Indoor and Outdoor Ice Provision and Programming, 2013-14



Current Situation

- Scarborough district has fewest outdoor ice rinks (1) but second most indoor ice pads(16)
- Significant ice space is available at the 16 indoor rinks
- Scarborough district has eight outdoor Natural Ice Rinks
- McCowan Park completion in 2016 rink and a loop
- The 2004 Council-approved **Recreation Facilities Report** strategy is being delivered:
 - Research and strategize on demand for ice
 - Assess need and viability of existing outdoor artificial ice rinks where investment needed
 - For any additional or replacement outdoor artificial ice facilities, consider low provision areas a priority and any such facilities focus on designs that emphasize pleasure skating.

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Natural and Artificial Ice, 2014-15



Facilities Master Plan

- Ice provision in the context of all parks and recreation facilities and service levels
 - Plan for the right mix of parks and recreation for every community
 - New tools and techniques to measure need (age), demand (local preferences) and barriers (distance, cost)
 - Trends in sport and leisure priorities
 - Feasibility of outdoor rinks weather trends (shorter season) and events (rain days), utility costs
- Plan will be before Council in 2016

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Natural Ice Rinks Past and Present



Interim Actions

- Convert more indoor free skates to shinny
- Organize community-led indoor ice permits
 - Scarborough has significant spot ice available (Sat, Sun afternoons and evenings)
 - Community Non-profits can link up with sponsors for funding
- Develop more community led outdoor Natural Ice Rinks
 - Mature and effective Natural Ice Program
 - Online resources and applications
 - Staff can quickly assess feasibility of sites
 - McGregor Park and Thomson Park
 - Community driven and operated
 - Leverage existing buildings and facilities
 - New ideas include painting multi-sport hard surfaces
 - Demonstrate demand build and measure

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