



Hamilton

RECREATION MASTER PLAN PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

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Welcome!



- You are joining as an attendee – **your camera and microphone are off.**
- Following the presentation, you may ask questions and give your feedback through both the **raise hand and chat features.**
- **Closed captioning** is available for anyone that requires this option.
- The meeting is **not being recorded**, but we are taking detailed notes.
- The **presentation slides** will be made available on the Engage Hamilton website.

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

Agenda

1. Meeting Overview & Introductions
2. About the Master Plan
3. What we have Heard so far
4. Guiding Principles
5. Facilitated Discussion
6. Wrap-up & Next Steps



Who is Listening Tonight

- Steve Langlois, Principal Planner
- Dennis Kwan, Senior Planner
- Sabrina Mayer, Planner

- Dawn Walton, Manager, Business Support
- Romas Keliacius, Senior Project Manager
- Karly Brush, Project Specialist
- Representatives from Landscape Architectural Services, Parks & Cemeteries, and Strategic Planning & Capital Compliance



Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

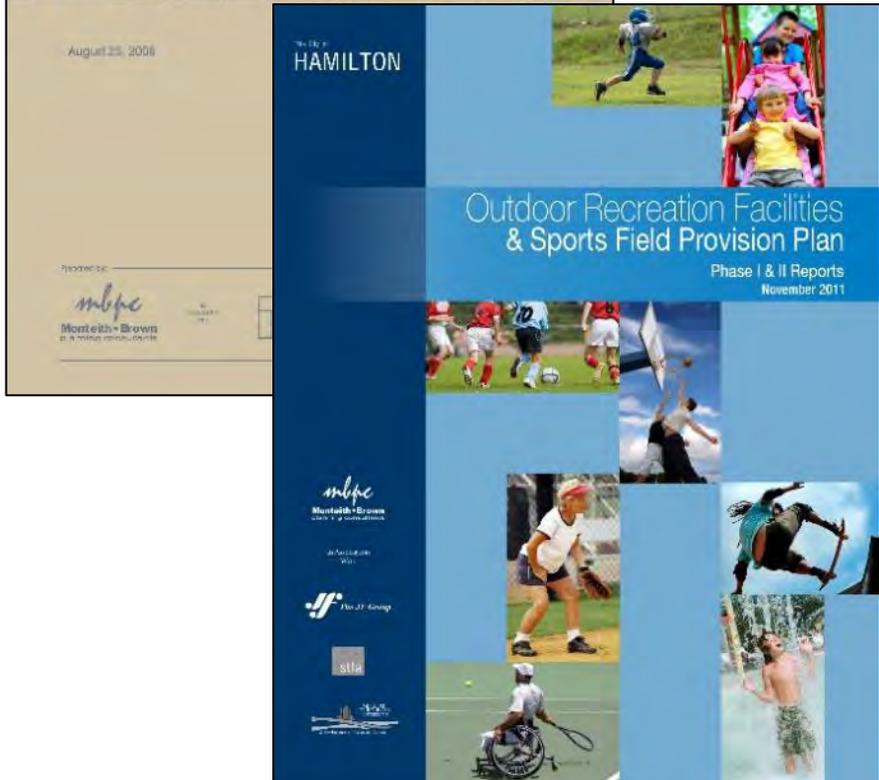
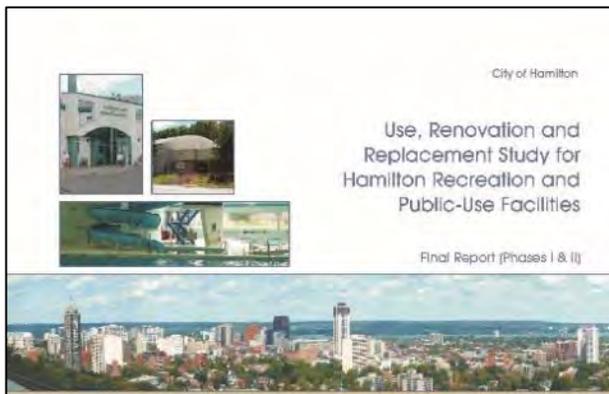
1. Present an overview of the Recreation Master Plan process.
2. Review the public input received to date that will inform the plan's outcomes and next steps.
3. Share updates and next steps related to the Plan.
4. Hear your thoughts and answer your questions about the Recreation Master Plan as it takes shape.



Preview of Discussion Topics

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2. Please provide your **suggestions** for how we can improve indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and services.
3. Is there **anything else** that you wanted us to know?



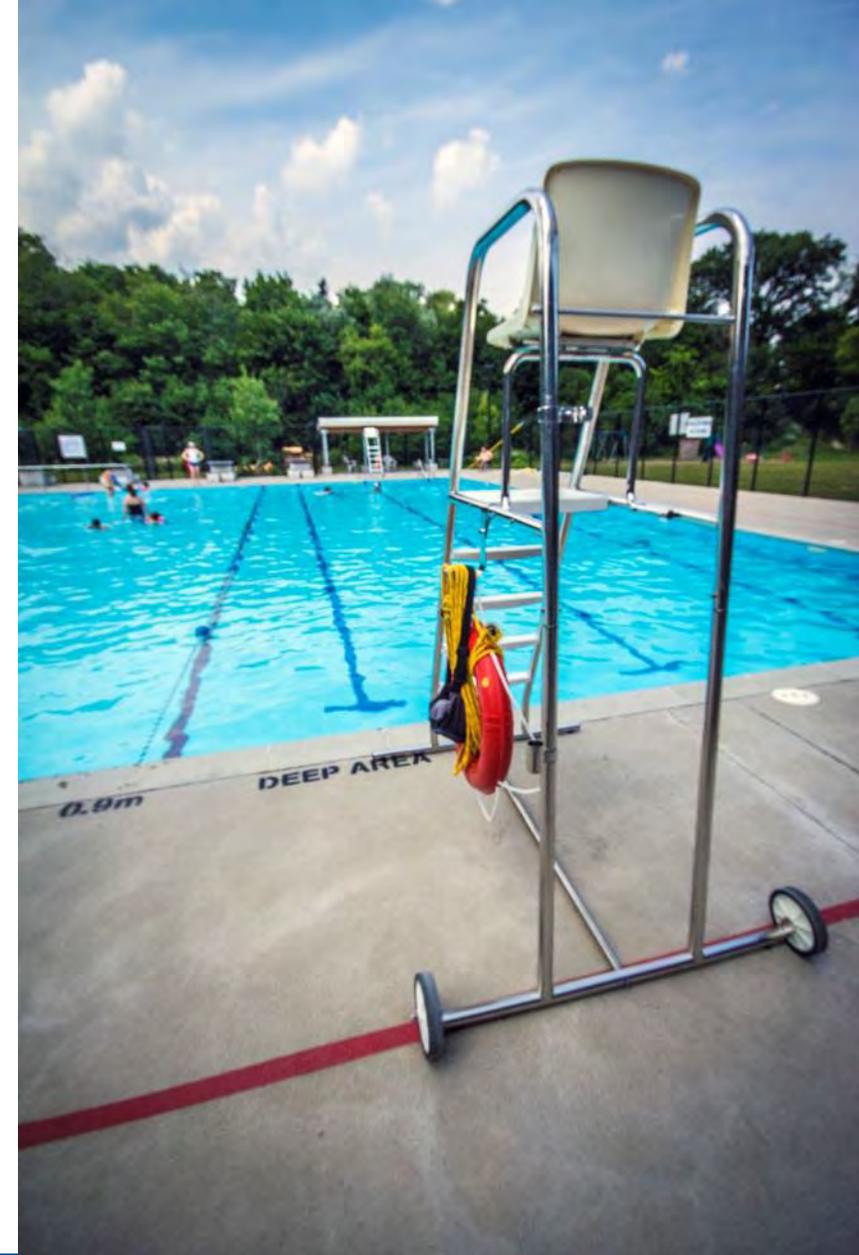


Planning Context

- For over ten years, major recreation facility development has been guided by the City's **indoor and outdoor recreation facility strategies**.
- An **update** is required to meet the City's existing and emerging planning and policy context, including alignment with **GRIDS 2 and other City initiatives**.
- The indoor and outdoor studies are being combined within one overarching **Recreation Master Plan** that will guide our capital plan and how we deliver services in the future.

Recreation Master Plan Overview

- The **goal** of the Master Plan is to ensure the City's recreation portfolio is responsive to current and future in a responsible, equitable and cost-effective manner.
- This is a **long-range study** that looks at needs across the **entire City of Hamilton**.
- **Facility needs** will be identified to the year 2051, but with a focus on the next 10 to 20 years. A **service delivery assessment** will focus on the next 10 years.



Recreation Master Plan Overview

- The Plan will identify how the City and community can **work together** to address needs together.
- **Financial implications** of the Plan will not be known until the plan has been completed.
- The Plan is targeted to be completed in time to influence the **2023 Capital Budget** submission.
- It is being prepared in tandem with a **Parks Master Plan** that is examining municipal parks and open spaces.



Indoor Facility Types Examined in the Plan

Arenas



Community Halls



Community/Recreation Centres



Gymnasiums



Indoor Pools



Seniors Centres



Outdoor Facility Types Examined in the Plan



Progress to Date

- The **foundational data** upon which to build the plan is in place, including the initial round of public consultation and updated GRIDS 2 data.
- **Guiding Principles** have been developed and presented to Council.
- The **technical analysis and recommendations** are in progress – your input will help ensure we are on the right track!
- The Plan will be presented to the City's Emergency & Community Services Committee **this summer**.



A “Made-in-Hamilton” Plan

The Master Plan will be evidence-based, built on:

- public and stakeholder input
- demographic data and growth forecasts
- usage data and trends
- municipal benchmarking
- program and facility inventories
- asset management information
- current policies and financial information
- supporting studies and reports



Relationship to Other Studies

The Master Plan is guided by and has regard to a wide range of municipal and senior government strategies, policies, and reports.



How the City will Grow

- The City is completing a Municipal Comprehensive Review to update its Official Plans and to implement City Council's direction for the “**No Urban Boundary Expansion**” growth scenario.
- Population projections to 2051 have been prepared as part of the GRIDS 2 process.
- By 2051, Hamilton is projected to be home to **820,000 residents**, about 236,000 or **41%** more than in 2021.

* Source: Hemson Consulting Ltd. based on Statistics Canada Census data and Growth Plan Schedule 3 forecasts for 2051. Population figures include Census undercount.



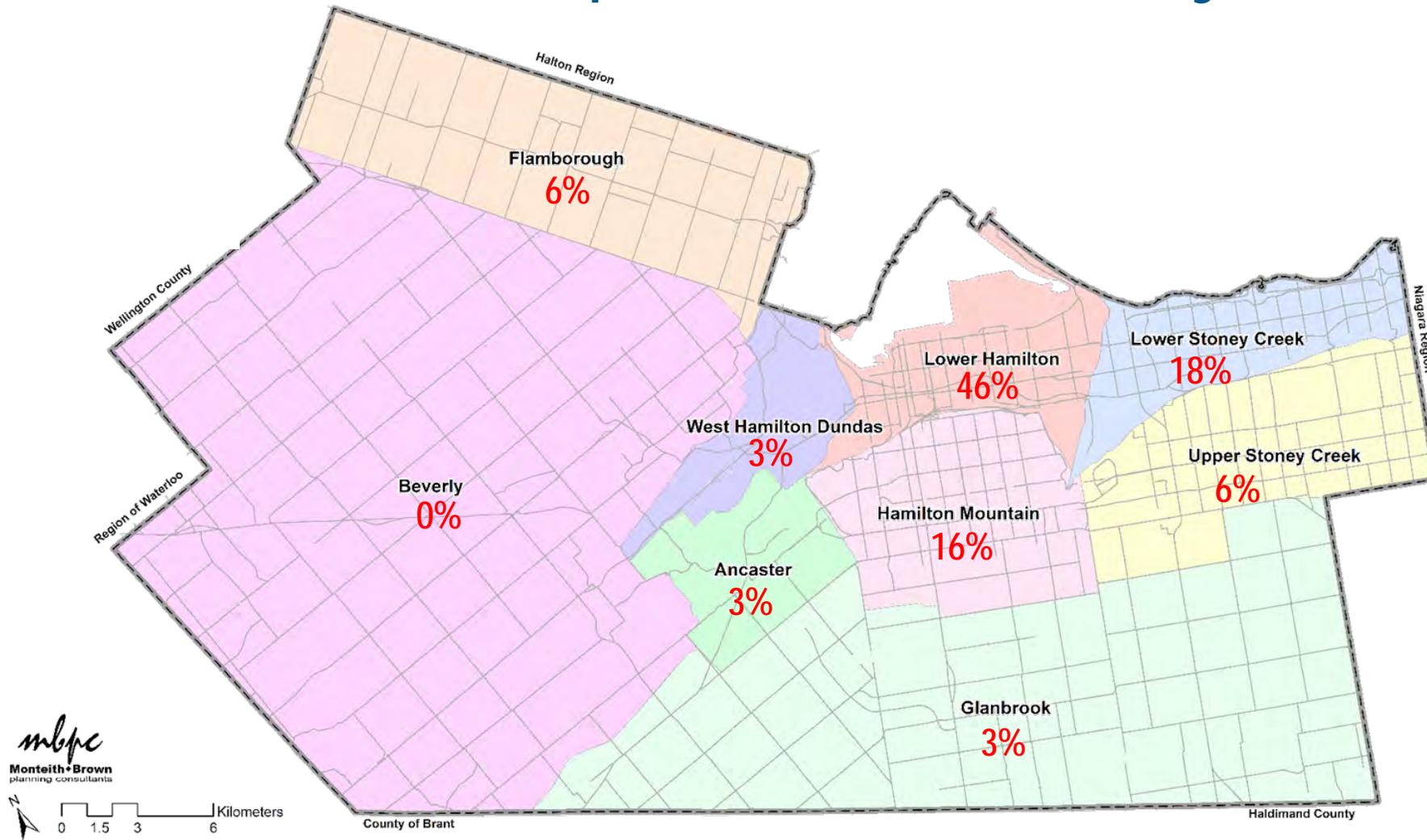
An increase of **236,000 people**, for a total population of **820,000 people**

Hamilton's Urban Structure

- The City's urban structure is evolving, creating new challenges and opportunities for recreation service and facility provision.
- The Master Plan will reflect community priorities and growth-related needs.
- Facility design and delivery may look different in various parts of the City.
- A continued focus on facility revitalization will be required in areas of residential intensification.

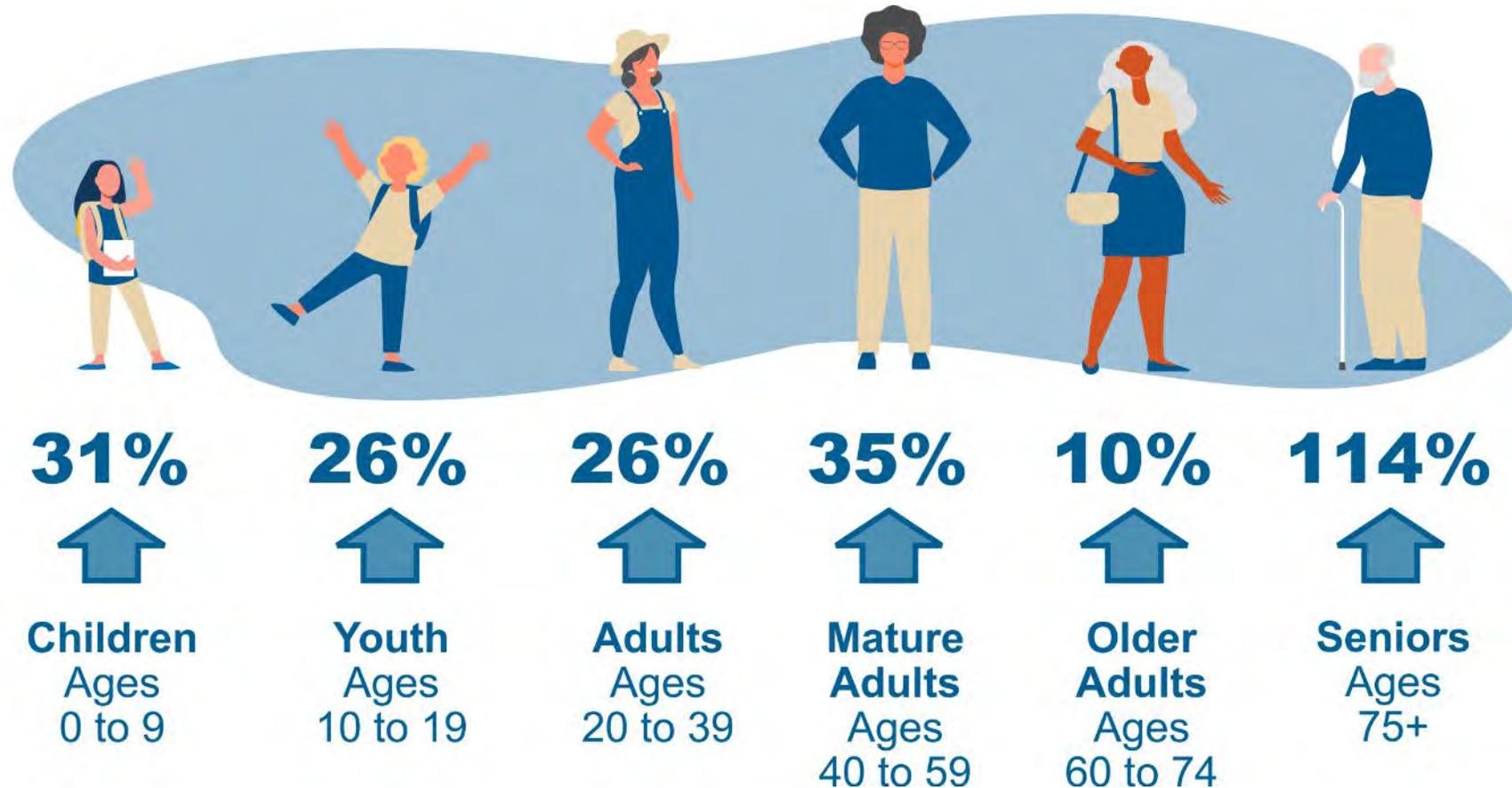


Distribution of Population Growth by 2051



Source: GRIDS 2. City of Hamilton, 2022.
'No Urban Boundary Expansion' growth scenario.

Forecasted Population Growth by Age (to 2046)



Source: Ontario Ministry of Finance, Ontario Population Projections (Reference Scenario), 2020.

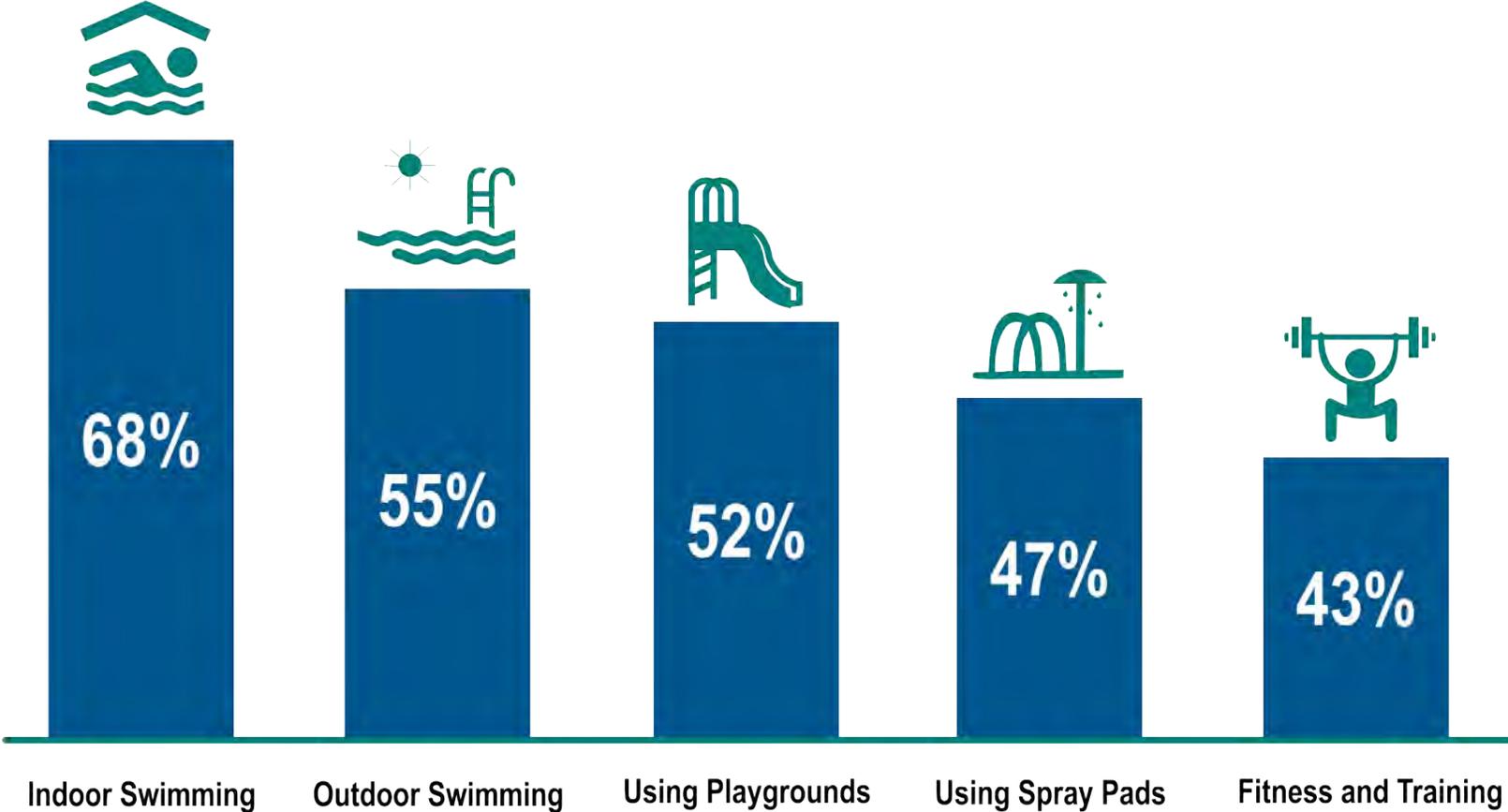
Public Consultation

- To better understand needs and priorities, we sought community feedback in 2021 on participation levels, the current provision of facilities, and facility gaps and needs through:
 - **Community Survey** (2,095 responses)
 - **Stakeholder Questionnaire** (123 responses)
- Tonight is one of three identical Public Information Centres intended to solicit additional input from residents and stakeholders.



Community Survey

Top Activities



Community Survey

47%

are unable to participate in recreation and parks activities as often as they would like. Notable barriers include:

59%

Lack of desired facilities or programs

49%

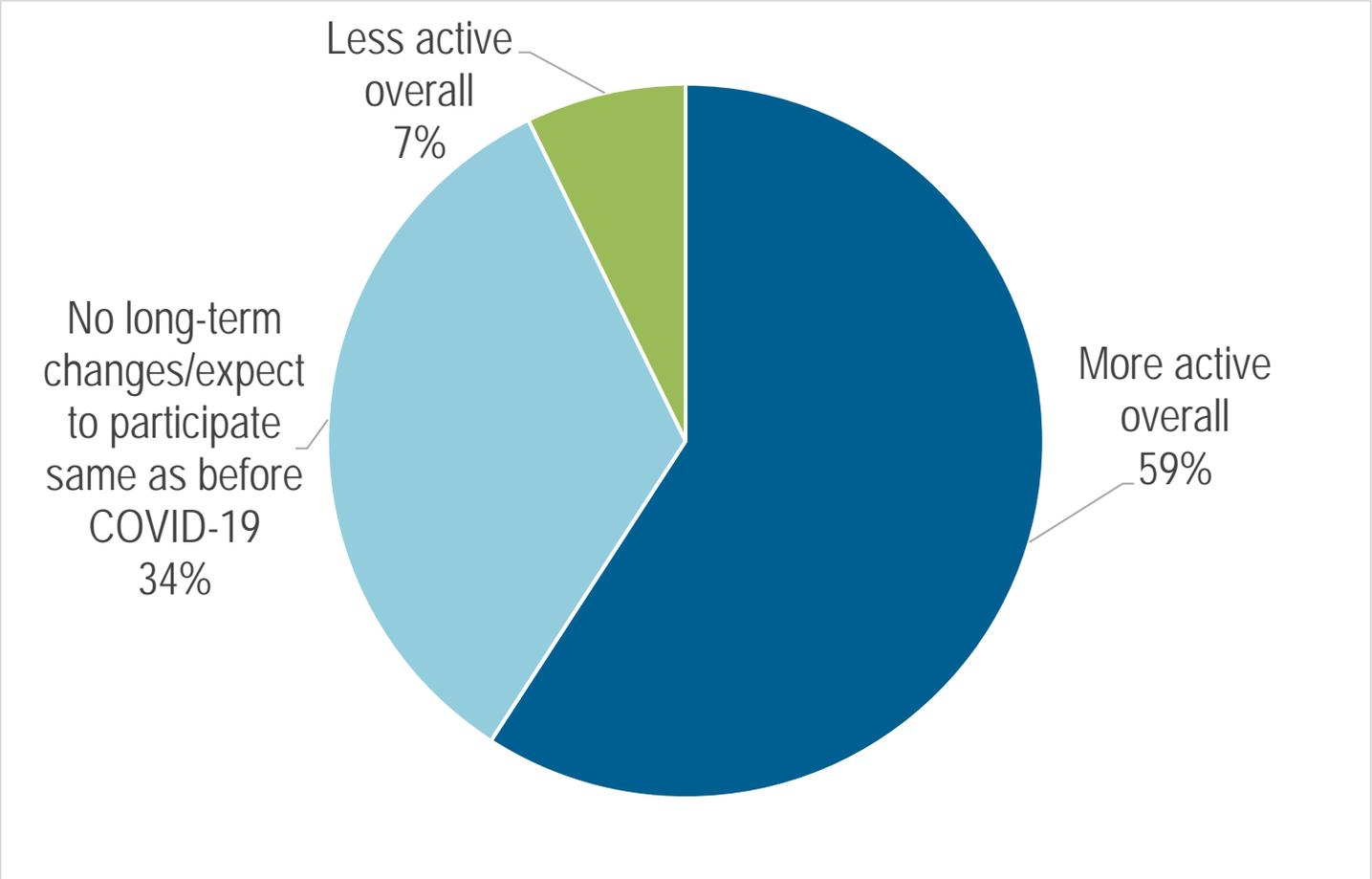
Desired program not being offered at a convenient time

37%

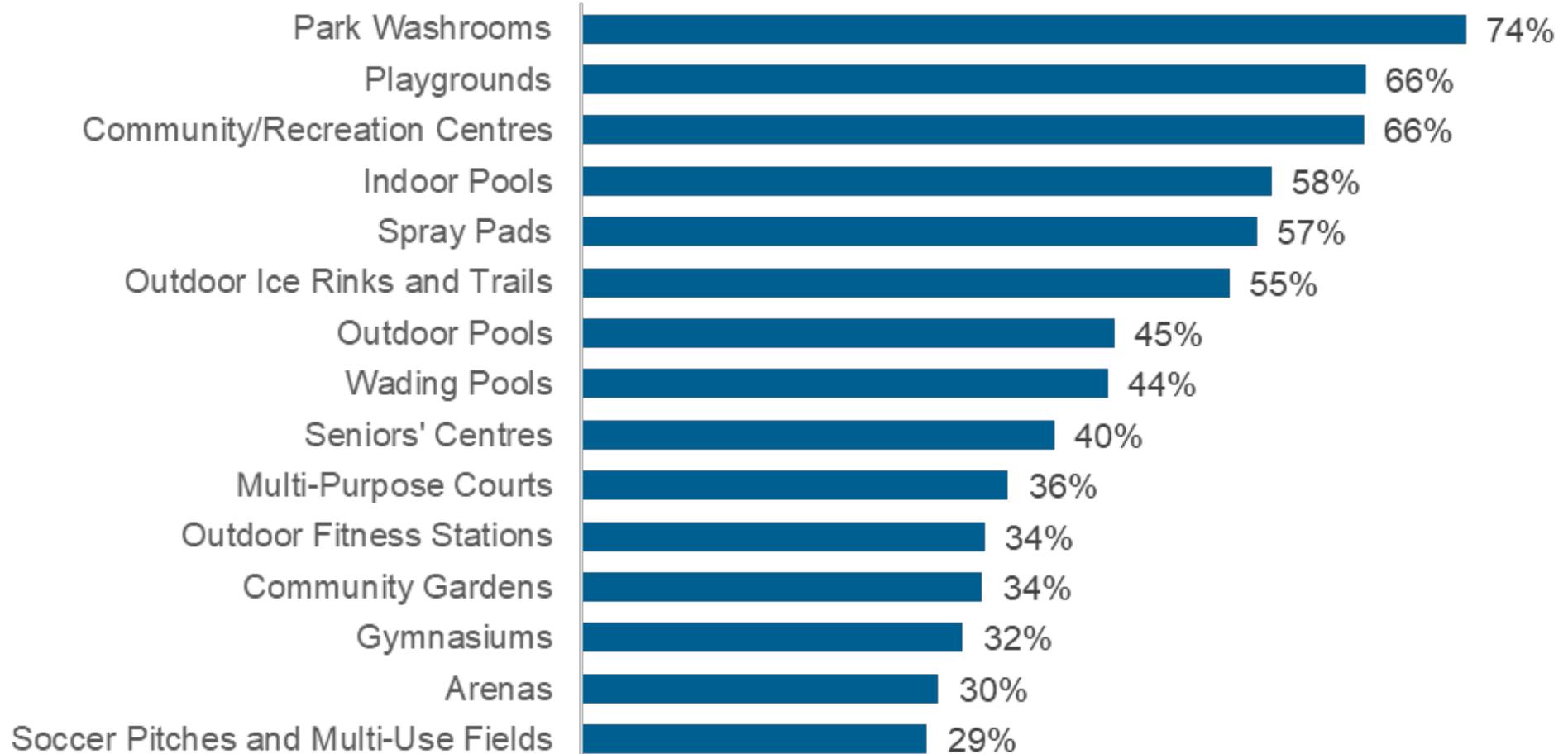
Programs being full

Community Survey

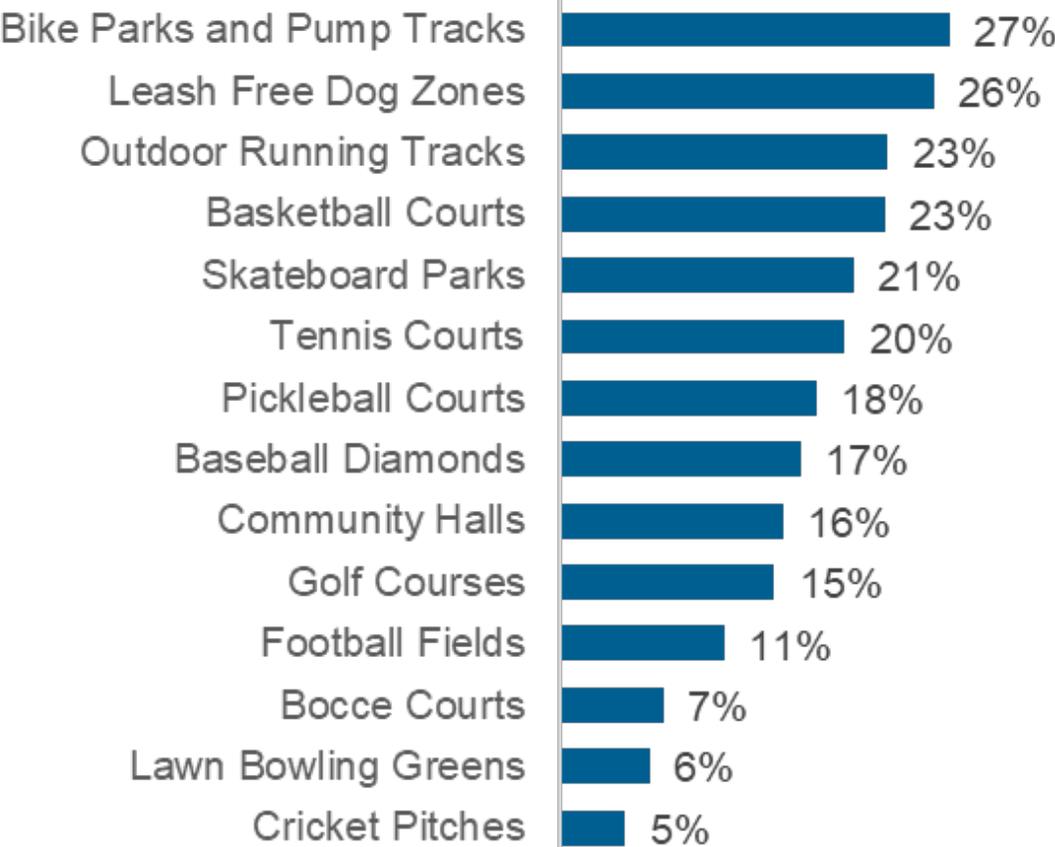
Three-out-of-five (59%) anticipate being **more active** as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic



Community Survey – Higher Priorities for Investment



Community Survey – Lower Priorities for Investment



Stakeholder Consultation



Groups are most satisfied with the **LOCATION** of facilities (rated as “excellent”)

and least satisfied with **YEAR-ROUND USE** and **SPORT DEVELOPMENT**



Stakeholder Consultation

49%

of groups anticipated their membership levels will increase in the future



48%

indicated that they will require new or additional recreation and park facilities in the future



39%

of groups requested additional access to facilities



28%

are willing to offer financial support for new facilities



What we have Heard so Far (1 of 3)

1. Recreation and parks are **essential services**.
2. The range of recreation services is growing and **new priorities** are emerging.
3. Residents support **continued investment** in park amenities and community centres.
4. Participation profiles and needs **differ across the City**.
5. **Convenience** influences participation levels.
6. Investing in **existing assets** must remain a priority. Residents generally prefer upgrading existing facilities before building new.

What we have Heard so Far (2 of 3)

7. Accessible locations and **barrier-free spaces** are important to Hamiltonians.
8. The **pandemic** will have a lasting impact on the recreation sector, but Hamiltonians are ready to re-engage and participate more than before.
9. Community organizations generally find City facilities to be **affordable and conveniently located**, but the opinions of the general population are mixed.
10. Participation is greatest for activities and sports that support **unstructured play**.
11. Demand is growing for many sports, including **adult sports**.

What we have Heard so Far (3 of 3)

12. The City leads the way in providing recreation services and facilities, but **other providers** help to fill the gaps. The City cannot meet the full range of needs alone.
13. **Support amenities** are not always meeting expectations.
14. Several sports are seeking opportunities for **year-round training** and there are requests for facilities that can support competitive programs and tournaments.
15. Many groups are concerned about a **lack of volunteers**.
16. Strategies are needed for the **sustainable funding** of recreation facility development, maintenance, and operation.

Guiding Principles

Five guiding principles have been developed to inform the Plan's recommendations and its implementation.

1. Equity and Inclusion
2. A Spectrum of Recreation Service Choices
3. High Quality Facilities and Services
4. Partnerships and Collective Impact
5. Financial Sustainability



1. Equity and Inclusion

What does this mean?

The provision of responsive recreation services is based on the needs of residents and serves all age groups and all areas of Hamilton.

Distribution of services and public spaces is equitable and respects gender, identity, age, ability, ethnicity, race, income, and interests at a minimum.



2. A Spectrum of Recreation Service Choices

What does this mean?

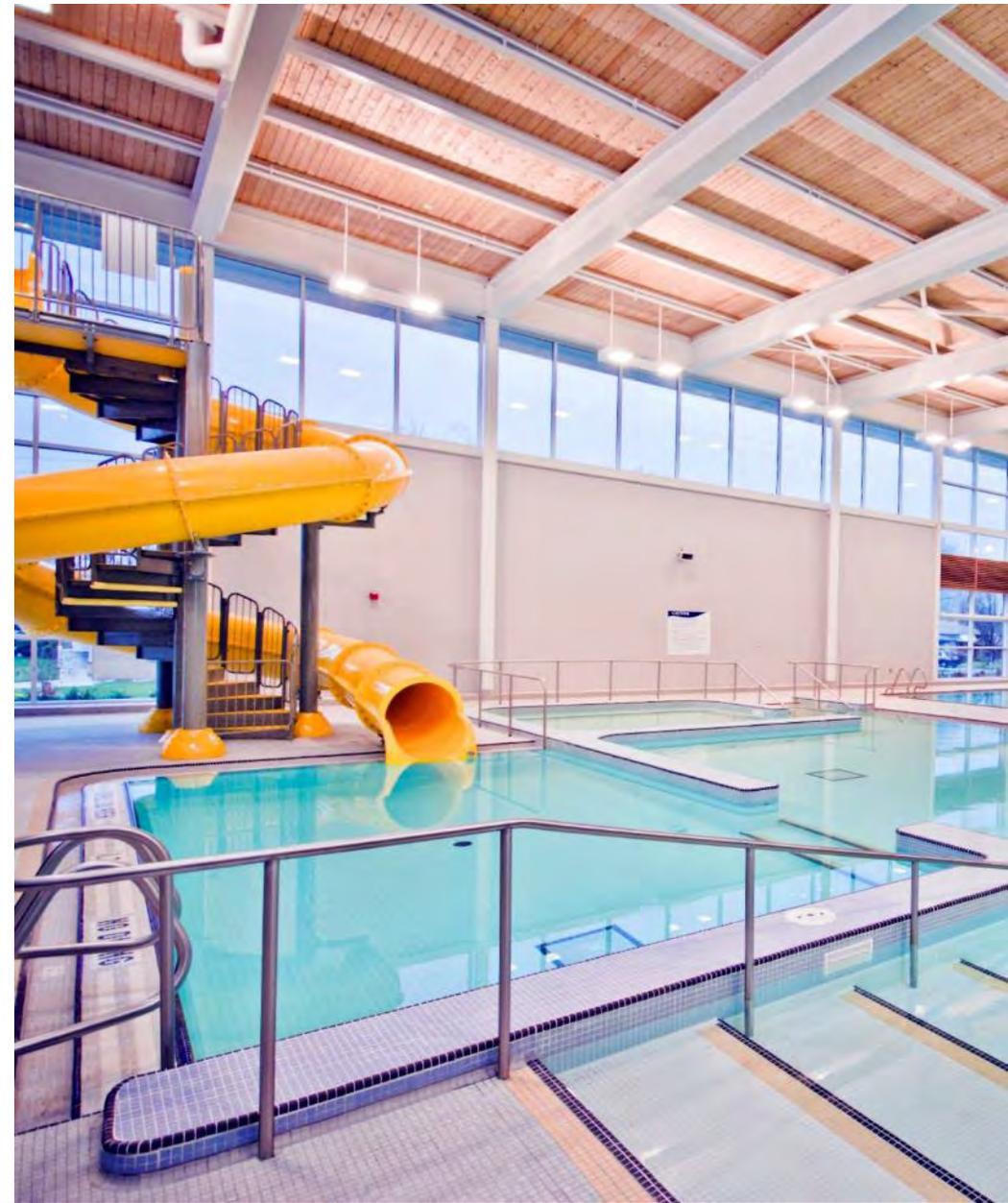
There is a wide range of affordable and accessible opportunities for active, creative, sport, and general interest recreational experiences that support residents in achieving their goals and aspirations.



3. High Quality Facilities and Services

What does this mean?

Our recreation system offers high quality, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services that enhance the health and wellbeing of residents, while helping to achieve other municipal priorities.



4. Partnerships and Collective Impact

What does this mean?

All relevant community partners are engaged in addressing community issues where recreation and sport can be of added value – we are stronger together.



5. Financial Sustainability

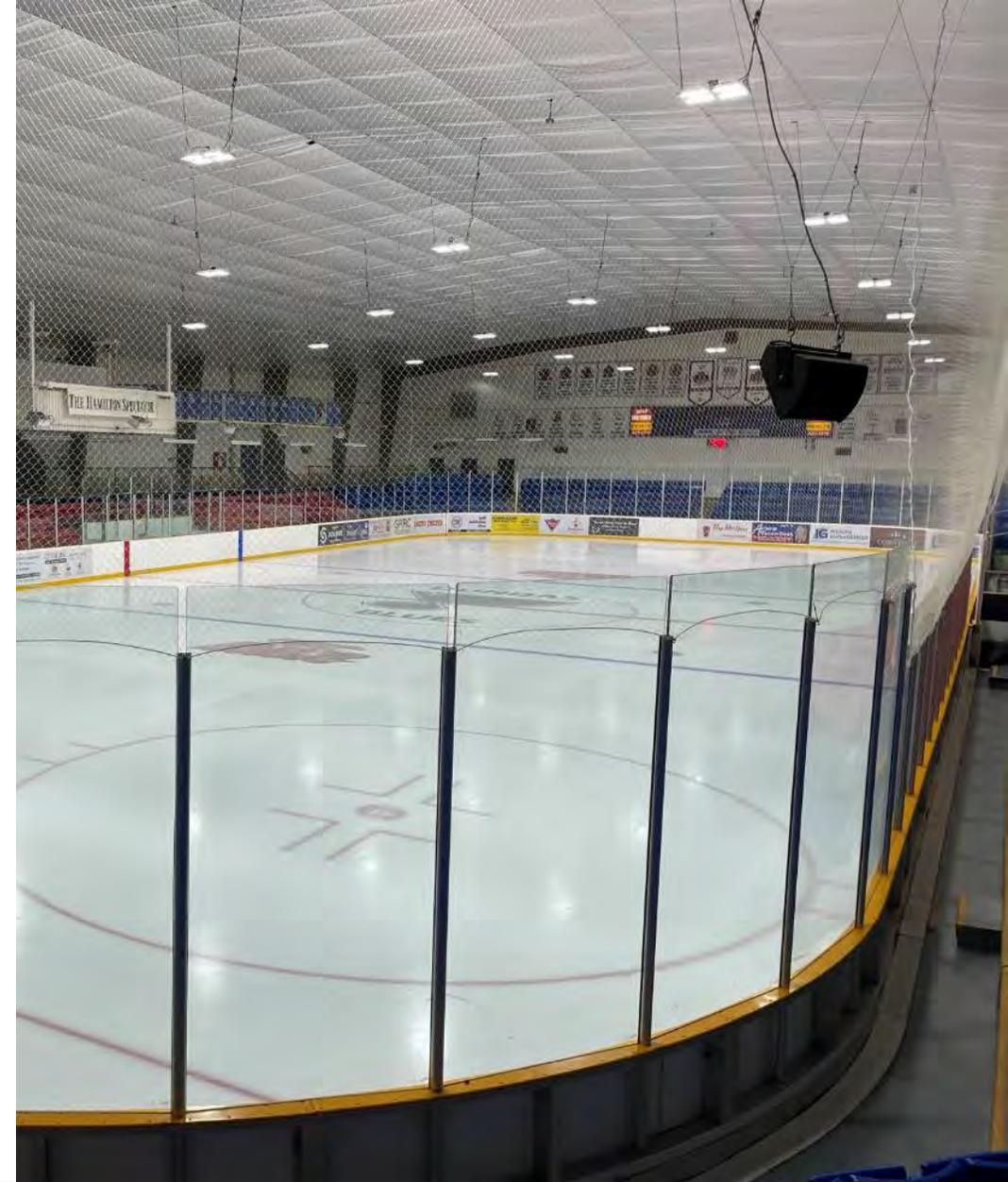
What does this mean?

We demonstrate leadership and accountability through responsible fiscal management and the pursuit of creative funding approaches that support our core services.



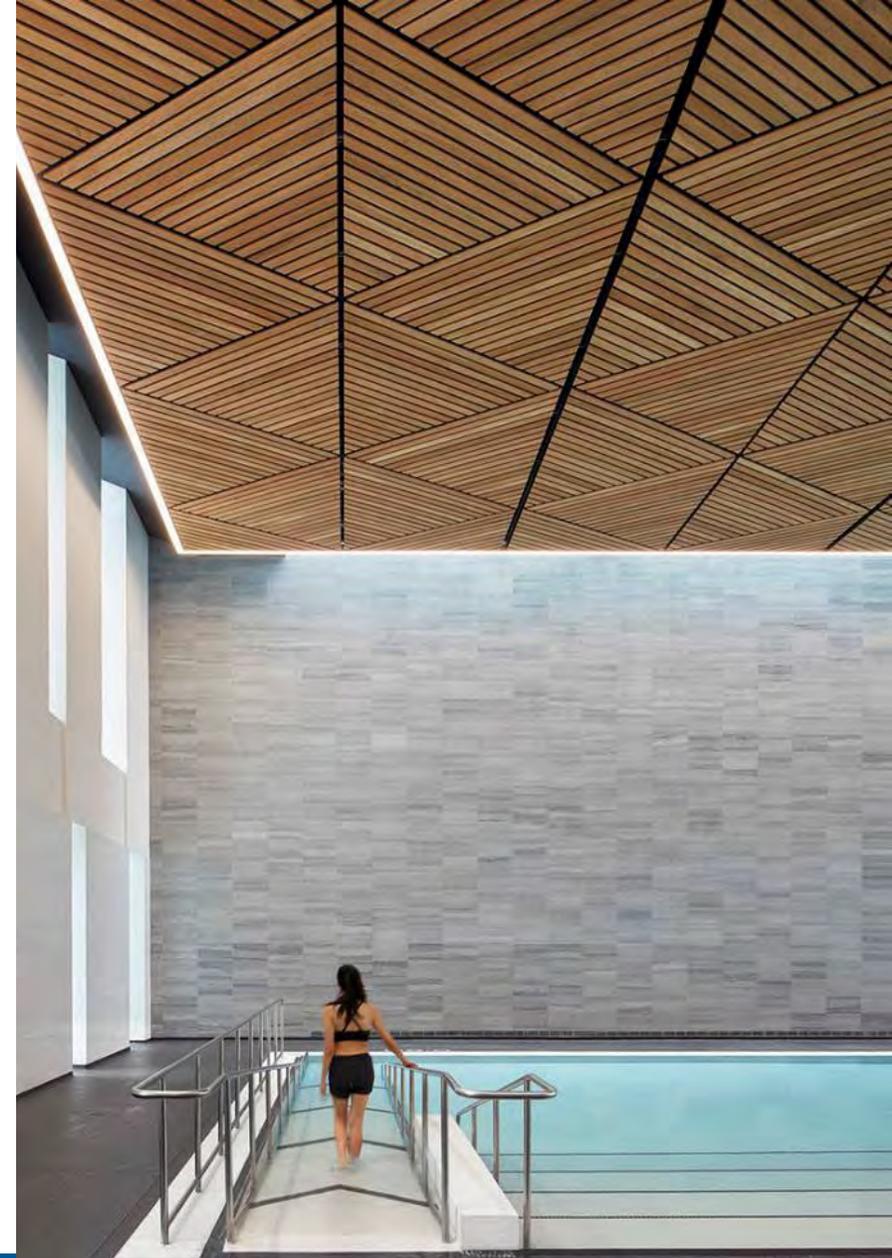
Looking Ahead to the Final Recreation Master Plan

- The Plan will identify and prioritize capital projects for new and redeveloped **indoor recreation facilities**, as well as provision guidelines for **park-based amenities**. Approved projects will remain in the queue.
- The Plan will also provide direction regarding **service delivery**, programming, etc.



Looking Ahead to the Final Recreation Master Plan

- The Guiding Principles and supporting evidence – including community input – provide a basis for completing the **technical analysis and recommendations**.
- Hamilton residents will be consulted on specific **projects** as they move forward, such as new recreation centres and parks.
- The Plan will make the case for **sustainable funding**. Multiple funding sources and partnerships will be required for full implementation.



Next Steps

- Your input will be used to inform the Master Plan.
- This presentation will be posted on the Engage Hamilton website for others to review (engage.hamilton.ca).
- The Draft Master Plan is targeted to be presented to Committee in August 2022.

Questions/Feedback? – email
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Discussion (1 of 3)

1. Do you have any **questions** about the information that has been presented tonight?
 - Master Plan process or scope
 - What we have heard from residents and stakeholders
 - Guiding Principles

Please use the **chat feature** to provide a comment or the **raise hand feature** to request to speak!



Discussion (2 of 3)

2. Please provide your **suggestions** for how we can improve indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and services.

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Discussion (3 of 3)

3. Is there **anything else** that you wanted us to know?

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