fall. This game is great for all ages! My nieces and nephews (in their early 20s love the game). We need a place in the winter to play. It would be nice if one of the ice pads in the arena could be kept for things like Pickleball! Pickleball is wonderful for the exercise and the social interaction between players!
- Great work so far. Thank you. I would like to see an entrance to the Hungry Hollow Trail system from Gooderham Drive. It would be an ideal access point for residents living between Mountain View Road and Tenth Line and there is already an access point in the Maple Creek Parkette on Gooderham that could be developed. A bridge to cross the creek and trails to connect with the existing trail system would allow much greater ease of access to the beautiful trails in Hungry Hollow for residents in this area who currently have to cross Mountainview to access the trail system.
- I am an avid user of many Town programs – Pickle Ball is growing and so is the demand for indoor and outdoor space. Aquatics – program pricing for seniors is a current issue. Indoor walking track for when the weather is questionable. Rubberized outdoor walking surfaces for when the schools tracks are not available or in use during school events. Retrofitting outdated playgrounds encouraging inclusive play with more sensory equipment. Similar to the new Gellert play ground which is wonderful and is being well utilized by the community at large.
- I am one of the many seniors in Georgetown who enjoy playing Pickleball, both for fitness and the social aspects. There are so many people of all ages in our town that enjoy this sport that we have a problem with access to facilities, especially in the winter months. Many people are shut-in during the pandemic and it would be great to have a place to play at Gellart or MoldMaster arena or Acton Arena when outdoor play is not possible. This should not have a major financial impact on the Town of HH as we are only requesting use of existing facilities.

How about the Ag Bldg in Acton, where there is little current activity. If you provide some time slots, we can bring our own nets and pickleball equipment and remove it when we leave.

- I can see there is much support for pickleball!! I support pickle ball requests.

I would suggest that the average age of the pickle ball player is more likely to participate in these discussion forums than perhaps other target groups so I would like to be the voice of some teenagers (who unfortunately don't participate in these forums) and specifically the voice of non skateboarders.

We need outdoor basketball courts. The courts built in Acton, next to the arena and the skatepark are ideal but missing in Georgetown. A search in Milton parks and rec yields over 20 courts. And they have wonderful indoor courts in Velodrome, MSC and Elevate. Adding to Gellert both indoor and outdoor would be wonderful but there are still other areas in Georgetown where this is needed for teens who do not live near Gellert

- I feel they still need to make aquatic swimming and other modes of exercise even less expensive than current prices.

I like to use gyms and aqua fit but when one has to pay for both it comes to over \$60 monthly. On a fixed pension most cannot take advantage. In BC (a small community we got both for one price of \$40 monthly. Since seniors need to exercise for their joints why Not give them tge breaks instead of families. "

- I play pickleball 4-5 days a week and would make full use of more facilities.
- I walk in Prospect park every day, having the bushes cut back around the lake and the benches now sitting where we can actually enjoy looking over the lake has made a big difference.

Are the bushes around Rotary park also being trimmed back as well.? The pathway around Rotary Park is well used at all times but very difficult for seniors using walkers and adults with children in strollers. There are multiple areas where weeds have come through the paving (mostly the path along the creek side of the park) this makes the path very uneven and dangerous for walking.

It is also very difficult in the winter to use the path around Rotary Park as only the side walk and the path leading to the bridge are cleared of snow.

I wonder why all 4 sides of the path are not cleared.

- Ken and I feel we have a need for more indoor facilities for Pickleball as it is a growing sport activity among all but more so among the seniors who all pay taxes to the town. We are glad to have Prospect Park for outdoor Pickleball which is great but do need more benches for those who are waiting to play the next game.

- More pickleball courts and community spaces.

During covid times leave a rink at Moldmaster free of ice for much needed indoor space in the winter.

For sports AND socializing.

- My husband and I have had such a wonderful time this Covid summer regularly playing pickleball at Prospect Park. As the weather changes and the cold dark times come, we will make the shift to the whichever Arena has pickleball for the fall. The thought of what it will be like over the winter if the arena is taken away for pickleball is most distressing. It would be amazing if at least for this Covid 19 winter we could have one of the surfaces left for pickleball. (the one we are in the fall?) It would be amazing if one of the Halton Hills rinks could be left for the pickleball players. As you know there are a lot of pickleball players in Halton Hills. We fear there will be no pickleball this winter (as of yet we have nowhere to play.)
- My understanding is that the rink at Acton arena that was available for pickleball since we entered phase 3 will close around Sep 26th.

Now that we finally need an indoor spot, we are losing the only one that we have...

We've had the nicest summer to my memory so have been playing outdoors and have only used the arena a few times. Now, as the days get shorter and the weather colder, we are ready to move indoors, but we are losing our only indoor option.

I get it, Halton Hills is a hockey town, but there should be room for other sports, no? Apparently, the Gellert expansion is coming, but why are we so far behind our neighboring communities who all seem to have better facilities? It actually doesn't take that much.

Pickleball's demographic is getting younger, and we need to accommodate the younger adults, teenagers, and kids that are now showing up in increasing numbers.

Pickleball is so cheap and so accessible, not to mention FUN, that it's a real shame that there is nowhere to play. "

- Need a pave walkway around fairy lake for disable and strollers
- Nice plan, but for when? As a senior pickleball player, it's been 4 years since I joined the game, and I am still waiting for my Town to do something for the citizen pickleball players. I have to revert to go play in others Towns to be able to do so without being pushed around by tennis players, or due to the lack of indoor facilities. These Towns are not where I pay my taxes, but when I play there it is were I will stop for gaz, lunch, diner or shopping; I play every day.

- Our daughter was taught pickleball in school 25 years ago & loved it! Our son also teaches it in high school, it is a very up & coming sport for all ages! Georgetown seems to be the only place I know of with very few place to play. Time to change that!!
- pickle ball is a great sport for all ages and would be a excellent sport to teach in schools. I am a senior and cannot play in the winter because I am always on a wait list that never goes down I do not want to be a shut in during the winter. There needs to be affordable activities for me to join that is not specifically for seniors I want to play more pickleball which is affordable on my income
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- Pickle Ball is an amazing sport that can accommodate all age levels. Unfortunately, the facilities offered by the town are most inadequate to meet the needs of those already playing and for those who would love to try. I find it unacceptable that the only facilities available for players to play are in Acton. I am a long time resident of Georgetown who lives in one of the highest taxed areas and feel Georgetown residents deserve to have facilities to use right here in town.
- Pickleball courts indoors & out are badly needed, combining the courts with multi-purpose sports.....It seems so unfair that all surrounding communities have facilities, and Georgetown does not. Many of us players travel to play and spend our money out-of-town which is against the grain of what we should be supporting. Pickle ballers are a very happy group and would be so much happier if we had a designated spot, especially in winter. We currently must go to Acton Prospect park or Acton Arena for play, and we shop & eat there too, while we are in town. While we love and enjoy Acton, this seems unfair to Georgetown.
- Pickleball is a fantastic sport for the whole family. It is a great game for all ages and all skill levels. Now we just need the facilities in Georgetown to let us get out and play both indoors and out. Thanks.
- Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports and Halton Hills lacks proper permanent indoor facilities to accommodate the demand.
- Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in north America, so let's not be left behind in Providing both outdoor & indoor places to play.

With so many large homes being built on such small lots, we really need places to go & be active & stay healthy!

- Pickleball is the fastest growing sport that can be played at any age. The Georgetown area is seriously lacking quality courts that would be used by many. It's an inexpensive sport to play and relatively inexpensive to built and maintain courts. Let's put Halton Hills sports and a proper pickleball facility into action and show that we are on the forefront of an active community!
- Please consider the growing popularity of Pickleball, especially in the 55+ age group. Emerson Park is in dire need of resurfacing and could have permanent pickleball nets installed. We drive to Acton's Prospect Park to find a suitable outdoor Pickleball location. Why is there not a similar location in Georgetown?
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- Please find us some indoor Pickle Ball courts!

I love this sport & once the winter comes we are very limited especially now with Covid 19.

The indoor soccer field building at Prospect Park is an ideal spot.

The building is under used & with a few adaptations it would be perfect.

- Security cameras. In the playgrounds. I'd personally like them everywhere. Especially at intersections and stop signs. I understand it's a lot to accomplish but I'm personally sick of how comfortable people are getting with running stop signs in this town.
- So much to absorb in these documents! Thanks for all this work. I don't see much about trails expansion, which is a priority for me. They've been a godsend during the pandemic, and are wonderful at all times of year (except maybe muddy March, when there are slippery spots!)
- The ice pad in Acton was opened to us for past while and we had said no to this kind but untimely offer when J Archibald suggested. He said they were doing it anyway, loss or not.

Summer we have Prospect Park,

Winter

We have nothing

To grow Pickleball we 'need' a home.

- The pickleball players urgently need winter courts in Georgetown. For the past four years we have been bounced around various school gyms in order to accommodate winter play and

there are not enough spots for all the interested players. It would be wonderful if we could have a permanent facility to play in. In the summer months all Georgetown players have to travel elsewhere (Acton and Milton) to play due to no facility in town. Emmerson Park would be one good option if it is resurfaced. Gellert has 6 tennis courts. To be fair why can't some of those courts be lined for pickleball and time set aside for pickleball play. Prospect Park in Acton was strictly tennis but it has been altered to accommodate Pickleball. Gellert should do the same until such time that other facilities are made available. The Gellert tennis courts is a town facility we need to share that facility for pickleball.

- The town opened up an ice pad at Acton arena for the past few weeks... the Pickleball Halton board suggested it wouldn't be used as we will really need it in the winter.

There has been very little play since prospect park has 5 courts that get daily use (unless Rain). We could sure use an ice pad along with many other sports for the winter use!

An experiment to see what sort of use an ice pad would get would be terrific and virtually zero cost. HELP!

- Then there is the Milton velodrome, where you can play pickleball every weekday morning for \$5
- There is much nostalgia about a winter Glen Williams skating surface - when the area around the baseball diamond was flooded and used as an informal ice rink. How many people wish this to return so the area could be used for recreation in the winter. Simply put, many people Glen Williams would like to see an outdoor ice surface during the winter. It need not be a formal rink.
- We absolutely need a ""home"" to play pickleball in a winter time . Pickleball is the fastest growing sport and is great for everybody and for any age so community is going to be more healthy , more active and more happy. Maybe Halton Hills can build for us tent/dome like they have in Orangeville or could try to adjust other facilities and help us. Please do not ignore us, we are also taxpayers!!!!!!
- We also need a winter home for PB

When will the town open up a winter facility for active seniors

Why aren't we sharing the underused Gellert facility?

Why!

- We are in desperate need of an indoor multi use court. Pickleball, tennis badminton, basketball and so on. I am a novice pickleball player and enjoy it on many levels, eg: fitness and social. Now I know it is thought of as mainly a seniors sport but I know first hand it is an ideal activity

for all ages. My eight Grandkids ranging from the age of 10 to 18 all enjoy a round with Grandma. This sport is low cost the equipment required is a paddle and a ball.

I feel it is a real shame that the agricultural building in Acton is so underused. It wouldn't take that much of an investment to change it into a multi-use surface.

Also I would like to see more trails for walking and cycling. A trail around Fairy Lake would be nice.

- We have been trying to get an indoor and outdoor pickleball facility for the past 4 years with the town of Halton hills to no avail.

We need more places to play Pickleball

With volleyball, badminton, basketball being able to use the same facility as a shared space.

How do we get some help here?

- We need more pickleball courts, both inside and out.

The sport is growing but we have nowhere we can call home. Therefore, we are unable to have leagues, coaching, or organized play, or hold tournaments.

As a result, the good players are going to other towns to play in increasing numbers, travelling up to an hour to do so. This is not good for our community "

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- Why can't outdoor pickleball be accommodated at Gellert underused tennis facility for Georgetown, simple inexpensive fix

Indoor? Keep an ice pad open for an interim solution for multi-sport winter play

Or...are active seniors ignored by the town?

- Wondering if there will ever be an entrance built into the Hungry Hollow ravine system trails from Cedarvale Park? The boardwalk and loop trails inside the ravine are great and flat for walking for seniors, but the entrances to the ravine all very steep and thus more difficult for them to manage. A new, relatively flat entrance into the ravine from Cedarvale would be a very welcome addition for many, I expect.
- Would you believe that it costs \$1.25 to play pickleball indoors at the Flower City Senior Centre in Brampton? Only thing is that you must be 55 years old

Appendix F: Virtual Community Conversation

A virtual Community Conversation discussion forum was held on September 29, 2020 to present the Draft Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan to interested members of the public and explore a number of recreation and parks discussion topics. The discussion forum was promoted through the Town's Let's Talk engagement platform and attendees were required to RSVP for the session.

Participants in attendance included members of the general public, along with representatives of various stakeholder groups, including Halton Hills Pickleball Players Group, Hillsvie Active Living Centre, and organizations that provide basketball programs, community initiatives and others. Town Council, Town staff, and the Consultants were also in attendance.

Participants were guided through a presentation that provided a high-level summary of the Draft Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan. Following the presentation, attendees were engaged in specific discussion topics related to recreation and parks in Halton Hills to assist the Town in implementing the Strategic Action Plan and other Departmental initiatives. After each topic area was introduced, a Town staff representative provided a brief overview and background about each topic while the Consultant subsequently facilitated the discussion. The following is a summary of key discussion points:

Topic #1: What will fitness programs and facilities in Halton Hills look like?

- Some participants felt that they are well served in terms of the fitness programs and facilities that Halton Hills provides. Certain individuals stated that there is a role for the Town to play in providing fitness opportunities in Halton Hills, although it is important to ensure that they are complementary with the private sector.
- There are a number of older adults and seniors that look to the Town for fitness opportunities, particularly those that feel that private sector fitness offerings are not necessarily intended for, or affordable to, older adults.
- Virtual fitness opportunities have gained tractions in many communities, including in Halton Hills, due to COVID-19. Over the long-term, some participants would like for both virtual and in-person fitness options to be offered in order to accommodate the needs of all residents, particularly for those who are not as technologically proficient as others. The fact that virtual fitness activities do not replicate the same experience compared to in-person sessions was also discussed.
- Requests were received for various parks and recreation facilities that facilitate physical activity and promote personal health and wellness. Requests included basketball courts and programs, pickleball courts, gymnasiums for a wide range of activities, mountain biking trails, and winter activities (e.g., outdoor ice skating). While the Town does not necessarily have to be the direct provider of all recreation and parks facilities in Halton Hills, participants agreed that the Town should support community organizations as necessary.

Topic #2: How can we better support community volunteers?

- Attendees stated that the Town has generally done a good job to support volunteers such as helping them obtain non-profit status, offering educational opportunities and financial assistance, and setting up programs.
- It was suggested that the Town should assist groups through volunteer management training to provide organizations with the expertise and knowledge to recruit, manage and retain volunteers, plan for succession, grow capacity, and set volunteers up for success.
- Obtaining police background checks was identified as a barrier for some prospective volunteers that are not comfortable divulging personal information.

Topic #3: Learning from our COVID-19 experience, how else can we engage or provide programming?

- Participants recognized that there are certain benefits associated with participating in virtual programs. While it is recognized that the Town offers some online programs, participants felt that it is important to maintain a balance of virtual and in-person activities to ensure that there are a variety of opportunities to participate. This is particularly important given that virtual and in-person programs offer different user experiences and the fact that not all residents have access to a computer or are comfortable with attending a class online.
- It was noted that the Town should ensure that there are year-round opportunities and programs for residents to get involved. This underscored the need to ensure that the public has access to indoor spaces such as gymnasiums during the winter months so residents can continue to be physically active.
- Limited use of the Town's website to access information was reported. Those that make use of the Town's website indicated that there is room to improve the user experience, particularly to make it easier to find information. Stakeholder group representatives noted that they use online resources to spread and access information including their club websites, social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram), as well as The Current.
- Participants reiterated suggestions for new recreation and parks facilities in Halton Hills. It was mentioned that the loss of access to school gymnasiums due to closures during the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the need for Town-owned gymnasium space.

Topic #4: How is support for programs and facilities determined? A closer look at the Town's service continuum.

- Participants indicated that the Town's working relationship with schools has been strong. Reciprocal agreements between the Town and the schools have played an important role in providing access to school facilities, although it was recognized that some school gyms are not appropriately sized for certain user groups or activities.
- A question was raised regarding where providers of unstructured, drop-in and spontaneous activities fit within the Town's service continuum.