

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation

Newtonbrook Community Recreation Centre

Survey Summary Report

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Project Background

The City is planning to build a new two-storey multi-use community centre, located within the base of the Newtonbrook Plaza Redevelopment, M2M community, at Yonge Street and Cummer Avenue in North York.

The new community centre will be a two-storey facility accessed from a new street (Olympic Garden Drive), east of Yonge Street and across from a proposed new public park. The Newtonbrook Community Recreation Centre (CRC) will be owned and operated by the City of Toronto and will be open to the public.

The new CRC will be accessible and is planned to include:

- A 12,300 square foot gymnasium
- A 15,500 square foot multi-purpose space
- A community kitchen
- Community multi-use space
- Common area multi-purpose space
- Free public WiFi
- Gender-neutral washrooms and change rooms
- Storage and staff office space

More information about the project can be found on the City of Toronto web page at www.toronto.ca/NewtonbrookCRC

Survey Overview

An online survey was hosted from May 19 to June 6, 2021. The survey asked for feedback on the types of programming and features community members would like in the new Newtonbrook Community Recreation Centre (CRC).

The survey received a total of **207** responses. This included feedback from **398** participants of various ages.

The survey feedback collected will help to inform the new facility's design and programming.

Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Project webpage: <http://www.toronto.ca/NewtonbrookCRC>

Key Feedback Highlights

Gymnasium and Running Track Area

The community centre will include a new large, two-level gymnasium space and running track. Respondents ranked potential gym and running track uses as follows:

1. Drop-in Sports (e.g. basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, dodgeball, etc.) (68%)
2. Dance Classes (e.g. Zumba, Hip Hop, Ballroom, etc.) (66%)
3. Open Track Time (62%)
4. Intramural Sports Leagues (e.g. basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, dodgeball, etc.) (45%)
5. Martial Arts (28%)
6. Other ideas (28%) (*suggestions listed in the detailed response summary, below*)
7. Gymnastics (25%)

Multi-Purpose Rooms

Multi-purpose rooms will not be dedicated to any one purpose. Instead, they will be flexible, transformable spaces that can serve a variety of purposes and users throughout the day. The top 10 most popular programming or activities for multi-purpose rooms include:

1. Art Classes (58%)
2. Visual arts (e.g. painting, drawing) (57%)
3. Yoga / Meditation (57%)
4. Senior Programs (55%)
5. Sculpture / Pottery (52%)
6. Community permits/Events (e.g. Birthday party rentals, community meetings, workshops) (51%)
7. Crafts (49%)
8. Youth Programs (46%)
9. Kids & Youth Camps (44%)
10. Music (43%)

Fitness / Dance Programs

The new community centre will include a flexible fitness and dance studio space. The top 10 most popular programming or activities for the flexible fitness and dance studio space include:

1. Yoga/Meditation (73%)
2. Pilates (52%)
3. Tai Chi (46%)
4. Zumba (42%)
5. Walk Fit (36%)
6. Cross-Fit (32%)
7. Hip-hop dance (31%)
8. Martial Arts (28%)
9. Bootcamp (27%)
10. Modern dance (26%)

Community Kitchen

The new community centre will also include a kitchen which will be open to the community. Respondents would like the following types of activities and features in the new community kitchen:

1. Cooking workshops/classes (91%)
2. Permits for special events along with multi-purpose rooms (66%)
3. Other ideas: (8%) (*suggestions listed in the detailed response summary, below*)

Lounge/Common Area Spaces

On both levels of the community centre, there will be lounge/common area spaces. Respondents would like the following lounge/common area features:

1. Bottle filling station/drinking fountain (86%)
2. Seating that is comfortable and can be used by those waiting for a pickup (especially wheel trans or the elderly), or to meet others (86%)
3. Plants or greenwall (68%)
4. Charging stations (64%)
5. Reading space (61%)
6. A book exchange library (54%)
7. Tables (49%)
8. Space for displaying or rotating exhibits (46%)
9. Stroller parking (36%)
10. A mural (33%)
11. Other ideas (10%) (*suggestions listed in the detailed response summary, below*)

Detailed Response Summary

Gymnasium and Running Track Area

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What types of programs, activities or sports would you like to have in the gym space and running track area? Select all that apply.

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Drop-in Sports (e.g. basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, dodgeball, etc.)	141		68%
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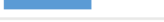
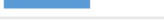

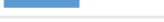

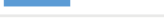


Other suggestions for activities, features and programming in the gymnasium and running track area include:

- Pool / swimming (8)
- Accessible sports/fitness classes for seniors and people with disabilities (7)
- Yoga / hot yoga or Pilates (6)
- Fitness classes (6)
- Weightlifting room / fitness gym (3)
- Cultural / social / special events (3)
- Pickleball (2)
- Kid's classes / playgroups (2)
- Library (2)
- Tai Chi classes (2)
- Bowling alley (2)
- One suggestion for each: hot tubs for medical purposes, all of the above listed options, basketball nets, community garden, summer camps, activities/classes for children, badminton, jazzercise, parkour, weightlifting room, infant & toddler play room / drop in center for the fall and winter for parents to connect, lectures, recitals, local talent events, community fairs/festivals, meetings in the centre of various social interest groups, teaching (e.g. evening classes), roller skating, inline skating, table tennis, high intensity interval training, ballet classes for children, walking track, Chinese or Japanese or Korean Drum Taikoo class, obstacle course, senior hours for track and those with dementia, and hours for autistic kids when there is less noise.

Multi-Purpose Rooms

Multi-purpose rooms will not be dedicated to any one purpose. Instead, they will be flexible, transformable spaces that can serve a variety of purposes and users throughout the day. Programming or activity preferences for multi-purpose rooms include:

What types of programs and activities would you like to have in the multi-purpose rooms? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Art Classes	120		58%
Visual Arts (e.g. painting, drawing)	117		57%
Yoga / Meditation	117		57%
Senior Programs	113		55%
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Woodwork	73		35%
Language Classes	72		35%
Computer classes	70		34%
Drama / Theatre	65		31%
Ping-pong or Foosball	63		30%
Homework Club	56		27%
Cards / Games	55		27%
Chess Club	50		24%
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Leadership Courses	44		21%
Other ideas:	28		14%

Other suggestions for multi-purpose space programming and activities include:










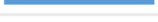
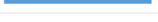







- All of the above listed options (2)
- Employment / job search programs (2)
- Coding/computer programming classes (2)
- Community speakers / lectures (2)
- One suggestion for each: daycare, free meeting space for community groups, some activities targeting seniors or people with physical challenges, free use of computers in some spaces, social issue workshops / seminars, low ropes course, parkour/ninja training, bicycle park, tennis, tool library, workshop, self-defense class, board games, settlement programs, mahjong, science programs, preschool, line dance, karaoke, hobbies such as model-making, dance, scrapbooking, mom club, film clubs, meet up groups, seniors club, entrepreneurial / leadership classes, fitness programs, bowling alley,

swimming classes, library, no computer classes or computer room, billard and snooker tables, LGBTQIA+ programming, and financial classes.

Fitness / Dance Space

The new community centre will include a flexible fitness and dance studio space.

What types of fitness and dance programs would you like to have in this flexible space? Select all that apply

	Count	% of responses	%
Yoga/Meditation	151		73%
Pilates	107		52%
Tai Chi	95		46%
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Ballet	42		20%
Karate	39		19%
Judo	32		15%
Qigong	32		15%
Other ideas:	18		9%


Other suggestions for fitness and dance studio space programming and activities include:

- Seniors' fitness classes (3)
- Weight training / weightlifting room (2)
- One suggestion for each: all of the above, jazzercise, ping-pong, kendo, self-defense for kids, chair yoga for seniors, line dance, Latin dance, allow people to apply to use the space for whatever, classes for osteoporosis, walking group, horticultural group meeting, golf, badminton, Middle Eastern dance, ballet for children, stretch / flexibility class

Community Kitchen

The new community centre will also include a kitchen which will be open to the community. Respondents would like the following types of activities and features in the new community kitchen:

What types of activities or features would you like in the new community kitchen?

	Count	% of responses	%
Cooking workshops/classes	189		81%
Permits for special events along with multi-purpose rooms	136		66%
Other ideas:	16		8%










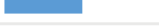

Other suggestions for the community kitchen include:

- One suggestion for each: all of the above listed options, introduction to Persian cuisine, Chinese, Korean, etc. (the neighbourhood cultures), special alcohol licenses for special events, classes for new immigrants to cook together learning about Canadian food, specialty equipment that's unlikely to ever be in somebody's home but wouldn't be able to access without a steep pay wall (e.g. pizza ovens), free classes, cooking club, baking with kids, nutrition workshop, cooking classes for people who have never cooked before (e.g. older widowers), local chefs teaching a theme night/day class, party room, baking, teaching young people how to shop, prepare and cook food, community garden if space permits / connection to outdoor space for families to BBQ or grill, and seniors' lunches.
- One respondent didn't know.
- One respondent felt the kitchen was unnecessary.

Lounge/Common Area Spaces

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A mural	69		33%
Other ideas:	21		10%

Other suggestions for the lounge/common area include:

- Café / coffee/tea shop (5)
- Accessible washrooms (2)

- Cloakrooms (2)
- Art installation / displays / gallery (2)
- One suggestion each for: all of the above listed options, recycling stations, stage equipped with lighting, amplification, tv screens to service audience not close to stage, escalator or elevator, bike parking, wheel trans parking, spacious sidewalks, pac man games, sensory or game tables mounted on the wall for young kids to play with while waiting, small playground, baby changing stations, free wifi, vending machines, quiet space with no electronics, public coin lockers, calligraphy, flower arranging, scrabble, and music performances (guitar, singer, piano, etc.).
- For the coffee shop/café space, two respondents would like it to prioritize selling local goods.

Additional Feedback

Additional feedback provided by survey respondents includes:

Overall CRC programming & features:

- Rooftop garden space / community garden space (3)
- Daycare / child-minding (3)
- Bowling alley (2)
- Quiet space to do homework/read (2)
- Arena (1)
- After school program (1)
- A gathering space for community town halls and forums (1)
- Foodbank and ID clinic (1)
- Settlement Programs that foster partnership with St. Stephen's Community House, University Settle, and North York Community House (1)
- Activities that would appeal to people under 40 (1)
- Separate off-leash dog area (1)
- Film screenings (1)
- Speakers on pertinent topics (1)
- Citizens' advice bureau/support groups (1)
- Yoga for adults & kids together (10 and up for example) (1)
- A room with mirror and bar (1)
- Music studio for creatives (1)
- Work out space (1)
- Prayer room (1)
- Breastfeeding room (1)
- Indoor and outdoor toddler space for parents to engage with other parents/kids (1)
- The new community centre is situated very close to several schools and a lot of high-rise buildings, so it would be beneficial to have more youth programs and as well classes to improve mental health is important, to bring positive thinking to the community (1)

General considerations:

- Free programming / classes (5)
- Staffing and security (1)
- Ability to hold some classes outside, such as yoga, Pilates, tai chi (1)

- Flexibility of class schedules (1)
- A website with fun events, schedules and a digital meeting place for community members and groups to find each other (1)
- If installing vending machines - prefer healthy food, no processed junk food (1)

Washrooms and change rooms:

- Desire to have gender specific washrooms (versus gender neutral washrooms) (3)

Traffic and parking considerations:

- Sufficient free or low-cost parking facilities (2)
- Bike racks to park our bikes outside safely (2)
- Ample pick up/drop off zones (1)
- Concern regarding traffic and the planned new signalized intersection at Cummer and Olympic Garden Drive (1)

Out of scope (these suggestions are not in-scope for this project):

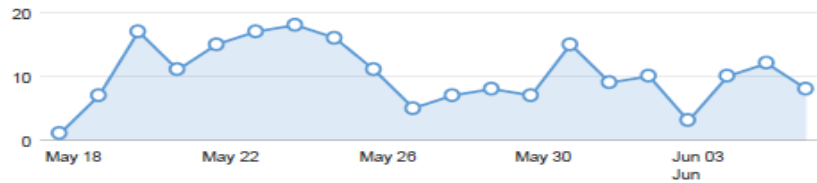
- Although not part of the mandate for this community centre, many respondents expressed their desire for a pool or other aquatic features to be included in the new community centre (18)
- Library (3)

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

Respondents



Response timeline



























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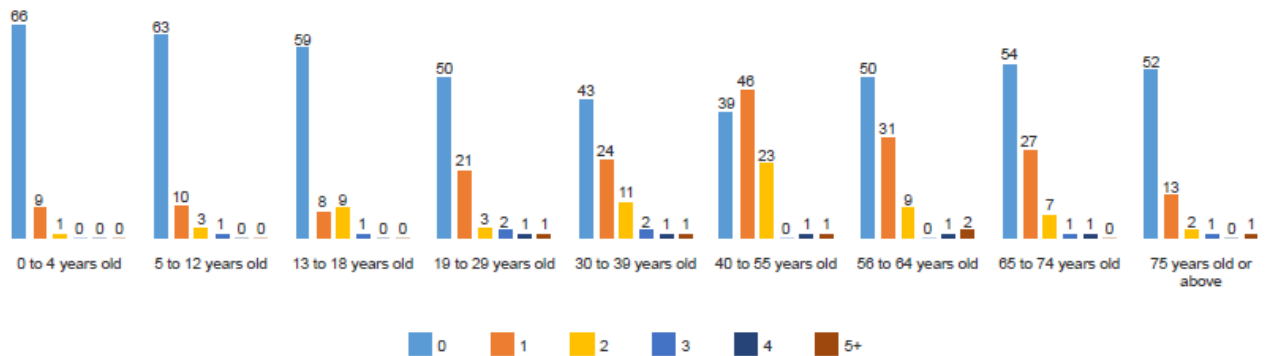
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Demographics

How many people of each age group participated in this survey?



Total responses per age group include:

- 11 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 19 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 35 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 42 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 56 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 101 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 60 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 49 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 25 respondents age 75 years old or above

Gender identity is the gender that people identify with or how they perceive themselves, which may be different from their birth-assigned sex. What best describes your gender?

	Count	% of responses	%
Woman	149		76%
Man	61		31%
Prefer not to answer	5		3%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	2		1%
Not listed, please describe	2		1%
Trans woman	0		
Trans man	0		
Two-Spirit	0		

Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people. What best describes your sexual orientation?

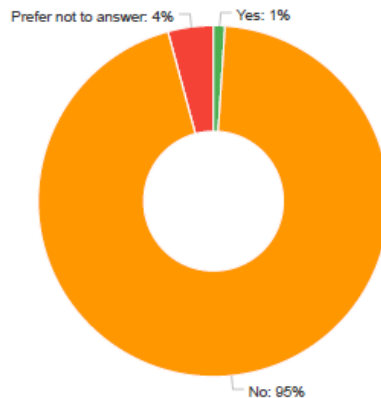
	Count	% of responses	%
Heterosexual or straight	160		83%
Prefer not to answer	18		9%
Gay	6		3%
Bisexual	3		2%
Lesbian	3		2%
Queer	2		1%
Don't know	1		1%
Not listed, please describe	1		1%
Two-Spirit	0		

People often describe themselves by their race or racial background. For example, some people consider themselves "Black", "White" or "East Asian". Which race category best describes you? Select all that apply.







	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	108		55%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	52		26%
Prefer not to answer	18		9%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	11		6%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	9		5%
Other, please describe	9		5%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	5		3%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	1		1%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	0		
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	0		

What language do you prefer speaking?

Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Do you identify as Indigenous to Canada?










What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	147		74%
Renting	30		15%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	11		6%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	1		1%
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	9		5%
Not listed, please describe	1		1%

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How did you find out about this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
Social Media	158		79%
Mailer to my home	16		8%
Email from project team	11		6%
Word of mouth	10		5%
Councillor's Office communications	8		4%
Other, please specify	7		4%
The project web page	2		1%

Appendix B: Text Responses

What types of programs, activities or sports would you like to have in the gym space and running track area?

Respondents who selected "Other ideas." (58 responses)

- Rollerblading league/club/facilities
- Rooms that are assigned for dance should have ballet bars and mirrors for such events and practice
- Yoga for senior
- Swimming pool would be nice
- Swimming pool
- Activities suitable for seniors or physically challenged individuals
- Weight room
- A community swimming pool
- Pool
- Obstacle course, Senior hours for track and those with dementia, perhaps hours for autistic kids when there is less noise and
- Bowling alley
- Tai Chi classes in small groups
- Stretch and strength classes for seniors
- Group fitness
- Weights and gym equipment
- Day care, swimming pool(indoor), library, gymnasium where you could rent for special events like graduations, birthdays or even weddings.
- Yoga
- playgroups for 0-6 years
- Chinese or Japanese or Korean Drum Taikoo class please!
- Pickleball. In both drop-in sports and intramural sports leagues
- walking track
- Ballet classes for children
- Workout classes!
- Cultural events
- High intensity interval training
- Kids classes
- Swimming
- Pickleball drop-in program for seniors
- Indoor swimming pool
- Senior friendly fitness classes
- Table tennis
- Bowling alley
- Fitness classes
- roller skating, inline skating
- Exercise classes - cardio and strength training
- Yoga
- Drop-in programs for Seniors in the area, especially those who may have physical difficulties, live alone, like to meet to chat, play card games, etc.

- Try to establish a dance community in north york. Most of the established dance community pre-covid was downtown. Now that Dovercourt house is closed to dancing maybe some of this activity should be encouraged to move north.
- Lectures, recitals, local talent events, community fairs/festivals, meetings in the centre of various social interest groups, teaching (eg, evening classes), themed social events, eg, different cultural groups, religious organisations, guest lecturers.
- Fitness gym
- Infant & Toddler Playroom - Drop-in Center for the fall and winter for parents to connect
- Weightlifting room
- I am 86 so I am hoping for suitable fitness classes for older seniors.
- Can the gymnastics include parkour, stuff to jump off of and swing with, could that also be open to the public?
- Community Garden, Tai Chi for Seniors, Yoga, Accessible Sports for Seniors and People with Disabilities, Aquafit, and more.
- Fitness classes
- Hot yoga
- How about a salt water heated therapeutic pool?
- Pool, library, basketball nets
- For badminton, use the net setup similar to Mitchell field CC, each court has its own 2 posts for net. Don't have one post to be used by more than one court. Also have shade/cover for the windows so the light won't blind you from seeing birds.
- instructed drop-in yoga, instructed sports activities for people with physical challenges or older adults
- Summer camps, activities/classes for children
- Jazzercise, which is a form of exercise and dance combined
- Yoga classes, fitness classes
- Yoga, Pilates
- All of the above
- Hot tubs for medical purposes and a swimming pool

Multi-purpose rooms will not be dedicated to any one of the purposes listed below. Instead they will be flexible, transformable spaces that can serve a variety of purposes and users throughout the day. In the multi-purpose rooms, what programming or activities would you like to participate in?

Respondents who selected "Other ideas." (28 responses)

- How about financial class
- LGBTQia+ Programming
- Billiards and snooker tables like they have at Edithvale
- I am against computer classes or a computer room. Families and kids need opportunities to be AWAY from computers!
- Library
- Swimming classes
- Bowling alley
- Fitness programs
- Entrepreneurial / leadership classes
- Seniors club
- Film clubs, meet up groups, community speakers

- All the above are good, but I just checked my favourites
- Coding classes
- Mom club
- Assistance with finding employment
- Scrapbooking
- Dance
- Hobbies such as model-making
- Line dance, karaoke
- Mahjong, science programs, preschool
- Settlement Programs, Job Search Workshops, etc.
- Self-defense class, board games, programming/coding class
- Low ropes course, parkour/ninja training, bicycle park, tennis, tool library, workshop
- Social issue lectures, workshops, seminars
- Some activities targeting seniors, or people with physical challenges, free use of computers in some spaces
- All of the above
- Free meeting space for community groups
- Daycare

The new community centre will include a flexible fitness and dance studio space. What types of fitness and dance programs would you like to have in this flexible space?

Respondents who selected "Other ideas." (18 responses)

- Stretch / flexibility class
- Ballet for children
- Seniors' fitness, gentle fitness exercise classes
- Middle Eastern dance
- Seniors' workout
- Weight training
- Golf, badminton
- walking group, horticultural group meeting
- Classes for Osteoporosis
- Allow people to apply to use the space for whatever
- Latin dance
- Weightlifting room
- Line dance
- Chair Yoga for Seniors
- Kendo, self-defense for kids
- Ping pong
- Jazzercise
- All of the above

The new community centre will also include a kitchen which will be open to the community. What types of activities or features would you like in the new community kitchen?

Respondents who selected "Other ideas." (16 responses)

- Seniors' lunches
- Community garden if space permits or connection to outdoor space for families to BBQ or grill
- Teach young people how to shop, prepare and cook food
- Baking
- Party room
- Local chefs teaching a theme night/day class
- Cooking classes for people who have never cooked before - i.e.. older widowers
- Cooking club, baking with kids, nutrition workshop
- Free classes
- Kitchen in my opinion is unnecessary.
- Specialty equipment that's unlikely to ever be in somebody's home but wouldn't be able to access without a steep pay wall like pizza ovens etc
- Intro to Persian cuisine, Chinese, Korean etc. the neighbourhood cultures
- Don't know
- All of the above
- Classes for new immigrants to cook together learning about Canadian food
- Consider special alcohol licenses for special events

On both levels of the community centre, there will be lounge/common area spaces. What amenities would you like included in or near to the lounge/common area spaces?

Respondents who selected "Other ideas." (21 responses)

- Music performances (guitar, singer, piano, etc.)
- Calligraphy. Flower arranging. Scrabble.
- Cafe shop
- Quiet space with no electronics
- Cloak room so people can change out of winter boots
- Local artists displays, youth group art, famous painting / sculpture / photo of the day, kids art gallery, seniors art gallery
- Vending machines
- Free wifi
- Baby changing stations
- Small playground
- Go check pearson airport for inspiration. Also, public coin lockers
- Coffee/tea bar run by volunteers.
- coffee machine. snack machine for parents waiting for kids
- Cafe or Coffee Shop
- Sensory or game tables mounted on the wall for young kids to play with while waiting
- Art installations from the community that rotates monthly, pac man games
- Bike Parking, Wheel Trans, Spacious Sidewalk
- Washrooms
- Coffee shop selling local goods, indoor farmers market for local growers like ParkviewNeighbourhood garden

- All of the above
- Cloakrooms- staffed, recycling stations washrooms addressing kids, wheelchair, Walker accessible, stage equipped with lighting, amplification, tv screens to service audience not close to stage, escalator or elevator

Do you have any other feedback on the features and uses of the new Newtonbrook Community Recreation Centre?

- Adding an indoor swimming pool. The closest one in the area is Douglas Snow and Cummer and their classes are always full. Offer swimming lessons for all ages. Swim clubs/Swim fit for adults
- I have been looking for an indoor swimming pool for long time, and unfortunately there isn't one planned here. I have to go to Vaughan (Hilda & Clark) for indoor swim and being charged more for no resident
- It doesn't seem this includes a Pool or library, but both those would be wonderful
- Free parking for those attending classes /using the space. Ample pick up/drop off zones.
- If installing vending machines - prefer healthy food, no processed junk food
- There should be sufficient free or low-cost parking facilities
- A library with resources would be excellent
- Please also have regular male and female washrooms in addition to gender neutral bathrooms. It has been proven that gender neutral washrooms increase wait times for males and is less cleanly for females both a lose lose situation
- Prayer room, breastfeeding room, indoor and outdoor toddler space for parents to engage with other parents/kids
- In the UK they are contemplating reversing the idea of gender-neutral washrooms and all new spaces must have separate men's and women's facilities. It creates a safer environment. Please look into this
- Work out space, sauna like port union used to have would've great. Summer outdoor wading pool or splash pad
- Music studio for creatives
- Need a pool
- It would be nice to have a bowling alley again
- The new community centre is situated very close to several schools and a lot of high-rise buildings, so it would be beneficial to have more youth programs and as well classes to improve mental health is important, to bring positive thinking to the community
- Please make it without fees
- Quiet study spaces during exam seasons, would be nice. Or just quiet places for people to go to study, read, or work all year round. With tables and chairs
- Maybe a child minding (babysitting) service where for a fee, new moms can enjoy activities, and someone can watch their babies/kids in the meantime. Similar to GoodLife Fitness. Also, flexibility of class schedules
- A room with mirror and bar please, movement learning is much easier with mirror
- Pool
- Re: swimming. I understand a pool isn't part of the design for the new community centre, but I really wish it had been included. In the absence of no new pool to service this underserved area of the city, is there some way to revisit partnerships with the high schools (e.g. Newtonbrook), to once again use these pools on evenings/weekends? York Mills Collegiate seems to be the only remaining high school pool that is leveraged

by the city. The lack of swim programs for adults in this area is frustrating (I'm specifically referring to Adult Swimfit). We get absolutely crammed in at Cummer, and that's only if one is able to get one of the coveted spots. DSAC doesn't offer it, and the next 'closest' program is at North Toronto Community Centre, but I don't exactly consider Eglinton close to Newtonbrook. This has been a real problem for years. The demand is there but is not being met. (2) Re: Traffic. I am really struggling to understand how the planned lights at Cummer and Olympic will work. Because the new lights are so close to Cummer and Yonge, all I can imagine is excruciating traffic jams and next to no proper traffic flow through that stretch of road. Have any of the planners ever driving through this intersection during rush hour?? Why not instead scrap the idea for lights, and instead allow only right (eastbound turns) onto Cummer during busy hours, and only permit left turns during off-peak times? I think the lights sound like a very dysfunctional idea and will only force more traffic into the residential streets north of Cummer. Can someone please address this issue at one of the meetings and actually explain how this is going to work????

- Perhaps a website with fun events, schedules and a digital meeting place for community members and groups to find each other etc. And where we can share great photos, add in a writer's corner for all ages, and post achievements and promote community spirit. Sounds like you are already developing a great meeting place for the community with a wide range of purpose. I'd love to work there to share and see it all happen
- Swimming pool
- I would like to have an indoor swimming pool
- All areas must be inclusive. It's great there are unisex washrooms, but people whose culture/religion keeps privacy between sexes should have a couple of gender specific washrooms
- Quiet space to do homework/read. Free classes / space (not just ones you have to pay for). Bike racks to park our bikes outside safely. Yoga for adults & kids together (10 and up for example)
- Please make sure that bicycle parking is not just an afterthought. Please ensure there is ample secure bicycle parking preferably within viewing distance of some of the activity locations. Well-spaced spots so bicycles aren't crammed together
- Passing thought - citizens' advice bureau/support groups
- Bring back the bowling lanes
- I am so sad that a swimming pool has not been included in this building. There is a real shortage of places where people can swim. The existing ones are overcrowded.
- It is important that free parking provided to residents of North York
- I might have had when I was younger. Any chance there could be a place to see movies of interest? Possibly some speakers on pertinent topics
- Garden beds outside of the community centre for garden and nature programs please! Can integrate gardens into summer camps, cooking workshops, science programs, youth leadership etc.
- Full size swimming pool with programming for families, lane, leisure, lessons and smaller pool for younger children and families also swimming for people with disabilities a library branch
- Would be really nice if there were a pool
- These are some of the features the people of Newtonbrook can benefit from: -
Community Garden - Daycare - Pool (e.g. aquafit for seniors) - Foodbank and ID clinic -

Settlement Programs (foster partnership with St. Stephen's Community House, University Settle, and North York Community House) - Separate off-leash dog area

- I think an indoor and outdoor pool would be VERY beneficial to the area--for lessons and enjoyment!
- There are no extra warm pools in the area for seniors who have many aches and pains
- Community centres have to have more interesting things to keep up with modern times. The same gymnasium and community rooms doesn't cut it. There are plenty other places and that offer that. What would draw the community are some activities that would appeal to people under 40
- In the gym, don't have windows that will have lights from outside that can blind you, or keep you from seeing balls, birds, when playing sports (table tennis, badminton, etc.). Some gyms have the 'open concept' that want to allow people from outside to see inside. The problem is it doesn't work for people inside doing sports. If wanting to have windows, then have shades/covers
- It would be great to have more indoor/outdoor pool access other than Goulding CC and Antibes CC since both have smaller sized pools
- Rooftop garden space? A gathering space for community town halls and forums?
- Ability to hold some classes outside, such as yoga, pilates, tai chi
- A swimming pool would be a great addition
- If the above facilities can be incorporated the Centre will be a boon to the community
- Free programming for seniors and children
- Have a daycare for infants and young children After school program
- Staffing and security
- Arena