



# What We Heard Report

## Recreation and Parks Master Plan

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# 1.0 Introduction

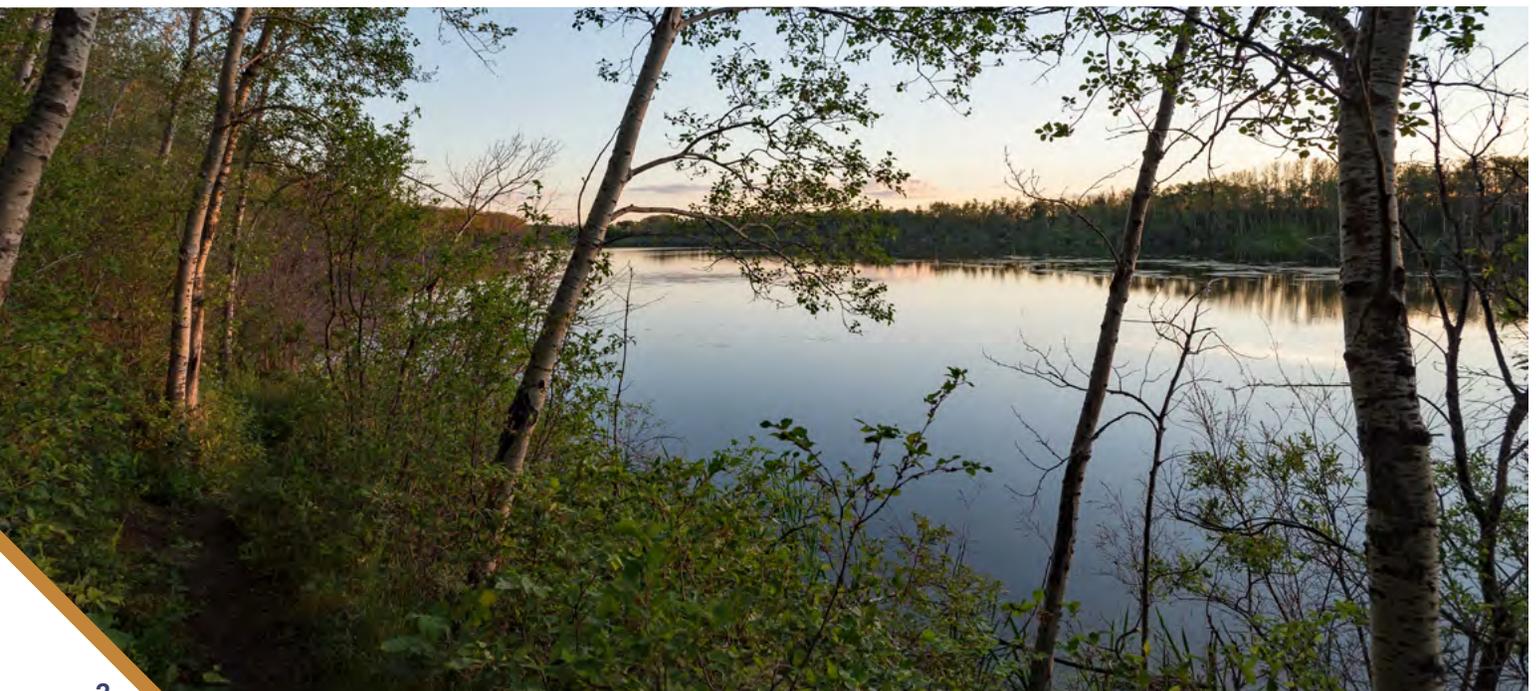


Recreation and parks provide immense benefit to residents of and visitors to Yorkton. Residents and visitors are healthier and more connected to each other because of the recreation activities and experiences they have. The City directly provides some recreation and parks services and plays a role in facilitating and supporting them. To ensure that resources are applied in the most effective manner, the City is proceeding with the development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Plan will help the City make informed decisions on the development, delivery, and improvement of parks and recreation programs, services, and facilities in Yorkton for the next 15 years.

A comprehensive program of engagement was implemented to gather inputs from many perspectives in Yorkton. The tactics utilized included a coded access household survey as well as an open access survey; a survey of organized groups associated with recreation and parks; a series of meetings and discussions with user groups and community contributors; and a youth survey. Initial engagement and promotion were utilized as City staff hosted a number of pop-up sessions throughout Yorkton during the summer. Combined, these findings offer a comprehensive perspective on recreation and parks provision in Yorkton.

Tactic	Participation	Margin of Error
Coded Access Survey	372 responses	+/- 4.9% 19/20*
Open Access Survey	93 responses	N/A
Community Pop-Up Events	3 events	N/A
Group Survey	13 responses	N/A
Youth Survey	340 responses	N/A
Community Contributor Meetings	36 participating groups	N/A

\*If the survey was fielded by random sampling the margin of error would equate to +/- 4.9% nineteen times out of twenty.



# 2.0 Community Pop-Ups



Prior to the survey being released to the public, City staff held a variety of pop-Up events to gather some top of mind thoughts and to inform the community about the up and coming Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The pop-up events were held on July 19th at the Yorkton Public Library, July 25th at Water Park and August 13th at Canadian Tire.

The pop-ups included two panels asking the community: *what their favorite parks and recreation activities are to do in Yorkton*, and *why parks and recreation services are important to them*. Some comments gathered are captured below:

### Question 1: What are your favourite parks and recreation activities to do in Yorkton?

- Bike and walking paths
- Mini powwows
- Dog parks
- Visiting the museum
- Swimming (leisurely and for fitness)
- Playing tennis
- Skating
- Attending the fair
- Disc golf
- The spray park
- Camping
- Attending the dog park

### Question 2: Why are parks and recreation services important to you?

- To maintain our mental, emotional, physical, and social health
- They are good spaces to connect with others
- They make me feel valued and help create quality of life for my family
- Makes our family feel close to the community
- Keeps youth active and creates a fun safe place for them to play
- It helps relieve stress and bring our creativity



# 3.0 Community Survey



## 3.0 Community Survey

A survey was fielded to households in Yorkton to gather their perspectives on recreation and parks provision. It required respondents to answer questions considering the perspectives of all people in the household. Participation in this survey required an access code that was unique to each household. The access codes were distributed to households using a postcard utilizing Canada Post's neighbourhood mail – 8,151 households were sent a postcard. Refer to Appendix A for the postcard. In addition to the access code, the postcard provided a brief explanation of the project and directions on how to access the survey. Survey respondents were able to enter a draw for one of two \$250 Visa gift cards.

The City's website was used as a host for the survey. While the survey was fielded online, residents were able to request hard copies of the questionnaire. The survey gathered responses from September 28th – October 16th. Over that time 372 responses were gathered. If the survey was fielded through random sampling, the findings would have a margin of error of +/- 4.9% nineteen times out of twenty. The findings from the coded survey are considered representative of all households in Yorkton. Refer to Appendix B for the questionnaire. Additionally, an open access survey was fielded. This survey was intended to provide a means for Yorkton residents to participate in the survey in the event they did not have an access code.

A variety of tactics were utilized to promote the survey. Aside from the distributed postcards, other tactics included the following:

- Social media posts and reposts on Facebook
- Newspaper
- Shape Your City Platform
- Advertisements on the City's website
- Radio
- Television (CTV News)

## 3.1 Survey Findings

The findings are presented in the order they were posed in the survey. They reflect the proportion of respondents who answered the question as not all respondents answered each question. The findings were also examined by some subsegments<sup>1</sup>. Where appropriate and sizeable differences exist, mention is made in the report. The findings from the coded access survey are considered representative of Yorkton residents. Findings from the open access survey are presented alongside the coded access findings. Due to rounding totals may not equal 100%<sup>2</sup>.



<sup>1</sup> Subsegments examined: households with kids, households without kids, by age (0-9, 10-19, 20-39, 40-69, 70 and older), satisfaction with availability of facilities and amenities and tenure in Yorkton.

<sup>2</sup> Note: due to rounding totals may not all equal 100%. Likewise the findings presented in graphs, while the numbers are the same, may not have the identical length bar.

### 3.1.1 Top of Mind Thoughts

To begin the survey, respondents were asked to identify the main reasons members of their households participate in recreation activities. As illustrated in the accompanying graph, over three quarters of respondents (85%) participate in parks and recreation activities for physical health and exercise. Notably, over two thirds of respondents participate for relaxation, mental health, and well-being (69%) and to enjoy nature (67%). The minority of respondents (5%) said they do not participate in parks and recreation activities. Refer to the graph for additional responses.

#### Subsegment Analysis

- Households with children aged 0-14 years are more likely to participate in parks and recreation activities to improve skills or knowledge (39%) than households without children (19%).
- Those that have lived in Yorkton for less than one year (53%) are more likely to participate in recreation activities to meet new people than those who have lived in Yorkton for 6-10 years (33%), 1-5 years (31%) and 10 or more years (29%).
- Those that have lived in Yorkton for less than one year (40%) are more likely to participate in recreation activities for something to do other than work than those who have lived in Yorkton for 1-5 years (19%) and 10 or more years (19%).

**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY - REASONS HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATE**

Physical health / exercise - 86%

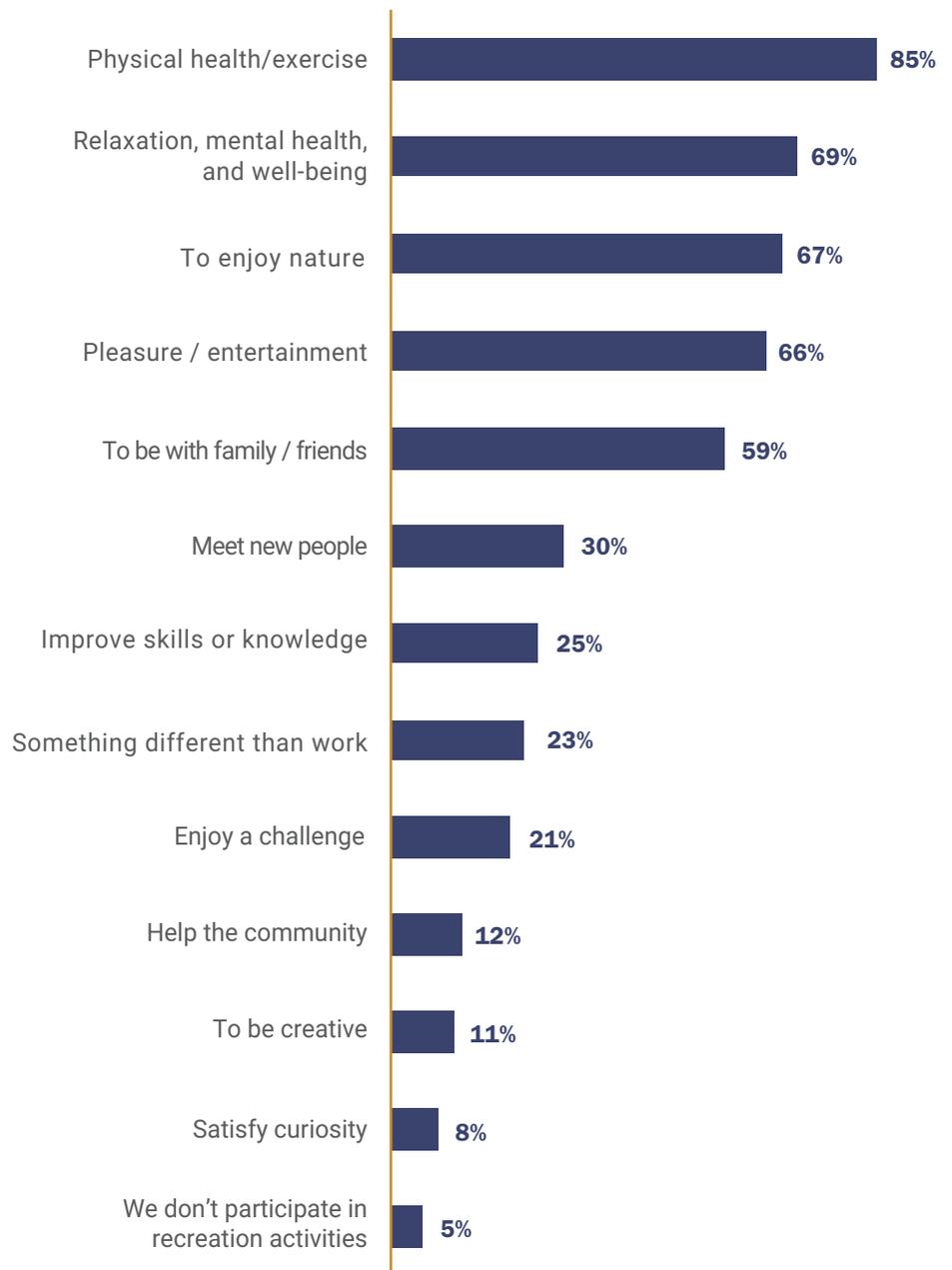
Relaxation, mental health, and well-being - 65%

To be with family and friends - 63%

Pleasure / entertainment - 63%

To enjoy nature - 53%

#### Reasons Households Participate



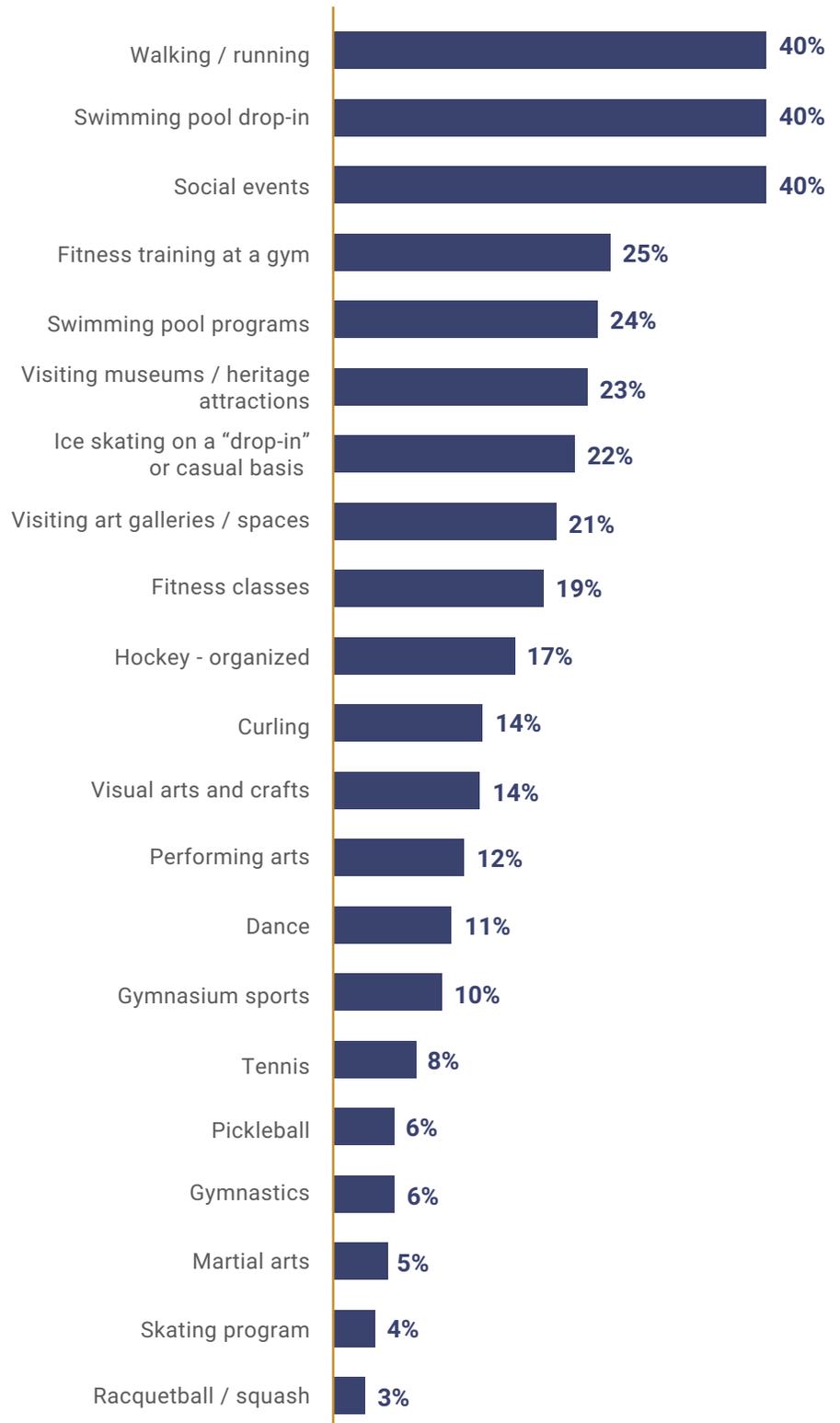
## 3.1.2 Current Usage / Visitation

A series of indoor parks and recreation activities were presented to respondents. For each activity they were asked to identify if someone in their household participated in the activity on a regular basis (2 or more times per month during the season) prior to the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Regarding indoor activities, two fifths of respondents said that someone in their household participated in walking and running (40%), swimming pool drop-in (40%) and social events (40%). Refer to the graph.

### Subsegment Analysis

- Households with children aged 0-14 years are more likely to participate in ice skating on a drop-in basis (39%) than households without children (16%).
- Households with children aged 0-14 years are more likely to participate in swimming pool drop-in activities (67%) than households without children (30%).
- Households with children aged 0-14 years are more likely to participate in swimming pool programs (52%) than households without children (14%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for 6-10 years are more likely to participate in swimming pool programs (46%) than those who have lived in Yorkton for over 10 years (20%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for less than one year are more likely to visit museums (43%) than those who have lived in Yorkton for 10 or more years (21%).

### Indoor Activities That Households Participated In On A Regular Basis



#### OPEN ACCESS SURVEY - INDOOR ACTIVITIES THAT HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATED IN ON A REGULAR BASIS

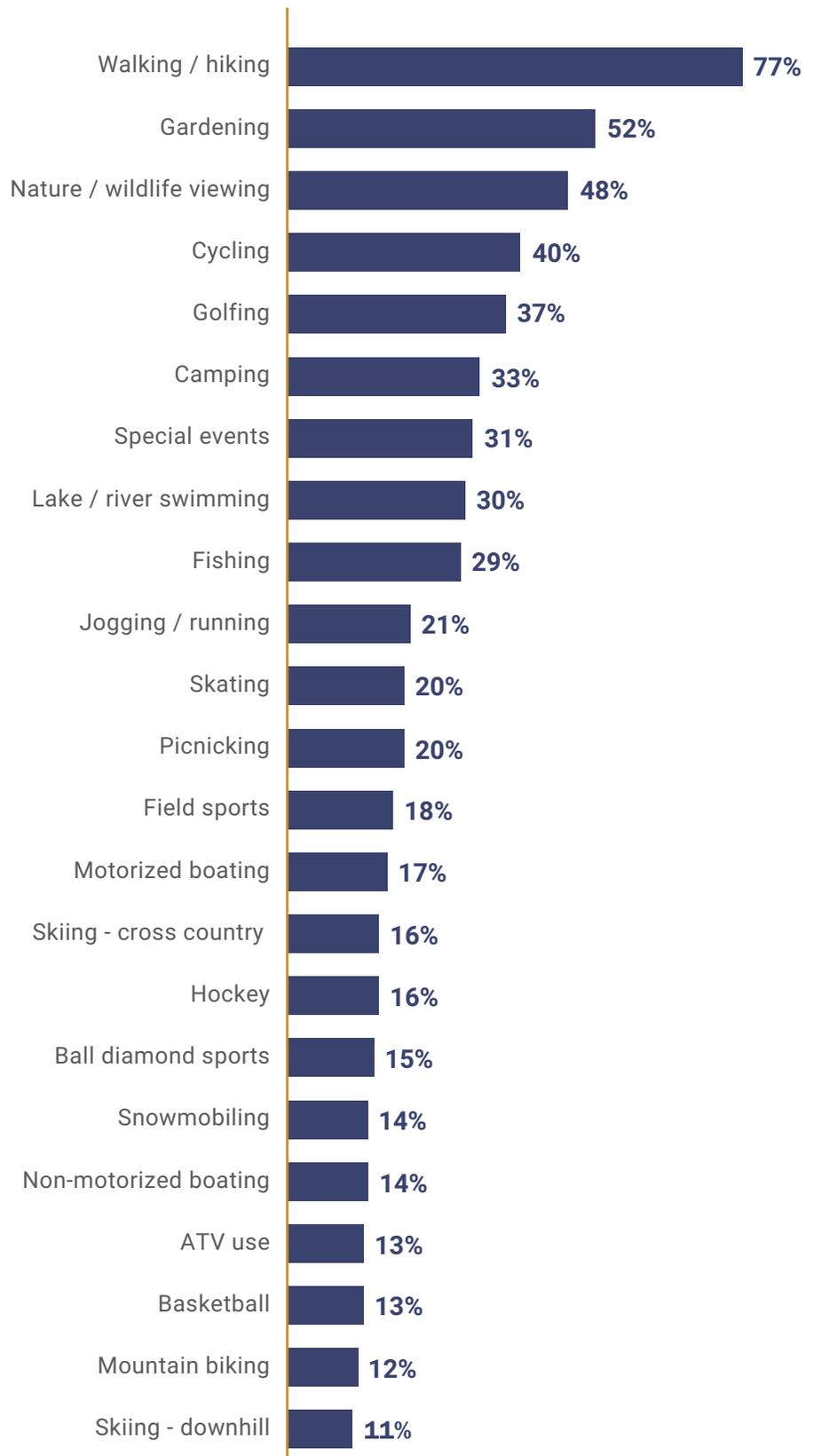
Swimming Pool drop-in - 53%  
 Walking running - 37%  
 Fitness classes - 35%  
 Ice skating drop-in - 35%  
 Social events - 35%  
 Swimming pool programs - 34%

Regarding outdoor parks and recreation activities, approximately three quarters of respondents said they participate in walking/hiking (77%). Approximately half of respondents (52%) identified gardening as an activity they participate in on a regular basis and enjoy nature/wildlife viewing (48%). Activities with percentages under 10% were not included on the graph. Those activities include snowshoeing (9%), tennis (7%), skateboarding (7%), stand-up paddle boarding (5%), pickleball (4%) and horseback riding (4%). Refer to the graph for additional findings.

### Subsegment Analysis

- Households with children aged 0-14 years are more likely to participate in field sports (42%) than households without children (7%).
- Households with children aged 0-14 years are more likely to participate in lake/river swimming (50%) than households without children (23%).
- Households with children aged 0-14 years are more likely to participate in outdoor skating (37%) than households without children (11%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for over 10 years are more likely to participate in golf (41%) than those who have only lived in Yorkton for less than a year (14%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for 6 to 10 years are more likely to participate in running and jogging (51%) than those who have lived in Yorkton for over 10 years (15%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for 6-10 years are more likely to attend special events and festivals (49%) than those who have only lived in Yorkton for less than a year (27%).

### Outdoor Activities Households Participated in on A Regular Basis

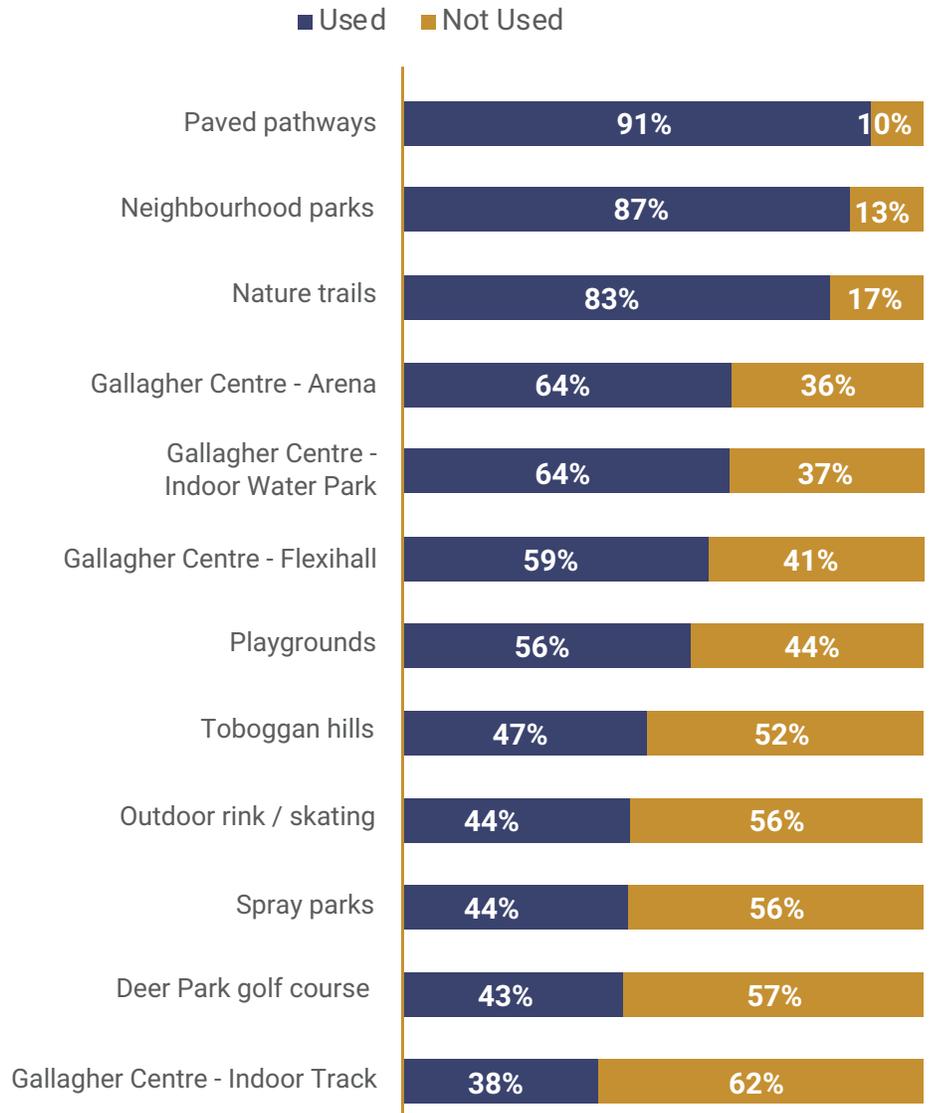


**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY-  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES  
HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATED  
IN ON A REGULAR BASIS**

Walking / hiking - 71%  
 Gardening - 50%  
 Camping - 44%  
 Cycling - 40%  
 Nature / wildlife viewing - 39%  
 Lake / river swimming - 36%

Respondents were given a list of parks and recreation **facilities and spaces** and were asked to identify the frequency of which a household member used or visited each in the previous two years. The largest proportion of users identified paved pathways (91%), neighbourhood parks (87%) and nature trails (83%) as the most frequently visited spaces over the last two years. Approximately two thirds of respondents said that a household member visited the Gallagher Centre – Arena (64%), Gallagher Centre – Indoor Water Park (64%), and the Gallagher Centre – Flexihall (59%) over the last two years. The racquetball and squash courts at the Gloria Hayden Community Centre were utilized by the fewest proportion of households. Refer to the graph.

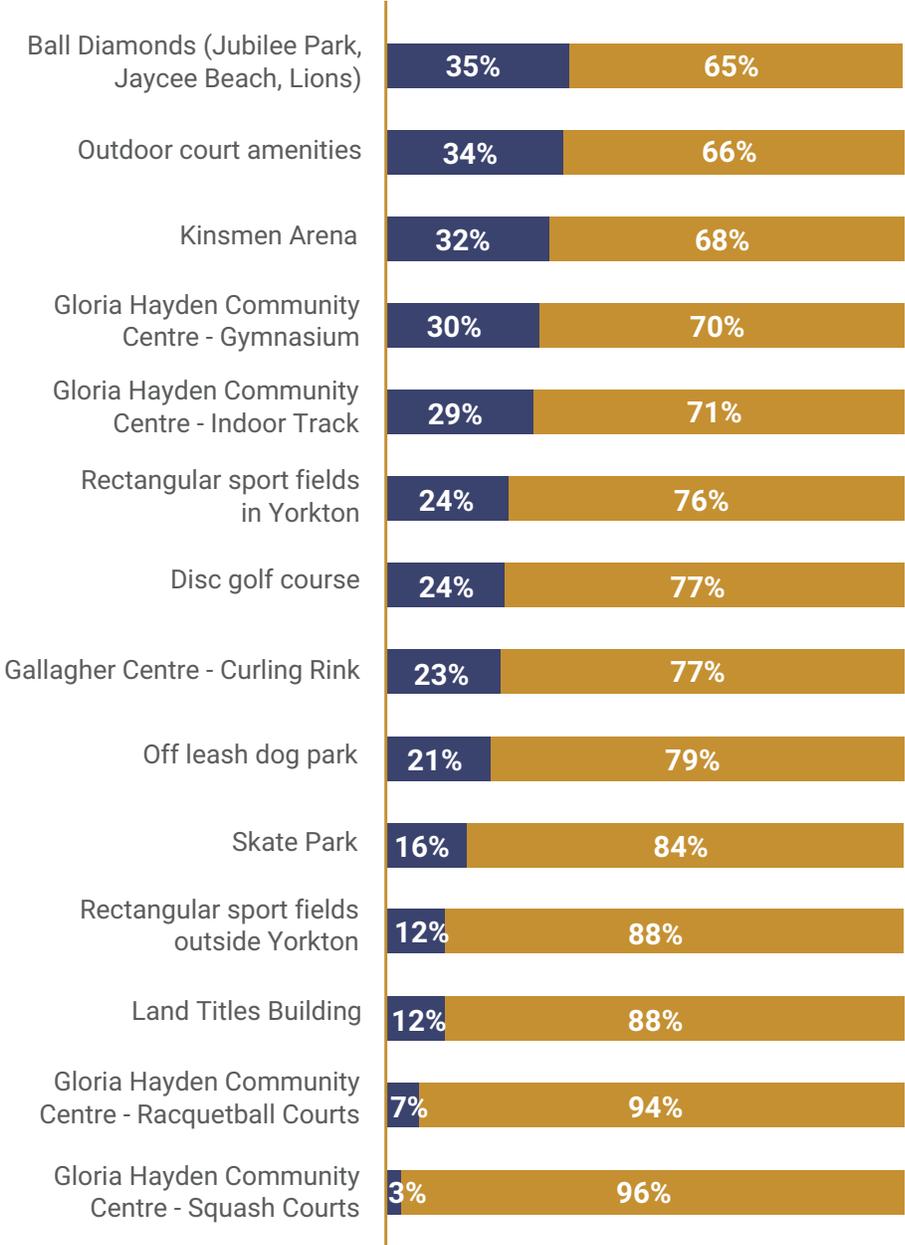
### Frequency of Use



## Frequency of Use (Continued)

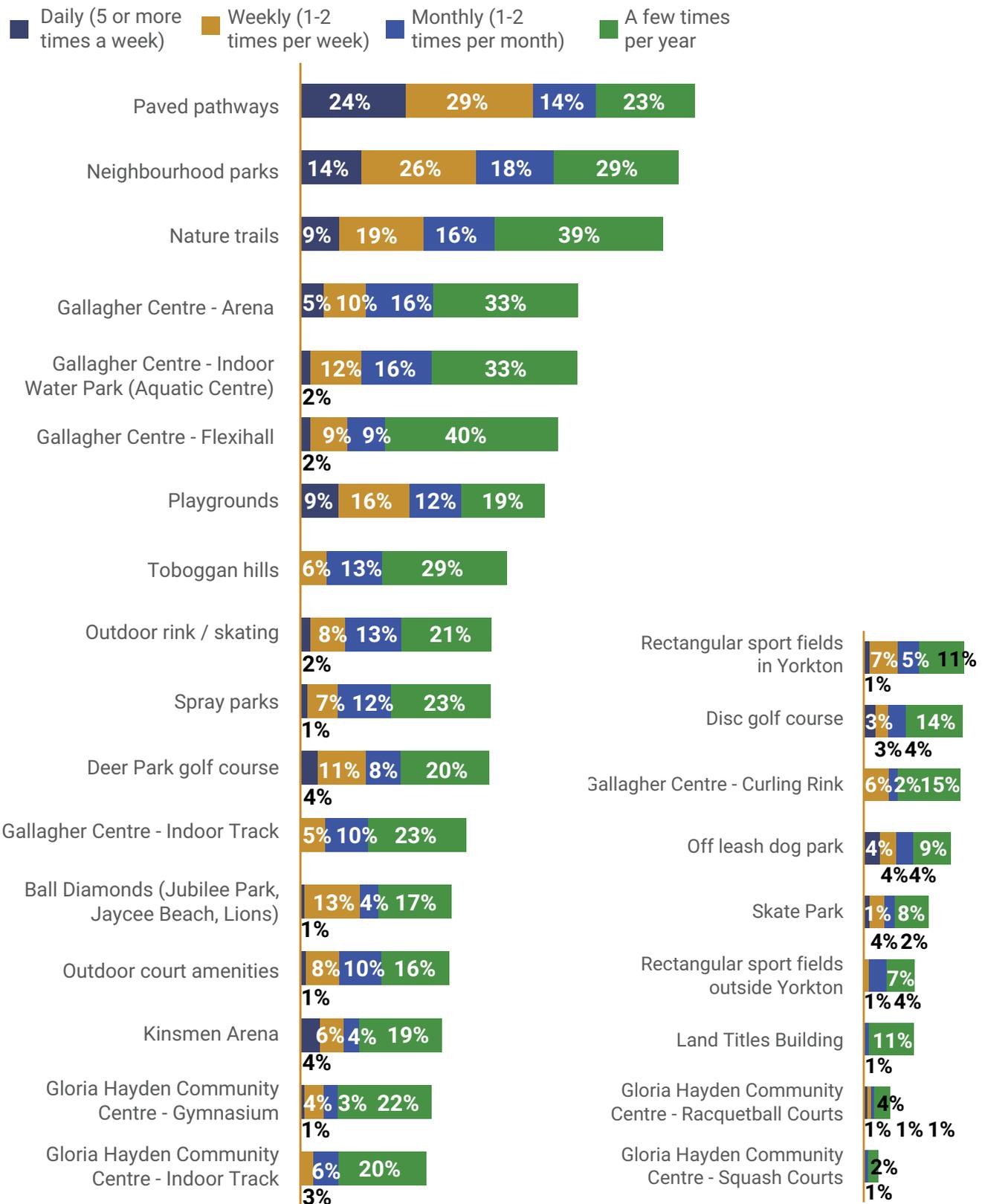
**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY -  
FREQUENCY OF USE (USED)**

- Indoor facilities - 88%
- Neighborhood parks - 87%
- Nature trails - 87%
- Paved pathways - 85%
- Gallagher Centre - Aquatic Centre - 82%
- Gallagher Centre - Arena - 70%



Considering the breakdown of frequency of use, approximately one quarter (24%) of respondents utilize paved pathways daily. One third of respondents (33%) utilize the Gallagher Centre – Arena and Indoor water park monthly and over one third (40%) utilized the Gallagher Centre – Flexihall. Refer to the graph.

### Frequency of Use (Used Only)



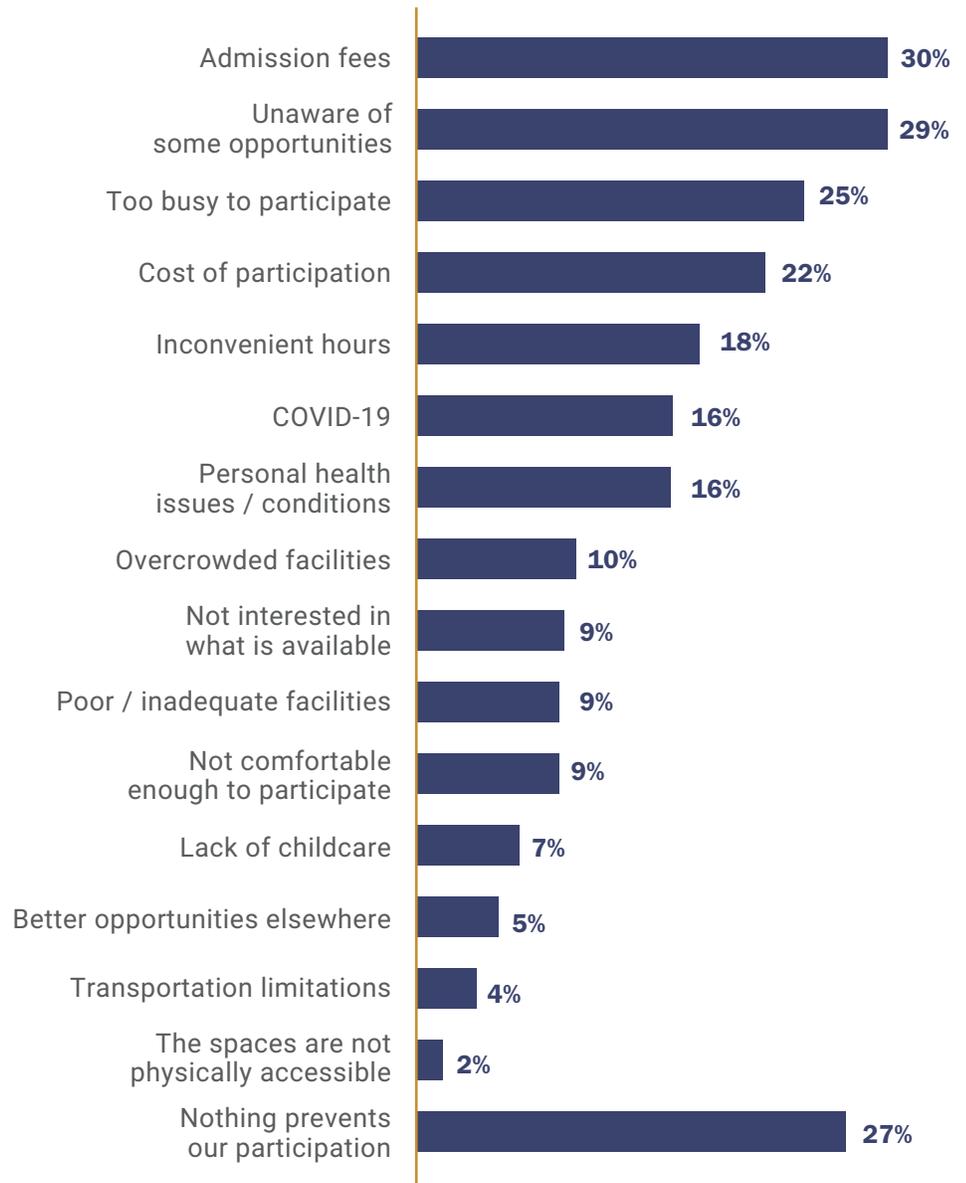
### 3.1.3 Parks and Recreation Service Assessment

Next, respondents were asked to identify barriers that prevent a household member from participating in parks and recreation activities in Yorkton. As illustrated in the accompanying graph, approximately one third of respondents said that admission fees (30%) and being unaware of some opportunities (29%) are the biggest barriers to participating in parks and recreation activities. Notably, approximately one quarter of respondents also said that nothing prevents their participation (27%).

#### Subsegment Analysis

- Those who said they are dissatisfied with the availability of parks and recreation opportunities in Yorkton are more likely to say that poor and inadequate facilities prevent them from participating (37%) compared to those who are satisfied (3%).
- Those who said they are dissatisfied with the availability of parks and recreation opportunities in Yorkton are more likely to say that there are better recreation opportunities elsewhere (17%) than those who are satisfied (3%).
- Those who said they are satisfied with the availability of parks and recreation in Yorkton are more likely to say that nothing prevents their participation (35%) than those who are dissatisfied (15%).
- Households without children (31%) are more likely to say that nothing prevents their participation in recreation opportunities than households with children aged 0-14 years (19%).
- Households with children aged 0-14 years are more likely to say that a barrier to participation is being too busy (42%) than households without children (20%).
- Households with children aged 0-14 years (43%) are more likely to say that they are unaware of some opportunities than households without children (25%).

#### Barriers to Participation



- Those that have lived in Yorkton for less than one year are more likely to say that they are unaware of some opportunities (60%) than those who have lived in Yorkton for over 10 years (25%).
- Those that have lived in Yorkton for 6-10 years are more likely to say that lack of childcare (28%) is a barrier to participation than those who have lived in Yorkton for 1-5 years (3%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for 6-10 years are more likely to say they are too busy to participate in recreation opportunities (42%) than those who have lived in Yorkton for less than one year (20%).

**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY -  
BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION**

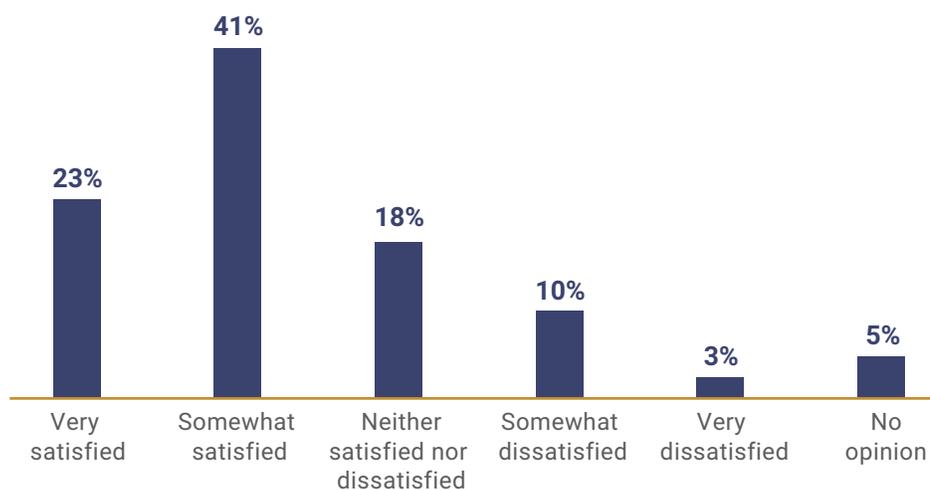
Unaware of opportunities - 40%

Inconvenient hours - 33%

Admission fees - 29%

Nothing prevents participation - 27%

### Satisfaction with Availability of Opportunities



Regarding the availability of parks and recreation opportunities in Yorkton, approximately two thirds (64%) of respondents said they are satisfied (very satisfied and somewhat satisfied) with the availability of opportunities. A minority of respondents (13%) said they are dissatisfied (somewhat dissatisfied and very dissatisfied) with the availability of opportunities in Yorkton.

**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY-  
SATISFACTION WITH  
AVAILABILITY OF  
OPPORTUNITIES**

Very satisfied - 16%

Somewhat satisfied- 39%

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied - 21%

Somewhat dissatisfied - 16%

Very dissatisfied- 5%

No opinion - 3%

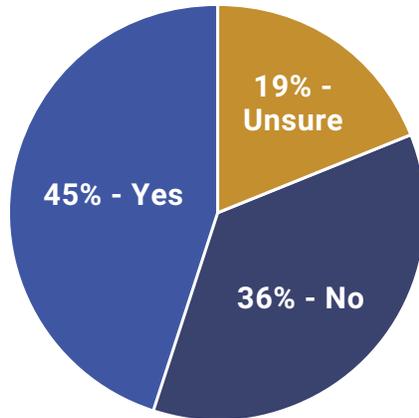
### Subsegment Analysis

- Households without children (28%) are more likely to say they are very satisfied with the availability of parks and recreation opportunities in Yorkton than households with children aged 0-14 years (15%)

### 3.1.4 Future Priorities and Focus Areas

Respondents were then asked if there are adequate recreation and parks facilities (indoor and outdoor) in Yorkton. As illustrated in the graph, approximately half (45%) of respondents said there are adequate facilities, while approximately one third of respondents (36%) said there are not adequate facilities.

#### Are There Adequate Recreation and Parks Facilities in Yorkton?



**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY-  
ARE THERE ADEQUATE  
RECREATION AND PARKS  
FACILITIES IN YORKTON?**

Yes - 41%  
Unsure - 39%  
No - 20%

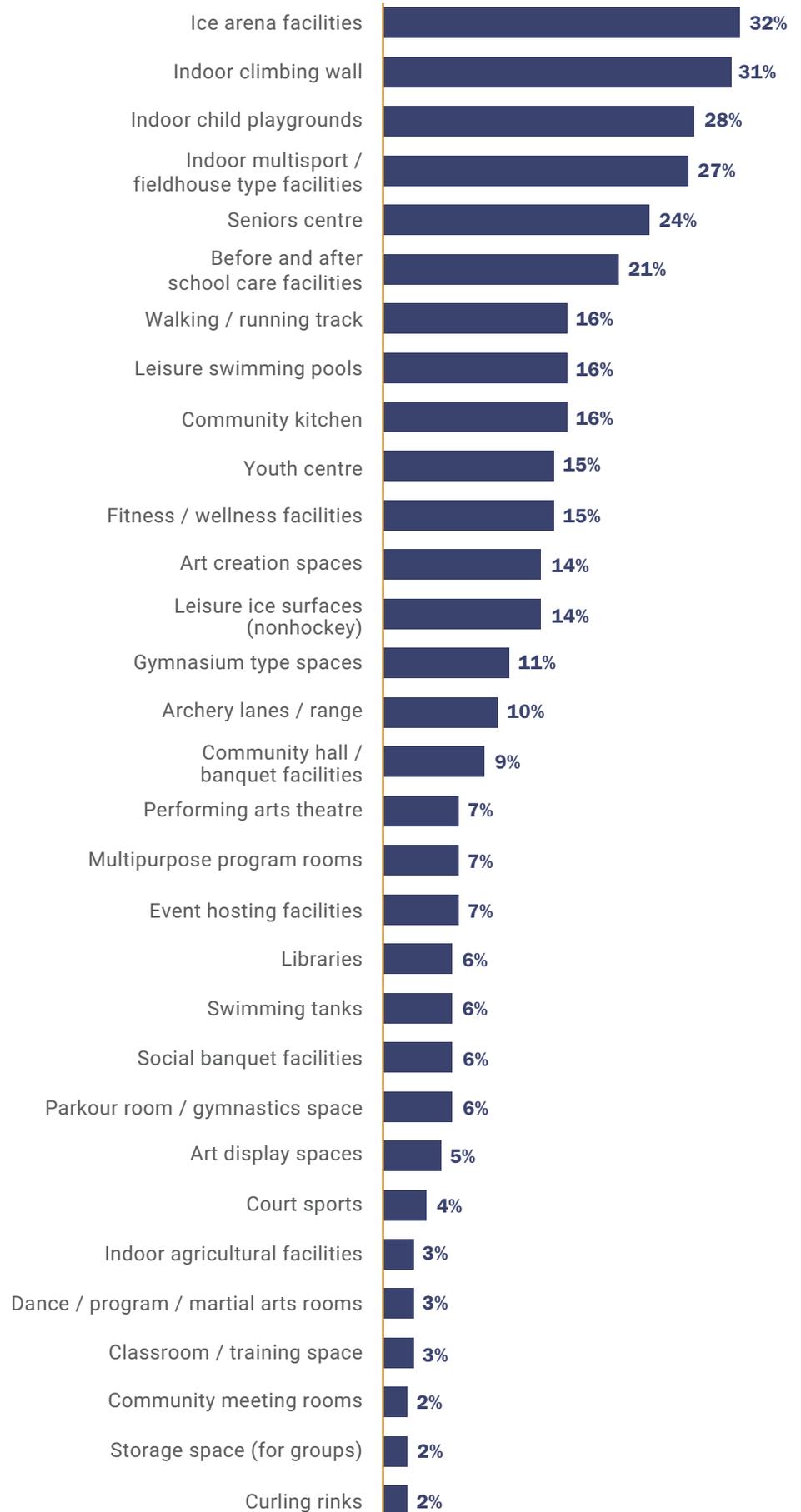
#### Subsegment Analysis

- Those who said they are dissatisfied with the availability of parks and recreation opportunities in Yorkton are more likely to say that there are not adequate recreation and parks facilities in Yorkton (79%) compared to those who are satisfied (25%).
- Those who are satisfied with the availability of parks and recreation opportunities in Yorkton are more likely to say that there are adequate recreation and parks facilities (56%) than those who are dissatisfied (6%).
- Households with no children (56%) are more likely to say there are adequate recreation and parks facilities in Yorkton than households with children (34%).
- Households with children (51%) are more likely to say that there are not adequate recreation and parks facilities in Yorkton than households without children (26%).
- Those that have lived in Yorkton for less than one year (73%) are more likely to say that there are adequate recreation and parks facilities than those who have lived in Yorkton for 6-10 years (41%), 10 or more years (44%) and 1-5 years (46%).

Respondents who said there are not adequate facilities in Yorkton and those who are unsure were then asked to **identify indoor and outdoor facilities and amenities** that they think should be more readily available or enhanced. Respondents were provided with a list of facilities and amenities and were asked to select up to five that should be more readily available or enhanced.

Regarding **indoor** facilities and amenities, approximately one third of households identified ice arena facilities (32%), indoor climbing wall (31%), and indoor child playgrounds (28%) as a top priority in Yorkton. In lower, but similar proportions, indoor multi sport / fieldhouse facilities (27%) and seniors centres (24%) were also identified as top priorities in Yorkton.

## Indoor Facilities and Amenities That Should Be More Readily Available or Enhanced



### OPEN ACCESS SURVEY - INDOOR FACILITIES AND AMENITIES THAT SHOULD BE MORE READILY AVAILABLE OR ENHANCED

Indoor climbing walls - 42%

Indoor child playgrounds - 40%

Ice arena facilities - 35%

Youth centre - 30%

Before and after school care facilities - 28%

Indoor multisport fieldhouse type facilities - 28%

Community kitchen - 26%

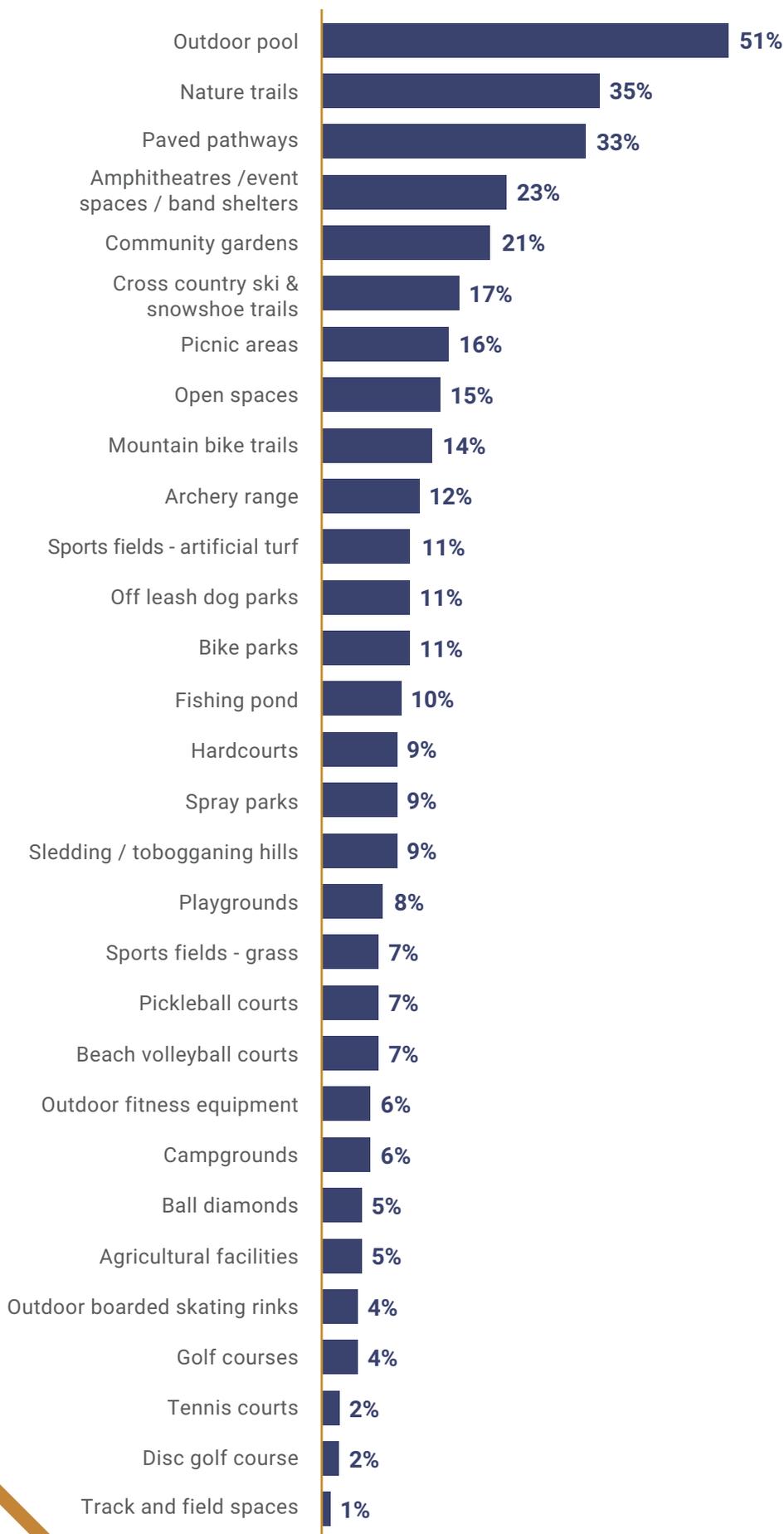
Leisure swimming pools - 19%

## Subsegment Analysis

- Households without children (34%) are more likely to say that seniors' centres need to be more readily available or enhanced than households with children aged 0-14 years (11%).
- Households with children aged 0-14 (47%) years are more likely to say that indoor child playgrounds need to be more readily available or enhanced than households without children (17%)
- Households with children aged 0-14 years are more likely to say that indoor climbing walls (47%) need to be more readily available or enhanced in Yorkton than households without children (28%).
- Households without children (22%) are more likely to say that fitness and wellness facilities need to be more readily available or enhanced than those with children aged 0-14 years (8%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for less than one year are more likely to say that art display spaces need to be more readily available or enhanced (50%) than those who have lived in Yorkton for 6-10 years (16%) and 10 or more years (12%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for less than a year are more likely to say that archery lanes and ranges need to be more readily available or enhanced (50%) than those who have lived in Yorkton for over 10 years (8%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for 1-5 years (44%) are more likely to say that fitness and wellness facilities need to be more readily available or enhanced than those who have lived in Yorkton for over 10 years (11%).



## Outdoor Facilities and Amenities That Should Be More Readily Available or Enhanced



Respondents were then provided a list of **outdoor facilities** and amenities that need to be more readily available or enhanced. As illustrated in the accompanying graph, approximately half of respondents identified an outdoor pool (51%) as a top priority for Yorkton. In lower proportions, nature trails (35%), paved pathways (33%), amphitheatres (23%), and community gardens (21%) were also identified as top priorities.

### OPEN ACCESS SURVEY - OUTDOOR FACILITIES AND AMENITIES THAT SHOULD BE MORE READILY AVAILABLE OR ENHANCED

Outdoor pools - 64%  
 Amphitheatres / event spaces - 26%  
 Nature trails - 24%  
 Sports fields - artificial turf - 24%  
 Paved pathways - 19%  
 Sports fields - grass - 17%  
 Bike parks - 14%  
 Community gardens - 14%  
 Mountain bike trails - 14%

## Subsegment Analysis

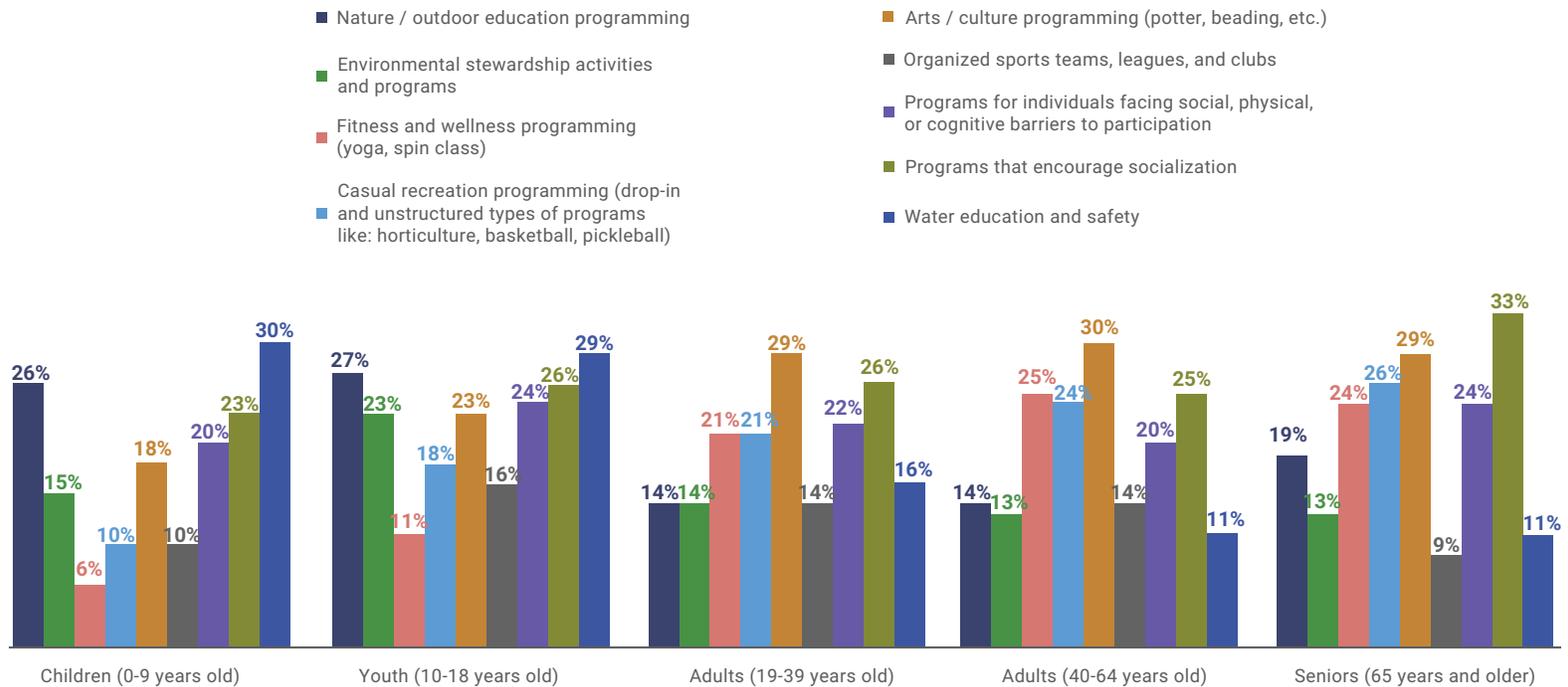
- Households without children are more likely to say that nature trails (42%) need to be more readily available or enhanced than households with children aged 0-14 years (24%)
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for less than one year are more likely to say that archery ranges need to be more readily available or enhanced (50%) than those who have lived in Yorkton for 1-5 years (6%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for 6-10 years are more likely to say that bike parks need to be more readily available or enhanced (33%) than those who have lived in Yorkton for 1-5 years (6%) and over 10 years (7%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for over 10 years are more likely to say that an outdoor pool needs to be more readily available (56%) than those who have lived in Yorkton for less than a year (25%) and 1-5 years (25%).



## 3.1.5 Programming

Respondents were provided with a list of programming types and were asked to identify if each of them should be more readily available in Yorkton based on age of participants. As illustrated in the accompanying graph, approximately one third of respondents said that programs that encourage socialization (33%) for seniors aged 65 years and older, water education and safety (30%) for children aged 0-9 years, arts and culture programming for adults aged 40-64 years, and water education and safety for children aged 10-18 years (29%) were the most identified programs that should be more readily available in Yorkton.

### Programming Types by Age



### Subsegment Analysis

- Households with seniors aged 70 and older are more likely to say that fitness and wellness programming for seniors 65 years and older should be enhanced (30%) than households with children aged 0-9 years (9%).
- Households with youth aged 10-19 years are more likely to say that casual recreation programming should be enhanced for youth 10-18 years old (21%) than households with seniors over the age of 70 (7%).
- Households with seniors aged 70 and older are more likely to say that casual recreation programming for seniors 65 years and older (30%) should be enhanced than households with children aged 10-19 years (9%).

### 3.1.6 Prioritization Criteria

When considering public investment in parks and recreation amenities and facilities there are limited resources available. Due to this, priorities must be determined. Respondents were provided with a list of factors that the City could use to prioritize investment in parks and recreation in Yorkton. For each factor they were asked to identify how important it should be when the City sets priorities. Over half of respondents identified potential cost savings through partnerships or grants (57%) and demands from the community, resident, and groups (57%) as very important criteria for when the City sets priorities. Refer to the graph to see the importance respondents identified for other criteria.

**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY - IMPORTANCE OF CRITERIA TO SET PRIORITIES (VERY IMPORTANT)**

The facility would provide active living opportunities across ages, interests, and ability levels - 61%

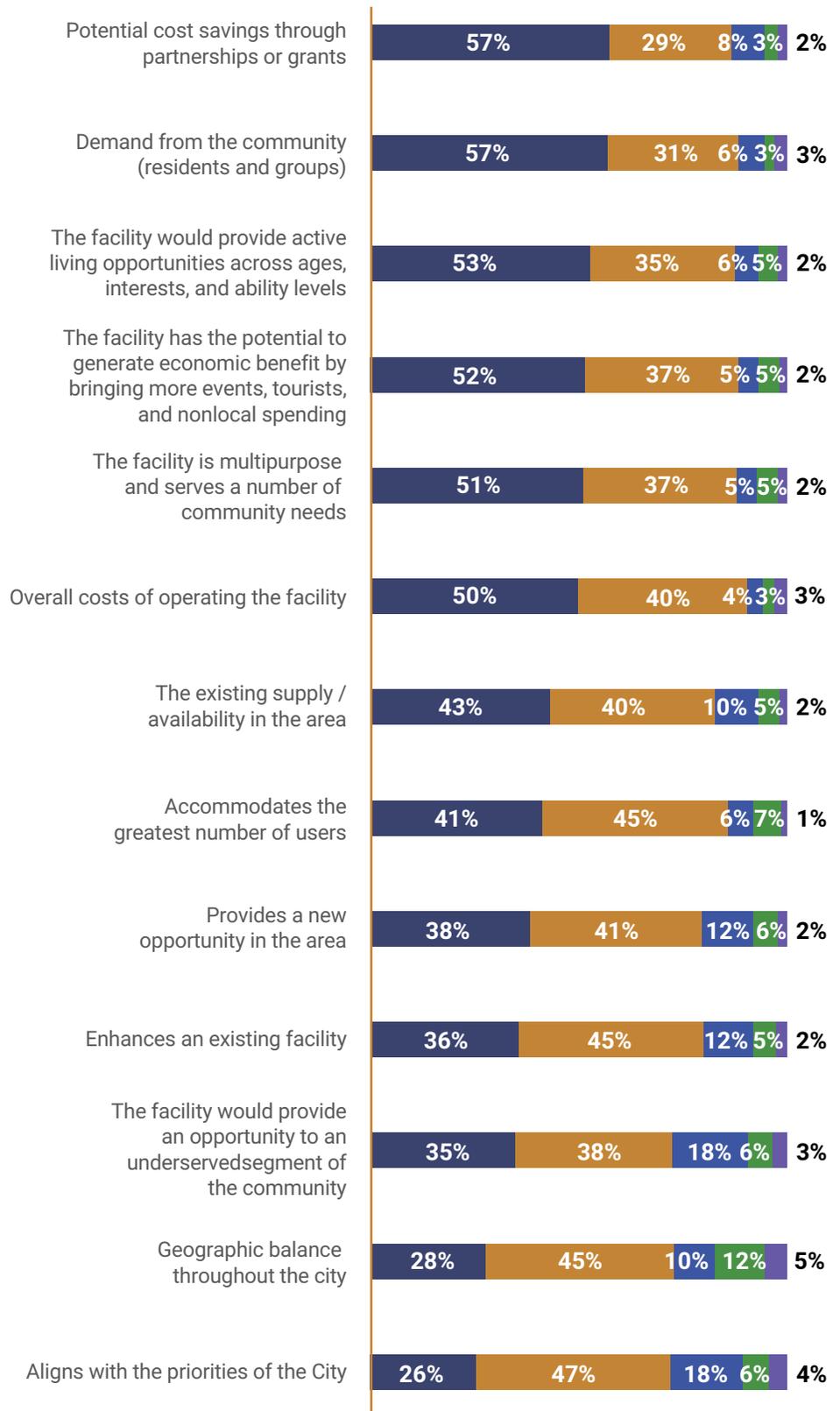
Demand from the community (residents and groups) - 59%

The facility has the potential to generate economic benefit by bringing more events, tourists, and nonlocal spending - 53%

Potential cost savings through partnerships and grants - 53%

#### Importance of Criteria to Set Priorities

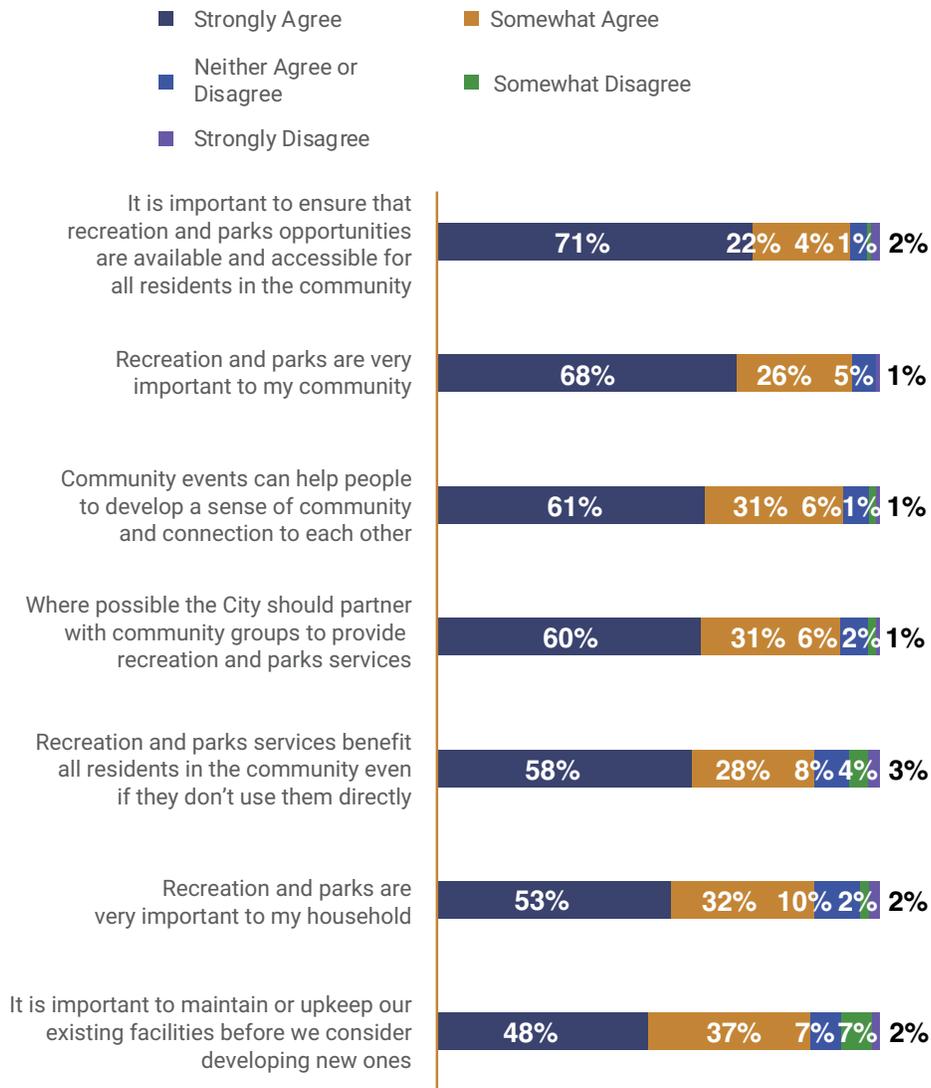
- Very important
- Unsure
- Very unimportant
- Somewhat important
- Somewhat unimportant



### 3.1.7 Values and Considerations

Respondents were presented with several statements regarding the provision of parks and recreation facilities and amenities in Yorkton. For each statement they were asked to identify the extent to which they agreed. Approximately three quarters of respondents strongly agree that it is important to ensure that recreation and parks opportunities are available and accessible for all residents in the community (71%). Approximately two thirds of respondents strongly agree that recreation and parks are very important to the community (68%) and that community events can help people develop a sense of community and connection to each other (61%). As illustrated in the graph, a large majority of respondents somewhat or strongly agree with each statement.

#### Agreement Level with Values and Considerations in Yorkton



**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY - AGREEMENT LEVEL WITH VALUES AND CONSIDERATIONS IN YORKTON**

It is important to ensure that recreation and parks opportunities are available and accessible for all residents in the community - 72%

Community events can help people to develop a sense of community and connection to each other - 69%

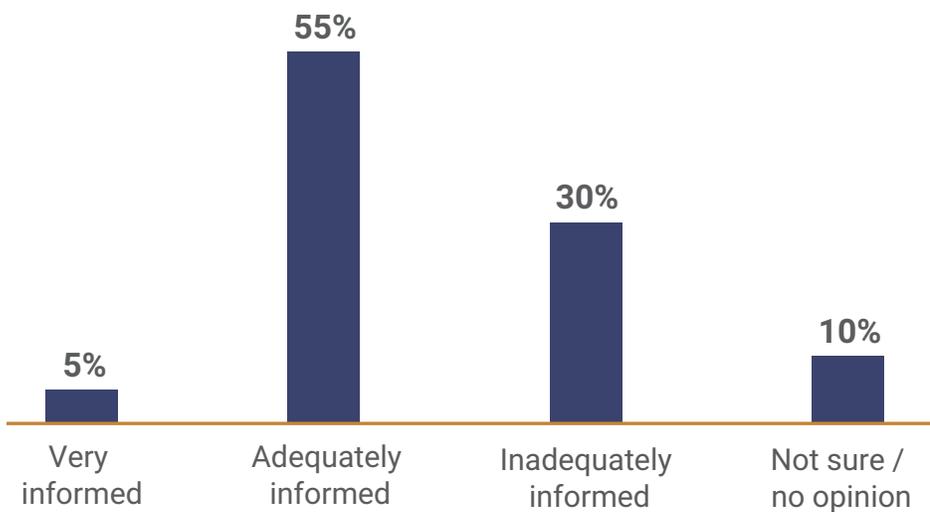
Where possible the City should partner with community groups to provide recreation and parks services- 65%

Recreation and parks are very important to my community - 61%

## 3.1.8 Communications

As illustrated in the graph, approximately two thirds of respondents feel very or adequately informed (60%) about parks and recreation in Yorkton. Notably, approximately one third of respondents feel inadequately informed (30%). Refer to the graph.

### How Informed Residents Feel About Parks and Recreation in Yorkton



#### OPEN ACCESS SURVEY - HOW INFORMED RESIDENTS FEEL ABOUT PARKS AND RECREATION IN YORKTON

Very important - 13%  
Adequately informed - 52%  
Inadequately informed - 26%  
Not sure / no opinion - 9%

### Subsegment Analysis

- Those who said they are dissatisfied with the availability of parks and recreation opportunities in Yorkton are more likely to say they do not feel informed about parks and recreation in Yorkton (58%) than those who are satisfied (20%).
- Those who said they are satisfied with the availability of parks and recreation opportunities in Yorkton are more likely to say they feel adequately informed about parks and recreation in Yorkton (64%) than those who are dissatisfied (30%).
- Those who have lived in Yorkton for 1-5 years (53%) are more likely to say they are inadequately informed about parks and recreation than those who have lived in Yorkton for over 10 years (26%).

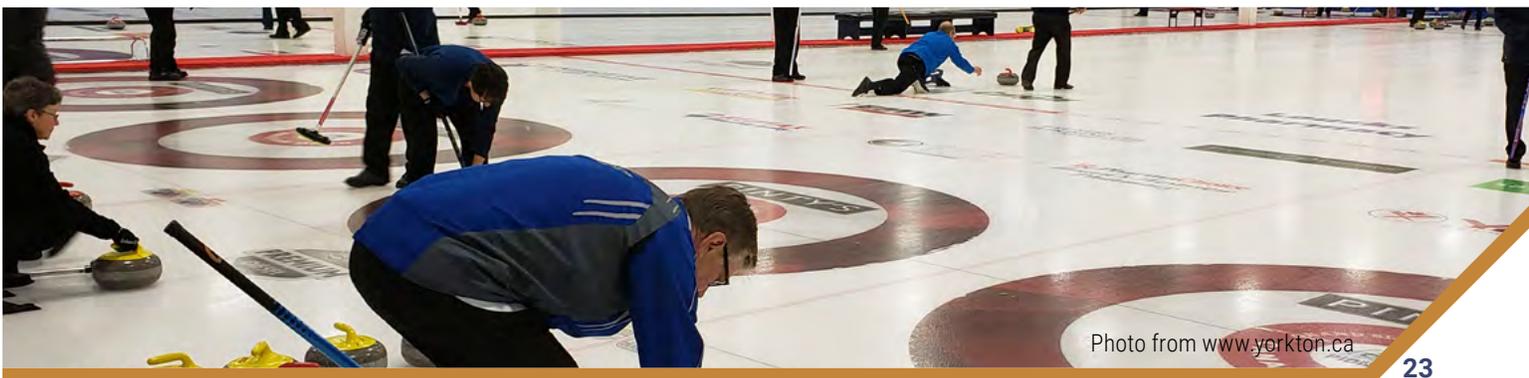
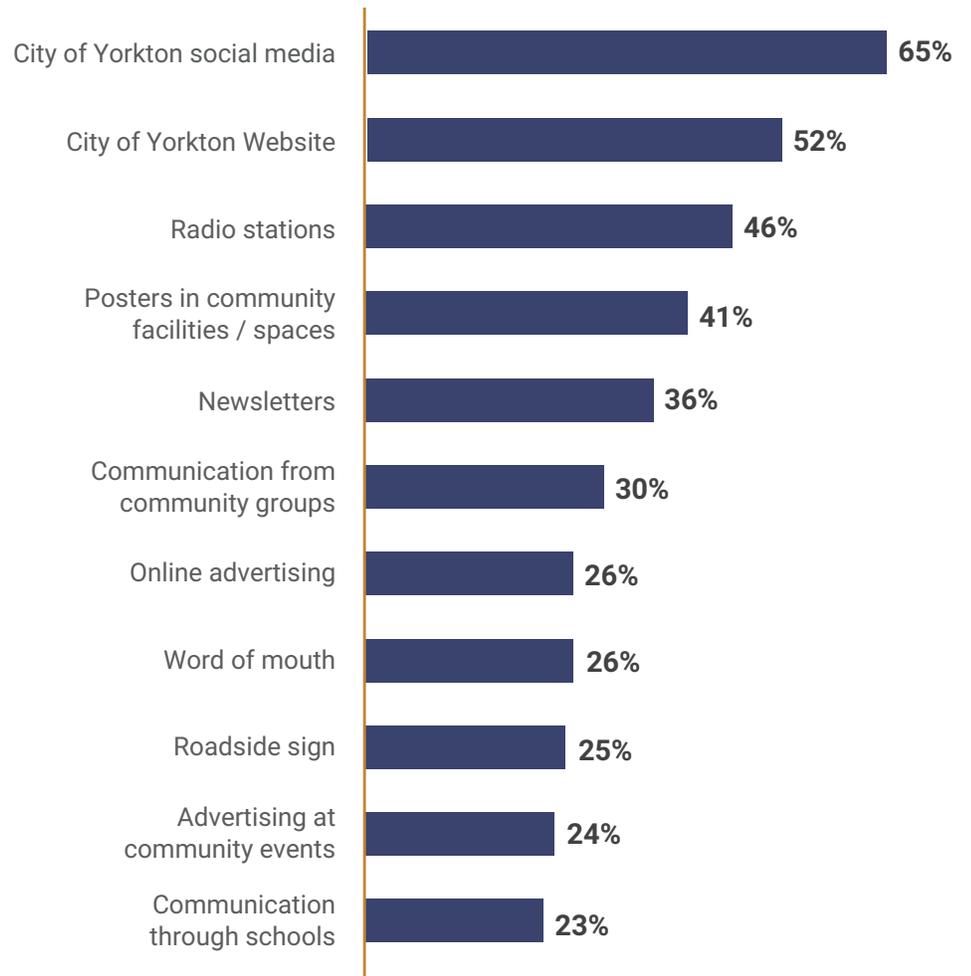


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When asked about their preferences for communication channels to learn about parks and recreation opportunities, approximately two thirds of respondents identified City of Yorkton social media (65%) as one of the best communication channels. Notably, over half of respondents identified the City of Yorkton website (52%) as a top five preference. Refer to the graph.

## Communication Preferences



### OPEN ACCESS SURVEY - COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES

- City of Yorkton social media - 87%
- City of Yorkton website - 49%
- Communication through schools- 43%
- Online advertising - 38%



### 3.1.9 Willingness to Pay

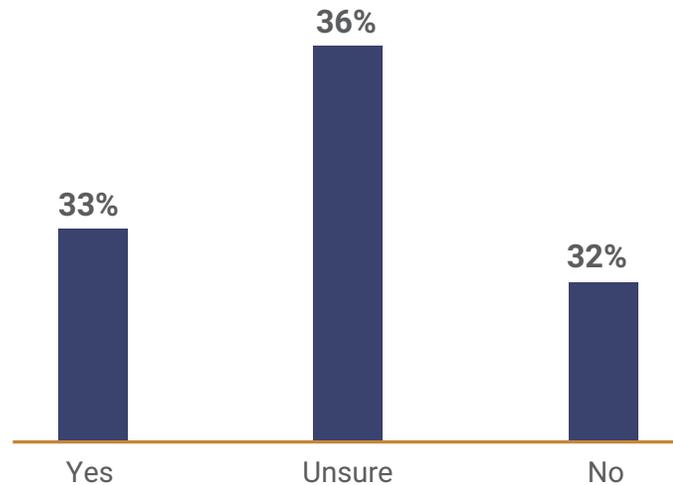
The City of Yorkton facilities are paid for by a combination of tax support and fees paid by users. To ensure that community needs regarding parks and recreation facilities, amenities, and services in Yorkton are better met, respondents were asked a variety of questions regarding tax increases.

As illustrated in the accompanying graph, one third (33%) of respondents said they would support a property tax increase for **enhancements to services their households use**. In very similar proportions, over one third (36%) said they were unsure and just under one third (32%) said they would not support a tax increase.

**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY -  
SUPPORT AN INCREASE  
IN PROPERTY TAXES FOR  
ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING  
SERVICES YOUR HOUSEHOLD  
USES**

Yes - 54%  
Unsure - 29%  
No - 16%

#### Support An Increase In Property Taxes For *Enhancements to Existing Services Your Household Uses*

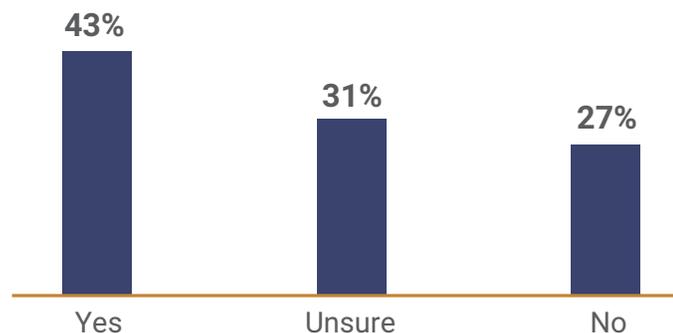


Considering new services, respondents were asked if they would support an increase in property taxes for new **services their household would use**. Less than a half (43%) of respondents said they would support a tax increase for new services their household would use. Approximately one third of respondents are unsure (31%) and would not support an increase (27%). Refer to the graph.

**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY -  
INCREASE IN PROPERTY  
TAXES FOR NEW SERVICES  
YOUR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS  
WOULD USE**

Yes - 35%  
Unsure - 36%  
No - 29%

#### Increase In Property Taxes for *New Services Your Household Members Would Use*

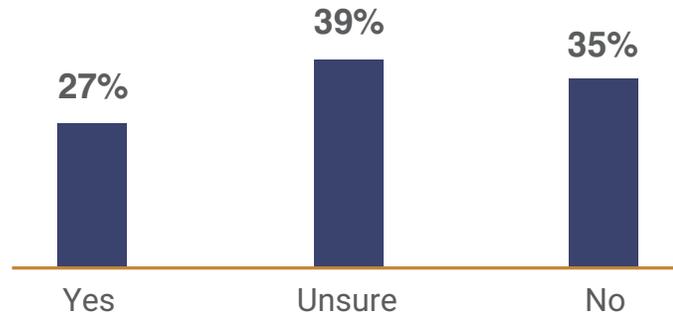


#### Subsegment Analysis

- Households with children aged 0-14 (57%) years are more likely to support a tax increase for new services their household would use than households without children (39%)

Respondents were then asked if they would support an increase in property taxes for services that are **important to the broader community** but that **their household may not use**. As illustrated in the graph then, approximately one quarter (27%) of respondents would support a tax increase for services they would not use while approximately one third (of respondents) (35%) would not support a tax increase.

### Support An Increase in Property Taxes For Services That Are Important To The Broader Community But Your Household May Not Use



**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY - SUPPORT AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES FOR SERVICES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THE BROADER COMMUNITY BUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD MAY NOT USE**

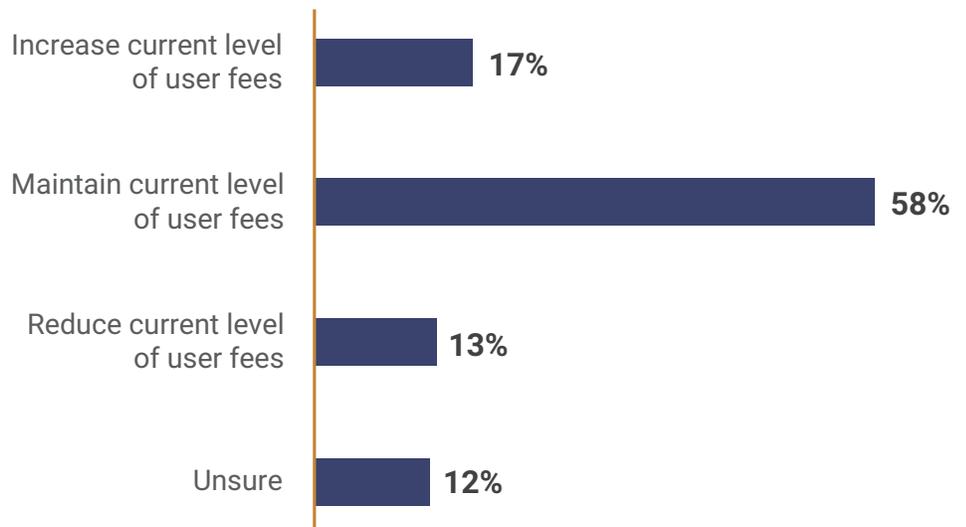
Yes - 35%

Unsure - 36%

No - 29%

Finally, respondents were asked to identify their level of support in relation to user fees for parks and recreation services. As illustrated in the graph, over half (58%) of respondents expressed support to maintain current level of user fees.

### Support Related to User Fees for Parks and Recreation Services



**OPEN ACCESS SURVEY - SUPPORT RELATED TO USER FEES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES**

Increase current level of user fees - 17%

Maintain current level of user fees - 62%

Reduce current level of user fees - 15%

Unsure - 6%

### 3.1.10 Other Comments

Finally, respondents were able to share any other comments related to the provision of parks and recreation in Yorkton. A variety were shared including reiteration of responses already provided. The most frequently mentioned other comments are noted below:

- Residents would like to see better use of tax dollars on facilities and amenities that benefit the entire community (15 comments)
- Residents do not want to see a tax increase, however, would prefer a user fee increase to cover costs (14 comments)
- Respondents would like to see a subsidy program in place to access recreation services in Yorkton (10 comments)
- Upgrades to the arena and a third ice surface were mentioned as priorities. (9 comments)
- Discount admission for seniors to access recreation services (8 comments)
- Increase opportunities for youth to participate (8 comments). Some specific mentions are below:
  - » Better hours at all facilities in Yorkton
  - » More options outside of sports
  - » Increased capacity for swimming lessons
- The addition of an outdoor pool is desired in Yorkton (7 comments)
- Connecting the trails throughout Yorkton (7 comments)
- Additional amenities along the trails will better enhance experience and safety (7 comments)
  - » Washrooms
  - » Benches
  - » Garbage cans
  - » Lights
- Maintain the buildings that already exist in Yorkton (6 comments)

### 3.1.11 Household Profile

Respondents were asked several questions about their household. Percentages in parathesis are representative of the 2016 census. The responses are presented in the following table.

Area of Residence	
Do you live in Yorkton?	
Yes	100%
No	0%
Tenure in Yorkton	
Less than 1 year	4%
1-5 years	9%
6-10 years	10%
More than 10 years	76%
Household Composition (by age)	
(Figures in brackets refers to the 2016 Census)	
0-4 years	5% (6%)
5-9 years	6% (6%)
10-14 years	6% (6%)
15-19 years	8% (6%)
20 -29 years	12% (12%)
30-39 years	9% (13%)
40-49 years	9% (12%)
50-59 years	15% (13%)
60-69 years	12% (11%)
70-79 years	7% (8%)
80 years and older	10% (11%)
Household Composition	
Couple with children	31%
Couple without children	41%
Lone parent family	3%
One-person household	14%
Multigenerational household	2%
Two or more adults not a couple	3%
Prefer not to answer	6%
Households that Identify as Indigenous	
Yes	4%
No	89%
Prefer not to answer	6%

# 4.0 Group Survey



## 4.0 Group Survey

A survey was fielded with a variety of organizations in Yorkton. These organizations included indoor and outdoor recreation groups but also included a series of others who may use parks and recreation spaces and facilities in Yorkton.

An email introducing the project and inviting participation in the survey was sent to a representative from each organization. Attached to the email was a hard copy of the survey along with a hyperlink to an online version of the same survey. Each group was asked to provide one response. Refer to Appendix C for a copy of the questionnaire.

Responses were gathered from September 23 - 31, 2022. In total 13 responses were received. These findings are not representative of all groups in Yorkton however they do provide insight into the perspectives of the organizations responding. Refer to Appendix D for the list of groups who participated in the survey.

## 4.1 Survey Findings

The findings below are presented in the order they were asked in the survey. The results are presented in raw numbers to better reflect the findings. It should be noted that not all questions were answered by all respondents.

### 4.1.1 About Your Organization

The survey began by gathering information about the organizations. There was an array of responses from ice users, field users, adult sport groups, outdoor sport groups, and others who provide a diverse range of activities to the community.

To begin, respondents were asked if their group provides sport and recreation programming. As illustrated in the accompanying graph, all groups that participated in the survey provide sport and recreation programming.

#### Does Your Organization Provide Sports and Recreation Programming?

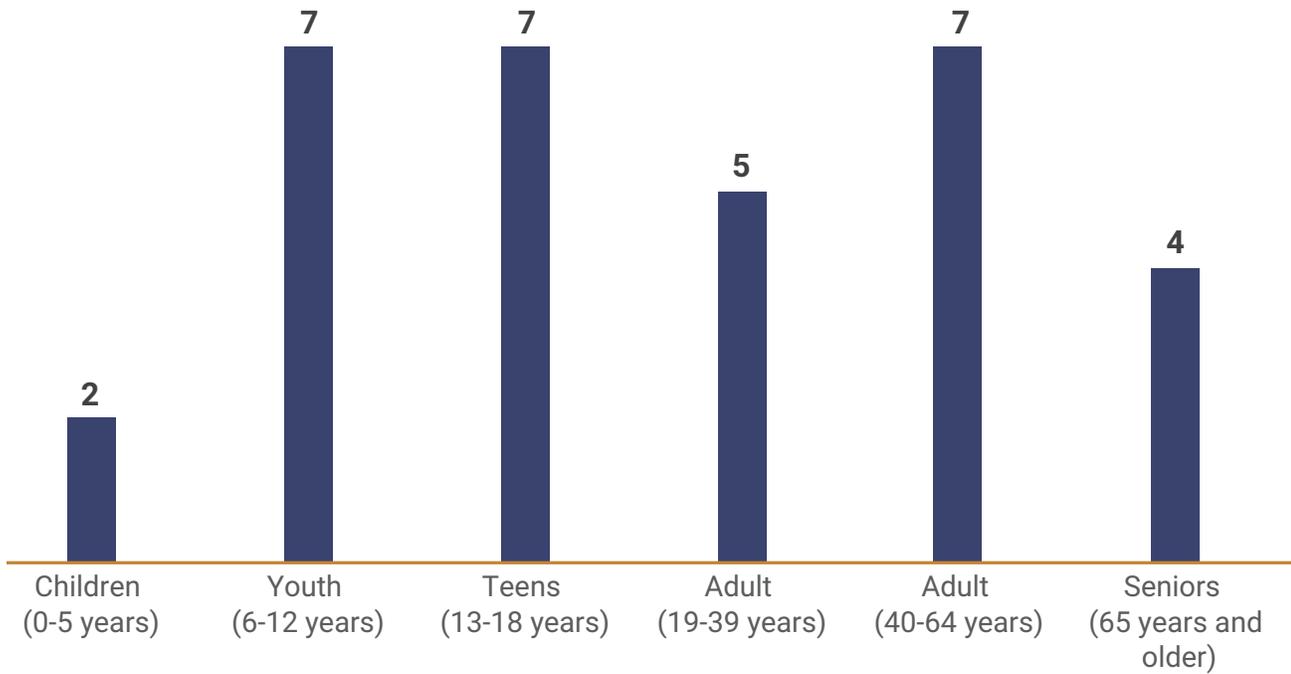
Yes, 13

100%



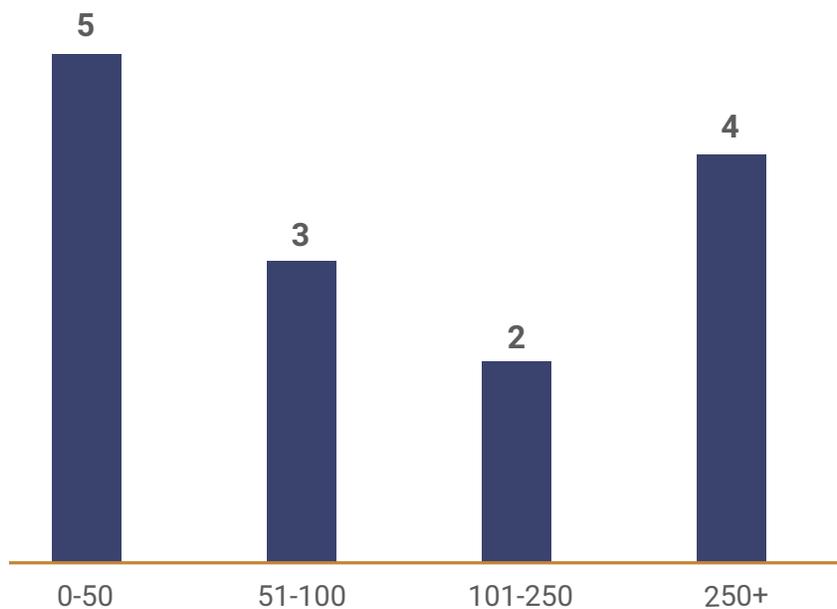
Next, respondent groups were asked to identify which age group(s) that best describes their primary participants or members. As illustrated in the graph, groups provide programs and services to a variety of ages with the majority being youth (7 of 13), teens (7 of 13) and adults aged 40-64 (7 of 13).

### Primary Participant Age



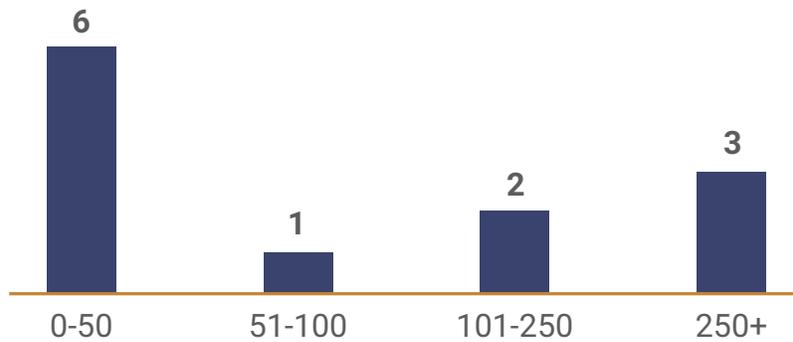
Respondents were then asked to provide their annual and current participation numbers. As illustrated in the accompanying graphs, over two thirds of groups (5 of 13) averaged up to 50 participants prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. Approximately one quarter of groups (3 of 13) averaged over 250 participants prior to the pandemic.

### Average Annual Participants Prior to COVID-19



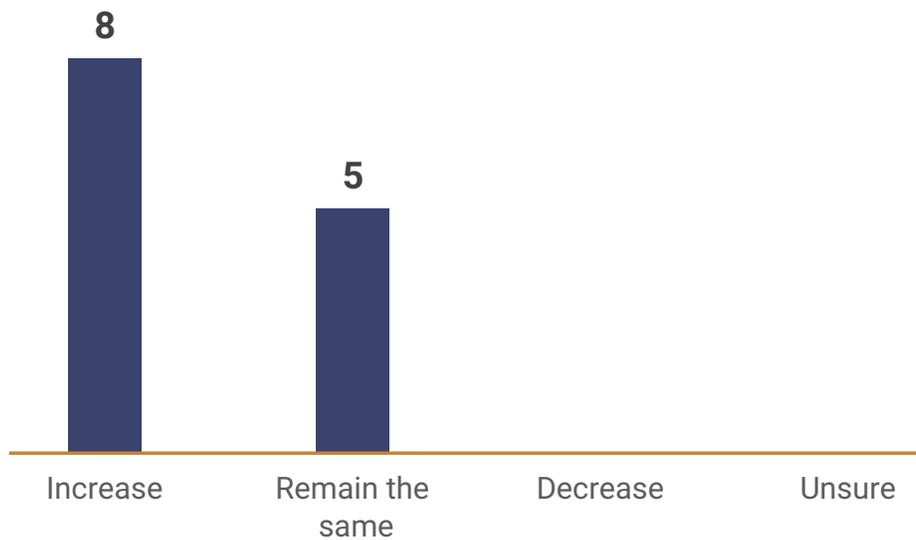
Considering current participation numbers, almost half (6 of 13) of groups identified that they have up to 50 participants, while approximately one third (4 of 13) said they currently have over 250 participants.

### Current Number of Participants

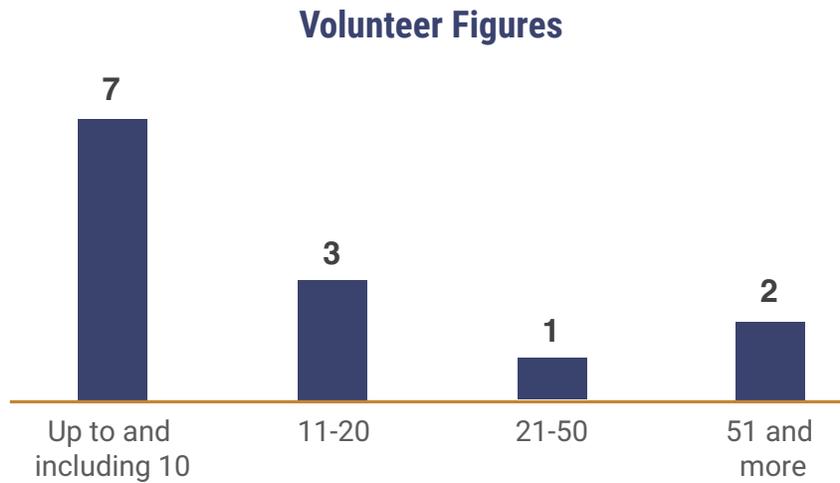


Respondents were then asked to identify their expectation for participation over the next few years. Almost two thirds of respondents (8 of 13) said they expect an increase, while approximately one third (5 of 13) expect a decrease in participation. Refer to the graph.

### Participation Expectations



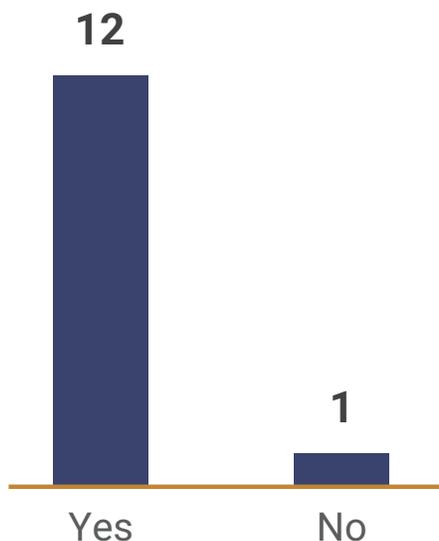
Considering volunteer support for their organization, the respondent groups represent different sizes and have a variety of roles community members fill to ensure programs and events are available in Yorkton. As illustrated in the accompanying graph, over half (7 of 13) of organizations have up to and including 10 volunteers supporting their organization. The minority of groups (1 of 13) have between 21-51 volunteers. Notably, two of the three groups that have over 250 participants also have over 51 volunteers supporting their organization



## 4.1.2 Facility Utilization

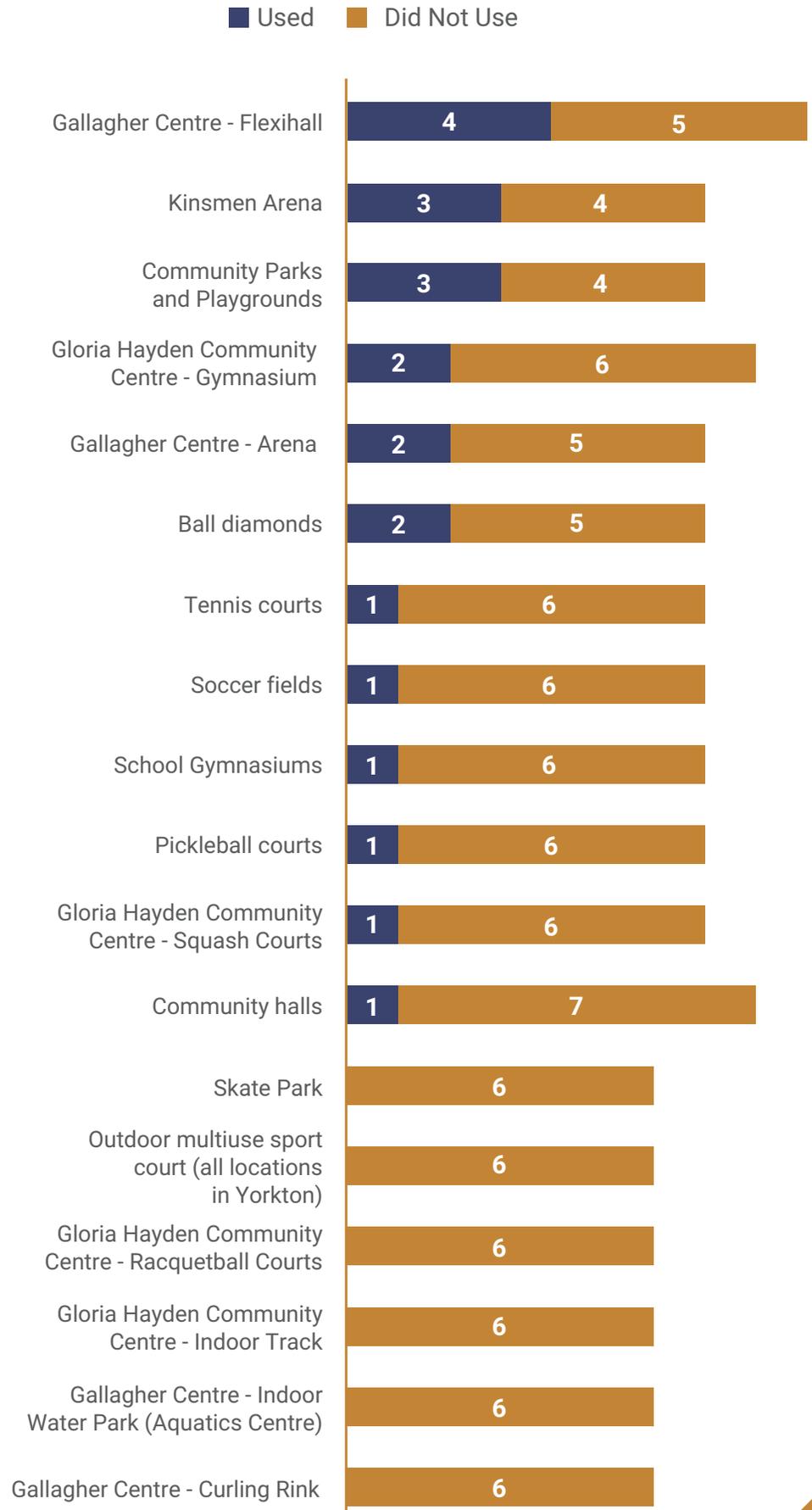
Respondents were then asked if their organization uses any facilities or spaces in Yorkton for their programming. Almost all respondents (12 of 13) use facilities and spaces in Yorkton for their programming. Refer to the graph.

### Does Your Organization Use Facilities or Spaces in Yorkton For Your Programming?



Respondents were then provided with a list of facilities and spaces and asked to identify how frequently their organization used it during their season of programming over the last three years. Approximately one third of respondents used the Gallagher Centre – Flexihall (4 of 13); the Flexihall is used by the largest number of groups over the last three years. In similar proportions, community parks and playgrounds (3 of 13) and the Kinsmen Arena (3 of 13) were also frequently used over the last three years by community groups in Yorkton. Refer to the graph.

## Frequency of Use



Next, respondents were asked if the current sport and recreation facilities and spaces in Yorkton meet the needs of their organization. Approximately three quarters of respondents (10 of 13) said the facilities and spaces somewhat meet the needs of their organization. Notably, no respondents said that the facilities and spaces in Yorkton completely meet the needs of their organization. Refer to the graph.

Respondents were then asked to provide an explanation to the previous question. A variety of responses were provided that spoke about additional indoor facility space and support amenities such as storage space and communication with user groups about unused and/or canceled bookings. In regard to outdoor facilities and amenities there was mention of upgrading facilities to enhance programs and enable organizations to host provincial, regional, and/or national tournaments which in turn will benefit the economic development of Yorkton.

### Do Current Sport and Recreation Facilities Meet The Needs of Your Organization

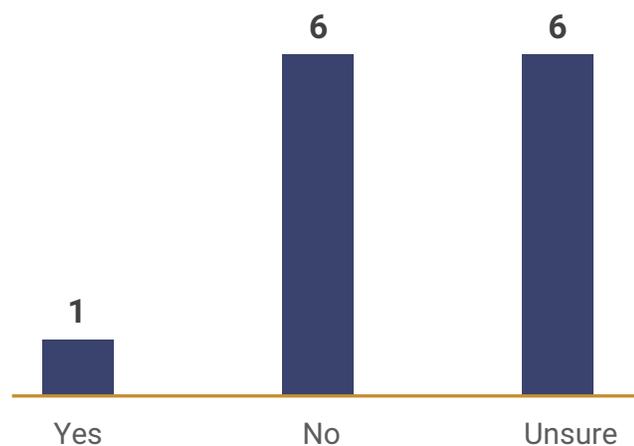


### 4.1.3 Future Priorities and Focus Areas

Respondents were asked if there are adequate indoor and outdoor sports and recreation facilities in Yorkton. As illustrated in the accompanying graph, almost half (6 of 13) of respondents believe there are not adequate facilities, or they are unsure (6 of 13).

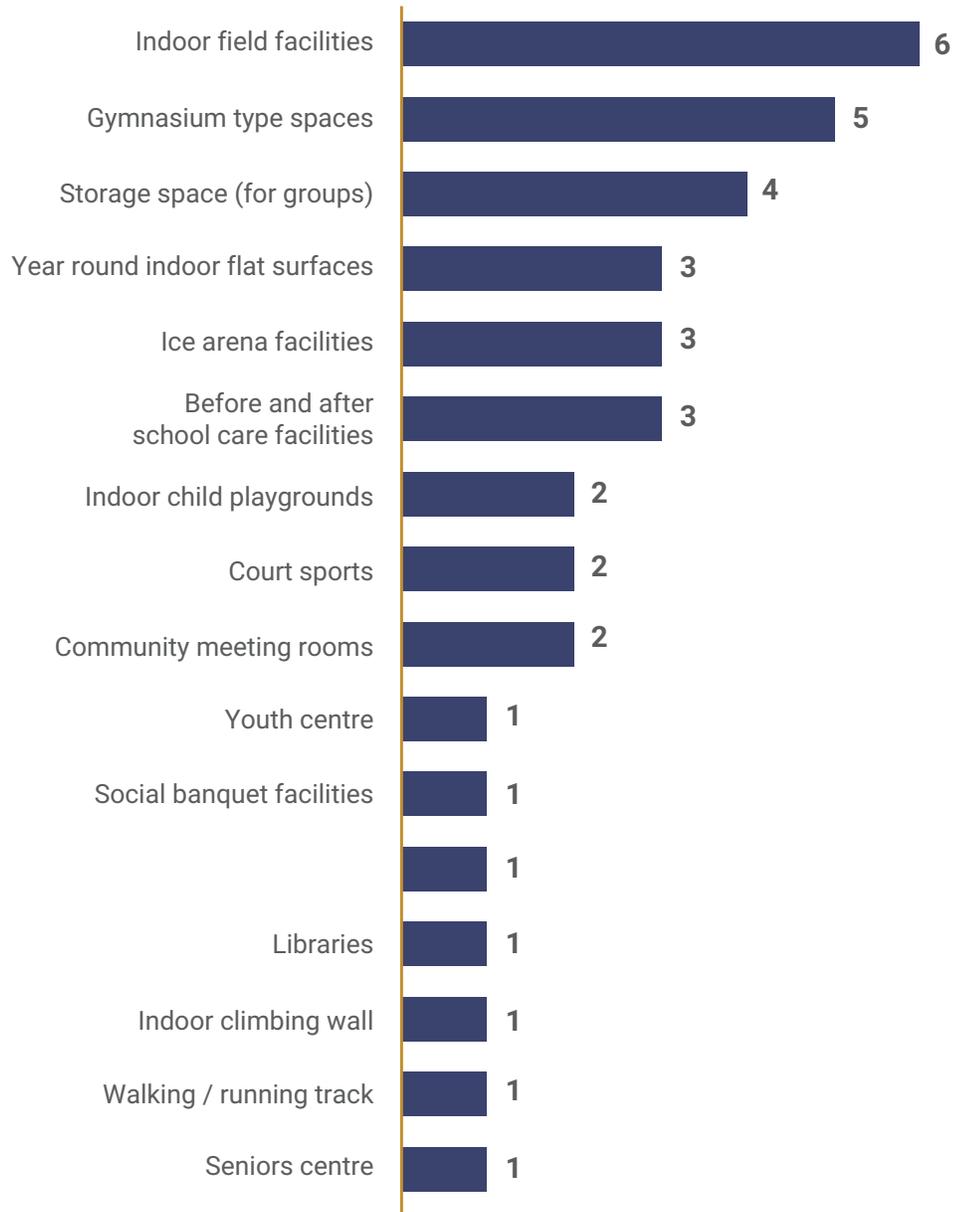
Respondent groups who said there are not adequate facilities in Yorkton and those who are unsure were then asked to identify indoor and outdoor facilities and amenities that they think should be more readily available or enhanced. Respondents were provided with a list of facilities and amenities and were asked to select up to five that should be more readily available or enhanced.

### Are There Adequate Sports and Recreation Facilities in Yorkton?



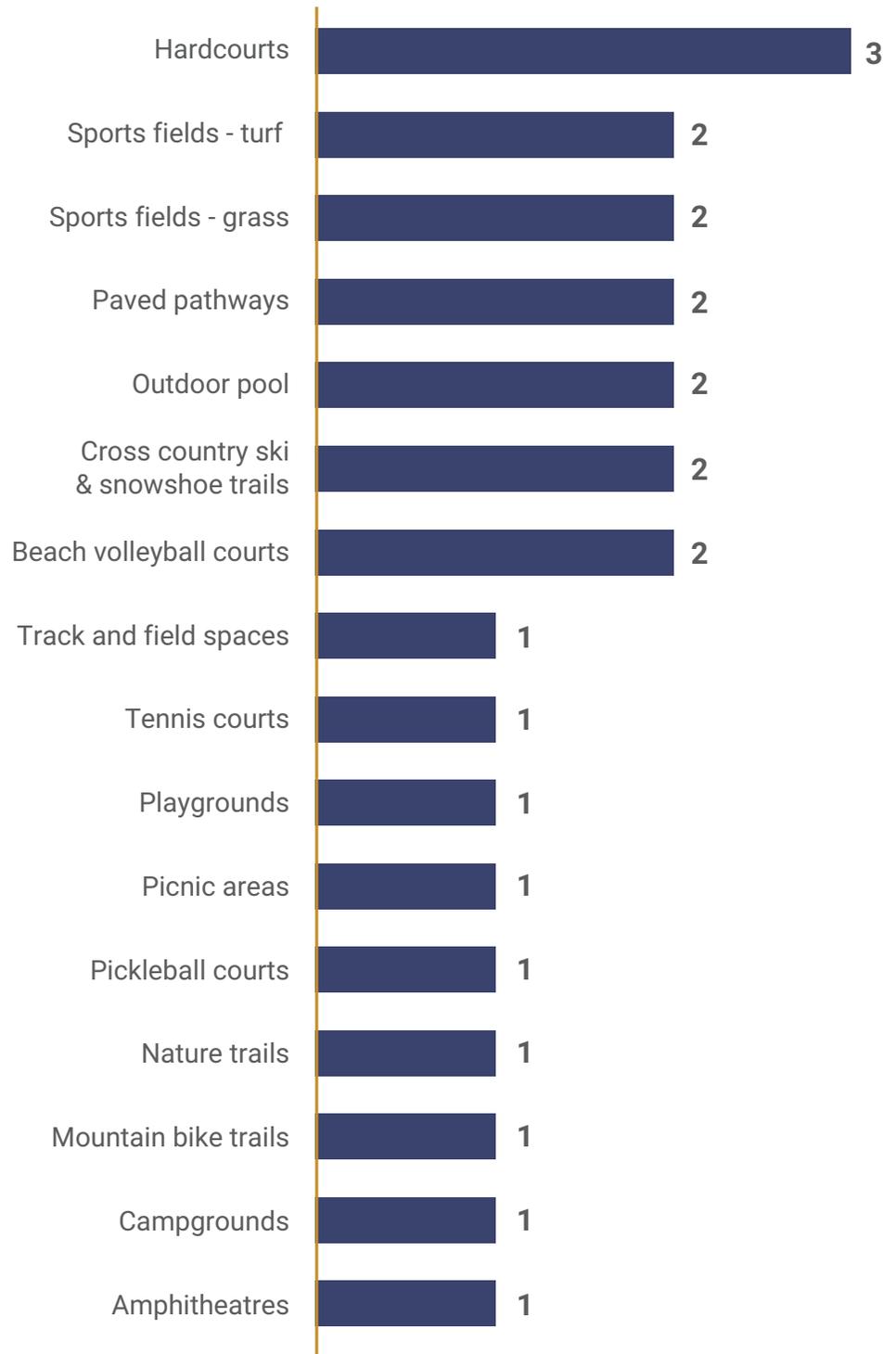
Regarding **indoor facilities and amenities**, over half of respondents (6 of 13) groups identified indoor field facilities as needing to be more readily available or enhanced in Yorkton. Respondents also identified gymnasium type spaces (5 of 13) and storage space (4 of 13) as facilities and amenities that should be more readily available or enhanced. Refer to the graph.

### Indoor Facilities and Amenities That Should Be More Readily Available or Enhanced



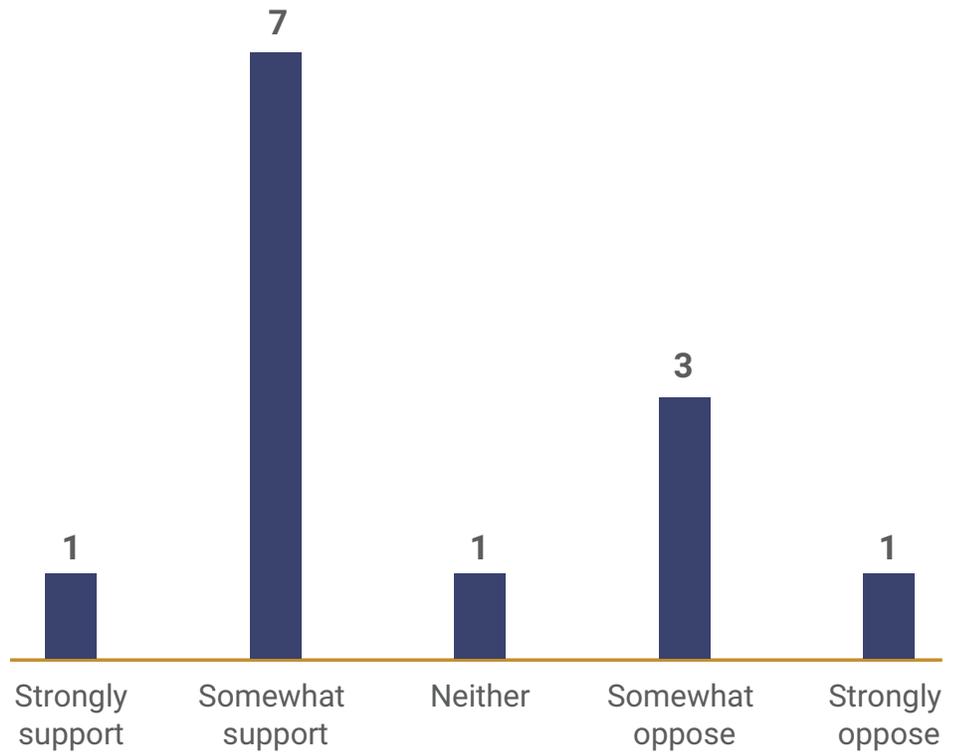
Regarding **outdoor facilities and amenities**, approximately two fifths of respondents (3 of 13) identified hardcourts as being more readily available or enhanced. In lower but similar proportions, one quarter of respondents (2 of 13) identified turf sports fields, grass sports fields, paved pathways, an outdoor pool, cross country ski and snowshoe trails and beach volleyball courts as other amenities and facilities that should be more readily available. Refer to the graph.

### Outdoor Facilities and Amenities That Should Be More Readily Available or Enhanced



The City of Yorkton facilities and amenities are paid for by a combination of taxes and user fees. Respondents were asked to identify their **level of support for user or rental fee increases** to ensure community needs are being met. As illustrated in the graph, approximately two thirds of groups (8 of 13) support a tax increase, while approximately one third (4 of 13) oppose an increase in taxes.

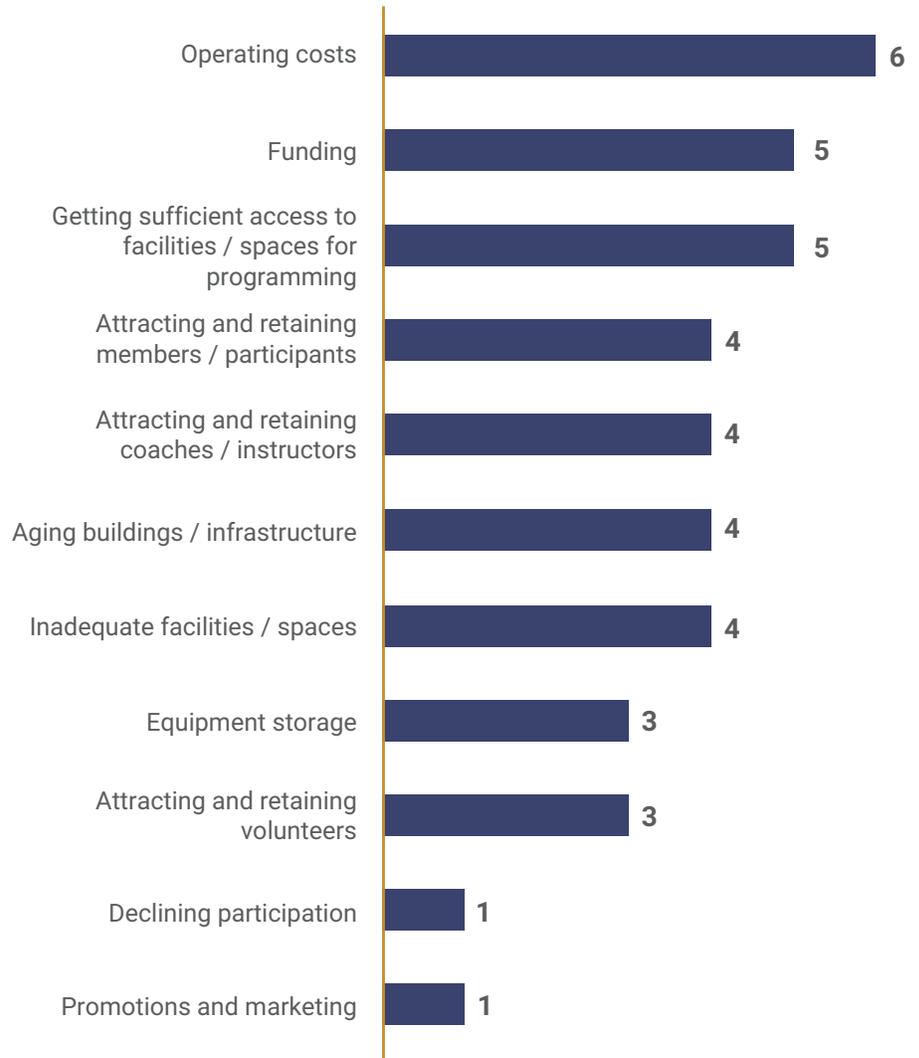
### Support for User Fee / Rental Fee Increases to Ensure Community Needs are Being Met



## 4.1.4 Challenges

Next, respondents were asked to identify challenges their organization may be facing. As illustrated in the accompanying graph, almost half of the groups (6 of 13) are challenged with operating costs. In lower proportions, funding (5 of 13) and getting sufficient access to facilities and spaces for programming (5 of 13) were also identified as significant challenges for community groups in Yorkton.

### Organizational Challenges



Finally, respondent groups were asked if there are any supports the City could provide to their group to help best address their challenges. Over half (7 of 13) of groups identified developing additional facilities and amenities as an action the City could take to assist them. Less than half (6 of 13) said that enhancing facilities and amenities would address their challenges.

## What City Support Can Help Address Your Organizations Challenges



### 4.1.5 Final Thoughts

Finally, respondent groups were able to share any other comments related to the provision of parks and recreation in Yorkton. Generally, groups are pleased with the availability of facilities, however aging infrastructure will require investment in the future. Groups also mentioned they would like to see more low-cost programming, more benches along pathways and investment in baseball diamonds and football fields.

# 5.0 Youth Survey



## 5.0 Youth Survey

A survey was fielded with youth in the community to gain their perspectives on the provision of parks and recreation in Yorkton. The survey gathered responses from September 28th – November 8, 2022. In total 340 responses were gathered. The survey was fielded through a partnership with the Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbours (SIGN) who had “boots on the ground” in schools weekly to gather perspectives from the youth. The survey was also sent directly to schools in Yorkton. The survey was available online and a PDF copy of the survey was also available. Refer to Appendix F to see the survey.

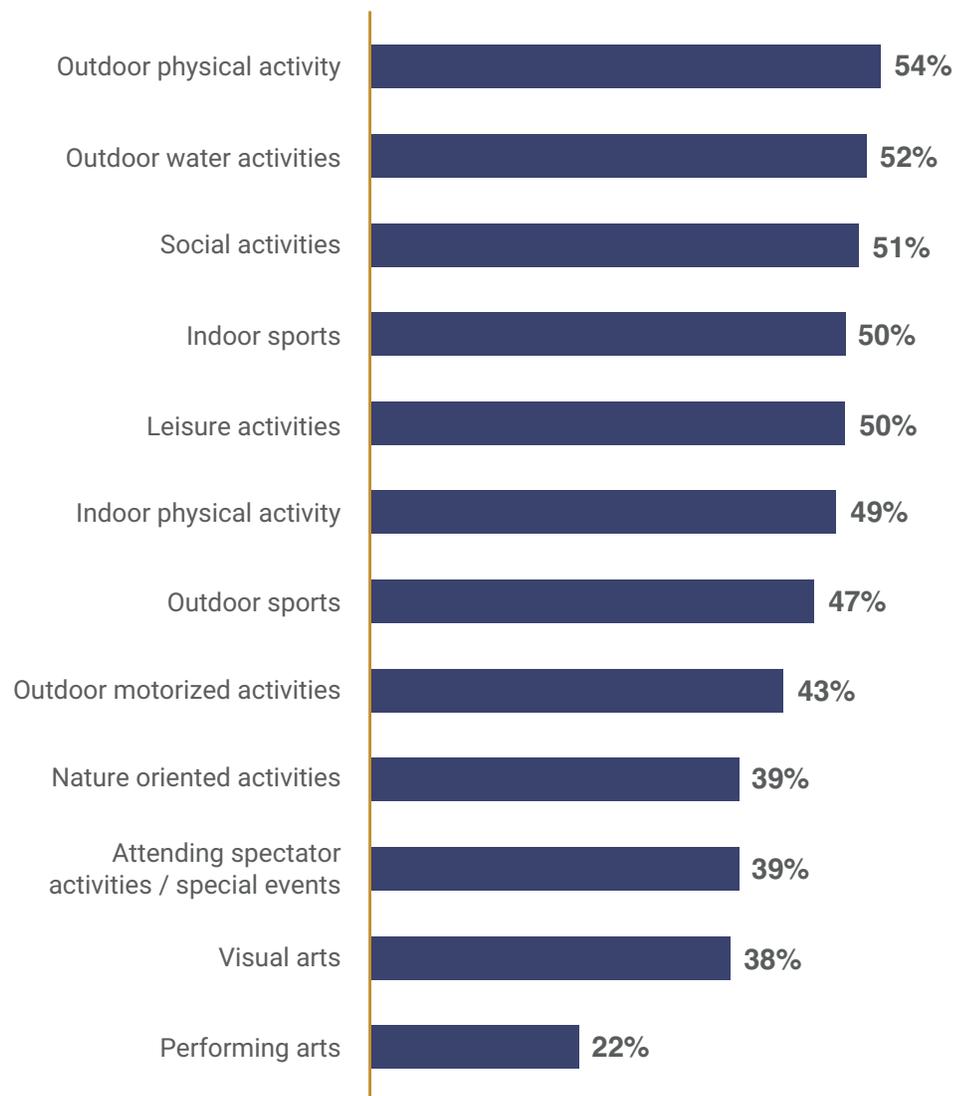
### 5.1 Survey Findings

The findings below are presented in the order they were asked in the survey.

#### 5.1.1 Participating in Parks and Recreation Activities

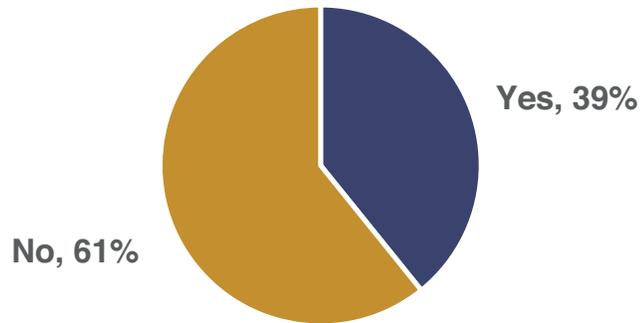
To begin the survey, respondents were asked to identify their favourite types of parks and recreation activities. As illustrated in the graph, approximately half of respondents said they like outdoor physical activity (54%), outdoor water activities (52%), and social activities (51%) as their favorite activities in which to participate.

#### Favourite Types of Parks and Recreation Activities



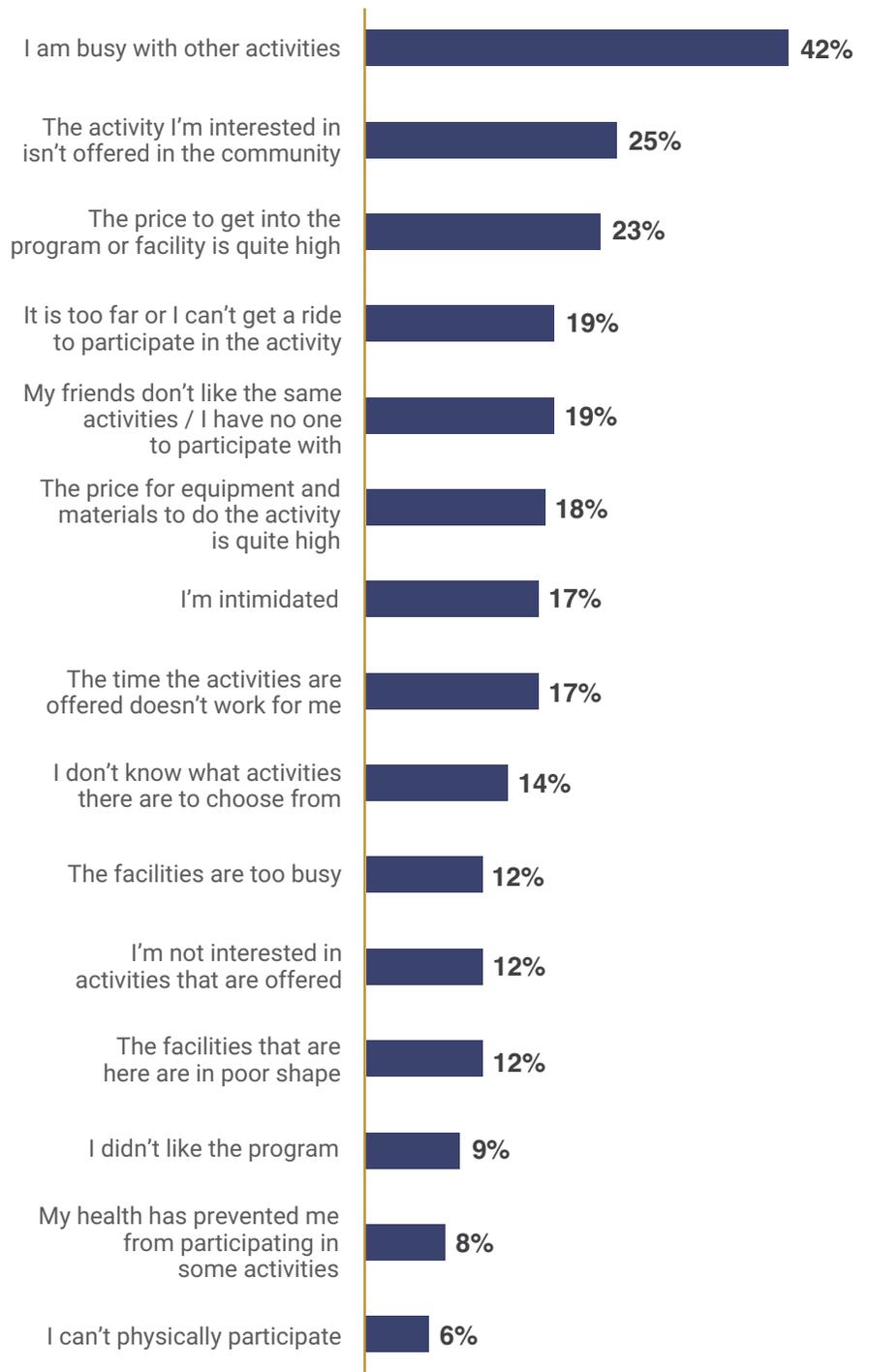
Respondents were then asked if there was anything that stopped them from participating in parks and recreation activities and programs. As illustrated in the graph, approximately two-thirds (61%) said that nothing prevents them from participating; the remaining respondents (39%) said they do experience barriers.

## Is There Anything That Prevents Participation?



Respondents who experience barriers to participation were then asked what stopped them from participating in parks and recreation programs and activities. Over one third (42%) of respondents said they are too busy with other activities. One quarter (25%) of respondents identified that the program they are interested in is not offered in Yorkton. Notably, the minority of respondent (6%) said they cannot physically participate in parks and recreation programs and activities. Refer to the graph for additional responses.

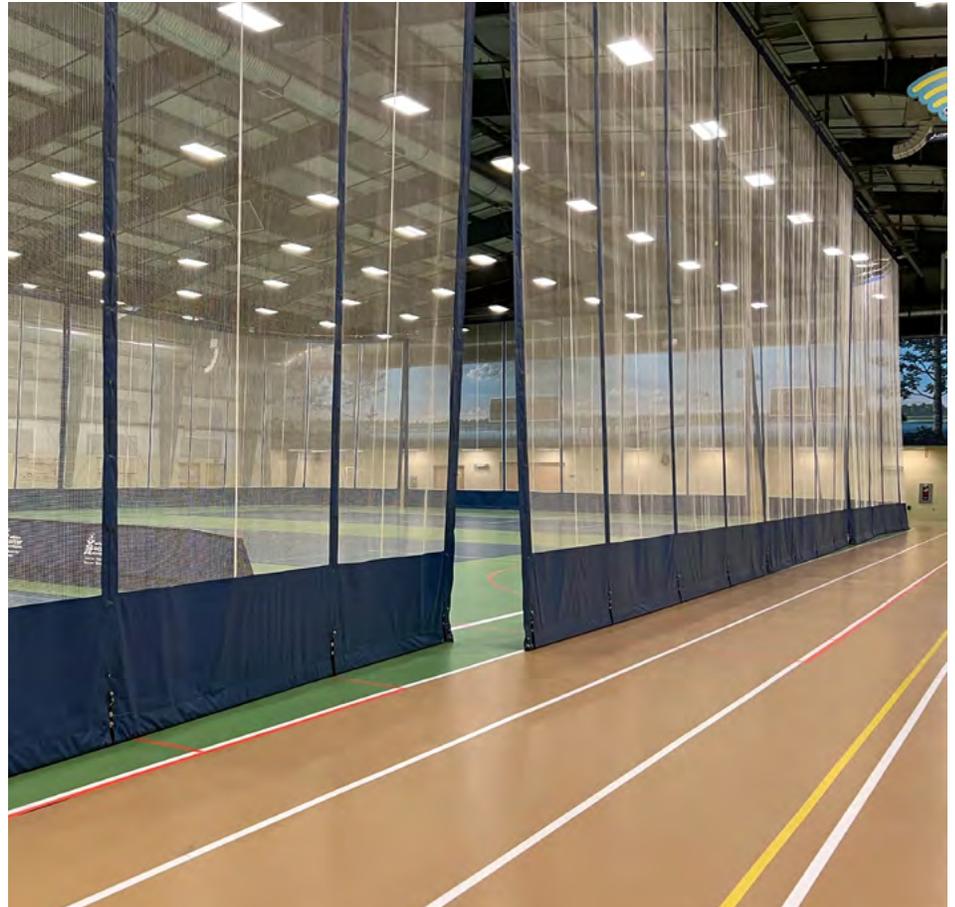
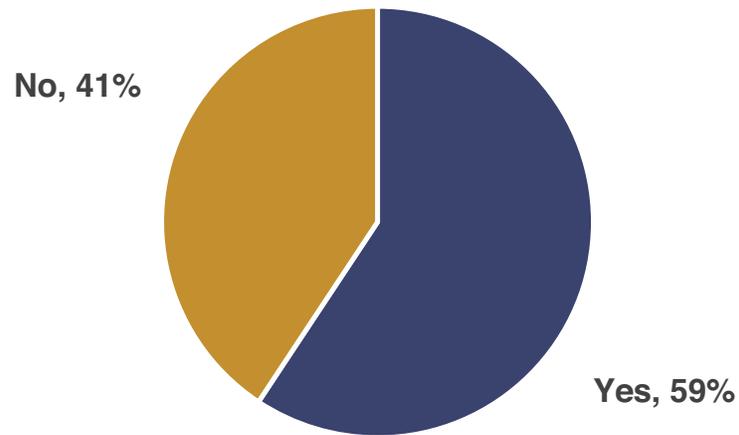
## Barriers to Participation



## 5.1.2 Indoor and Outdoor Parks and Recreation Facilities and Spaces

Respondents were then asked if indoor facilities or spaces need to be improved or if more are needed. As illustrated in the graph, over half of respondents (59%) agreed that indoor facilities and spaces need to be improved or more are needed.

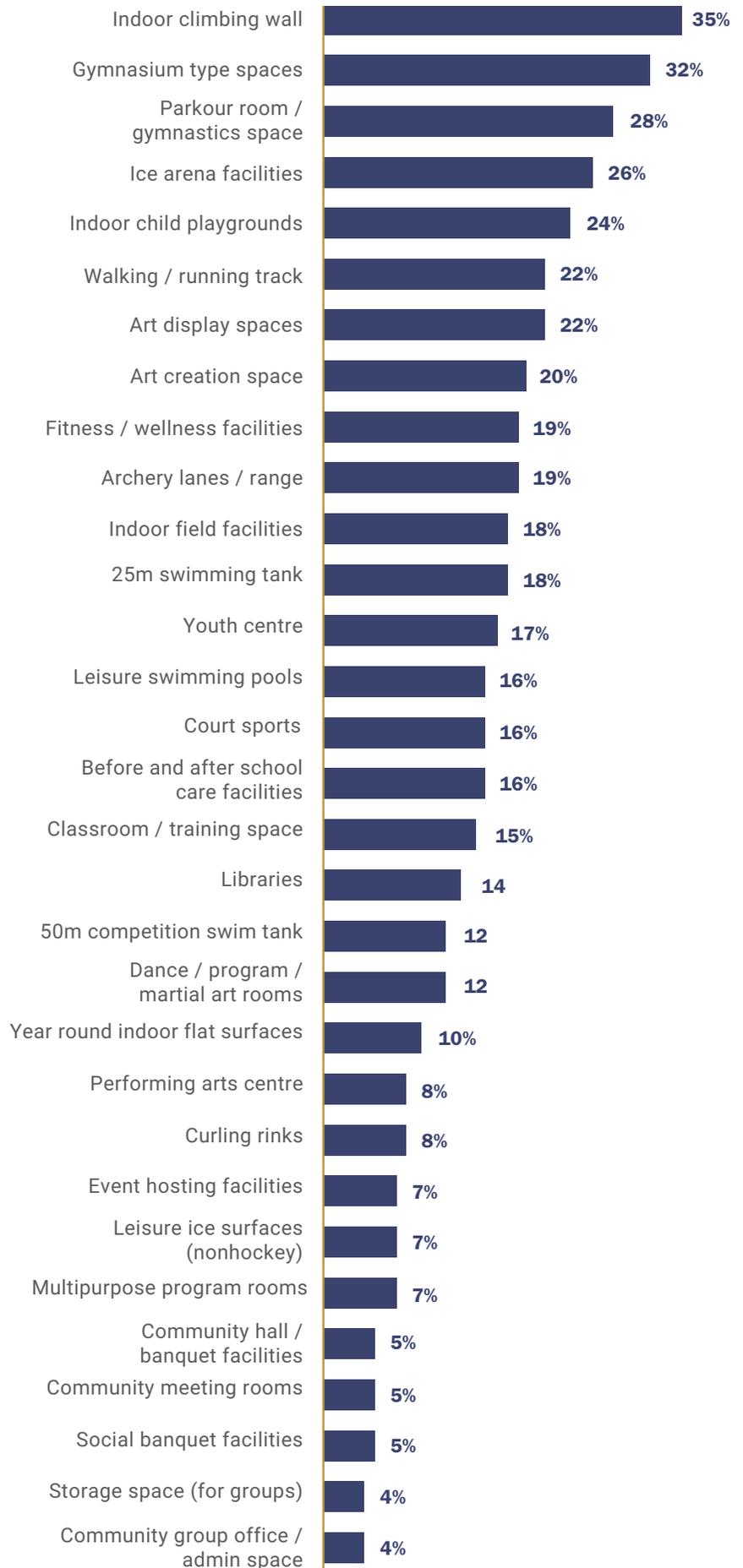
### Are There Indoor Facilities or Spaces That Could Be Improved or You Would Like to See More of?



Respondents who said that **indoor facilities** and spaces in Yorkton need improvement or more are needed were asked to identify five facilities that need to be enhanced or more readily available. The most cited are indoor climbing walls (35%), gymnasium type spaces (32%), parkour room/gymnastic space (28%), ice arena facilities (26%), and indoor child playgrounds (24%). Refer to the graph.

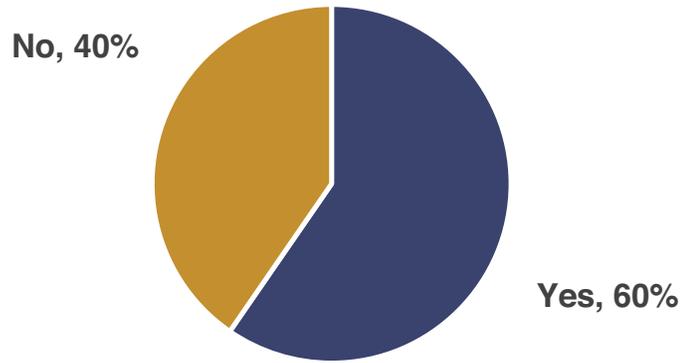


## Are There Indoor Facilities or Spaces That Could Be Improved or You Would Like to See More Of?



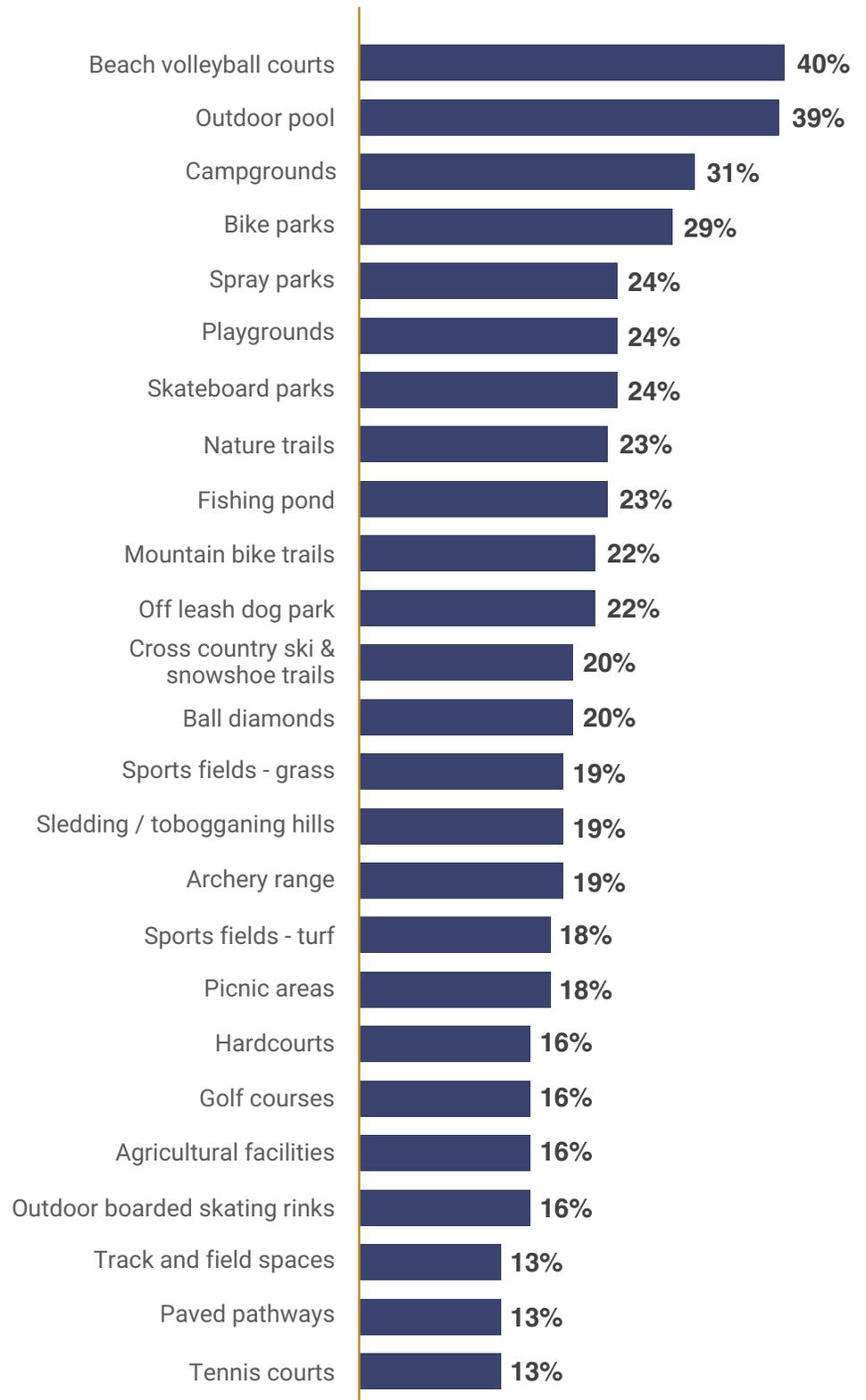
Respondents were then asked if **outdoor facilities** or spaces need to be improved or if more are needed. As illustrated in the graph, three fifths (60%) of respondents agreed that outdoor facilities and spaces need to be improved.

### Are There Outdoor Facilities or Spaces That Could Be Improved or You Would Like to See More of?



## Outdoor Facilities That Should Be Improved or Enhanced

Respondents who said that outdoor facilities and spaces need improvement were asked to identify five facilities that should be enhanced or more readily available in Yorkton. The most cited are beach volleyball courts (40%), outdoor pool (39%), bike parks (31%), campgrounds (29%), and spray parks / playgrounds (24%). Facilities under 11% were not included on the graph. Those facilities include outdoor fitness equipment (11%), open spaces (11%), community gardens (10%), disc golf (9%), amphitheatres (7%), and pickleball courts (4%). Refer to the graph.



## 5.1.3 Other Thoughts

Finally, youth were able to share more thoughts about the activities or programs they would like to see come to Yorkton. The most commonly mentioned responses are noted below:

### New Amenities

- A trampoline park would be a good addition (24 comments)
- An outdoor pool (22 comments)
- An arcade (17 comments)

### Improved and/or Enhanced Amenities and Programs

- Beach volleyball facilities (16 comments)
- Upgrades to the Kinsmen arena (7 comments)
  - » Comments regarding upgrades to the girls change room were mentioned
- Art programs (13 comments)
- Basketball programs (13 comments)



# 6

# Community Contributor Meetings



## 6.0 Community Contributor Meetings

A series of meetings were held with a variety of groups who presented unique perspectives. Discussions were convened in a group setting, while some were conducted one on one. Regardless of the format, the intent of the meetings was to discuss the current and future provision of parks and recreation services in Yorkton. The varying perspectives helped ensure that an all encompassing perspective was gathered. The list of participating organizations is located in Appendix E. Conversations were held with indoor and outdoor recreation user groups, social agencies, Public / Catholic and postsecondary institutions, art organizations and others. In total 36 organizations were included in the meetings. Additionally, two separate conversations were had with the Yorkton Tribal Council.



A synopsis of the meetings is presented below according to themes. The synopsis is intended to be presented as an overview of all the meetings; no comments are connected to any single session of organization. However, there is not total unanimity across all discussions, some items below are included because there were multiple mentions or because they warrant a mention. The information presented is a reflection of the conversations and meetings, the points represent the perspectives of the participants.

### **Reconciliation efforts are good and should be continued.**

The City has demonstrated a genuine interest in furthering efforts toward Reconciliation. This interest has been manifested in City wide efforts. This effort and work needs to continue. The means to further these efforts are varied and should include partnering with the Yorkton Tribal Council during Master Plan implementation.

**Continue to grow grassroots programming.** It is important that those in the community are the drivers of programming. As the ultimate “consumers” of the programming offered in the community, community members are best positioned to know what programs are most desired. While City staff are able to learn of community interests, having programs emanate from the grassroots is the most effective means and offers lower risk.

**Capacity building amongst not-for-profit groups to ensure sustainability.** Many not-for-profit organizations rely on volunteers for their daily operations. While typically successful, this can be challenging for individual volunteers as they take on roles for which they may have minimal expertise or exposure. All organizations need to have staff (volunteer or paid) that are familiar and adept in tasks needed for sustainability. Depending upon the state of volunteerism, the in-house level of expertise can vary as volunteers come and go. It is in the community’s best interest (and the City’s) that these not-for-profit organizations continue delivering services. As such the City should do what it can to help each organization have the skills necessary for successful operation. This can be a range of skills including decision making, planning, money management, grant identification, promotions, marketing, and others.

### **Maximize use of facilities including the Exhibition site.**

There is an impressive portfolio of indoor and outdoor recreation and culture facilities in Yorkton. This portfolio represents a significant pool of resources including capital and operating costs but also for human resources. As much as possible, these spaces need to be maximized in their usage. Looking for opportunities to take advantage of these spaces is important. The Exhibition site hosts many different events and programs and there is belief that more could be done with this site.

**Attract events to the City.** Yorkton is a service centre in the region. It has a very good portfolio of amenities and a good and interested volunteer base. Attracting more events to the city is helpful to bring visitors and dollars into the community, it can provide recreation opportunities to residents as well through volunteer opportunities, opportunities to participate in their own community, as well as spectator occasions. Event attraction can also be the impetus to make some enhancements to some infrastructure.

**There are concerns with affordability.** There are costs accrued by the City and its partners as recreation and cultural opportunities are offered in Yorkton. However, revenue generation, as an outcome, is not as important as people's participation. There are many people in Yorkton for whom cost of participation is a real concern. Considering future provision, there needs to be a recognition of the barriers that exist for some. Efforts need to be expanded to help ensure that as few as people as possible are able to participate and are not denied opportunities due to cost.



**Ensure there is safe active transportation across the City.** Residents of Yorkton are fortunate in the diversity of recreation and culture opportunities that are available to them throughout the city. There are not equal opportunities in every neighbourhood in Yorkton and there is not an expectation for this. However, the ability to access all opportunities via non-motorized means is important. This means that amenities should be accessible, safely, along the trail / pathway system. Some challenges exist connecting the south part of town with the north but consideration should be given to ensuring the connectivity of the trail / pathway system.

**Ensure community groups are brought into planning.** Some of the planning that is undertaken by the City has an impact on community groups. Sometimes this impact may not be obvious. Including community organizations in the planning process is beneficial because it can lead to better and more effective decisions. It also can serve as a communications vehicle and help strengthen relationships between groups and the City.

**Improve infrastructure or access to it.** While there was a recognition of the variety of outdoor amenities in Yorkton, there were some calls for improvements to some amenities or those that support the use of them. The availability of washroom facilities, water fountains, and benches along pathways, near playgrounds and playfields (including diamonds) was considered an area of improvement. In some instances these amenities are missing, in other instances there are porta-potties but they are not always available. There also were some comments about a desire to get additional access to arena ice and gymnasium space.

**Better communication and transparency when making decisions.** While decisions may not always be favourable to an organization, it was felt that the City could improve its communication about how decisions have been made, or even the decisions themselves. There is an interest to better understand the factors that are part of City decision making. It was felt that learning about the decisions and how those decisions were made would be beneficial to groups in understanding the complexity of City decision making. It was also considered a means of strengthening the partnership the City has with the community.



# 7.0 Conclusions



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Several conclusions can be drawn from the engagement undertaken. These conclusions, presented below, represent key takeaways from all engagement even though some may be rooted in findings from one of the specific mechanisms.

- There is general satisfaction with the availability of parks and recreation opportunities in Yorkton. However, some believe there are not adequate recreation and parks facilities in Yorkton.
- It is important that the City consider potential cost savings through partnerships and grants, demand from the community, and that facilities provide active living opportunities across all ages, interests, and ability levels when making future decisions about recreation and parks.
- There is belief that it is very important to ensure that recreation and parks opportunities are available and accessible for all residents in the community.
- The community is adequately informed about recreation and parks in Yorkton, however, there needs to be improvements on the advertising of programs and activities.
- Barriers impacting respondents' participation in recreation and parks activities include being unaware of some opportunities, admission costs, being too busy to participate, and the cost of participating.
- There is belief that there is not adequate recreation and parks facilities and amenities in Yorkton. Facilities and spaces that were identified as needing to be enhanced or more readily available include:
  - » Indoor
    - Ice arena facilities
    - Indoor climbing wall
    - Indoor child playground
    - Indoor multisport / fieldhouse type facilities
    - Seniors centre
  - » Outdoor
    - Outdoor pool
    - Nature trails
    - Paved pathways
    - Amphitheatres, event spaces and band shelter
    - Community gardens
- There is some support for a tax increase for new services in Yorkton.

- There are challenges with operating costs and access to funding. Some other challenges identified are gaining sufficient access to facilities and spaces and attracting and retaining members.
- The current sport and recreation facilities and amenities in Yorkton somewhat meet the needs of the community.
- Developing additional facilities and amenities and enhancing existing facilities and amenities were identified as some things the City can do to help address challenges.



# 8.0 Appendices



# Appendix A: Postcard



## City of Yorkton Parks & Recreation Master Plan



# LET'S TALK ABOUT PARKS AND RECREATION IN YORKTON

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## PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

The City of Yorkton is developing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to ensure you have access to recreation opportunities now and into the future. The Master Plan will guide the development, delivery and improvement of parks and recreation programs, services and facilities.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Your input is important to the project and will help the project team better understand needs, trends, and perspectives on future priorities.

Please visit [yorkton.ca](http://yorkton.ca) to access the survey using the code provided on this card. . Please note, this access code is unique to your household and can only be used once.

If you'd prefer to complete a paper copy of the survey, please call 306-828-2452 or email [DMcLeod@yorkton.ca](mailto:DMcLeod@yorkton.ca) and we will coordinate one for you.

Attention: City of Yorkton Resident  
Your Household's Unique Access Code Is

XXXXXXXXXX

Please visit <https://www.yorkton.ca/en/index.aspx> to access the survey using the above code.

**The deadline to complete the survey is  
September 30, 2022.**

Households that complete the survey will be entered into a draw (insert prize). Entry is optional.



# Appendix B: Household Questionnaire



City of Yorkton  
Parks & Recreation  
Master Plan



## Household Questionnaire

The City of Yorkton is developing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan is a strategic document that will guide the development, delivery, and improvement of parks and recreation programs, services, and facilities in Yorkton for the next 15 years.

**If you have already provided your input in the coded access survey, you do not need to complete this survey.**

Your responses to this survey will be combined with all others when reported. Your anonymity will be protected. **Please complete the questionnaire by November 6, 2022. This survey will take you approximately 20 minutes to complete.**

If you have any questions regarding this survey or the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, please contact the City of Yorkton at [parksandrec@yorkton.ca](mailto:parksandrec@yorkton.ca).

## Section 1: Top of Mind Thoughts

1. What are the main reasons that members of your household participate in recreation activities? Check all that apply.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical health/exercise    | <input type="checkbox"/> Help the community                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy a challenge           | <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxation, mental health, and well-being     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To be with family / friends | <input type="checkbox"/> To enjoy nature                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meet new people             | <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfy curiosity                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To be creative              | <input type="checkbox"/> Something different than work                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure / entertainment    | <input type="checkbox"/> We don't participate in recreation activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve skills or knowledge | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____                  |

## Section 2: Current Usage / Visitation

2. Consider your households participation prior to the disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. From the list below please select those activities that household members participated in on a regular basis (at least 2 or more times per month during the suitable / available seasons for each activity type)

### Indoor Activities

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curling   | <input type="checkbox"/> Racquetball / squash  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating program (e.g. figure skating, learn to skate)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness classes (e.g. spin, yoga, boot camp)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Social events (e.g. events at a community centre or hall)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness training at a gym (e.g. cardio, weight training)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool drop-in (e.g. lane swimming, family drop-in swimming)                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics  | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool programs (e.g. lessons, swim club, aquasize)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnasium sports (e.g. basketball, volleyball, badminton)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey - organized (part of a team or league)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting museums or other heritage attractions  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating on a "drop-in" or casual basis (e.g. public skating or shinny)                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting art galleries / spaces   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Martial arts  | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual arts and crafts (pottery, weaving / knitting, painting, print making, scrapbooking, photography) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performing arts (e.g. participation in a theatre, musical or other type of performing arts program or activity) | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking / running (in a gymnasium or indoor track)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____  |

### Outdoor Activities

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATV use  | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature / wildlife viewing                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ball diamond sports                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-motorized boating (e.g. canoeing, kayaking) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping  | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling  | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding / scootering                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field sports (e.g. soccer, football, ultimate) | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing – cross country                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing - downhill                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golfing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey   | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Special events (e.g. festivals)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging / running                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Stand up paddling                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake / river swimming                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorized boating                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking / hiking                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____                    |

3. For each of the facilities and spaces listed, please indicate how frequently you or a member of your household used or visited each in the previous 2 years. (Note – if multiple household members used the facility at the same time, please count that as one use / visit.)

	Daily (5 or more times a week)	Weekly (1-2 times per week)	Monthly (1-2 times per month)	A few times per year	Did not use / visit in the previous 2 years
<b>Outdoor Spaces and Facilities</b>					
Ball Diamonds (Jubilee Park, Jaycee Beach, Lions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deer Park golf course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disc golf course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neighbourhood parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off leash dog park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor court amenities (basketball, tennis, pickleball courts)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor rink / skating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paved pathways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rectangular sport fields in Yorkton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rectangular sport fields outside Yorkton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skate Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spray parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toboggan hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Daily (5 or more times a week)	Weekly (1-2 times per week)	Monthly (1-2 times per month)	A few times per year	Did not use / visit in the previous 2 years
<b>Indoor Facilities</b>					
Gallagher Centre – Arena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gallagher Centre – Curling Rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gallagher Centre – Flexihall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gallagher Centre – Indoor Water Park (Aquatic Centre)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gallagher Centre – Indoor Track	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gloria Hayden Community Centre – Gymnasium	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gloria Hayden Community Centre – Indoor Track	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gloria Hayden Community Centre – Racquetball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gloria Hayden Community Centre – Squash Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kinsmen Arena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Titles Building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Section 3: Parks and Recreation Services Assessment

4. What, if anything prevents you or someone in your household from participating in recreation opportunities in Yorkton?  
Check all that apply.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing prevents our participation                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Better opportunities elsewhere                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admission fees   | <input type="checkbox"/> The spaces are not physically accessible          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation limitations (cost / availability)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaware of some opportunities                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overcrowded facilities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested in what is available               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor / inadequate facilities                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal health issues / conditions               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too busy to participate  | <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of participation (e.g. registration fees,<br>equipment costs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not comfortable / confident enough to participate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inconvenient hours   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of childcare  |  |

5. How satisfied are you with the overall availability of parks and recreation opportunities in Yorkton?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- No opinion

## Section 4: Future Priorities and Focus Areas

6. Answering on behalf of your entire household, do you think there are adequate recreation and parks facilities (indoor and outdoor) in Yorkton?

- Yes (proceed to Q9)
- No (proceed to Q7)
- Unsure (proceed to Q7)

7. Please select up to **five (5) INDOOR** parks & recreation facilities and amenities that should be more readily available or enhanced in Yorkton. A couple of things to consider:

- » There are costs to building and operating facilities and amenities (this may impact taxes and/or user fees).
- » Your responses will be used to help determine facility priorities for planning purposes. They may not lead to changes in a facility or new facilities being built.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art creation spaces (e.g. dedicated studios, maker spaces)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor agricultural facilities (e.g. riding arena)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art display spaces  | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor child playgrounds   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery lanes / range   | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor climbing wall   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Before and after school care facilities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor multi-sport / field house type facilities (e.g. for activities like indoor soccer, ball hockey, roller derby, lacrosse, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom / training space  | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community group office / admin space  | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure ice surfaces (non hockey)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community hall / banquet facilities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure swimming pools (e.g. for fun including water play features)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community kitchen (e.g. a cooking space that is health authority approved that can be used for events, birthday parties etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-purpose program rooms  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community meeting rooms   | <input type="checkbox"/> Parkour room / gymnastics space  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court sports (e.g. racquetball, squash)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing arts theatre  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curling rinks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors centre   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance / program / martial arts rooms  | <input type="checkbox"/> Social banquet facilities  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event hosting facilities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage space (for groups)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness / wellness facilities (e.g. exercise / weight room)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming tanks (e.g. for lane swimming, lessons, aquafit)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnasium type spaces (e.g. basketball, volleyball, badminton, pickleball)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking / running track  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice arena facilities (e.g. hockey, figure skating, ball hockey, lacrosse)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth centre   |

a. In addition to the **indoor spaces** identified above, are there any other types of **indoor spaces** that you think should be more readily available? If so, please note them here.

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8. Please select up to **five (5) OUTDOOR** parks & recreation facilities and amenities that should be more readily available or enhanced in Yorkton. A couple of things to consider:

- » There are costs to building and operating facilities and amenities (this may impact taxes and/or user fees).
- » Your responses will be used to help determine facility priorities for planning purposes. They may not lead to changes in a facility or new facilities being built.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural facilities (e.g. rodeo grounds, riding arenas) | <input type="checkbox"/> Open spaces (e.g. parks, greenfields)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheatres /event spaces / band shelters                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor boarded skating rinks                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery range   | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor fitness equipment                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ball diamonds   | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor pool  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach volleyball courts                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Paved pathways  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike parks (e.g. pump track)                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball courts                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campgrounds   | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic areas  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community gardens   | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country ski & snowshoe trails                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding / tobogganing hills                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf course  | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard parks  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off leash dog parks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports fields - grass (e.g. soccer, football)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing pond  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports fields – artificial turf (e.g. soccer, football) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf courses  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spray parks   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardcourts (e.g. basketball, ball hockey)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis courts   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain bike trails  | <input type="checkbox"/> Track and field spaces                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature trails   |  |

a. In addition to the **outdoor spaces** identified above, are there any other types of **outdoor spaces** that you think should be more readily available? If so, please note them here.

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## Section 5: Programming

9. The table lists different types of programming. Please identify any that you think should be enhanced or provided in Yorkton for each of the different age groups.

Program Type	Children (0 – 9 years old)	Youth (10 - 18 years old)	Adults (19-39 years)	Adults (40-64 years)	Seniors (65 years and older)	Current programming is sufficient	Unsure
Nature / outdoor education programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental stewardship activities and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fitness and wellness programming (yoga, spin class)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Casual recreation programming ("drop-in" and unstructured types of programs. Like: horticulture, basketball, pickleball)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts / culture programming (pottery, beading, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organized sports teams, leagues, and clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs for individuals facing social, physical, or cognitive barriers to participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs that encourage socialization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water education and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Section 6: Prioritization Criteria

10. The City has limited resources and must set priorities for major facility projects (renewals, expansions / enhancements and new builds) based on achieving the highest level of public benefit.

From the list, please indicate how important each factor should be when the City sets priorities.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Unsure	Somewhat unimportant	Very unimportant
Demand from the community (residents and groups)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Aligns with the priorities of the City	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Overall costs of operating the facility	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The existing supply / availability in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Potential cost savings through partnerships or grants	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Geographic balance throughout the city	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Enhances an existing facility	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Accommodates the greatest number of users	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Provides a new opportunity in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The facility is multi-purpose and serves a number of community needs	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The facility has the potential to generate economic benefit by bringing more events, tourists, and non local spending	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The facility would provide an opportunity to an underserved segment of the community	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The facility would provide active living opportunities across ages, interests, and ability levels	<input type="checkbox"/>				

## Section 7: Values and Considerations

11. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Recreation and parks are very important to my household.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation and parks are very important to my community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation and parks services benefit all residents in the community even if they don't use them directly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is important to ensure that recreation and parks opportunities are available and accessible for all residents in the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where possible the City should partner with community groups to provide recreation and parks services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community events can help people to develop a sense of community and connection to each other.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is important to maintain or upkeep our existing facilities before we consider developing new ones.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Section 8: Communications

12. In general, how informed do you feel about parks and recreation in the City of Yorkton?

- Very informed
- Adequately informed
- Inadequately informed
- Not sure / no opinion

13. How do you prefer to learn about parks and recreation opportunities in the City of Yorkton? Please select your top 5 preferences.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Yorkton Website  | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication through schools                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Yorkton social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram) | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising at community events                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Posters in community facilities / spaces                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletters  | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication from community groups, organizations, or clubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online advertising   | <input type="checkbox"/> Roadside sign  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio stations   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____                                 |



## Section 11: Household Profile

Please provide the following information about your household. This information will help with the analysis of the survey findings. For example, we may examine the findings according to the age of household members. The responses you provide will not be used to identify your individual household.

17. Do you live in Yorkton?

- Yes  
 Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Please provide your postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

19. How long have you lived in the City of Yorkton?

- Less than 1 year  
 1 - 5 years  
 6 - 10 years  
 More than 10 years

20. Please describe your household by identifying the number of members in each of the following age groups – including yourself!

_____ 0 - 4 yrs	_____ 5 - 9 yrs	_____ 10 - 14 yrs	_____ 15 - 19 yrs
_____ 20 - 29 yrs	_____ 30 - 39 yrs	_____ 40 - 49 yrs	_____ 50 - 59 yrs
_____ 60 - 69 yrs	_____ 70 - 79 yrs	_____ 80+ yrs	

21. Which best describes your household composition?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple with children               | <input type="checkbox"/> Multigenerational household (at least 3 generations)                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Couple without children | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two or more adults not a couple (e.g., roommates, siblings living together) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lone parent family                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-person household    |   |

22. Do you or members of your household identify as Indigenous?

- Yes  
 No  
 Prefer not to answer

Thank you very much for taking the time to participate in the survey!

# Appendix C: Group Questionnaire



## City of Yorkton Parks & Recreation Master Plan



# Group Questionnaire

The City of Yorkton is completing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan will help guide the development, delivery and improvement of parks and recreation programs, services, and facilities in Yorkton for the next 15 years.

To develop the Master Plan we are implementing a program of engagement in the community. As part of this engagement the City is gathering input from the groups that provide parks and recreation services to Yorkton residents.

If you have any questions regarding this survey or the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, please contact the City of Yorkton at [parksandrecreation@yorkton.ca](mailto:parksandrecreation@yorkton.ca).

## We Want to Hear from You!

Please answer the following questions considering the perspective of your organization. Only one response per group / organization is requested. Please provide your response by **October 7, 2022**.

Thank you very much!



## Section 1: About Your Organization

1. What is the name of your organization? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Briefly explain the purpose of your organization (mission) and its main activities. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Does your organization provide sports and recreation programming?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure (go to 3a)

3a. Please explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. From the age groups below, please indicate which ones best describe your primary participants / members. (Select all that apply.)

- Children (0-5 years)
- Youth (6-12 years)
- Teens (13-18 years)
- Adult (19-39 years)
- Adult (40-64 years)
- Seniors (65 years and older)

5. Please identify the number of participants / members that belong to your organization.

Average Annual # of Participants / Members Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic (e.g. 2017-2019 annual average)	
Current Number of Participants / Members	

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### Section 3: Future Priorities & Focus Areas

11. Do you think there are adequate sports and recreation facilities (indoor and outdoor) in Yorkton?

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14. To what extent would your organization support an increase in user / rental fees to ensure community needs for recreation and culture are better met?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Neither
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

## Section 4: Challenges

15. What challenges, if any, is your organization facing? Check all that apply.

- Getting sufficient access to facilities / spaces for programming
- Inadequate facilities / spaces (e.g. amenity and support spaces are lacking or are poor quality)
- Aging buildings / infrastructure
- Attracting and retaining coaches / instructors
- Attracting and retaining volunteers
- Attracting and retaining members / participants
- Equipment storage
- Market saturation
- Funding (e.g. grants, sponsorships)
- Operating costs (e.g. facility costs, association costs, insurance)
- Organizational management and operations (e.g. board training, grant writing, accounting)
- Promotions and marketing
- Declining participation
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

16. What assistance or support could the City of Yorkton provide that would help your organization best address its challenges? Check your top five types of support.

- Promoting the group and its activities
- Equipment / materials storage
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- Board / organizational development
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- Operating grant support
- Capital grant support
- Enhance existing facilities / amenities
- Develop additional facilities / amenities
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## Section 5: Final Thoughts

17. Please use the space to provide any other comments you have about the provision of parks and recreation in Yorkton.

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**Thank you very much for taking the time to participate in the survey  
on behalf of your organization!**

Your input is very important to the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan!

# Appendix D : Community Group Survey Respondents



## City of Yorkton Parks & Recreation Master Plan



## Group Questionnaire

The City of Yorkton is completing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan will help guide the development, delivery and improvement of parks and recreation programs, services, and facilities in Yorkton for the next 15 years.

To develop the Master Plan we are implementing a program of engagement in the community. As part of this engagement the City is gathering input from the groups that provide parks and recreation services to Yorkton residents.

If you have any questions regarding this survey or the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, please contact the City of Yorkton at [parksandrecreation@yorkton.ca](mailto:parksandrecreation@yorkton.ca).

### We Want to Hear from You!

Please answer the following questions considering the perspective of your organization. Only one response per group / organization is requested. Please provide your response by **October 7, 2022**.

Thank you very much!

## Section 1: About Your Organization

1. What is the name of your organization? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Briefly explain the purpose of your organization (mission) and its main activities. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Does your organization provide sports and recreation programming?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure (go to 3a)

3a. Please explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. From the age groups below, please indicate which ones best describe your primary participants / members. (Select all that apply.)

- Children (0-5 years)
- Youth (6-12 years)
- Teens (13-18 years)
- Adult (19-39 years)
- Adult (40-64 years)
- Seniors (65 years and older)

5. Please identify the number of participants / members that belong to your organization.

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**Section 5: Final Thoughts**

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# Appendix E: Interview / Meeting Participants

1. Yorkton Family Resource Centre
2. SaskAbilities
3. Big Brothers and Big Sisters
4. Yorkton Business Improvement District
5. Cornerstone Credit Union
6. Yorkton Exhibition Association
7. Yorkton Arts Council
8. Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division
9. St. Paul's Elementary School
10. Dreambuilders High School
11. Yorkton Aquabatix Club
12. Deer Park Golf Course Men's Club
13. Lions Club and Health Foundation
14. Yorkton United Football Club
15. Yorkton Minor Baseball Association
16. Yorkton Kinsmen Club
17. Columbia Elementary School
18. M.C Knoll Elementary School
19. Parkland Colleges
20. Pickleball Yorkton
21. Yorkton Pirates Tennis Club
22. Tony Hayden Basketball
23. Yorkton Tribal Council
24. Old Relics Rec Hockey
25. Yorkton Rec Hockey League
26. JJs Rec Hockey
27. Legacy Co-op
28. Yorkton Minor Football
29. Good Spirit School Division
30. St. Alphonsus School
31. St. Michaels School
32. Sacred Heart High School
33. Chamber of Commerce

# Appendix F: Youth Questionnaire



## City of Yorkton Parks & Recreation Master Plan



# Youth Questionnaire

The City of Yorkton is developing a plan to help guide decisions about parks and recreation programs, services and facilities which are very important components of our community!

To make this Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the City is inviting you to share your thoughts!

Please answer the following questions so we know what young people in Yorkton value about Parks and Recreation and what they would like to see in the future.

## We value your feedback!

A couple notes:

- **This is anonymous.** That means the answers you provide will be combined with all the other answers and we won't know which answers are yours.
- **This is voluntary.** We want to learn your opinions, but you don't have to tell us if you don't want to.
- **Answer the questions based on what you think.** Don't worry about what your friend's answers are, tell us what you think. If you don't tell your friend, they won't know what you answered.

## Part 1: Participating in Parks and Recreation Activities

1. What are your **favourite** types of parks and recreation activities? (You can pick several answers.)

- Nature oriented activities (e.g. fishing, wildlife watching, nature appreciation)
- Visual arts (e.g. painting, photography, pottery, crafts)
- Performing arts (e.g. singing, dancing, drama)
- Outdoor water activities (e.g. non-motorized activities such as canoeing, spray parks, swimming)
- Outdoor motorized activities (e.g. boating, water skiing, snowmobiling, quadding)
- Outdoor sports (e.g. soccer, baseball, golf)
- Indoor sports (e.g. basketball, soccer, hockey)
- Outdoor physical activity (e.g. walking, biking, running)
- Indoor physical activity (e.g. working out, swimming, yoga)
- Attending spectator activities / special events (e.g. concerts, sports events, festivals)
- Leisure activities (e.g. gaming, reading, social media)
- Social activities (e.g. get together with friends / family, going for lunch or coffee)
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is there anything that stops you from participating in any parks and recreation activities or programs?

- Yes
- No (skip to question 3)

a. What stops you from participating? (You can pick several answers.)

- I am busy with other activities.
- The activity I'm interested in isn't offered in the community.
- The facilities that are here are in poor shape.
- The facilities are too busy.
- The price to get into the program or facility is quite high.
- The price for equipment and materials to do the activity is quite high.
- It is too far or I can't get a ride to participate in the activity.
- I can't physically participate.
- I didn't like the program.
- The time the activities are offered doesn't work for me.
- I don't know what activities there are to choose from.
- I'm intimidated (e.g. I don't know the rules, I don't feel comfortable trying)
- My health has prevented me from participating in some activities.
- My friends don't like the same activities / I have no one to participate with.
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 2: Indoor and Outdoor Parks and Recreation Facilities and Spaces

3. In your opinion, are there any **INDOOR** facilities or spaces that could be improved or that you would like to see more of?

- Yes
- No (skip to question 4)

a. Of all the following **INDOOR** recreation and culture facilities and spaces, **pick up to five (5)** that you think should be improved or that more are needed.

- 25m swimming tank (e.g. lane swimming, aquafit)
- 50m competition swim tank
- Art creation spaces (e.g. dedicated studios, maker spaces)
- Art display spaces
- Archery lanes / range
- Before and after school care facilities
- Classroom / training space
- Community group office / admin space
- Community hall / banquet facilities
- Community meeting rooms
- Court sports (e.g. racquetball, squash)
- Curling rinks
- Dance / program / martial arts rooms
- Event hosting facilities
- Fitness / wellness facilities (e.g. exercise / weight room)
- Gymnasium type spaces (e.g. basketball, volleyball, badminton, pickleball)
- Ice arena facilities (e.g. hockey, figure skating, ball hockey, lacrosse)
- Indoor child playgrounds

4. In your opinion, are there any **OUTDOOR** facilities or spaces that could be improved or that you would like to see more of?

Yes

No (skip to question 5)

a. Of all the following **OUTDOOR** recreation and culture facilities and spaces, **pick up to five (5)** that you think should be improved or that more are needed.

Agricultural facilities (e.g. rodeo grounds, riding arenas)

Amphitheatres /event spaces / band shelters

Archery range

Ball diamonds

Beach volleyball courts

Bike parks (e.g. pump track)

Campgrounds

Community gardens

Cross country ski & snowshoe trails

Disc golf course

Fishing pond

Golf courses

Hardcourts (e.g. basketball, ball hockey)

Mountain bike trails

Nature trails

Off leash dog park

Open spaces (e.g. parks, greenfields)

Outdoor boarded skating rinks

Outdoor fitness equipment

Outdoor pool

Paved pathways

Pickleball courts

Picnic areas

Playgrounds

Sledding / tobogganing hills

Skateboard parks

Sports fields - grass (e.g. soccer, football)

Sports fields – turf (e.g. soccer, football)

Spray parks

Tennis courts

Track and field spaces

### Part 3: Other Thoughts

5. Use the space to tell us anything else as we plan for the future of Parks and Recreation in Yorkton. (Are there some programs or activities that you would like to try, for example.)

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## Part 4: About You

6. Where do you live?

- Yorkton
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

7. How old are you today?

- 11 years old or younger
- 12 years old
- 13 years old
- 14 years old
- 15 years old
- 16 years old
- 17 years old
- 18 years old or older

Thanks for answering the questions – we appreciate it!



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