The City is preparing an update to the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public Use Facilities (2008), also known as the Indoor Study.

This update is an opportunity for residents to participate in the process that will guide the long-term strategy for managing the City’s indoor community use recreation facilities.

What Facilities are Included?

- community and recreation centres
- seniors’ centres
- community halls
- arenas
- indoor pools
- public outdoor pools

A strategy for the City’s outdoor facilities and sports fields was prepared in 2011 and is not part of this study.
About the Study Update

Why is the Update Necessary?

The original study created a framework for facility renewal, repurposing, and development, but was completed in 2008.

The City has made good progress with a number of the Study’s recommendations, while others have proved to be more challenging. Given the amount of time that has passed and the changing needs of the community, the time has come for the Indoor Study to be updated.

Keeping pace with future indoor recreation facility needs is vital to ensuring that residents continue to have opportunities to be healthy, active, and engaged.

Recent Accomplishments

- Harry Howell Arena (new)
- Morgan Firestone Arena (additional ice pad)
- Beasley Community Centre (redeveloped)
- Westmount Recreation Centre (rebuilt)
- Birge, Coronation, Green Acres, Inch Park, Rosedale & Walker Outdoor Pools (rebuilt and new)
- Stoney Creek Recreation Centre (new)
- Flamborough Seniors Centre (new)
- Winona Community Centre – temporary (renovation)
- Greensville and Beverly Halls (planned)
- Recreation & Seniors’ Centre at former Scott Park School (planned)

Phase 1 has just begun! It includes a status update of the previous recommendations, a review of key changes in the City, and public engagement designed to identify how community values may have changed in recent years.

Future study phases may be authorized by City Council and could include updated needs assessments and provision strategies, along with additional public consultation.
Public Engagement

Consultation Tools & Events

To date, several opportunities for public input have been provided:

- **Our Future Hamilton** – initial phase complete
- **Household Telephone Survey** (800 households) – complete
- **Indoor Facility User Survey** (200 groups) – nearing completion
- **Public Information Centres** (6) – ongoing

Public Information Centres

**East**: Stoney Creek Recreation Centre – February 2
**West**: Ryerson Recreation Centre – February 3
**North**: Bennetto Recreation Centre – February 4
**Rural South/East**: Glanbrook Arena – February 8
**South**: Westmount Recreation Centre – February 9
**Rural West**: Harry Howell Arena – February 11

Note: All sessions are 6pm-8pm, except February 9 which is 6:30pm-8:30pm

Questions / Comments?

Visit our [project website](http://www.hamilton.ca/recindoorstudy) for updates!

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Over the past year, the City of Hamilton has engaged nearly 24,000 people across the City in a conversation about the future vision of Hamilton. We have heard that Infrastructure, engagement and a healthy society are a few of the key themes that support the future vision of Hamilton.

What we heard about Recreation

- Residents are interested in ice skating rinks, swimming pools, splash pads, skate parks, playgrounds, and recreation centres.
- Activities must be affordable for people of all income levels, designed for people of all ages, and accessible to people in all of Hamilton’s communities.
Some Strategic Directions that can help guide the Indoor Recreation Facility Study Update

- Listen to and consider the views of all impacted stakeholders to ensure that each organization’s decision-making keeps the interests of the community in mind.
- Promote active and healthy lifestyles as a way to reduce the burden on our healthcare system and ensure residents enjoy high quality of life.
- Provide access to affordable outdoor and indoor recreation opportunities to people in all neighbourhoods.
- Provide opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and income levels to participate in sports and activities.
- Provide well-maintained public spaces where we can take collective responsibility for these shared spaces.
About the Survey

A statistically significant household telephone survey of Hamilton residents was conducted in 2015 to better understand resident needs and priorities.

In total, 804 interviews were completed. The margin of error is ±3.5%, accurate 19 times out of 20.

Some Findings from the Survey

- 71% of Hamilton households have used or visited a public or private indoor recreation facility in the City in the past two years.
- The majority of residents are not willing to travel more than 15 minutes to access indoor recreation facilities.
- 43% of households are not able to participate in indoor recreation activities as often as they would like, mostly due to a lack of time.
- 67% agree that upgrades to existing indoor recreation facilities should be a high priority for City Council, while 61% feel the same about the development of new indoor recreation facilities.