RECREATION & CULTURE STRATEGIC PLAN SCOPE





- Programming & Events
- Partnerships & Agreements
- Internal Resources



- Community Halls
 - Arenas
 - Old Town Hall (Theatre)
 - Chesterville Heritage Centre (Museum)



- Outdoor Pools
- Ball Diamonds
- Soccer Fields
- Sport Courts
- Playgrounds
- Outdoor Rinks

Water Access

- Active and Passive Parkland
- Open / Green Space Network
- Boat Launches

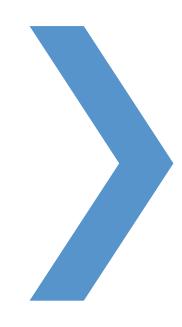
PROJECT TIMELINE

Fall 2024

Phase 1: Analysis and Review

- ✓ Background Review
- ✓ Inventory of Facilities (buildings, parks)
- ✓ Assessment of Service Delivery

Fall-Winter 2024



Phase 2: Community Engagement



- ✓ Community Engagement

Winter 2025



Outdoor Facilities

Phase 3: Strategic Directions



- ✓ Future Opportunities
- ✓ Key Directions
- ☐ Community Engagement
- ☐ Recommendations

Winter - Spring 2025



- ☐ Plan Development
- ☐ Plan Finalization
- ☐ Presentation to Council (April 9)

North Dundas

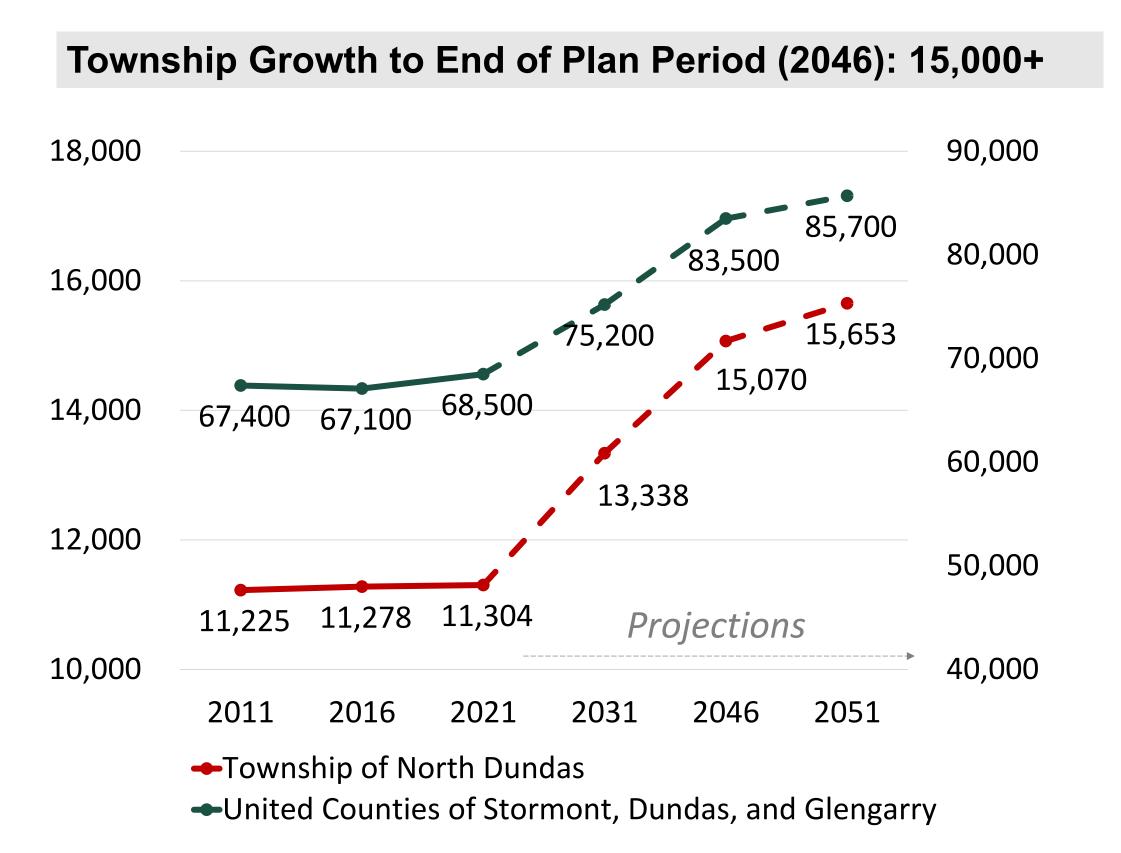


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A CHANGING TOWNSHIP

BOARD 2

Estimated Population Growth:



Population	2011	2016	2021	2011-2021 Change, %
North Dundas	11,225	11,278	11,304	1%
United Counties	67,400	67,100	68,500	2%

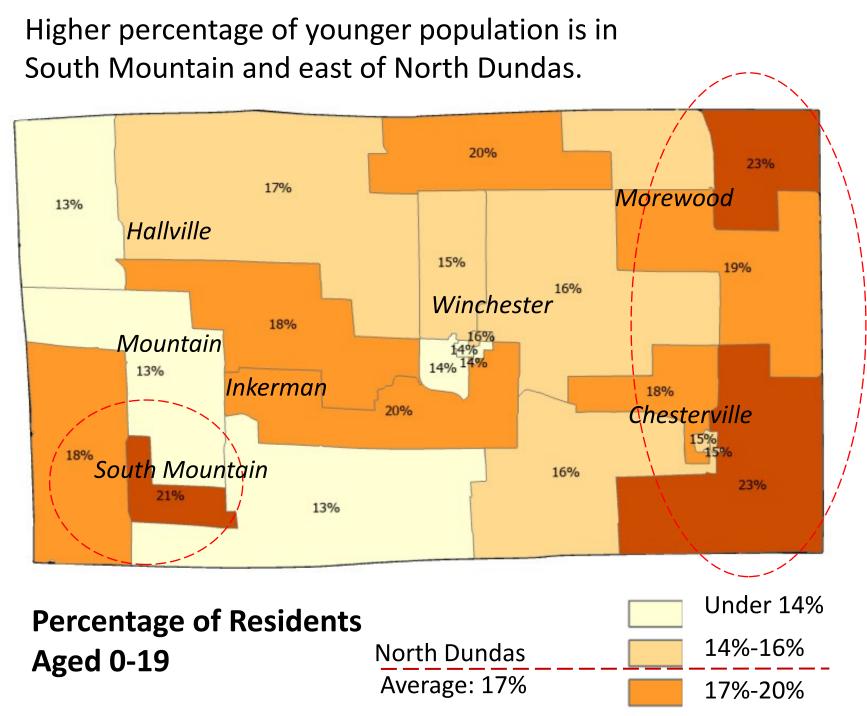
Sources: 2016 and 2021 Census, Statistics Canada; Growth Data: Township of North Dundas

Changing Situation:

- Population is stable yet growth is slower than Ontario average of 11% in 2011-2021.
- In 2016 and 2021, North Dundas population increased in Dissemination Areas containing Winchester, Mountain, South Mountain, West of Chesterville.

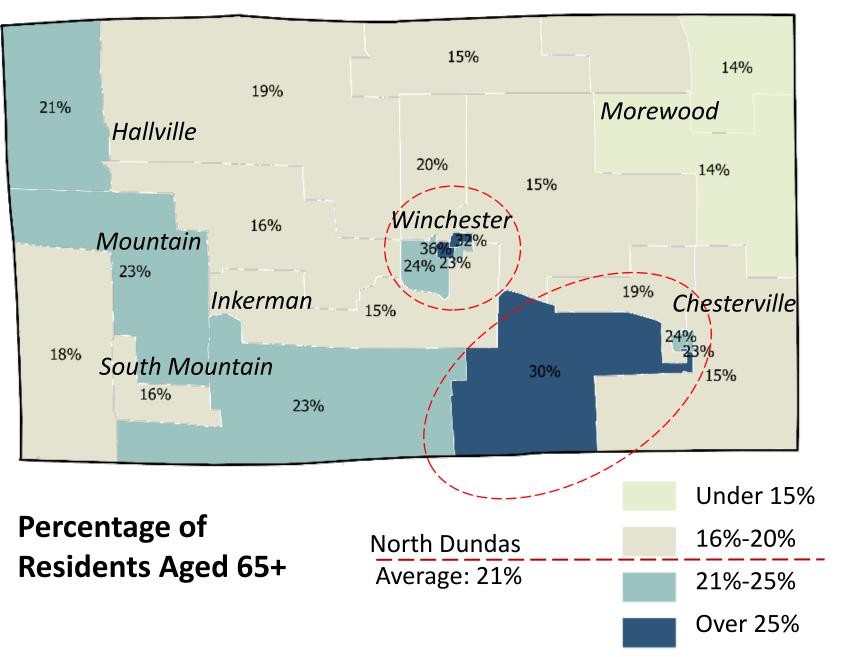


Population Distribution by Age Group:



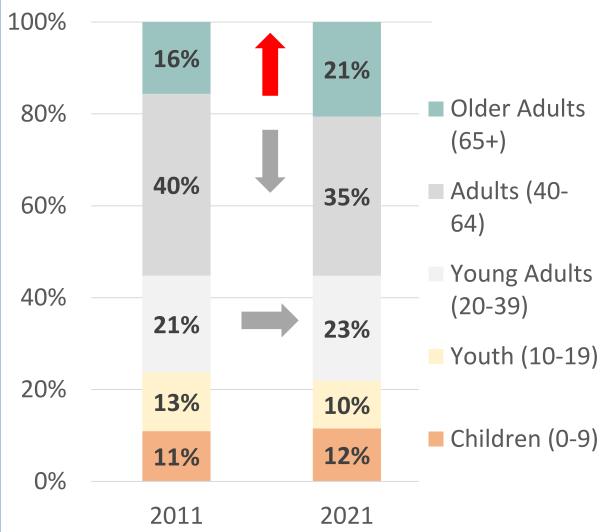
Higher percentage of older adults (65+)

Are in Winchester and west of Chesterville.



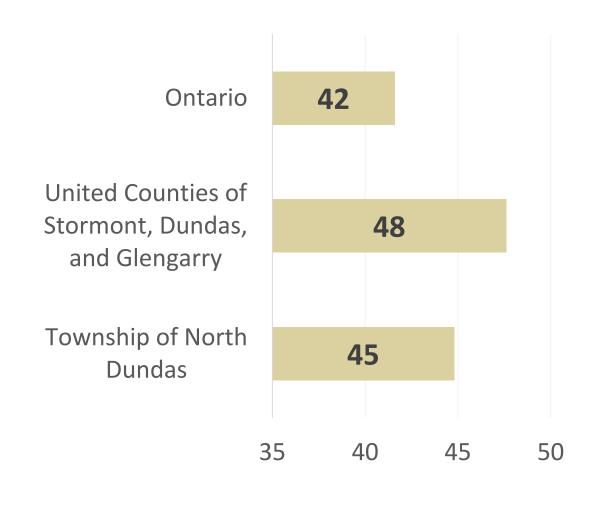
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North Dundas' median age is lower, compared to the United Counties yet higher than the Province's.

Median Age, Comparison (2021)





Engagement Activities to Date:

35 user groups

informed

In the process of developing the Plan, the Township reached out to 35 user groups

12 attended

One user group workshop

5 interviews

A series of interviews with key external

stakeholders

5 interviews

Mayor and Councillor interviews

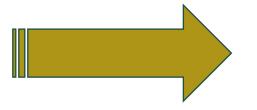
435 responses A public survey available online and in hard

copy at the Township offices



A web page dedicated to the project on the Township's Website

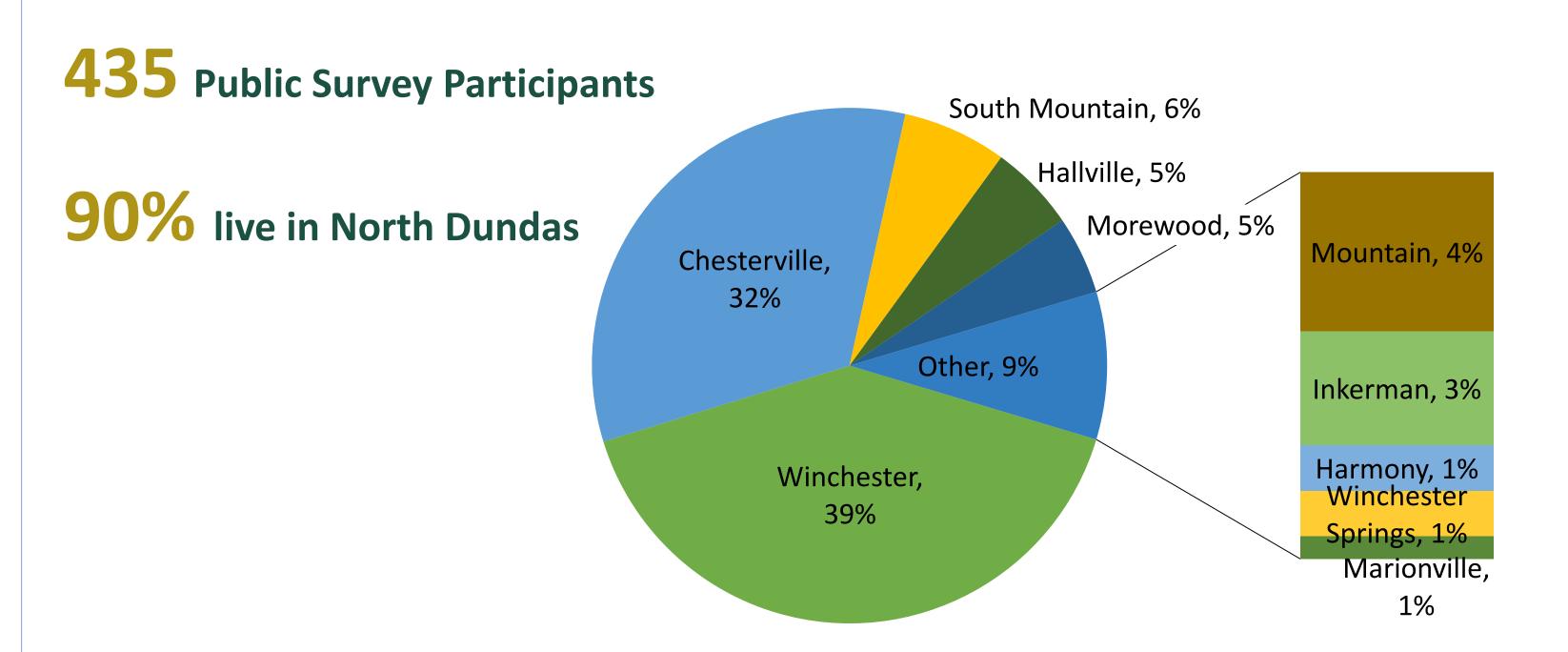
Scan the QR code to visit the project webpage



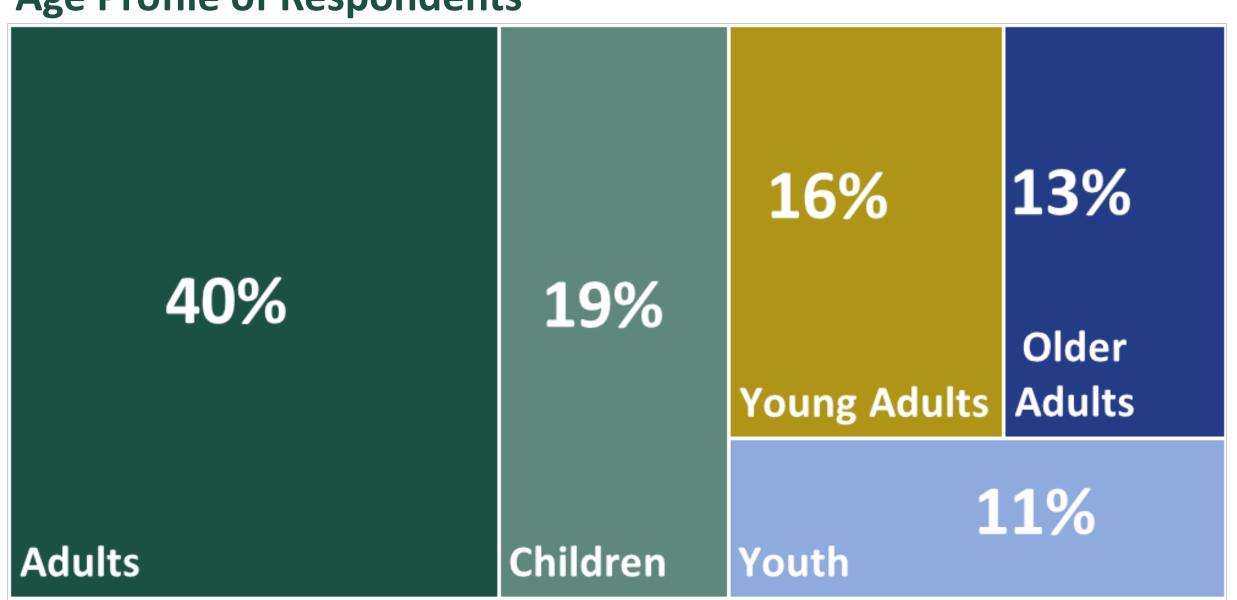


Who We Heard From:

Public Survey Respondent Profile



Age Profile of Respondents







RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES



North Dundas

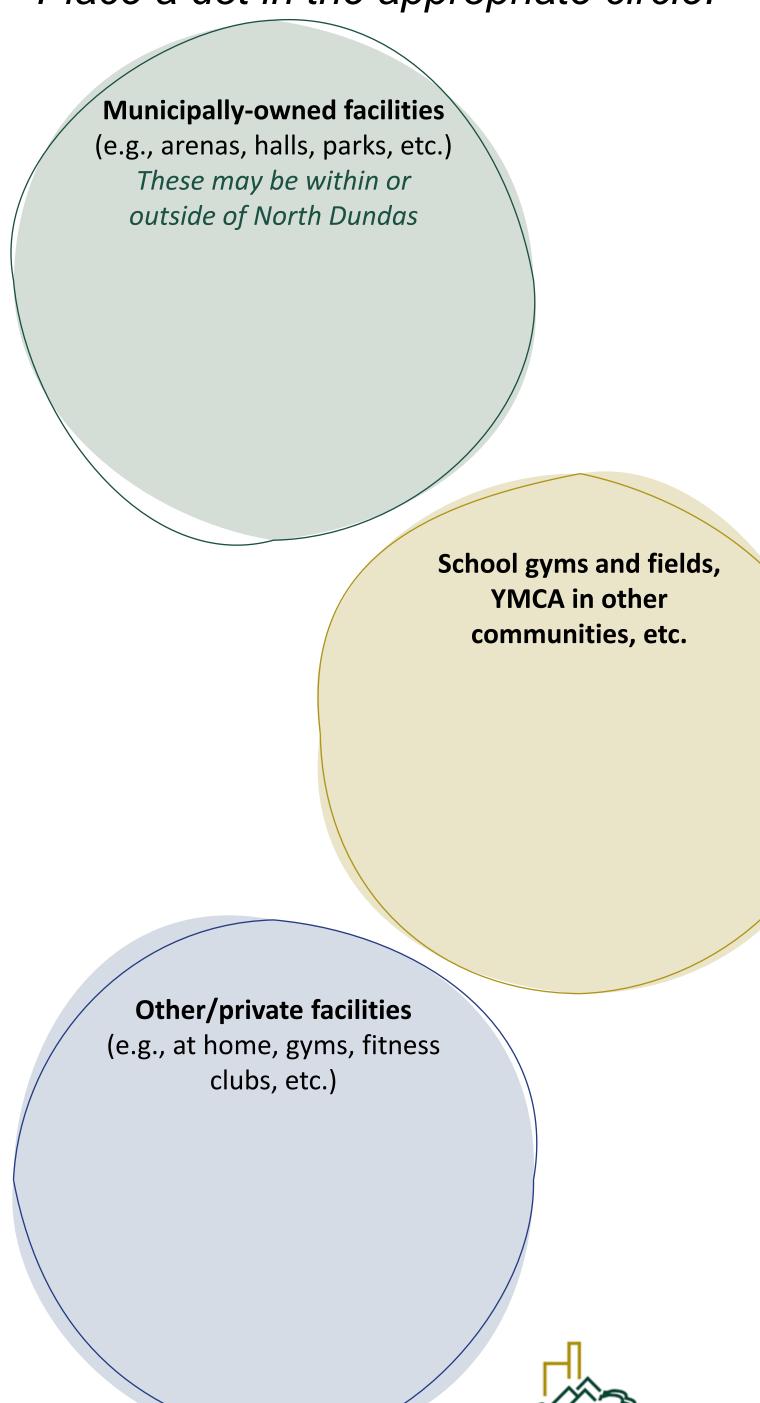
Are your recreation needs mostly met locally or on a more regional basis?

Place a dot to indicate where you fulfill your recreational and cultural needs.





Place a dot in the appropriate circle.





THE COST AND BENEFIT OF RECREATION



Current Situation:

- The Township subsidizes the provision of recreation and cultural facilities and programs.
- In 2023, operation of the Township's recreation and cultural facilities averaged **38**% cost recovery.
- The funding for new infrastructure is typically paid for by Development Charges, taxes, grants, and fundraising efforts.

Ideas for the Plan:

- Undertake a User Fee Study to determine an appropriate level of subsidization for services, facilities and programs.
- Implement and build up a capital reserve fund to be used for the development of future recreation and cultural (and other required) infrastructure.

Do you think the Township should build capital reserves to use for infrastructure development through <u>increased user fees</u>?

Use a dot to indicate your response.

YES	NO	UNDECIDED

Typical Levels of Subsidization:

Basic Services	Intermediate / Value-Added Services	Premium Services	
Most Subsidized	Less Subsidized	Not Subsidized	
Introductory & General Level	Intermediate & Progressive Level	Advanced & Specialty Level	
Programs/rentals that help develop skills essential for well-being	·	Programs/rentals that help develop and enhance skills and providing services that are non-essential for well-being	

Additional Comments:





EXPANDING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

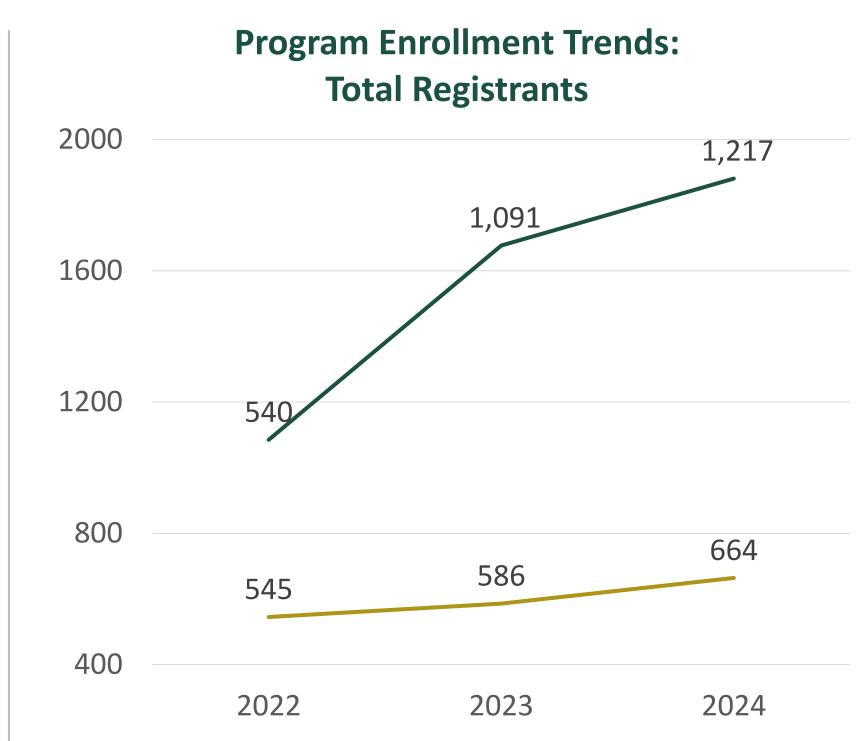


Current Program Offer:

- The Township offers a variety of both registered and drop-in program options, in addition to the recreation lending library. This has expanded significantly over the past few years.
- The Township's program offer is quite advanced for its size when compared to other municipalities, but it's limited in appropriate spaces.

Sample of Programs Offered by Township

	Children / Youth	Teens & Adults
Registered Aquatic Programs	 Preschool Swimming Lessons (Parent & Tot) Children's Swimming Lessons Swim Team 	 Aquatic Certification Programs (Lifeguard) Aqua Fitness Programs (Aqua Fit, Aqua Zumba)
Drop-In Aquatics	Public SwimmingPool Pass	Public SwimmingPool Pass
Registered General Interest Programs	Highland Dancing (youth)	 ■Fitness Programs (yoga, Tai Chi, Zumba) ■Dance Programs (line dancing, ballroom dancing) ■Club Play Pickleball
Drop-In General Interest Programs	Stick & PuckSeason PassPublic Skating	■Drop-In Yoga■Public Skating



—General Programs

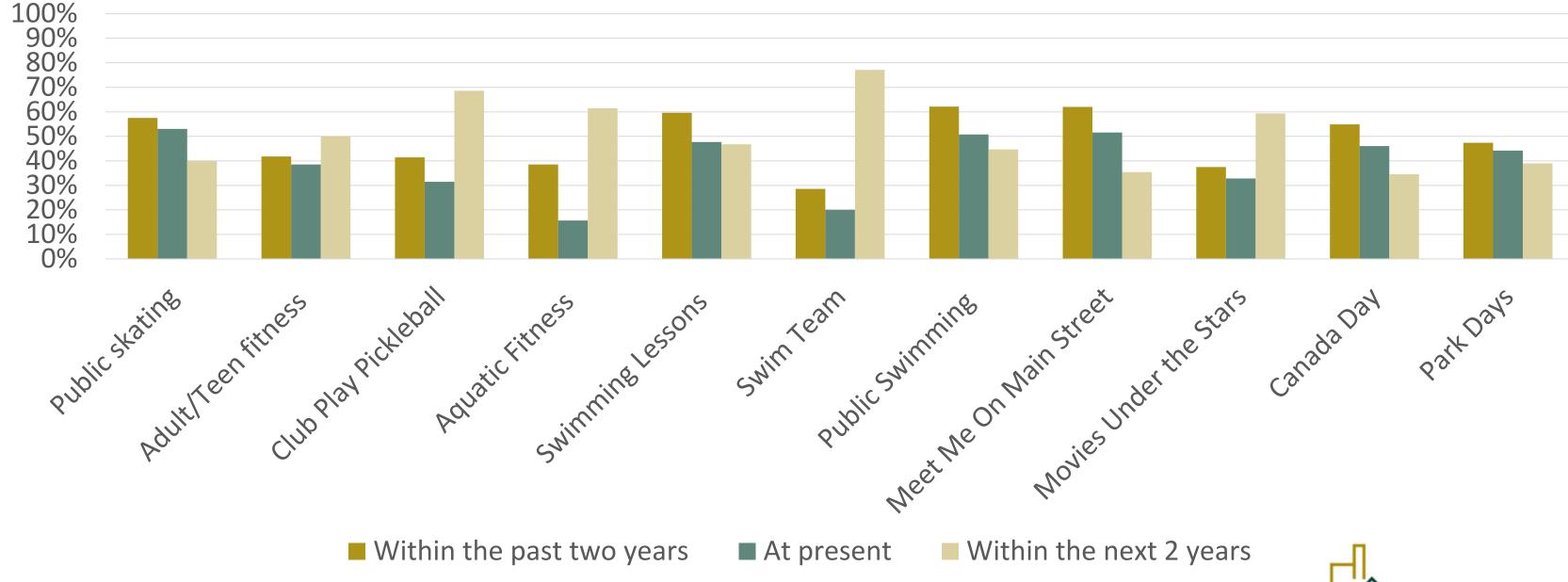
—Aquatic Programs

Do you think the Township should continue to expand the programs offered to residents?

Use a dot to indicate your response.

YES	NO	UNDECIDED	

Which types of recreation programs or special events offered by the Township have you or members of your household participated in or plan to participate in? (n=276)





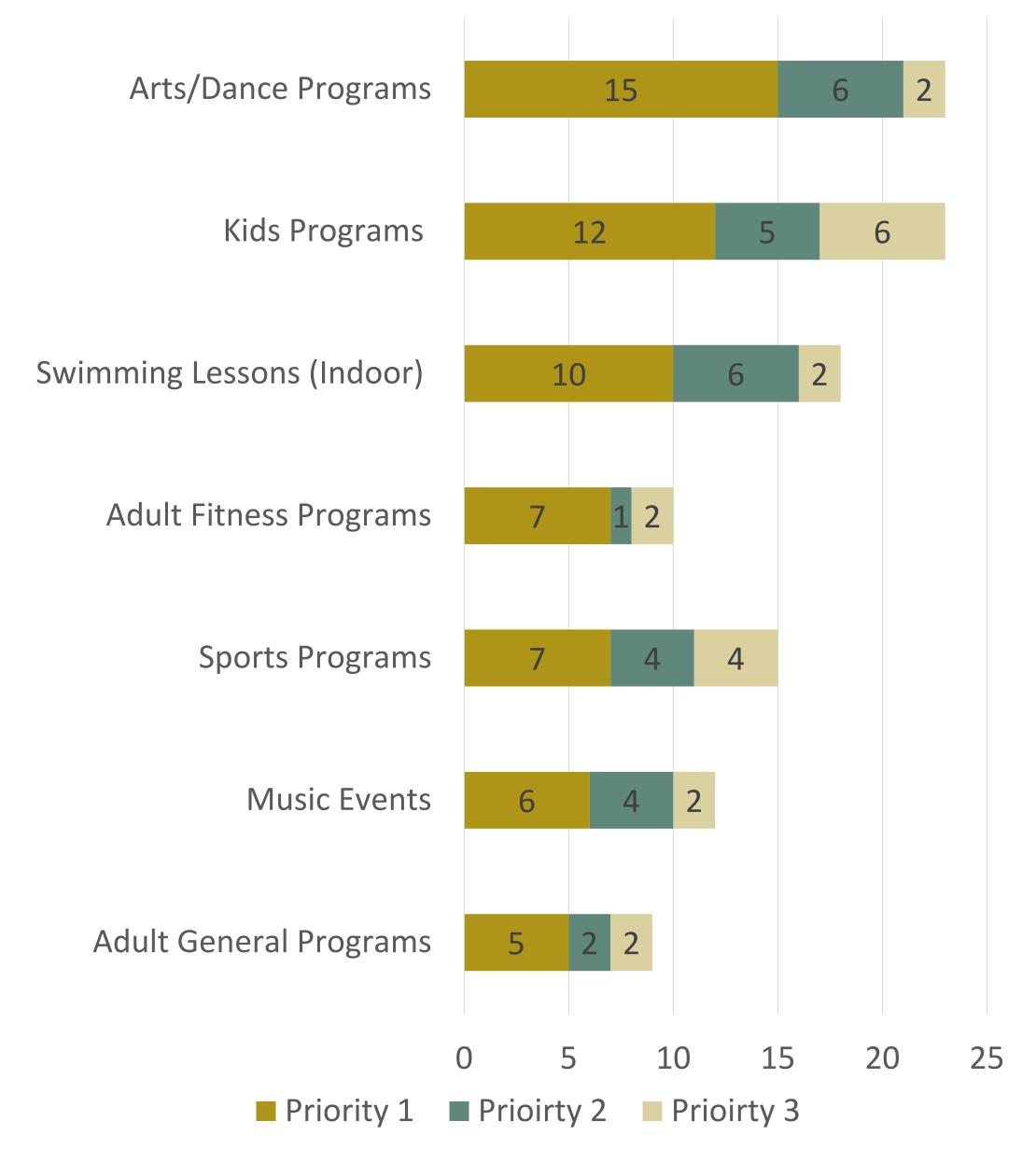


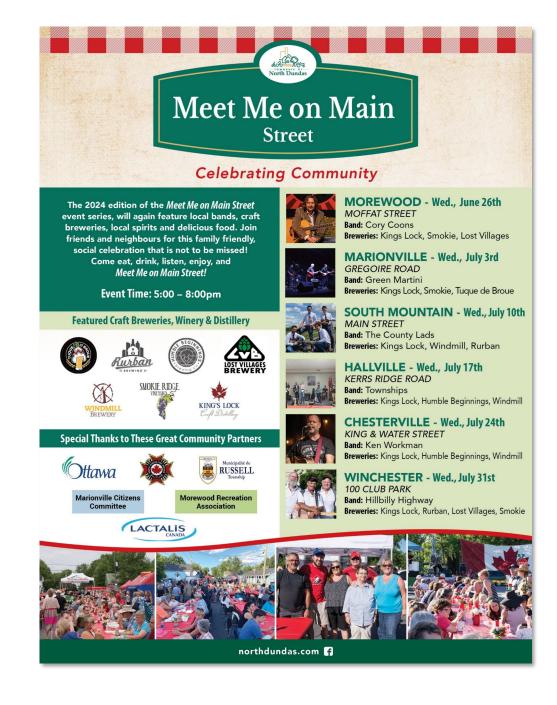
DELIVERING PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Public Survey Responses: In your opinion, what are the top 3 programs or events that the Township should be providing to its residents (beyond those already offered)?

Showing top categories only (n=136)





Do you feel the Township needs improved / more appropriate spaces to offer programs? Place a dot to indicate your response.

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YES	NO	

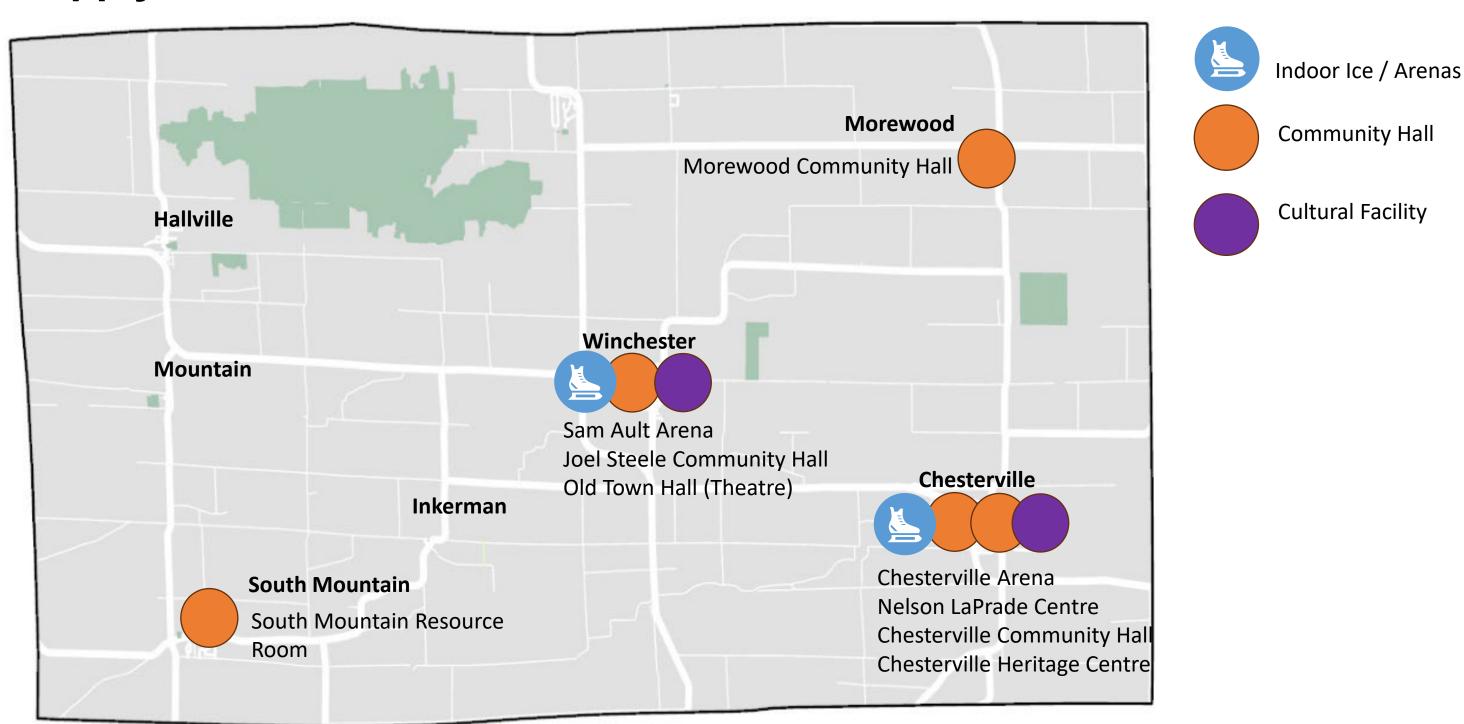
What types of spaces are needed? Indoor spaces? Outdoor spaces? Please tell us what spaces are required, where they should go, and why:





BOARD 8

Supply & Distribution:

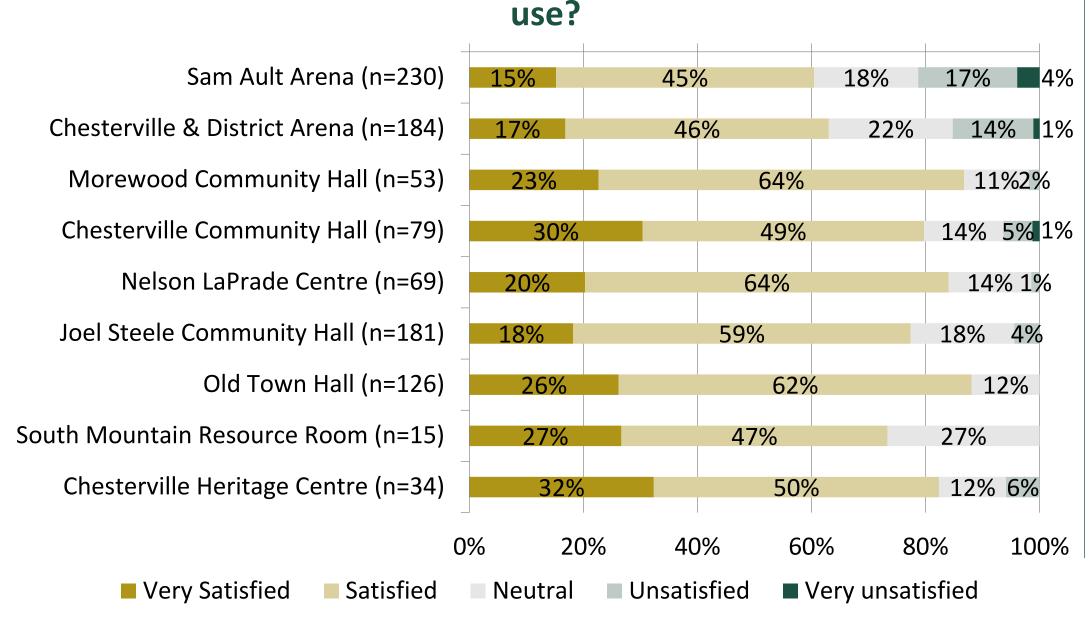


Utilization:

- Arenas are very well used: 85% of available prime time is booked.
- Old Town Hall: 60% of total available time is booked.
- Community Halls have lower utilization rates: average of 18% of available prime time is booked (this is common among facilities of this type).

Satisfaction:

In general, how satisfied are you with the quality of the following Township's indoor facilities that you





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Options for the Plan:

• The Plan must ensure that the quality of services is reflected in the quality of spaces.

Place a dot to indicate your preference.

Maintain & Do Nothing

Maintain & Improve

New Model of
Recreation
Centre (requires
closing others)

New Model Recreation Centre Example: Kingston East Community Centre, Kingston, ON









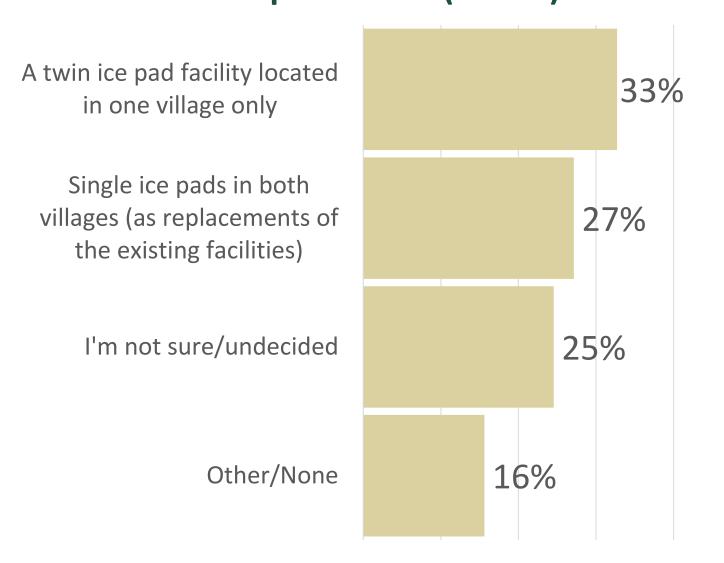
Current Situation:

The Township provides 2 arenas
 – one in Winchester and one in Chesterville.

What We Heard:

 Both arenas are important to the local community and therefore, have merit to be maintained.

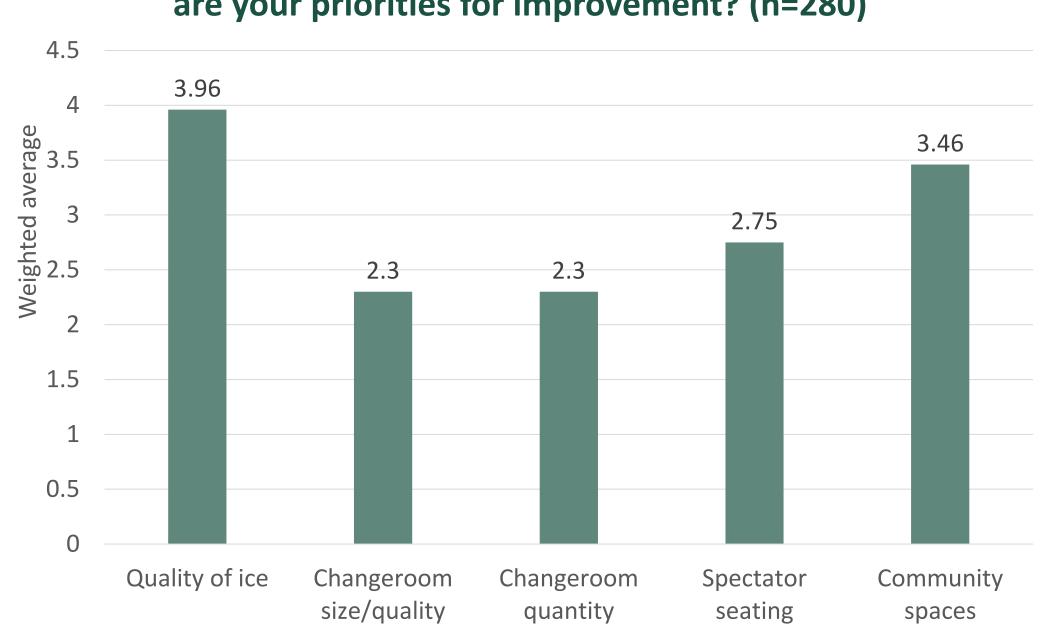
Public Survey Results: Please indicate your preference regarding future planning for arena replacement (n=269)



Ideas for the Plan:

- Continue to invest in both arenas as part of a 2 hubs concept, addressing state of good repair issues at both arenas on an ongoing basis.
- Explore opportunities to expand the Sam Ault Arena (Winchester) to include a gymnasium and/or other indoor recreation uses.
- Maintain the Chesterville Arena, improving the existing entrance for user comfort and addressing the issues associated with the roof.





What investments would you like to see at the arenas?





Current Situation:

- 97 seat theatre located in Winchester, home to the Dundas County Players, and very well used.
- It is understood that the facility is almost fully booked during the months of April, August, and November (generally), with minimal time available for other groups to use the facility during these times.
- The facility has a modernized ground floor interior, while the second floor is non-AODA compliant. The basement is unfinished.

Ideas for the Plan:

- Maintain Old Town Hall in good condition for continued community use and undertake any required upgrades to improve its functionality for existing and potential users.
- Expand the range of uses that are available at the Old Town Hall, including programs. This could include programs provided by the Township or other community groups/users that wish to book the facility.

Upper Floor Storage





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Old Town Hall Exterior



What do you see as the priorities to improve this facility? Place a dot to indicate your priority.

Potential Area of Improvement	My top priority:
Accessibility to second floor	
Stage / back of house-related	
Theatre production capabilities	
Lobby, seating and common areas	
Others	Tell us your ideas below:

INDOOR FACILITIES: QUALITY OF SPACES



Flexible Spaces







Walking Tracks



Community Kitchens



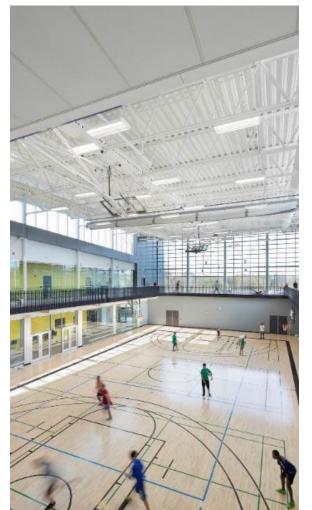








Fitness & Sports









Other amenities/trends?



In terms of new amenity types, what would you like to see the Township focus on for future investment indoors?





WINCHESTER AS A RECREATION HUB



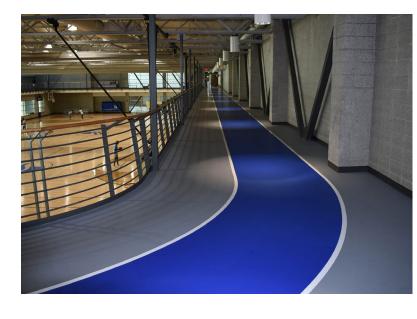
Current Situation:

The Township has been land banking at the Sam Ault Arena / 100 Club Park site for future expansion and additional park amenities to serve the growing community.









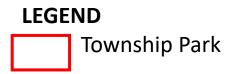




What new indoor or outdoor amenities would you like to see at Winchester Park/Arena?

Place a dot to indicate your top priority.

Potential Amenities	My top priority:
Sports Dome (e.g., turf and/or courts)	
Gymnasium	
Walking Track	
Fitness Centre	
Soccer Fields	
BMX/Scooter Pump Track	
Beach Volleyball Courts	
Tennis/Pickleball Courts	
Others	Tell us your ideas below:





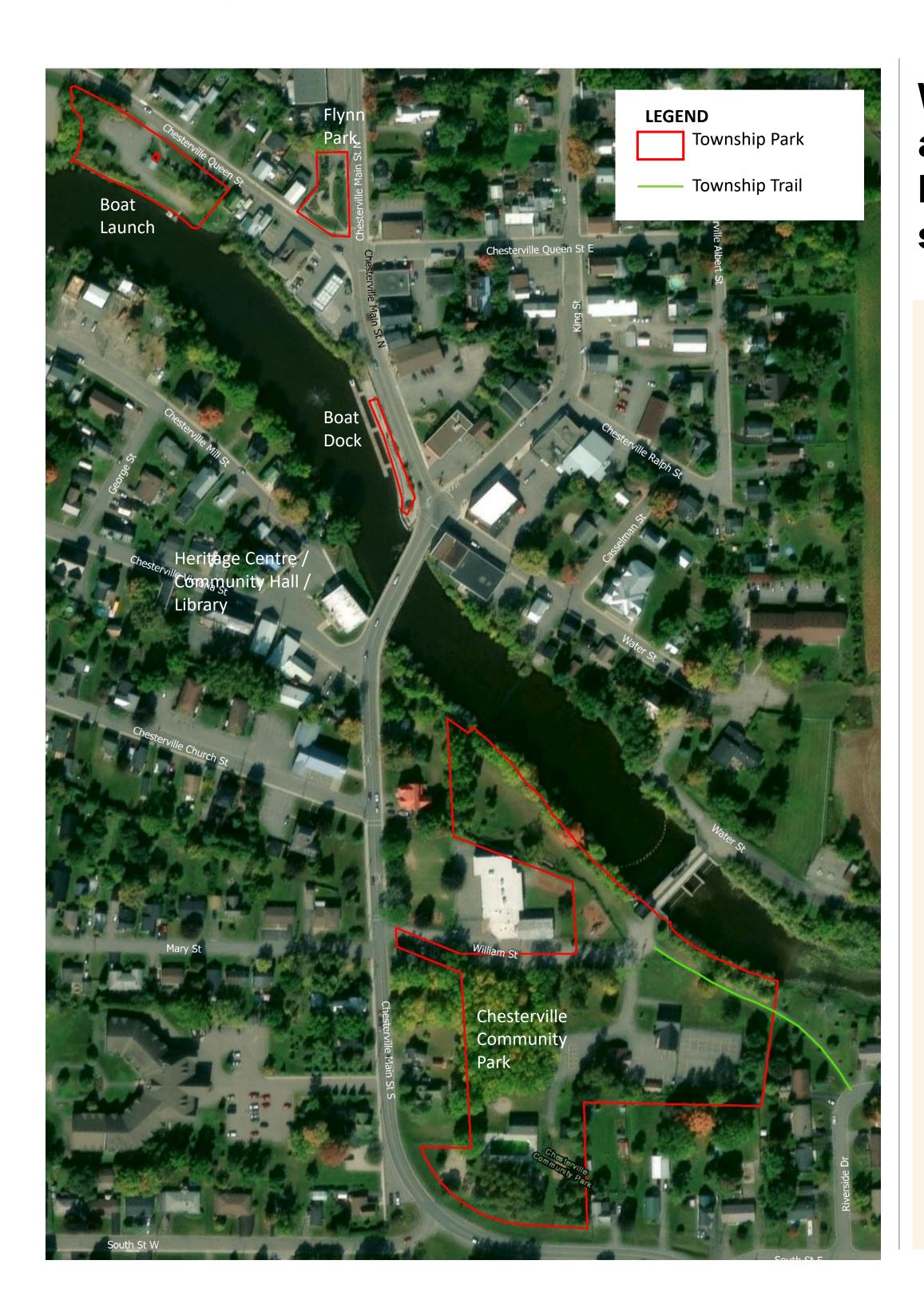


Current Situation in Chesterville:

- Nelson LaPrade Centre / Chesterville Park site is an important site for the community.
- The area of the Chesterville Heritage
 Centre and Chesterville Community Hall
 holds significance and are located near
 the river.
- Boat launch and docks on the north side of river enable easy access to the downtown.

Ideas for the Plan:

- Develop a Concept Plan for Chesterville Park as a primary outdoor recreation hub.
- Improve the operating performance of the Heritage Centre through a better balance of uses, marketing initiatives, and highlighting its importance as a heritage asset within the community.
- Improve pedestrian linkages between the parks, river access, and the cultural hub.



What investment to parks and recreation/cultural buildings would you like to see in Chesterville?





OUTDOOR POOLS

BOARD 14

Existing Facilities:

Winchester Pool







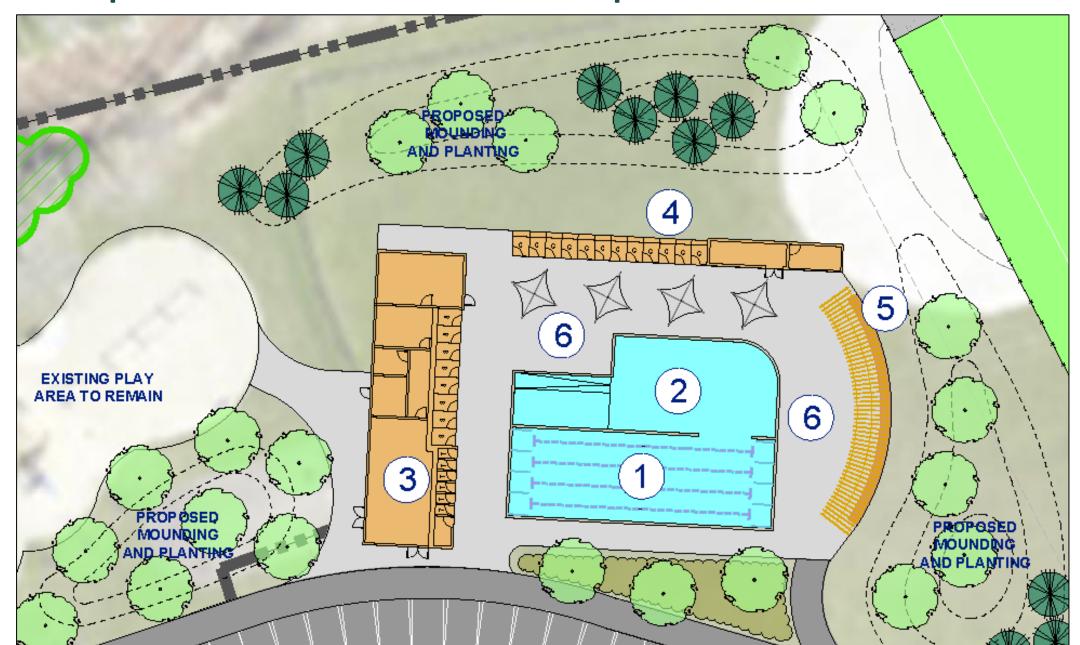


Ideas for the Plan:

- Explore partnership opportunities for the programming of outdoor pools (e.g., YMCA)
- Consider improvements to the outdoor pool locations to create family-oriented outdoor aquatic destinations.

Examples of Outdoor Pool Complexes:

Concept Plan for an Outdoor Pool Complex



- 1. 25 lap pool (4 lane)
- 2. Leisure pool w/ zero entry
- 3. Main aquatic building
- 4. Ancillary aquatic building changerooms and maintenance/storage
- 5. Shade canopy
- 6. Non-slip pool deck w/ shade sails and seating options

East End Pool, Moncton, NB





Photo Credits: City of Moncton

Are there improvements you would like to see at the outdoor pools? Please tell us:





Current Situation:

- Hallville Community Park (currently under construction) is setting the precedent for new Community and Municipal Park development.
- The park is planned to include:
 - Parking lot and pathways
 - Splash pad
 - Outdoor rink/multi-use court (tennis, pickleball)
 - Playground
 - Basketball half court
 - Picnic pavilion
 - Washroom/maintenance building

What improvements to municipal/community parks would you like to see?

What else is needed and where?

Rick Cauvier Memorial Park, South Mountain



Morewood Community Park, Morewood







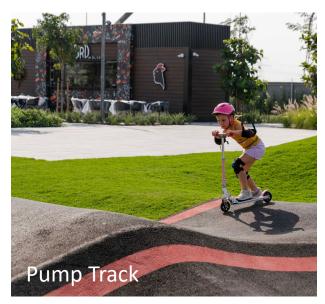
PARK AMENITIES: EMERGING TRENDS



Emerging Sports / Amenities







Fitness Stations





Natural Playgrounds





Group Picnic Areas









In terms of new amenity types, what would you like to see the Township focus on for future investment within parks?

Water Bottle Filling Stations





Ideas for the Plan:

- Respond to requests for facilities and amenities that are not currently part of the core municipal mandate on a case-by-case basis.
- Consider new and creative facility ideas, trends and activities, to be vetted through public consultation.
- Encourage / pursue partnerships related to park amenity development.
- Develop a strategic approach to service the provision of new & emerging trends.









