

WORLD CAFE

THOUGHTS
COLLECTED
ON 5
IMPORTANT
QUESTIONS

Question #1:

In question #3 of the survey, 51% of the respondents reported that they were not satisfied with the current rink. Please identify why you believe this to be the case.

- Single use facility
- Only seasonal
- Parking lot is insufficient and muddy
- Poor Lighting
- Viewing areas are obstructed by beams
- Structural problems
- Boards
- Benches
- Electrical in kitchen and throughout facility
- Dripping roof
- Too old
- Dressing Rooms: Need more (male & female) – Need Repairs – Need larger rooms
- Showers and bathrooms need to be larger – Need Repairs – Pipes leaking
- Small Ice Surface
- Very cold building
- Chiller and header need replacing
- Zamboni Room: Freezes – Too Small – Door is dangerous
- Roof boards - Some are rotten
- Stairs are dangerous – vary in height and bad lighting
- Ice surface needs major overhaul – Rotten concrete
- Ice Plant
- Alarm System – Fire/Smoke detectors
- Appearance
- Kitchen: - Pipes freeze – Small – Cooking equipment outdated – Fryers do not meet new codes – Overhead venting system needs to be replaced – Electrical
- Not energy efficient
- Eavestrough
- **Main Concern in all areas of the current Facility - ACCESSIBILITY!**
Wheelchairs, Walkers, Strollers Viewing areas, Washrooms, Concession Area

General Comments

Can the Library be incorporated into the new space to provide guaranteed income?

We need to weight all pros and cons as we do not want to take away from other facilities or areas within the community.

Could the ice surface be used year round if the building was more energy efficient?

Outdoor sidewalks are dangerous, uneven, broken and slippery.

Question #2:

In question #4 of the survey, there were a few comments regarding future improvements needed to improve the Library. Please provide any suggestions on how improvements to the Library could be achieved.

- Put the Library in the school
- Put the Library in the new facility
- Move the Library to a different building in Glenboro
- Would putting the Library in a new facility effect the location of a new facility?
- Existing Space is OK
- Could an addition be put on the back?
- Condition of building
- **Need a space for kids/families/adults:**
 - Tables & chairs
 - Sofas
 - Story telling area
 - Book Reviews
 - Need a place to sit
- **Need space for:**
 - Presentations
 - Art Shows
 - Programs
- Need a proper computer space
- Outdoor reading space
- Accessibility: wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, etc. cannot get in and cannot move around if you do get in
- Need expanded hours
- Can the community get access to the school library?
- Provides another type of activity for youth not involved in sport
- Government supported

Question #3:

The survey indicated that the respondents would like the opportunity to swim, either indoors or outdoors. Please provide a list of what options exist to allow for citizens to have the opportunity to swim and the rationale.

Local Pools or Swimming Opportunities:

Wawanesa, Carberry, Souris, Shilo, Treherne, Brandon & Spruce Woods Provincial Park

Options for swimming instead of building a pool:

- Provide a scheduled bus (handi-van) service to take advantage of public swimming or aquasize classes at another pool

Should we have our own Indoor pool?

Pros

Employment
Bring people to town – economic benefit
Health – swimming in general & fitness classes
School would not have to bus to Brandon for lessons

Cons

There are other pools in the area
Cost of maintenance & staff
Single Use

Should we have our own Outdoor pool?

Pros

Costs are lower than indoor pool

Cons

Short season
Would effect usage other outdoor pools in the area

General Comments

- Build pool by High School
- Could a pool be put at Spruce Woods Inn or at the new Casino?
- Splash Park
- You can't swim in a splash park

Question #4:

The survey and comments from the Arena Board indicate that a new ice surface is a need in the community. If a new arena was built, what other activities should be included in the facility?

- Walking Track
- Ice Surface has be cement to accommodate the following:
 - Roller skating/ roller blading
 - Ball Hockey
 - Car Shows
 - Livestock Shows
 - Larger Wedding and Socials (hall capacity is only 300)
 - Auctions
 - Fair Displays
 - Trade Shows
 - Flea Markets / Indoor Yard Sales
 - Fun Fair

- Library
- Curling Club
- Bowling Lanes
- Meeting Rooms (could be multi-purpose)
- Supervised Play Area
- Court Sports (racquetball, squash, etc.)
- Shuffle Board
- Fitness Centre
- Office spaces
- Storage space
- Climbing Wall
- Open area to share concession and washrooms
- Public Washrooms (year round access)
- Join to an existing facility

Question #5:

The survey suggested that there are a number of other community projects that should take priority over a new recreation facility such as; lagoon expansion, ambulance service and housing. Please provide comments as to why you agree or disagree with the following statement:

“Recreation is an Essential Community Service”

Note* No one disagreed with the statement

Why everyone was in agreement with the statement

- Healthy Living
- Better Health (mental & physical)
- Keeps people of all ages more active
- Gives the young people something to do besides walk the streets
- Cuts down on health care costs in the long run
- Becomes a social outing for all ages
- Recreation classes and facilities attract people of all ages to your community which is important to Economic Development also: restaurants, stores, theatre
- Adds value
- Quality of Life Issue
- Brings communities together as a whole “Community Spirit”
- Investment in the community
- Teaches Sportsmanship / Character Building

General Comments

- Spruce Woods Parks is a year round Recreation Facility which is under utilized by local people
- Need year round activities which would provide recreation for locals plus camping people
- The 1st community to build a new facility will be the future hub of recreation
- Hard to put a cost on non-activity or having no access to recreation
- Services and housing to hand in hand with the upkeep or replacement of any facility
- Water system is very important, how long will we be allowed to use untreated water?
- All money should go into a 24 hour paid ambulance service
- The other infrastructures mentioned in the question rely on different dollars
- Without Recreation or proper facilities to attract people to our community, we won't need lagoon expansion, ambulance or housing

A New Facility Would

- Bring people to our community year round
- Provide job(s)
- Provide accessible outings for shut-ins
- Provide longer training seasons for summer sports and also give them a place to play if the weather is bad

Question #5 Continued:

Comments Related to the Costs of a New Facility

- Should only be paid in part by taxes
- Build within our means
- Keep tax levies close to current level
- Keep all aspects of a new facility affordable, examples: registration, admission, concession prices, etc.