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.
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
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