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Online Public Survey Summary

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Introduction

As part of Toronto's [20-year Facilities Master Plan](#) (FMP), City staff reviewed existing curling facilities across the city to determine the need for new or improved facilities. At the time the FMP was developed, Toronto's supply of City-owned curling ice was in line with or better than other Greater Toronto Area and large Canadian cities.

Based on the supply of City-owned curling ice and the availability of additional privately-owned curling facilities, no additional facilities were recommended.

In October 2019, as part of the approval of the FMP Implementation Strategy, City Council directed staff to monitor and assess trends and participation in curling. Closures of three private curling facilities, two in Toronto's west end, have altered the context of curling in the city.

City staff are in the process of developing a Curling Strategy to:

- Assess the trends and participation in curling
- Consider the current context of curling ice availability
- Identify opportunities to increase public interest in and access to the sport

More information about the project and the engagement process can be found on the [project webpage](#).

Survey Overview

The survey introduced the Curling Strategy and ongoing work to the public and gathered feedback on the draft principles for arena conversion or shared use (developed through stakeholder engagement), and preferences between both options. The online survey was hosted from July 9 to 25, 2021.

The survey received a total of 1,333 responses (including 308 partial responses). This included feedback from 2,232 participants of various ages.

The feedback gathered through this survey will contribute to informing the development of the Staff report to council in late 2021 and the Curling Strategy.

Meeting Promotion and Attendance

Promotion included:

- Emails to over 130 arena users groups with recent permits for Etobicoke arenas (more than 24 permit hours per year)
- Emails to over 5,000 arena program registrants from 2018 and 2019 and Etobicoke/York arena permit holders (one-time permit holders, less than 25 permit hour per year).
- Paid social media ads (Facebook and Instagram)
- Emails to the project listserve
- Emails to the Curling Reference Group
- Promotion on the project webpage: www.toronto.ca/CurlingStrategy

Feedback Summary

The following provides a summary of feedback collected through the online survey. Background information on Curling and the options presented in the survey are available in Appendix B. Raw responses are included in Appendices A and C.

Preferences for How to Create Space for Curling

Respondents were asked whether they would prefer a shared use model, full-time arena conversion, or had no preference between the two. While overall, more respondents preferred arena conversion (57% of respondents) to a shared use model (31%), when analysed by respondent user group:

- Curlers much preferred full-time arena conversion (88% of self-identified curlers) to a shared use model (5%)
 - 7% of curlers having no preference between the two options, noting they would be happy with whichever option provides more curling access
- Non Curlers preferred a shared use model (56% of those who did not identify as curlers) to full-time arena conversion (26%)
 - 18% of non-curlers have no preference between the two options

Many respondents commented that they would prefer **neither** option. While some respondents noted they preferred no action be taken at all, others suggested the following alternatives:

- Building a new curling arena
- Building a curling addition to an existing arena
- Building an outdoor rink, or bubbling an outdoor rink
- Converting a single pad at a double pad arena
- Encouraging solutions in the private sector (e.g. through incentivising private curling rink development or through fundraising) or through a public-private-partnership
- Using an existing private curling club for public programming
- Converting an industrial building for curling use
- Maximizing existing curling clubs, including extending hours and adding more ice pads
- Building more ice pads overall (for curling and other ice sports/activities)

Share Use Preference

Respondents who prefer a shared use model provided the following rationale for their preference:

- Allows for maximized, flexible, multi-sport use of an existing arena rather than a single use
- May have less impact on existing arena users, including local community members, local school programming, and youth programming than full-time conversion while still providing more ice time for curlers (provides a compromise solution between multiple user groups)
- Is cheaper than full-time arena conversion or a new arena
- Is easily reversible
- Can be used as a pilot project to test out if a full-time conversion is required
- A couple of respondents noted shared use may be successful if providing morning or day time slots, while others suggested a full-day conversion so that some prime time curling could occur

Full-Time Arena Conversion Preference

Respondents who prefer a full-time arena conversion provided the following rationale for their preference:

- Ensures safe, consistent, high-quality ice
 - Low ice quality (a concern with a shared use model) could result in ice quality that may be inadequate, inconsistent, and/or unsafe for users, and:
 - Curlers not wanting to use the ice due to safety concerns or poor playing conditions
 - Curling ice being used primarily for recreation rather than competition, which would prevent a significant amount of curlers from using the ice
 - Some curlers noted they would prefer no action be taken instead of a shared use model, due to ice quality concerns
 - Respondents noted the curling lines may interfere with other activities in a shared use model
 - Some respondents noted they had used shared use facilities and did feel they were successful at providing quality ice
- Ensures consistent and prime-time curling ice availability for consistent play, improved curling access for all ages and level, improved curling access for schools, and the opportunity to host curling tournaments/ Bonspiels
 - Addresses curlers' concerns that a shared use model will prioritize existing users
 - Addresses curlers' concerns that a shared-use model could result in inconsistent and inconvenient curling ice availability, which would result in low usability and less people continuing with or entering the sport
 - Provides more ice time for curling, to match current and growing demand
 - Allows curling to grow by providing more available ice times for both recreational and competitive curling in one arena
- Reduces ice time lost to the ice conversion process and associated staff time and costs
- More readily allows for the development of off-ice curling amenities, to support the social elements of curling
 - These off-ice amenities in addition to program fees and the opportunity to host Bonspiels could allow for curling revenues that support the arena completely
- Better fosters a sense of community for curlers
- Reduces conflict between user groups compared to a shared use model (e.g. does not require management to constantly balance the needs of competing users groups when booking tournaments and programing)

Prefer Neither Option

Respondents who prefer neither option provided the following rationale for their preference:

- Concern that either option proposed would reduce ice time availability for existing programs (e.g. for hockey, figure skating, ringette, free skate, etc.), especially youth programming, when existing ice is already in high demand, especially during prime-time hours
 - Many respondents do not want existing arenas or ice time allocations impacted at all
 - A few respondents noted that existing users are being pushed to private arena use because of a deficit of prime time public ice availability
 - This increases programing/access costs for participants

- Concern that either option would result in existing arena users needing to travel further to attend programming, which is especially challenging for parents with multiple children
- Concern that with the population growing, the City should be building more ice pads to keep up with demand rather than reducing ice availability for ice sports/activities
- Concern that introducing curling into existing arenas would further reduce the amount of ice time for programming targeting low-income or equity-deserving groups (e.g. reduction in leisure skate times) or make these programs more difficult to access (e.g. if participants were required to travel further distances)
- Many respondents do not feel there is sufficient demand for curling ice (compared to ice demand for other ice sports and activities) to justify any action that removes or reduces ice time for other ice sports/activities, or invests funds into curling over other ice sports/activities. They would prefer the City allocate ice time and investment based on the demand for each sport/activity
 - Some respondents want a more clear understanding of what the demand for curling ice is compared to the demand from other ice sports/activities, the demographics of that demand, and how the decision to convert ice (full or part time) would be justified based on that data
 - Some respondents believe a lack of demand and fiscal viability resulted in the closure of private curling facilities and do not want the city to spend public money to fill the programming gap as they feel this serves only a small, niche demographic
 - Many respondents believe Curling has an older demographic and would prefer that limited ice space be allocated to youth programming instead
- Concern that a full-time conversion or a shared use model will negatively impact the local arena's community, which in some cases has been built up over decades
 - Some respondents noted that they chose to live near an arena for ease of access to existing ice sport/activity programming

Adjustments to the Principles

Survey respondents were asked if they had any suggested changes to or comments on the Draft Principles for Arena Conversion or Shared Use. Draft Principles included:

1. Maintain open dialogue and transparent communications between existing Etobicoke arena users, curlers, and the City
2. Allocate ice time based on the demand for each activity (adjusted over time)
3. Maintain safe and good quality of ice for all users
4. Minimize impacts on existing user groups by:
 - Filling unused ice time slots (e.g. off-peak times) before other actions are taken
 - Minimizing any reductions to existing ice permit hours
 - Maintain existing permit time slots and permit locations whenever possible
 - Minimize ice down-time from ice conversion
 - If required, work with permit holders to select the least disruptive time slots changes and/or relocations
5. Ensure off-ice amenities are not overcrowded and are safe for all users
6. Do not create gaps in programming provision for existing user groups (e.g. skating, ice hockey, etc.)
7. Support sport development for all ages and abilities

In total, 67% of respondents said they had no comments or suggestions and the principles were fine as-is. Another 33% provided suggestions/ comments, including:

- Some respondents felt the principles unfairly:
 - Prioritized existing users while others felt they unfairly prioritized curlers (especially principles 4 and 6)
 - Prioritized a shared use model
- Comments related to principle one include suggestions to:
 - Host more consultation with existing arena users and local communities
 - Provide a "do nothing" option or a "new arena" option, instead of asking respondents to choose a preference between a shared use model or full time conversion
- Strong support for principle two, though some respondents noted that they do not support principle two for fear this would result in little/no time slot allocations to curling
- Some respondents felt principle three's use of the term "good" is too vague
 - Some respondents suggested ice markings should be considered when ensuring ice quality is good for all users (ensure markings are not distracting between user groups)
- Many respondents supported principle four while some respondents felt that principle four unfairly prioritizes existing users over curlers and will result in curlers only accessing unwanted ice timeslots unless a full-time arena conversion is undertaken
 - A suggested addition to principle five is to ensure new curling ice includes provision of off-ice curling amenities to support the social side of curling (e.g. areas for players to socialize, eat, and drink after a game)
 - One respondent suggested not including off-ice social amenities, recommending users patron local businesses for social space instead
- Support for principle six, and the suggestion that any programs that need to be moved, be moved to a nearby arena
- Adjust principle seven (*Support sport development for all ages and abilities*):
 - Many respondents want youth programming prioritized for its physical and mental health benefits
 - Some respondents want to ensure the needs of equity deserving groups are prioritized, and that accessible, inclusive, and affordable programming is prioritized
 - Some respondents emphasized the importance of providing accessible programming for older adults (to maintain physical and mental health), with one respondent suggesting changing the wording from "all ages" to "each age group"
 - A respondent suggested adding a gendered lens
- Suggested additions:
 - Accessibility:
 - Ensure ice sports/activities are accessible for people of all income and skill levels
 - Locate curling access on transit accessible locations
 - Existing Users:
 - Only consider shared-use or conversion at a rink that does not have a home league or club (for hockey, figure skating, ringette, etc.)
 - Ensure existing users do not experience a fee increase
 - Prioritize reducing impacts on local communities and prioritizing local community needs (around an arena) rather than the needs of those who would drive to the arena from outside the community

- Curling Ice Allocation:
 - Ensure curlers have equal access to consistent, prime-time ice time slots (e.g. for youth, and those who cannot curl mornings or in the daytime)
 - Provide year-round curling access, or extended season lengths
- Maintain positive relationships between various user groups
- Ensure best use of public funds and/or cost recovery in the decision making process
 - Some suggested curling uses will not recover costs/will cost the city more than other ice activities/sports

Additional Suggestions and Comments

Additional suggestions and comments provided, not included above:

- Many respondents noted the benefits of their sports/activities (hockey, ringette, figure skating, curling, sledge hockey, and more) to their communities, including physical and mental health benefits for participants of various ages, the social ties and community building the sports/activities provide, and the accessibility/diversity of different programs within each sport/activity
- Accessing funding for a new arena or an arena addition through:
 - Reworking or adding to the existing City of Toronto capital budget
 - Using development charges and Section 37 funding, as the city grows
 - Higher levels of government
 - Public-private partnership
 - Fundraising (private)
- Broad suggestions for curling ice locations include:
 - On golf lands
 - In Scarborough/the east end, where there is also unmet demand
 - Outside of Etobicoke
- Some respondents are happy and thankful there are efforts being made to improve curling access in the city, and some would like new curling ice available as soon as possible
- Confirmation that many curling rinks have closed in and around the city, and that there is unmet demand as most existing rinks are at capacity
 - Respondents provided various hypothesis for why curling rinks in Toronto had closed (fiscal unsustainability, the cost of maintenance, private clubs' desire to shift to more of a focus to golf).
 - A respondent noted that Bayview Curling Club may also be considering closing
- Facility use suggestions:
 - Some curlers want competitive curling to be available programming for any new curling ice, while others want recreational curling prioritized
 - Consider school booking demands when analysing existing arena use
 - Prioritize user groups that will volunteer to take care of and run arenas
- Facility feature suggestions:
 - Consider a similar facility to the Savile Centre in Edmonton
 - Ensure adequate parking for any converted or shared use facility
 - Ensure enough space for COVID social distancing in any facility
 - Curling facility floors must be clean to ensure dirt is not tracked onto the ice

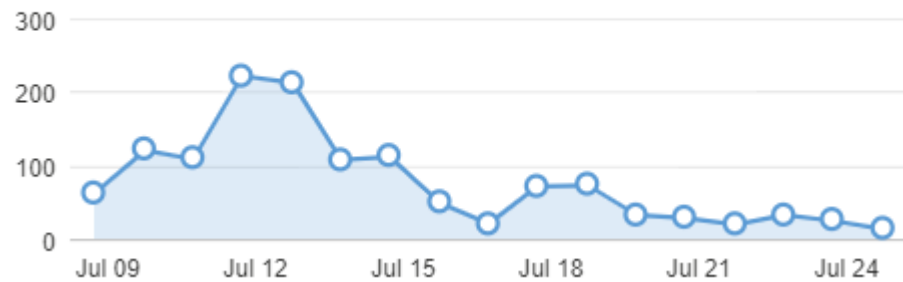
- Centennial and Longbranch are the only city rinks with ringette lines, which should be considered when choosing an arena for either shared use or full-time conversion
- Consider combining curling facilities with racket sports facilities
- For any new floors in a curling rink to be concrete rather than sand based floors (more energy efficient and can be used year-round)

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

Respondents



Response timeline



What arena user-group are you a part of?

	Count	% of responses	%
Curling	656	<div></div>	49%
Leisure/Recreational Skating (e.g. free skate times, skating lessons)	489	<div></div>	37%
Hockey	429	<div></div>	32%
Figure Skating	156	<div></div>	12%
I am not an arena user, but live nearby an arena	87	<div></div>	7%
Other, please specify	21	<div></div>	2%
Ringette	16	<div></div>	1%

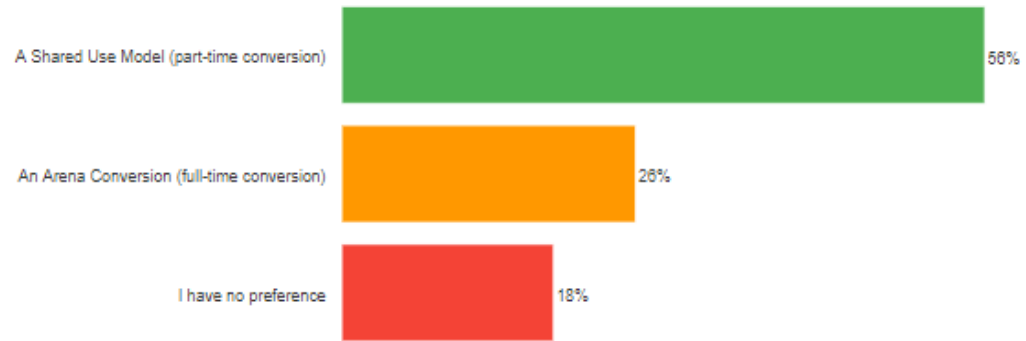
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Between the two options currently being considered, which do you prefer:

	Count	% of responses	%
A Shared Use Model (part-time conversion)	340	<div></div>	31%
An Arena Conversion (full-time conversion)	631	<div></div>	57%
I have no preference	143	<div></div>	13%

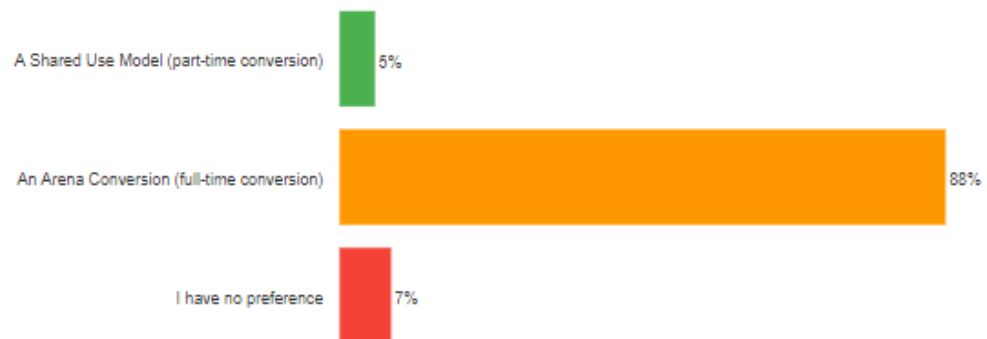
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(Non Curlers) Between the two options currently being considered, which do you prefer:



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(Curlers) Between the two options currently being considered, which do you prefer:



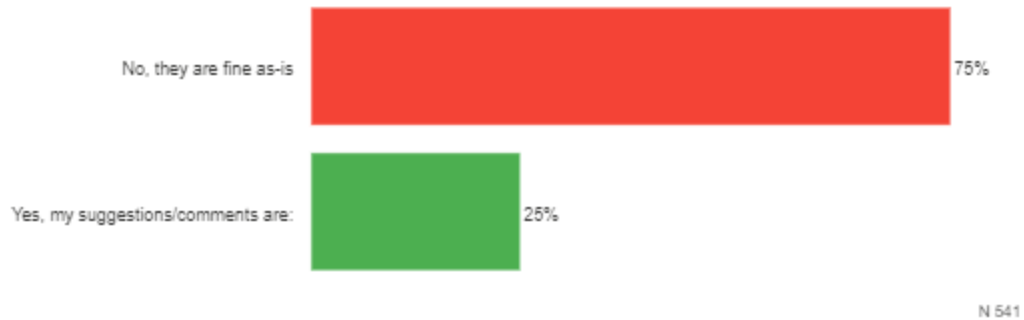
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Do you have any suggested changes to or comments on the Draft Principles for Arena Conversion or Shared Use (below)?

	Count	% of responses	%
No, they are fine as-is	716	<div></div>	67%
Yes, my suggestions/comments are:	356	<div></div>	33%

N 1.1k

(Curlers) Do you have any suggested changes to or comments on the Draft Principles for Arena Conversion or Shared Use (below)?



(Non Curlers) Do you have any suggested changes to or comments on the Draft Principles for Arena Conversion or Shared Use (below)?



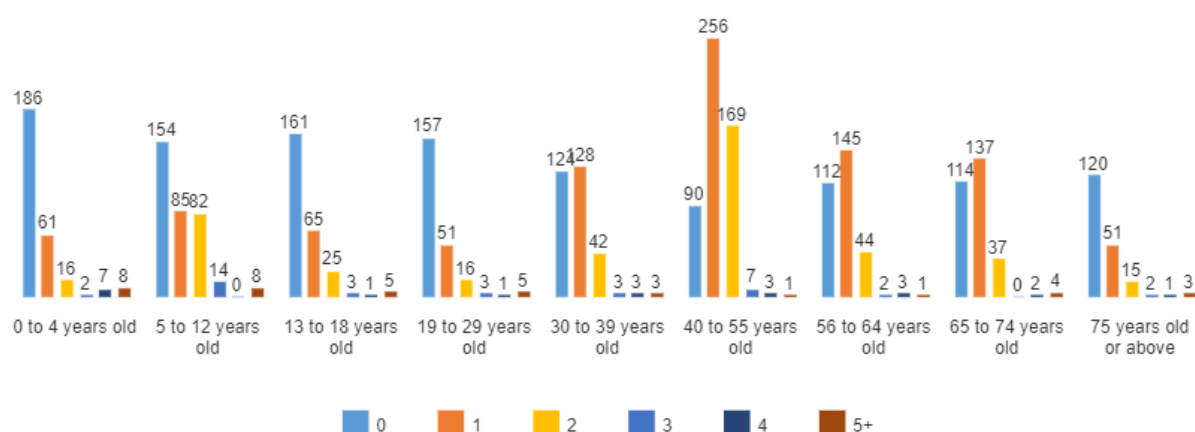
Do you have any final comments or feedback?

	Count	% of responses	%
No	647	<div></div>	61%
Yes:	421	<div></div>	39%

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Demographics

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



N 1k

Total responses per age group include:










- 167 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 316 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 153 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 121 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 248 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 632 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 250 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 239 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 106 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	%
Man	521	<div></div>	52%
Woman	472	<div></div>	47%
Prefer not to answer	79	<div></div>	8%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	7	<div></div>	1%
Not listed, please describe	5	<div></div>	0%
Trans woman	1	<div></div>	0%
Two-Spirit	1	<div></div>	0%
Trans man	0		











N 1k

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	770		77%
Prefer not to answer	164		16%
Gay	27		3%
Not listed, please describe	21		2%
Bisexual	9		1%
Queer	6		1%
Two-Spirit	3		0%
Lesbian	1		0%
Don't know	1		0%

N 997

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)	730		72%
Prefer not to answer	163		16%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	53		5%
Other, please describe	38		4%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	19		2%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	13		1%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	12		1%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	9		1%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	7		1%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	7		1%

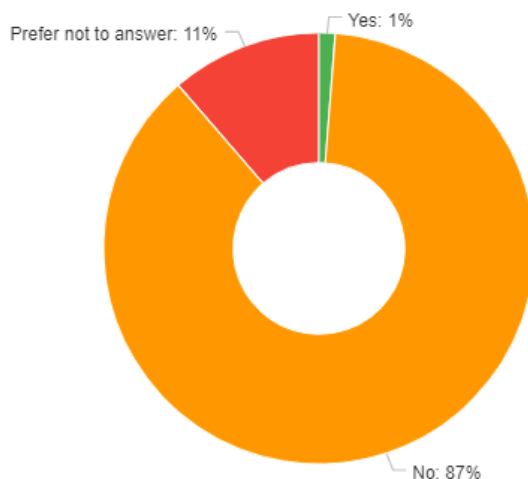
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What language do you prefer speaking?

	Count	% of responses	%
English	947	<div></div>	98%
Prefer not to answer	8	<div></div>	1%
French	4	<div></div>	0%
Albanian	3	<div></div>	0%
Spanish	2	<div></div>	0%
Hindi	1	<div></div>	0%
Indigenous - Cree	1	<div></div>	0%
Polish	1	<div></div>	0%
Russian	1	<div></div>	0%
Tamil	1	<div></div>	0%
Not listed, please describe	1	<div></div>	0%

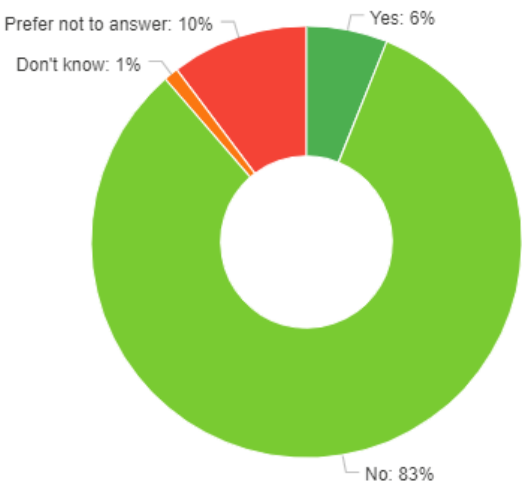
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Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Do you identify as Indigenous to Canada?



N 997

Disability is understood as any physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, learning, communication, sight, hearing or functional limitation that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders a person’s full and equal participation in society. A disability can be permanent, temporary or episodic, and visible or invisible. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as a person with a disability?



N 1k

What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	810	<div></div>	80%
Renting	103	<div></div>	10%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	27	<div></div>	3%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	0		
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	1	<div></div>	0%
Prefer not to answer	62	<div></div>	6%
Not listed, please describe	5	<div></div>	0%

N 1k

Appendix B: Background – Curling in Toronto

Curling in Toronto

In recent years, multiple private curling facilities have closed in the city, including two in Toronto's west end. The principal reason for these closures was not lack of demand or revenue related to curling. Each closure related to prioritizing golf activities. Due to these closures, there is currently a deficit of curling ice available and a demand for curling programming.

In October 2019 City Council directed staff to assess trends and participation in curling. As part of this assessment, staff will present a report to City Council in the fall, who will decide on next steps related to curling ice provision.

As part of staff research to inform the recommendations report, the following facility options for curling were identified. Some were determined to not be feasible based on their high costs and other factors:

Not recommended based on the Capital Budget:

- New stand-alone curling facility
- New co-located curling facility (part of a Community Recreation Centre)
- Add curling facility onto an existing arena building (three-wall addition)

Potentially feasible:

- **Conversion (full-time arena conversion):** Convert an existing arena to curling ice (full-time conversion)
- **Shared Use (part-time arena conversion):** Shared use of existing arena ice (hockey/skating + curling) that would require part-time conversion between curling ice and hockey or skating ice.

Based on stakeholder engagement with curling groups and current Etobicoke arena permit holders, principles for **potential conversion or shared use** of an arena were developed. The draft principles below, once finalized based on public feedback, will help guide the recommendations report that will be presented to Council in the fall.

Draft Principles for Arena Conversion or Shared Use

1. Maintain open dialogue and transparent communications between existing Etobicoke arena users, curlers, and the City
2. Allocate ice time based on the demand for each activity (potential to adjust over time)
3. Maintain safe and good quality of ice for all users\
4. Minimize impacts on existing user groups by:
 - Filling unused ice time slots (e.g. off-peak times) before other actions are taken
 - Minimizing any reductions to existing ice permit hours
 - Maintain existing permit time slots and permit locations whenever possible
 - Minimize ice down-time from ice conversion
 - If required, work with permit holders to select the least disruptive time slots changes and/or relocations
5. Ensure off-ice amenities are not overcrowded and are safe for all users
6. Do not create gaps in programming provision for existing user groups (e.g. skating, ice hockey, etc.)

7. Support sport development for all ages and abilities

Curling Ice

Curling ice is different than standard arena ice. A description of curling ice is provided below:

- A sheet of curling ice is roughly 45m (150') long by 4.75m (15'7") wide
- Ice surface must be level and clean
- Ice temperature is -4.5° to -5 °C (roughly 1° to 3°C warmer than hockey ice)
- Ice surface is "pebbled" by spraying with clean water (no minerals or impurities) at a consistent temperature
- Curling-specific markings and "hacks" for rock delivery are installed at correct dimensions
- Ice quality depends on consistent ambient air temperature and humidity

Conversion of arena ice to curling ice requires at least 8 hours managed by staff who have the right technical expertise to achieve safe ice conditions.

Shared Use (part-time arena conversion)

In a shared-use model, an existing ice pad would be converted into curling ice for a set period of time. Conversion of arena ice to curling ice requires:

- Staff who have the right technical expertise to achieve safe ice conditions.
- Time to flood the ice (ideally overnight)
- Painting a set of lines for curling onto the ice (these would be permanent)

The amount of time an ice pad would be used for curling shared use model could vary from only a few hours of curling a week to multiple full days a week, depending on the needs of all arena user groups.

Curling ice in a shared use model would only be suitable for recreational rather than competitive curling. Ice quality is not as high as a curling-only facility but would be safe for all users.

Example of a Shared Use Model: Petawawa Civic Centre Arena

At the Petawawa Civic Centre Arena, curling takes place two mornings per week. The ice is flooded overnight. In the morning the ice is prepared for curling. As part of the conversion, portable curling scoreboards are set up. Curling stones are stored in a shed and cooled on ice prior to use.

Arena Conversion (full-time arena conversion)

An arena conversion would involve converting an existing arena to full-time curling use. Consideration would be given to minimize impacts on existing user groups. At this stage, the City is exploring the opportunities and challenges of a potential arena conversion. If an arena conversion is identified as a favourable option to support curling activities while balancing the needs of existing user groups, further consultation will occur.

With an arena conversion, there is flexibility to convert ice back to a different use if demand changes.

Appendix C: Text Responses

What arena user-group are you a part of?

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (21 responses)

- Was curling but no longer available
- Look to start curling as I am semi retired now.
- Disabled skating - with wheelchair
- Lacrosse
- The preferred invention is a vertical support frame having integrated parts that work together to maintain functional, upright body positioning while learning to skate and play adaptive hockey simultaneously. It has been developed A 3 blade hockey and skate support frame invented for all children and adult skaters to include skaters having visual, intellectual or physical challenge abilities.
- Lacrosse
- Etobicoke Minor Ball Hockey League
- Short track speedskating
- my kids elementary school uses the adjacent arena as part of physed instruction
- Basketball
- Lacrosse in the summer when the ice is out
- retired now.. family has been involved in all of these
- leisure skate
- Area resident
- Our Lady of Sorrows parent child uses rink
- School skating
- Children at OLS use the rink for school activities
- not a user, don't live close to arena
- The city doesn't even have a strategy for guaranteeing that my kids will be back in the classroom in the fall. Why are you wasting my time with a curling strategy survey?
- Our school uses the rink for the children
- Senior skate

Why do you prefer the option you selected?

Respondents who selected a Shared-Use Model (part-time conversion) as being their preferred option.

- None of these options are preferred. My preferred option is to either build a new facility or direct the Curling Club members who were displaced from PRIVATE facilities to other private locations. There is not enough ice to accommodate current permit holders. This survey is not going to accurately reflect the wishes of the public. Both models in particular full conversion would be detrimental to existing permit holders and a shared use is not practical or cost effective.
- I do not support the use of any rink currently used for hockey to be adapted (shared use or full conversion) for curling.
- The matter of fact of ice sporting in Etobicoke, a multi-cultural society, is that there are NOT enough indoor-ice skating arenas for people of various racial/cultural backgrounds. The City needs to be innovative in providing more timeline and space for skating groups while intending to accomodate curling groups. Yes, I am supportive to the curling fans as much as requiring more City support to the skating fans, from toddlers to seniors. Conversion of a full-time arena will not be sound idea.

- Optimum use of facilities - best use for the most people
- This is nonsense. I understand you hate contact sports but hockey is the national sport and #1 sport in Canada. There's about 15 curlers in the province and thousands upon thousands of hockey players. As a true Canadian this is shameful to our country. Also your survey is extremely biased, there is no option for no curling rink added. The fact you are even considering getting rid of hockey rinks when demand is through the roof is shameful, stupid, and a fests to the game we are the best at ✓
- Be good to use this to introduce people into curling and then use that to flow them into full time curling leagues. There's also I think a demand for more casual curling and practice time
- More people could use it for other sports.
- Test waters to see if more full time curling ice is needed and can sustain a facility.
- Too much expense for full time conversion
- We figure skaters are in need of a skating surface for recreational figure skating. We require local Parks and Rec. to provide figure skating ice for 'drop-in' figure skating and leisure skating. Sadly we share it with hockey players practicing and 'carving up' the ice. It is very hard to find 'figure skating' ice to practice on without joining a figure skating club and that is even difficult for adult figure skaters. I would be open to sharing the ice.
- I'm unsure of how popular the sport is but the shared model may help in getting more people interested in the sport. Should this happen the city can reassess and go into a full conversion.
- I do not think that you should be converting the rink at all. Give some money to help fund the closed down curling rinks. The children have lost enough to covid and now you want to take away the rinks.
- The skating arena near us is very well used and already difficult to get public skate times at pre covid. Would be sad to be even less skating ice available
- I do not believe it is fair for curling to take over a rink. Our local rink is used by everyone.
- I would prefer that established skating rinks which are in use already ARE NOT converted to curling rink. However, a shared model would be preferred to no ice rink at all, so that the established programs in that arena which service the immediate areas can be maintained. COVID has really highlighted the importance of these established community programs. Please do not take away an established program which the immediate communities depend on for physical and mental health.
- I actually do not see any use for curling and would most strongly prefer it remain exclusively for skating
- We might be interested to try curling but we also recreationally skate as a family all winter. We walk to our facility as we don't own a car.
- Because if you convert Central Arena in Etobicoke to a full time curling rink, you will displace hundreds of kids that have played hockey and figure skated for so many years through Silver Blades figure skating club and Humber Valley hockey league. These two clubs are very well established which took hard work and dedication from all of the coaching staff and community. What you are proposing is bully like behaviour and you should be ashamed of yourselves.
- This question is biased. My answer is 'I prefer NO conversion'. arenas in Etobicoke are already fully utilized with current programs and curling will take away at these. The city should consider building a new facility to accommodate curling (and ideally the growing need for ice for other sports such as ringette, skating and hockey)
- Skating & hockey teams provide vital services to families & their children. Available indoor rinks are already in short supply. Don't make it even harder for Canadian children in this city to learn to skate and be part of a community that teaches them skills & confidence. Curling for adults can be done in existing curling facilities. This is a no

brainer. Children should be the priority here! Protect clubs like Silver Blades Skating Club rather than displacing them.

- Assuming high arena demand today believe the best result is to share across all users
- I don't like either choice. Our local arena (Central on Montgomery) is an important community resource. Recreational skating, figure skating, and hockey all have a large number of users in the neighbourhood, many of whom can walk to our arena. We are there multiple times a week. Ice time is already at a premium with many hockey teams struggling to find practice and game space. Converting it entirely or even partially displaces ongoing and robust programming.
- Arena is currently used continuously for hockey, free skating and figure skating. There is no downtime. It fills a significant need in the area for kids and adults. Would oppose a full time conversion and question if there is any time available for curling without hampering current heavy use.
- Neighbourhood rinks are rare. Our children need exercise and use the neighbourhood rinks regularly for recreational skating with families and friends. Figure skating and hockey are also important neighbourhood activities. Losing a rink permanently to curling would be recasting for our children and Etobicoke families.
- Shared use is more equitable. Replacing beloved skating/hockey rinks with curling rinks just upsets another user group. Either build curling-specific rinks or implement a shared service model. Removing skating rinks, especially after 1.5 years of lockdown, is punitive.
- I just like it for little time
- It gives access to both types of uses.
- I prefer not to have the ice transferred to curling as it is currently so difficult to have recreational use.
- Bc there is a need for ice skating and hockey times as well
- I feel this would have the least impact on minor hockey usage. If curling conversion and use is during weekdays and ice is returned to minor hockey use before 6 pm this would be ideal.
- Need to keep recreational skating open
- I would prefer no sharing (ie no curling at all) but it wasn't an option. The arena is well used by families and kids in the area and the school and would hate to see that time go to curling. Curlers are generally adults and there are dedicated curling facilities to drive to.
- I don't want to lose public skating and hockey at my local rink
- Neither option is preferable. This whole process is completely biased.
- Children at OLS use the rink.
- No curling. Let curling popularity and its associated revenues pay for curling - not enough ice for recreational use. Stop pandering to special interests and provide more access to ice, pools, fitness facilities, decent tennis and other racquet sport courts to the general public.
- I would have selected that I do not want ANY curling at all, but that choice was not provided. All my kids figure skate through Silver Blades Skating Club at Central Arena on Montgomery Rd. The club has been there for 70 years and has a thriving membership of 500+ skaters. Please do not convert this arena into a shared use model!
- I don't believe there is enough demand for curling to justify a full use arena
- I don't want to lose more free recreational or figure skating directed ice time - hockey already takes up majority of time in evenings and don't want to risk losing to curling too.
- A lot of the ice time in Etobicoke is taken up by private organizations and there is already minimal recreational skating programs. Although I agree that curlers should have a facility to curl, converting an entire facility would decrease further recreational programs for children.
- Maximize use

- To allow those in the area who would like to take part in both sports to have the opportunity to do so.
- I prefer the shared use because I don't believe there is enough curling demand for a full time rink
- A permanent model would remove an arena from use by multiple activities and turn it into a single-use facility.
- Because it allows for some continued non curling use of our arenas. Neither option is acceptable in an area with incredibly high demand for recreational skating, hockey and figure skating, but you do not provide a no curling option, so I chose the lesser of two evils.
- Make sure our kids has access to skating lessons
- It makes it fair
- Both users would be able to use it .
- Hockey gets considered
- This indoor arena serves a large area in Etobicoke, many families and children. My preference would be to remain a full-time skating rink and make it available even more hours for skating, hockey, etc., but that wasn't an option presented above. Taxes in the area are steep and keep increasing, so we would expect that our amenities and services are at a minimum maintained and not reduced. If there allow a significant demand from curlers, build another rink instead of reducing services.
- hockey > curling. who even wants to curl i want to see the numbers on this
- Other uses are already rationed
- I hope this continues to be a place for many people.
- I would only support this if it's the only alternative to a complete arena conversion.
- Everyone. An enjoy in different seasons
- Share
- Is there really enough demand to use 100% of the time for curling. There isn't enough ice time now for kids hockey and regular skating
- Because if is a new arena tax payer have to pay for this
- All users could benefit from any upgrades instead of creating an exclusive club
- We believe that an ice rink provides opportunities to far greater numbers of people in our community than curling. Our family would not like to see any option that fully converts to a facility with limited use
- I do not prefer either option. All rinks are well used, a new purpose built arena is the only solution that makes sense. We pay a lot in taxes, there is no solution where I pay the same amount but watch my available public skating time be reduced that I can support.
- There was no option not to have curling. Why is that? I want no curling arena
- Skating lessons are important in our arena
- This would allow for the facility to use for skating and or curling.
- Because we use the arena for skating.
- Both options are unattractive. There is insufficient ice for hockey and skating use relative to the demand during weekends and evenings. I like curling but can't imagine the demand for curling comes close to hockey and skating. A lessor impact on ice inventory would be the part time model.
- More flexibility. Of course it needs to be backed up by data, but I anticipate hockey/skating to be more in demand than curling
- Does not completely remove a skating rink
- Rather than lose skating ice completely in a given area. As long as existing skating and hockey usage times are not negatively impacted.
- I would prefer no curling use. As-is it is very difficult to find ice time. Shared would be the next of two bad options.
- To give more people in the community for the ice surfaces.

- I rather share than have it fully converted and not be able to use it
- Neither. Wish that was an option. Weird that it isn't. I do not support losing a rink in favour of curling
- More participants in skating sports: if ice is converted to curling it will decrease access to skating time
- not everyone likes curling
- All voices can be heard.
- Because it provides both options (skating and curling)
- So no figure skating or hockey arenas be taken away from users.
- We don't want to lose our hockey ice-time.
- Shared...so everyone can have time on the ice
- We must not eliminate all other existing ice activities and grass roots community programs at any arena just to have curling.
- I rather not share. The arena is used by the school and they kids use it to skate. And families do too. And it is very busy as is
- It's about providing opportunities for all instead of losing for one group and adding for another.
- 1. Because an option for no change isn't available. 2. On behalf of the pine point arena we have a difficult time getting enough room for leisure skating and skating lessons in between all the hockey bookings. Adding curling would only decrease the possibility of increasing leisure activity in a low socioeconomic community.
- Would prefer it remain hockey & skating only since that is better for children. Do not want it replaced by curling
- It allows better balance for skating and curling programs.
- My kids school use the rink for hockey and skating!
- Because there are a lot of families in the area, including mine, who use the arena for leisure ice skating for exercise during the winter months. Also, the local schools use the arena and many kids at nearby schools have children who may otherwise (without the school skating trip) never have the experience of ice skating.
- To minimize disruption to existing uses, and primarily because the best option, to not convert an arena, is not offered as a selection. There is good reason the Weston and St. George curling rinks closed, there is insufficient demand for curling ice, and the few curlers are unwilling to pay the full cost of curling ice in a dedicated facility.
- Limit impact on other uses
- test usage and option to convert back to skating arena if not used for as many people as it is for skating
- While I was a curler myself I do not think there are enough potential participants to warrant full time - was a lot of downtime, not very culturally diverse participants, not growing, frankly what individuals would pay not cover costs
- Hockey and skating in community are important
- To allow for higher-registration activities to continue using ice with the least impact on availability and turnover
- My children and all of the local kids use our neighbourhood rink and it is busy all of the time. It is challenging to get ice time at the rink, so taking more time away doesn't seem like it's in the best interest of the current users or how the space is used (central arena). And converting daily sounds very expensive, so who will be covering those costs? City programs are often times inexpensive, so will the curlers hope to be getting those prices and the city will offset the cost of conversion?
- Would be best use for more people
- You have robbed people of their rights for over a year, especially kids, and now want to take their recreational activities, too.
- It has a greater chance of being supported & financed

- Part time conversion
- The demand for ice for hockey, leisure skating and figure skating is far greater and serve a greater number of people than a curling facility. Converting away from this high demand to serve a limited number of curlers is short sighted and doesn't serve the greater needs of the public.
- We do not want to see the arenas be solely for curling purposes
- It would be incredibly sad to take away a local rink from kids who need it for organized skating and hockey and have been already been denied access to these recreational activities for more than a year due to COVID.
- I do not want my community skating rink to be fully or partially converted to a curling rink. The option for NO CONVERSION should be offered.
- I do not support any conversion for curling purposes as there is already a lack of arena space for other purposes and conversion to curling will only serve to benefit a small special interest group while harming the much larger community of arena users. The phase 1 and phase 2 reports prepared by the city contain highly flawed and biased information relating to the need and demand for curling. But of the two choices then shared use would relatively be less harmful to the remaining community.
- Arena needs to remain accessible for skating - this area is full of young families and this arena offers the best opportunity for families to skate together. As well as use by OLS school to introduce skating.
- This is a local arena that is used for many school children. My children go to OLS and if the arena is converted they would have to be bused to another arena for any skating activities. If the curlers want an exclusive arena - have them build their own.
- Less commitment
- Leaves time and opportunity for other users
- The local rink is used by loads of kids to learn to skate. By adjacent schools as well. It is already challenging enough to get any access to our local rink without further competition from curling.
- Our community is full of children who play hockey, figure skate and participate in family leisure skating. Central arena is adjacent to Our Lady of Sorrows school and the children use the arena for leisure skating with their classes and for the school hockey team. Young children in the community learn to skate at Central. You should pick another arena that is not in a school and family neighborhood to convert to curling.
- This is a historic arena that was integral to my youth hockey career in the Etobicoke community. It's a special rink that must be kept for kids to keep enjoying. No rink should exclude one sport or another. Please keep letting everyone enjoy this beautiful, historic rink!
- Recreational skating for the PUBLIC must be preserved. If PRIVATE golf clubs elect to close down their curling facilities by a vote of their members to create for example, additional indoor golf facilities FOR THEIR MEMBERS ONLY, then public skating facilities should not be impaired or reduced in order to allow those private club members to shift their curling activities to public facilities and reduce skating access to the public.
- It is important for the neighborhood community to be able to continue to skate and do hockey even if at part time in the arenas. Kids at our local school use the arena to skate and do hockey . We think this is vital for their mental health
- An arena should not be fully converted as the city will loose a valuable asset that is in much more demand then curling.
- This is a community and school used ice rink. There are far more people getting pleasure from this than would be a curling rink. I would go as far to say no shared use at all. I've spoken to at least 2 dozen in the community about this and no one wants a curling rink.
- This option allows more time for recreational skating and hockey for kids.

- Because there is no option presented to keep arena use reserved for supporting the largest subset of users. It seems insane to partially or fully convert an arena used for ice hockey, figure skating, community skate, camps, etc., in order to accommodate a very small group of taxpaying curlers. The decision should be made to support the most people that will benefit. I have yet to see numbers either way, but I highly doubt that there are more curlers than recreational skaters.
- The arena needs to still serve the majority of the public who use it. It has always been used for hockey clubs, figure skating and school activities and public skate. It would negatively impact our community to lose these activities/facilities.
- I believe that using an existing facility should not come at the expense of the community that plays hockey. There is already a shortage of affordable hockey arena ice to play games and run practices as well as book skating lessons.
- So hockey remains everywhere
- I do not want it to impact the times and current use of programs in place, including allowing use of the facility by the adjacent school. This would be detrimental to the students including those who may not have the means to try such programs outside of school offerings.
- Ice time for hockey and free skate is popular and hard to find. I would hate to lose our local arena entirely turned over for the use of curling only.
- Need more curling time for seniors or weekday us if arenas sit empty in mornings
- It won't hurt one group.
- It provides options for residents to skate or curl. Both are important to maintain for the community. With limited facilities available, it's great to have the flexibility to accommodate something for everyone & all ages.
- Even if curling has become more popular, it would make it exclusive to all arena users. I share a car and I can walk there with my kids for the registered classes. Even if they went to a different arena for classes, I wouldn't have time to go using public transit. We all deserve to have close community centres. We walk 1.6km to get there. It is fair to share the space.
- Because it is the least bad of the two options. My preference is for NO conversion at all. I would strongly oppose any conversion of the community skating facilities at Central Arena in Etobicoke.
- A full time conversion may be considered if the impact on the surrounding community is minimal. While curling is an in-demand sport, the vast majority of arena users would not pursue this sport. Full conversion could negatively impact important user groups for rec access (e.g. schools, recreational skating). It is particularly important to consider more marginalized groups who have fewer options for recreational activities.
- Our children use the rink for figure skating lessons as well as hockey. There are so few options in the area already for them and this is such a convenient location for us as it is connected to their school. I think most children in the area will be missing out greatly if converted to a curling rink. We know so many children in the area that look forward to skating here every week. We would all hate to see this rink go. Do not convert the rink with curling. This is a young neighbourhood.
- No Curling at Central Arena
- There would be too much ice taken away from a section that serves multiple activities such as figure skating, hockey etc
- As it is in the City of Toronto ice time availability for minor hockey is minimal. Removing rinks from this capacity will escalate the cost of rentals for minor hockey use resulting in increased burden on families.
- The arena is also used by kids and that shouldn't stop
- No conversion. There isn't enough time to support the hockey and ice skating as it is. Kids at that arena have to use others that are far away and have no home arena for hockey.

- Meet all our school needs
- My kids play hockey there
- There's already a shortage of ice for youth hockey - losing more would be a problem.
- I don't prefer either to be honest. Currently it is hard to get ice time for skating, and with either of these options it will be even harder. But since I HAD to choose one, I chose the option where there is still some skating time available.
- It always for multiple uses within the community that caters to our youth and family (ie. hockey, leisure skating and figure skating)
- My child uses rink at Our Lady of Sorrows SS. Conversion to curling will deny ice time for kids to learn to skate.
- Central Arena has been extremely important to the community in developing kids for skating, hockey and figure skating. It would an absolute shame to convert to curling and take hockey, figure skating and skating away from the community. I would prefer a full time rink as it is already difficult to book ice in the area.
- I do not believe the demand for curling requires a full-time facility.
- I don't want curling. It's not popular enough to justify.
- I'd like to be able to curl at my local rink but also use the rink to skate
- Good
- The data obtained from this survey is biased and is not appropriate for public policy decision making. There should be an option to choose neither and that is what I would choose. I prefer for curling to not impact existing arenas but of the options provided then my preference is shared use.
- more flexible based on demand
- I actually I am greatly opposed to even a shared use model as the ice time is already at a significant premium and very difficult to obtain for both the adjacent school and the surrounding community
- We don't have enough public rinks as in, losing one entirely to curling is horrible for Etobicoke. I think an addition to existing arena like Centennial would be ideal. Kids go to hockey and figure rinks parents can curl.
- I actually prefer neither- maintaining our local rink as is is critical
- I do not prefer this option, and believe the curlers of Etobicoke should find another arena or build a new facility for their activity. Is the Ford Performance not able to convert a rink at their location.
- I don't want our arenas to be converted at all. Hockey ice is very limited for teams and taking away the few arenas that we do have would be horrible.
- More venues to curl out of using this model
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- Converting an arena or arenas to full time curling ice would take away from sports that are already in desperate need of ice. If any ice is to be taken I believe it should be outdoor ice.
- Hockey still needs to be played on this ice.
- for curling
- A part time conversion gives the arena management more flexibility with the use of the ice surface.
- To be sure curling actually needs the ice time. If not could be used for skating. No wasted ice.
- Our family enjoys skating for leisure and our school-aged children enjoy participating in school-arranged skate times as a part of their physical education programming. If a full-time conversion means only curling, I would not support this change. Skating is a sport that many people of many age groups do, and far fewer people in our neighbourhood participate in curling and participation is occurs in a narrower age group.
- This would the existing facility could still be used when curling isn't happening.

- I appreciate the need to ensure Curling is a continued part of Canadian culture with this initiative. It should have a place. That being said, the demographics are very different with those curling today. Figure skating is more inclusive and curling should not impact in a material way figure skating, which resonates more with minorities and diverse peoples and family. Curling should not take over any figure skating rinks, directly or indirectly.
- Want to keep hockey
- If it is used for skating and people show up to use it for regular skating, it shouldn't be taken away from them, need to make it for both curling and skating
- Prefer not to have any Curling usage at all but that was not an option in the survey. This is the lesser evil out of two unacceptable choices
- Not to disrupt the current activities in the arena and provide access to non curling members to use it as well.
- My preference is not to have the arena used for curling at all. There are enough children to use the arena for hockey, figure skating and leisure skating. Also if the arena is connected or near school then it can be used for classes to take kids skating.
- My children go to the school adjacent. It is a huge benefit to the health and extra curriculum to have this offering. This will be a huge detriment to the surrounding area and school. There should be no flexibility to this arena as this is imbedded in a highly dense family area where we use this arena for various sports. Especially now that we can open now that COVID rules have lapsed we need this for our children!!
- I do not curl whereas I do make use of the skating rink for recreational skating and hockey. If I could have selected it, I would have chosen to leave the rinks in Etobicoke as they currently are for skating and hockey. Many more children and young people skate, figure skate or play hockey than they do curl and I think they need to be able to exercise after being at home during the pandemic. Particularly for central arena that is very close to many schools.
- I would actually prefer that a totally dedicated NEW facility be built rather than removing a current skating facility but this seems to not be an option from the city which is a BIG problem and fundamental problem
- We use the ice at Montgomery Arena with our school programs and for free skate. A full time conversion would not allow all the other activities to happen on the ice.
- Least amount of impact.
- I would still like to use it. It's taking away from the community users and our families
- Ice time is already scarce at city rinks for youth hockey and figure skating, taking away 1 or 2 rinks for full time curling will really hurt youth hockey. I also heard that the city is looking at Central arena as a full time conversion, that rink is used for Humber Valley hockey's house league and Silver Blades figure skating plus the school right next to it (OLS) uses it for learn to skate, pleasure skating and for their hockey team, with no other rinks local all these programs will suffer.
- curlers can use other curling facilities no need to convert for the small amount of curlers
- Because I can't pick no curling as an option.
- Best of both worlds and don't have to spend the money in new building
- In all my time going to Central Arena I have never met anyone who curls or wants to curl locally. No demand for curling. To accommodate anyone Shared Model would suit.
- I prefer not to share. Our local rink is used for hockey and figure skating and kids need this outlet badly!!!!
- I would prefer to use the facility when it is for skating and hockey.
- There are opportunities to enjoy both sports: curling and hockey.
- So arena is not lost for other sports for local kids and adults
- I would not want to see my local arena converted entirely, that would be devastating to our community.

- Given the lack of ice available for existing child's programming I don't think either of these two options should be considered. If there isn't private ice available for Curling it's because the demand for ice isn't there which should be an indication that converting existing ice to curling isn't aligned with the needs of the area.
- Everyone will benefit
- Ice time already is at a premium and a full conversion removes a location completely from a community. This would be a strain when communities thrive on local amenities. Having to drive to locations creates barriers.
- I actually do not prefer any use of the arena for curling as memorial arena is highly used among children and adults for hockey and skating. The part time model will limit instruction time for the skating groups and would result In The skating group remove skating times, and even remove youth learn 2 skate groups.
- My children use the rink for skating lessons, leisure skating, hockey, and for gym class. My strong preference is for NO conversion to curling at all.
- Other can still use it
- Ice costs are already astronomical for children's hockey and removing any pads would only make the private rinks get more costly
- demand for ice hockey, figure skating, and recreational skating will be greater than for curling. No need for full conversion
- Based on my perception of current (pre-COVID) Supply/Demand at our local arena, would rather no curling at all in our local arena (Central Arena, Etobicoke). Curling would only make worse. But based on the above choices prefer shared use to full conversion.
- Should keep it for ice skating and hockey. Find a smaller area in area to convert. We already lack hockey rinks for school aged children let alone next to school.
- I live close to a single-rink arena that we use as part of a figure skating club, and PE opportunities for elementary kids at the adjacent school. If these are the only options for our rink, I would want it available for skating purposes as opposed to completely unavailable.
- Because the arena on Montgomery rd. is used by many different groups already. It is positioned next to the school (Our Lady of Sorrows) and children go to skate as part of the PhysEd program. Also, there are already many clubs operating at the Arena (Silver Blades for figure skating and some Hockey clubs). Time for leisure skating is also important and for the neighborhood. If we convert the arena for curling, all these users wouldn't be able to access the arena any longer.
- There are not enough slots as it is to play hockey. Very few people can Curl
- As a hockey parent/player, I know that there is a shortage of cost-reasonable ice available to hockey players. Shared use would allow both groups to use the ice
- It keeps the hockey rink for me and my kids
- Hockey and general skating use should be the preference based on demand. There is already a shortage of hockey spaces in the city to lose one of them
- With a shared use model both hockey and curling can be enjoyed.
- A conversion would just displace a number of children's skating programs.
- I don't prefer either option. The survey appears to assume that one of the models will be chosen, but figure skating has never been invited to present on our interests and concerns. We request an opportunity to present and be heard and also would like to know why the comments and notes of the first community consultation. We'd also like to know why the meetings are being held so close together, in summer
- I prefer neither as kids hockey is already suffering. This conversion means less ice time kids and families to enjoy. Higher costs means no hockey to many families struggling to give opportunity to play hockey for their children.
- I have the intention to put my son (4 years old) to start Hockey and I have an arena ice in front of my kid's school.

- This was the only choice I was given. My choice would be no curling in our arena that is used by our community and schools.
- Please don't take my public skating rink away. I am disabled yet still can somewhat skate. This is important to me and family. Not curling. Please don't do that.
- It benefits both communities, and continues to attempt to keep hockey ice costs down, which is always a concern when attempting to introduce new participants to the sport.
- The children in the community will benefit more of hockey and figure skating therefore the arenas should not be converted at all
- Because we want to skate and play hockey.
- There is a huge shortage of available ice for hockey and skating as it is. Can't afford to lose an entire rink for curling
- Because existing ice rinks are needed for skating activities
- I would actually prefer that the rinks are kept the way they are. I don't think curling would be beneficial to the families in the area since hockey and figure skating as well as leisure skating are so popular. Converting the rink will not be beneficial to the schools in the areas who take their students skating
- My preferred option is not available. I prefer the arena to be used for skating and hockey.
- Helps to maintain local access for a variety of areas sport and recreation purposes
- Limited ice options in the city
- Curling is not popular. Hockey drives our communities.
- I don't want to see local arena ice time gone for schools, figure skating, hockey for all levels and ages.
- Wouldn't want to lose the ice for children's activities (skating, hockey) that are a critical part of our community.
- curling mainly done by adults and could be done in mornings during the week when ice not used as often for skating or hockey. Limited ice as it is for youth hockey in etobicoke so need ice available for hockey and figure skating on weekends and after school to evening
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- I would prefer no conversion as my family uses the ice rink for recreational purposes as well as the pool next door. I have been a part of curling clubs at neighboring golf clubs and the facility rarely is utilized to the end that golf clubs have cancelled creating a facility. We live in a neighbourhood with many young families and feel that curling doesn't match the needs of the community.
- Not enough ice currently in Etobicoke for hockey, figure skating, etc.
- There is already decreased demand for curling, you even admitted so, and hockey involves more players and brings in more revenue for the city. If you charged curling ice rental at the same gouging prices you do for hockey, curling demand would evaporate. There is far more competitive hockey than curling. Losing a hockey arena full time would impact far more families than using a shared model for curling families.
- We have limited ice in Etobicoke as is. You should built another facility for curling
- We live and use a nearby arena. A full time conversion would remove that option for our family
- Would provide as many skating options for a given area in Etobicoke as possible
- I prefer it to be kept as an skating ice surface for the incredible demand that exists for skating I've already.
- I have no use for curling. I dislike it very much.
- Ice for hockey, figure skating and leisure skating is at a premium in the City of Toronto. Premium in terms of cost and premium in terms of availability. For children to learn to skate and play hockey, they need access to reasonably priced ice, at reasonable times.

While curling is an important Canadian winter pastime, we can not afford to take ice rinks out of the system, to be replaced by curling facilities.

- Curling has been on decline in City of Toronto for over a decade. Clubs have a hard time maintaining costs. This should not be a burden on City of Toronto and should be held privately. If I had only to choose 1 model it would be Shared use mostly at Night time as most curling rinks used to have most members for. Lastly I did have some curling instruction back in High school and it is fun. City of Toronto should not use public taxes to support less than 1% of the community.
- I actually would prefer not to dedicate any time to curling but it wasn't a choice. This is a family heavy neighborhood. As it is I find there isn't enough time and options for figure skating, hockey time and public skate. I would like to see more public skating options and more city of Toronto kids skate lessons before considering adding any additional activities. Curling is primarily going to be adult focused and take away from kid winter activity options.
- Accessibility over quality. Yes part time ice will be of poorer quality but what curling needs to grow is more people playing period. More casual players who can become lifelong fans of the game. It needs to be accessible to a more diverse range of people.
- You have not provided the option of No conversion which is what I would choose.
- Skating rinks are key pillars of the community. They should be preserved for multi-sport use to maximize community benefits.
- Ice hockey preference
- People could still use it for something else. Adults curl but kids play hockey, ringette, lacrosse, fun skate- those needs are important.
- There is already a lack of 'hockey' arenas in Etobicoke. Sharing with curling is the most I would suggest. What percentage of Etobicoke would use a curling rink versus hockey/skating rink?
- N/A
- My preference is to NOT have ANY conversion to curling in our existing rinks. Since my preference is not an option in this survey, I was forced to click the part-time conversion. The current facilities are not enough to meet the demands of hockey and ice skating! The fact that private curling clubs have closed is because there is not enough demand for curling, so to use additional public funds and limited resources to satisfy a very small and decreasing interest group is irresponsible.
- There are already shortage of ice time and space.
- Our family skates together as an recreational activity. And my children play hockey
- Seems to be less costly and more flexible now and in future
- To ensure no disruption to existing ice permit holders. Figure skaters are desperate for their ice time based on the past 16 months of almost no ice time. Often figure skaters are youth and we need to enhance, not further cut, physical activities for our youth. I do not believe that curling will be dominated by youth, which our skating and hockey programs are.
- Hockey is still the more popular sport in the community and we need all existing arenas to be able to continue enjoying hockey.
- I want to ensure other sports have a chance to use the ice as well.
- Need hockey
- Conceptually I see our program perhaps using 2 curling sheets and the other sheets remaining for curlers. However, many options with this program.
- I would like Central arena to remain a figure skating, public skating and ice hockey facility. Given the differences in ice production and upkeep that you mention above, it is not feasible to have Central Arena be a shared use model with part time use for curling. This arena is busy all the time with hockey, figure skating and public skating. Given that my option was not included above, I'm writing it here.

- For my family, I will be upset for any change at all. I'm our experiences so far, it's very difficult to get into a "learn to skate class," and ice time for youth hockey is hard to come by. I can't understand at all why ice time would be taken away right now. If anything, Etobicoke needs more ice.
- access to skating in the city is still busy.
- There's a limited amount of free skating time already so the less curling at these rinks the better.
- I would prefer no conversion to any curling and maintain as is. But if forced to choose (as your question is worded) I would pick Shared Use because the community does not need curling.
- I would prefer no sharing but that wasn't an option the arena should stay for hockey and figure skating
- Everyone gets something!
- This makes the best use of the arena
- I enjoy curling but also enjoy skating. The shared model provided opportunities for both activities in a given location.
- Why is the "no conversion" available? Your survey is biased. I don't believe taking rinks away from figure skating and hockey makes any sense. Curling is not as popular and their rinks closed down...
- Rinks are I high demand and I doubt that the demand for curling justifies taking an arena full time at the expense of the other activities that use it.
- It should be the easiest and cheapest to provide ice for a curling facility
- I just don't see the demand long term, if there was truly demand for curling the private clubs would not have ceased operations. Converting permanent and displacing the current programs completely does not support the Community, there is a lack of Quality Accessible Ice in Etobicoke for current programs
- The arena serves as access to learn to skate program for thousands of underprivileged kids. I am strongly against any conversion
- If the rink is converted to a full time use, this would prevent non-curlers from using the rink . Existing non-curlers should not be asked to discontinue use of their rink for a smaller group.
- I want our children to be able to continue doing their sports, which they've already gave several years to. I want to be able to go skating with my family in my community.
- To allow everyone using the premises at all times
- Take away less ice from youth skating and playing hockey
- My kids would like to skate and for hockey.
- Na
- because hockey is more important
- Kids in the area need local ice rinks for figure skating, hockey and learn to skate programs.
- I do not see the need to convert any existing ice to accommodate curling at this time due to the cost parents and participants of minor hockey programs and related skating programs have to incur due to availability.
- Because the times for skate times at our arena are already minimal for younger children
- These rinks have been intended for skating and so I think that should have priority. The fact that private clubs have closed their curling should not reduce ice time for skaters and hockey that is already at a premium
- We need to keep a community ice surface for youth hockey and skating. Two weekday mornings per week for curling sounds acceptable. Please do not take the weekends and afterschool away from the kids.
- It's hard enough to get regular skating ice time as it is.
- The hockey group is short of ice. Is Ouse r want to have to give up hockey times

- I would be very upset to see a beloved arena converted into a curling facility.
- As a manager of a kids hockey team for 8 years in the west end of Toronto, I spend a crazy amount of time looking for practice ice. I love the city rinks. They are more affordable and closer to our homes than the private rinks. If the city won't build curlers their own facility, then it should be shared. Losing entire rinks would be devastating to minor hockey.
- Na
- Then those who wish to do either activity are able to do so.
- As a beginner trying to access curling, it would allow recreational curling to exist, which is not currently available in the city.
- Don't want to take away hockey ice.
- Already have limited ice options available and compete with hockey and figure skating for ice time.
- There are many young children who would benefit from a rink in the area, as well as skating is a great family activity. Curling is also fun and there are many people who enjoy it.
- I'd prefer the curling facility build elsewhere. My child goes to that school, does hockey practice and uses that facility for leisure skate. I'm opposed to curling coming in and disrupting the existing community we bought into. Disappointed.
- I prefer neither. I do not support conversion of any ice hockey arenas to curling.
- I don't believe there is enough demand for curling
- Frustrated for Etobicoke needs all of its full ice rinks for hockey. The rinks are already so busy. Why not rethink your model and it is time to invest in our city leisure time and build a new facility .
- I/we (my family and I) would want more hockey and figure skating time then curling.
- Concern about the demand for curling vs the demand for ice skating. A full-time conversion may take away from the higher demand for ice skating.
- Hockey needs to stay
- Ice time for hockey and skating is already at a premium so losing a full time rink would challenge the ability for games and practices to take place. On a part time model using traditionally unused ice time we should see a decrease in ice time costs as the rink owners are recouping money for ice the traditionally wouldn't get.
- best of both worlds, and most fair outcome for all stakeholders
- I do not prefer any of the listed above. I only selected the first preference because it gave me no other choice. Curling suits only a small group , it takes away from the community using the arena for group activities (leisure skating, figure skating, ice hockey)
- Still owes skaters the opportunity to skate
- There is not enough affordable ice time for hockey as it is
- Allows the rink to be used for other sports during curling downtime. Optimize the space.
- Does not take away an arena for skaters which already don't have enough ice time.
- I don't believe there should be a full conversion to accommodate a group of entitled curlers who have been bumped by their private golf courses, at the expense of children and adults who use the arena near my home for pleasure skating, figure skating and hockey.
- My children use the rink closest to their school for phys-Ed activities. I would hate to have this taken away from them, as it is something they really enjoy doing with their classmates.
- You can change back relatively easily.
- I have interest in curling and would like to have as minimal impact to hockey & figure skating as possible.
- Balance

- I think a shared curling arena is great. I would feel bad if they converted a hockey/skating arena that children enjoyed, be taken completely away
- Please don't do put curling in the arena
- The rinks that I know of currently serve large numbers of children and youth in our community. I don't believe they should lose access to already precious ice time.
- I am SHOCKED that the city would consider taking ice time away from local children who are eager to continue figure skating and hockey after the pandemic winter. There should be NO conversions of existing arenas which are already strapped for ice time based on pre-pandemic demand (which has only increased post pandemic).
- Other use than just curling
- Seems more practical
- How many curlers are there. Has a survey been done that says there are enough curlers to use an arena full time. Couldn't curlers curl during the day for the most part while kids are in school.
- Higher demand for use as ice rink in the surrounding community
- Ice is already limited, especially for ringette, to lose an entire arena would create even more competition for ice
- Ice time is already limited for skating so preserving any available time is preferable. The best choice is neither option.
- Because there is already a shortage of ice time for hockey and pleasure skating
- I don't want hockey arenas used for curling. Curling arena are closing for a reason. Very few curlers
- I don't think any option is preferred as I do not think that any public ice should be used for curling. What are the age, economic and social demographics for curlers versus users of ice for hockey or leisure skating? How many Toronto tax payers would get usage out of curling versus hockey or leisure skating? What is the maximum number of users in a given day for curling vs other uses? It seems foolish to me that we would prioritize such a small minority.
- Do not like either option
- I do not support ANY city ice being used for curling. What are the age, economic and social demographics for curlers versus user of ice for hockey or leisure skating? How many Toronto residence would get value and use from curling vs currently? What is the maximum number of people using ice for curling vs other in a given day? It has to be a fraction given the number of people in a game and on the ice at once and time it takes to complete. This consideration does not seem to make sense.
- We don't have too many options of indoor arena in the kingsway area and the few we have are always busy. It does not makes sense for me to apply a full conversion. I rather that there is no shared use model at all and the city develops a new arena for the entire west end. Only time will tell if more is needed. But to take one of the existing arenas and fully convert it to curling is not the right solution from my point of view. Hence why I chose shared.
- Because it's already very difficult for community hockey leagues to access ice for their programs and losing rinks would both make this harder as well as more expensive. Also, it's really really hard to access leisure skating for many.
- Curling appeals to a smaller population. An arena with ice works for multiple ages of people and sports. Hockey, figure skating, leisure skate! Many schools use arenas for leisure skate as well. It would be a disservice to convert it to a full time curling rink.
- I do NOT want any conversion. Zero conversion.
- I don't really 'prefer' any option. I'm very concerned if our challenged athletes were to lose their ice hockey time, and with the effects this would have on them.

- I think it should stay non curling, but it wasn't an option. There have to be way more hockey, figure skating, and pleasure skaters than there are curlers in Etobicoke. Seems like a pretty niche sport to me.
- It is a good option to see curling some times during the week at the same arena
- The loss of an entire arena to curling seems it would be impossible to not lose skating time - If there is a need/demand for curling a separate facility should be built - there is not enough space for skating as it is - as a resident trying to register children at 7am on the day and it being full or trying to find recreational leagues for adults and none being available, adding curling worries me a great deal
- Multi use of the facility
- Allows other activities in same space
- There is no option to put No curling rinks. I believe there is not a lot of interest in curling in Toronto. There already is not enough time for public skates/shinny (since there isn't a lot of time availability and space is limited with limiting the number of people on the ice at a time). I believe the money should be placed on maintaining the old rinks in the city and put into other resources (such as upgrading amenities) instead of trying to appease a small rich minority.
- This would provide much needed curling time without too much disruption to other users - hockey, etc.
- I don't think full-time conversion is good. Many people skate and use the arenas for sport. I can't see curling be as popular or well attended as figure skating or hockey.
- I prefer neither actually. We've been down this road with St Georges wanting to take over part of our ice- it does not work.. too much time to covert especially for a rink that uses the rink daily for many hours and could use it more if able.
- More people will have an opportunity to use the arena
- Curling is a great sport
- Nobody in our family curls, but we use the local areana on a weekly basis for free skate and/or skating lessons (figure skating).
- I think there are many types of arena users and everyone should be given a fair chance to use the facilities.
- More use flexibility
- More use out if a single arena
- Why is there no « no conversion at all » ? this survey is biaised and force the responder to choose a response that will satisfy the requesters. Then you will publish the responses that you forced
- I don't believe we can spare any arenas, there is a shortage of ice. Build curling arenas
- More flexibility

Respondents who selected an Arena-Conversion (full-time conversion) as being their preferred option.

- Both ice skating and curling take place in winter months so continuously changing ice surfaces would be too costly and time consuming. I anticipate many issues with this approach.
- logistics, safety & ice availability with shared use is not condusive to good curling ice and league play
- Preference would be for a separate/new curling facility and not a conversion of an already limited supply of rinks in Etobicoke. Regular (part-time) conversion is costly and provides sub-par ice. It would be detrimental to a figure skating club to not be able to offer quality ice to its recreational and competitive skaters.
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- Shared use ice conditions will be poor and even curlers with limited experience won't use it. It will be fine for new people, but those people as they advance will also then go

looking for improved conditions. This is what happens in every shared use scenario in the US for decades, without fail. These new people will have nowhere to go as there is no remaining capacity in the GTA. This seems like a futile concept, that will only create a bigger bottleneck.

- Shared use will not suffice for volume of uses (eg youth tournaments, etc)
- More consistent ice and maintenance of rocks and equipment.... curling would be the single focus/priority. A fulltime facility would attract more experienced ice makers.... who are critical to providing an enjoyable curling experience.
- Better for curling quality
- I'd prefer full curling access
- Better conditions and community
- Quality of playing surface for curlers. Ability to identify/associate with the location as "real curling facility". Flexibility for practice time-ice availability for expanded use
- After few curling facilities closed in GTA there are lots of curlers looking for a new facility.
- Many arenas are already available for skating and hockey users. There is a lack of curling facilities in the city, with many at or near capacity.
- Our city desperately needs another full-time curling arena. As a competitive athlete in curling, it is often difficult to find ice time in the existing facilities for training purposes as well as in the west end for league play purposes. The quality of ice as well would be more controlled in a full-time arena ensuring that playing conditions are optimal for curlers.
- Curling is the second most popular winter sport in Canada. The biggest hurdle for curlers is facilities. Having a dedicated facility is the only answer.
- A full-time conversion would produce a better quality curling surface and thus be more enjoyable for the users
- A) an arena conversion saves time on pebbling the ice and reflooding it to change between uses. However, both conversion and shared use does open up the sport to other users (potentially community pick-up or limited commitment leagues) that would complement private clubs (which typically require a full year of commitment to join). B) Politically, it's easier to convert a rink to curling then build a new hockey rink than to build a new curling rink.
- More curling ice time available Better quality of ice for curling can be achieved
- Better ice conditions for games
- Full time use of facilities for day curling, school curling, and evening curling. Ice conditions will be better.
- It would be good to have a full-time arena devoted to curling
- Dedicate certain spaces exclusively for curling due to different ice specifications for curling vs regular ice for hockey, shinny, or skating
- Logistics and ice preparation is difficult. Shared facility would result in very poor curling ice
- A shared use model is extremely inefficient because the ice has to be re-done, and if not made carefully and properly, the conditions will be less than ideal.
- Takes too long to move from ice rink to curling rink and vice versa
- Available for curling full time
- Better ice quality for curling
- The overhead for repeated conversions would be very costly and doom this project. A permanent conversion would create more pressure for a new hockey rink, which would find the capital that apparently cannot be found for curling.
- less than excellent ice conditions will not attract participants
- Converting back and forth is not efficient use of technician time, and results in poor ice quality

- Prime time for curling is weekday evening. Conversion time makes this less feasible. Also, quality of shared ice is compromised.
- To provide a consistent playing surface
- With the closing of private clubs, the city will never be able to meet demand if the curlers being displaced want to continue in the sport.
- Ice conditions and sheet requirements and needs make part time conversion suboptimal
- Curling ice is different than hockey ice or skating ice. Really difficult to convert between the two types. Experienced curlers (i.r more than 1 yr experience) would not like skating conversion ice conditions, so there is no hope for long term curlers with this model.
- It seems to me that it is the most flexible option while still promoting curling.
- Poorer ice quality in shared use facilities because of temperature, humidity considerations for curling ice. Hockey parts of the rink (e.g. sideboards, glass) cannot be removed in a shared facility which leads to potential mobility concerns as well as a poor curling experience due to physical obstacles not necessary for curling
- It's not practical to continually switch between curling and other types of ice. Doing so will leave the ice unusable for any activity for significant amounts of time while being converted. It will also mean that ice will not be consistently available for leagues, etc.
- More ice time
- I don't believe a shared use is feasible.
- It would be nice to have more permanent curling facilities especially with their closures in recent years.
- Continual availability (for practice outside league play) and quality curling ice is essential for performance, especially for members that participate in other club bonspiels and competitions.
- No down time between use. Better availability for everyone instead of sharing at multiple facilities.
- The ability to convert the ice from curling to other uses is limited, and would be too complex in the long run. A facility that sticks to curling for the curling season would be much simpler to operate, where you only have to maintain the ice over the season as opposed to having to recreate the curling sheets multiple times in the season.
- more curling time availability
- Better quality curling ice, more access
- This makes the most sense as other wise you would have to constantly monitor/change the ice temperature.
- •Consistently good curling ice. Good hockey ice and good curling ice are very different. •Avoids the additional cost & effort associated with switching. •No shared with ice markings which are confusing for all sports. •Better meets the demand for curling ice time •Serves the needs of all levels of curlers - not just beginners and novices. •Off-ice facilities like change rooms and lounge can be created to suit curlers •Better revenue generating opportunities
- Precise ice conditions are essential for good curling. The ice surface must be maintained to a high standard. Flat, without ridges, even. This quality could not be achieved if used part time for skating of any sort. Without good ice, the curling game just becomes silly. The game of curling is about precision, accuracy and control. If the ice conditions are off, then no amount of accuracy can be achieved. You would just be depending on luck to avoid the worst of the ice conditions.
- A shared use model would require significant resources for constant conversion. One of the best things about curling is the community and social aspect of the game. I think a full time conversation would support that better. That said, I appreciate that the City is being creative and looking at both options.
- I am an avid competitive curler and want to curl more than 2 times per week.
- The need for curling ice would exceed the time needed if the facility were shared.

- A shared conversion will not meet the demand for curling ice in Toronto, nor will it provide a satisfactory solution for league play or bonspiels. Existing curling clubs ice is used from 8:00am to 11:00pm.
- ice temperature for each sport differs and the changeover for part-time conversion is time consuming.
- Less time consuming
- Quality of ice.
- Easier to maintain
- A dedicated space would ensure access to curling for all
- Have a dedicated rink for curling
- Curling would destroy the ice making it unusable for hockey/leisure skating.
- I don't think converting ice back and forth between skating and curling is an efficient use of a facility. Lots of down time, special expertise required, poor ice quality for example.
- Seems like too labour intensive to go back and forth. Plus if it really takes 8 hours, it is time lost for both sides. Would be nice to have a facility dedicated to curling in Etobicoke. We have been waiting for it.
- Kids can learn and play anytime
- The difference in ice surfaces and the added maintenance required for the shared model.
- There is demand for full time curling
- The ice is apples to oranges and not easily converted
- Hopefully it would be more cost effective
- Ensures the quality necessary to have good ice and facilitates easier scheduling of play throughout the day. Leaside Curling is a perfect example of how a facility should be designed and managed.
- Easier for all
- Full time
- It has been my experience (I have been going to arenas in this city for more than 50 yrs.), that unfortunately the part time staff tend to cut corners. When figure skaters are on the ice before hockey, the staff quite often did not fill the divets made by the figure skaters pucks. I would rather have a devoted ice for each sport. Also I've been informed by a former president of a curling club that arena ice is not level. It would take a lot of time to level the ice every time it was changed.
- Dedicated Ice give better conditions for when you are playing. Sharing an arena would make curlers feel like 2nd class citizens like they already do in country clubs
- I think with shared use there is always a level of competing interests
- Curling and hockey, figure skating, public skating cannot share the same ice. Curling rinks have closed because they do not want to pay the cost. And now they want our ice!!!
- Full-time conversion makes more sense to me, because there will be no need for frequent downtime while the ice is being converted and can't be used by anyone. Also, I feel that leaving the curling ice in results in more consistent conditions and better play.
- My son enjoys curling and would benefit from opportunities offered via parks and rec and potential leagues
- Not enough ice time for curling in the city
- To provide consistency of ice conditions
- Shared use models tend to favour other disciplines. Ice time slot preference typically skews towards hockey and figure skating.
- To have good ice needs to be full time
- Not confident that the shared model is sustainable

- There is sufficient demand for a full-time facility, esp if it is the only one in Etobicoke. There are men's, seniors, ladies, mixed groups/clubs that will all require several days a week. I would curl 3-4 times per week each winter. Could also be maintained for summer curling. Separate 3 change rooms are required for all groups. A liquor license would be required to foster the traditional after-game socializing large gathering facility for banquet. Need separate bulletin boards for each group for
- It would facilitate more participation in the sport, including formation of leagues.
- Curling leagues can be played morning, afternoon and nights from Monday to Sunday. There are a lot of companies and group rentals as well. Far better to convert to other uses from time to time if notice is given well in advance so leagues who play on weekends can re/schedule as needed.
- Need more reasonable curling options
- there are plenty of arenas in the city used for hockey. while I appreciate the high demand and interest in hockey, not everyone plays. It is/can be very expensive and not everyone in the city is interested in playing. having a curling facility offers another option. a dedicated facility would allow for more opportunity in terms of numbers and level of competition.
- A shared use area would not provide enough curling time. The ice would be unlikely to be the quality curlers would like.
- Easier for everyone!
- Dedicated ice surface for both activities. Because the ice surfaces are vastly different each sport having their own surface is preferable. Staff dedicated to maintaining each surface instead of switching back and forth. Having different sports happening at the same time can increase interest in both
- I feel there will be enough demand for the curling to keep the facility booked and therefore a challenge to share the ice.
- Ice maintenance is a very big deal when it comes to Curling, as the two ice surfaces are entirely different. Also, the culture surrounding hockey has no place in a curling facility.
- I have curled on shared ice in Scotland and even with skilled ice makers it was not up to the standard we should achieve in Canada. I also believe that given the closure of curling facilities over the last decade or two, there is enough demand for curling to keep a facility busy 7 days a week.
- I like curling
- Ice quality matters, even at the recreational level. I'm a rec player who is priced out of most curling clubs, and I am frustrated about that, but I'd rather not play than play on inconsistent shared-use arena ice.
- Full time conversion would presumably result in higher quality curling ice.
- I believe a shared-model would create needless conflict between various users groups especially from male youth competitive hockey groups under the GTHL umbrella. Vast majority of such users are very toxic in behaviour. I'd like to see certain arenas cater to surrounding areas where there are fewer children playing hockey and those arenas should be converted for curling permits. Two examples are Roding and Grand Ravine
- Optimal ice for curling. Regular arenas can cater to hockey/figure skating
- I don't think it's a good idea for any rink used for hockey also be used for curling, or sledge hockey
- My preference would depend on the demand. If there is enough demand for full time curling, then I would prefer an arena conversion.
- the other wont work
- Too complicated and too many competing priorities to implement shared use option.
- The ice for curling is different than ice for other uses (ex. hockey, figure skating, etc.). A shared ice surface is not a good option to curl on.

- Quality of the ice would be consistent. There is sufficient curling demand to require the need for a full arena conversion.
- It's the only real option.
- Much better quality of ice much better availability of ice for users more efficient use of ice
- I selected because I can use for curling only
- Curling ice is different from arena ice used for skating or hockey therefore dedicated ice is essential for curling.
- There have been so many curling venues close, that I believe current curlers would fill the arena nearly to capacity. Also as a single sport venue, it's easier to service and maintain.
- Converting back and forth seems like a lot of resources that could be used elsewhere
- Too much work to switch back and forth between ice surfaces
- I have no idea what a shared use facility for curling consists of. A curling rink is a distinctive stand alone facility and I have never curled or heard of a part time conversion.
- There is not enough curling ice
- More availability for curling use and better ice. Chance to bring more youth into the game.
- Shifting between the two uses would likely mean that the ice ends up being unsatisfactory for either sport.
- It is NOT possible to curl properly on shared use ice.
- Shared ice does not provide an optimal ice surface for either curling or hockey/figure skating.
- shared never works
- It is far too complicated to share the ice back and forth. And not safe for either. The ice will feel slippery (greasy). And hopefully the curling rinks will be busier than 2 mornings a week. There is tremendous interest in this. We are larger than Petawawa.
- Because I believe that conversion is the only method to ensure proper dedicated curling ice for curlers use. There is simply not enough supply to meet demand.
- I've heard that curling is very popular in the West End and it can be difficult to find ice or get a spot in a curling league. For this reason, I support a full-time conversion, which it seems would allow for more curling participation than a part-time conversion.
- Ice quality
- The. Ice conversion is difficult. A few hours a week would not give enough ice for the curlers to mount a proper schedule. Bonspieling is an important aspect of curling which enhances the fellowship of the game. A feeling of "ownership" wouldn't develop.
- A dedicated ice surface for curling would be easier to maintain
- Different ice sizing, temperatures, under-ice markings, scoreboards, staff training. The usage plan in Petawawa doesn't make any sense - to switch two mornings into curling and the rest of the week into hockey and figure skating? If one of the mornings isn't on a weekend, then anyone employed full-time would likely have to book time off work or not play at all. If the ice preparation is done overnight for curling, does the conversion back for hockey also take 8+ hours in the afternoon?
- Curling ice needs are so different. It needs to have its own ice facility.
- ice quality is paramount for curling, and converting back and forth will not result in the optimal ice quality for curling. I can't stress this enough - bad ice = terrible experience, more so even than hockey or figure skating.
- The demand is there to utilize an arena full time.
- Necessary for good curling ice to have it only used for curling.
- A shared use model is used in the US where curling is just being introduced and participants have not experienced dedicated curling ice. Under those circumstances

shared use and consequent poor ice conditions are acceptable. Curlers in the GTA are accustomed to a very high standard vis a vis ice conditions and would not patronize a facility with sub standard conditions.

- With the lack of curling facilities residents have to travel outside Toronto to curl.
- Provide more access for curlers
- Enjoyment of the game is impacted significantly by ice quality. Poor quality ice can lead to frustration and a poor user experience.
- good curling ice would not happen if shared with skating hockey etc.
- Ease of scheduling
- I think the demand is there and toronto has the population to draw from. It was Dave time from having to convert from other sports to curling and bc.
- Ice will be better in a full time use facility
- Better ice quality means more enjoyable experience. Shitty ice conditions for curling will be hard to keep members
- Wrong ice for skating. It matters.
- Less time required for ice maintenance means more options for play
- Having a dedicated arena is more practical
- Curling ice and configuration is not compatible with other uses
- Better and more consistent ice conditions for play
- Curling ice is unique and very different from skating ice. In order to have effective curling ice then it's vital to have an ice surface which is dedicated full-time to curling.
- It would provide a better opportunity to create high quality curling ice which GTA curlers are used to.
- Curling ice is different and requires different maintenance, it could be time consuming to switch back and forth for the various usage.
- Limits time available for curling and converting back and forth doesn't optimize ice conditions
- I would assume based on conversion costs it would be cheaper to have a dedicated location
- The ice used for curling has a very different standard than other ice sports. A shared model has proven unsuccessful in other curling markets
- Ice would be too hard to maintain for shared use
- Logistics involved in conversion on a timely basis very challenging. Would result in poor ice conditions for both curling and recreational skating
- There would be more curling activities in an arena conversion.
- this option would provide better ice quality and allow for hiring of more experienced ice makers
- High staffing costs required to flip back and forth between uses. Jack of all trades = master of none.
- I do not think a shared space will work.
- The ice requirements are totally different for curling and other sport uses
- It sounds very complicated to have a shared use model.
- To enjoy curling, you must play on a dedicated surface, not prepared in 15 minutes after a hockey game. To prepare an arena for championship play requires many hours of continuous flooding and scraping etc.
- Ice conditions in shared usage is terrible for curling.
- To ensure enough access for all curlers who want it.
- I believe that there is enough demand for dedicated curling ice and the quality of the ice would improve if it was dedicated
- Curling requires a very specific quality of ice which is not achievable under a shared-use model. Curlers using this ice will not be able to play the game as intended.

- The quality of the ice significantly impacts the enjoyment of a curling game. Bad ice means the rocks will track unexpected paths or may result in inconsistent speeds from one game to another. It is not easy to get smooth, and consistent speed in a sheet of ice. Shared use is unlikely to result in good ice.
- Demand for curling is running high due to the loss of quite a few private facilities, so I anticipate sufficient usage to warrant a full time facility. Leaside CC has so many leagues and a wait list for many leagues and membership it will be difficult to share usage if ice needs to be resurfaced.
- Because its needed
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- It is impractical and inefficient to change the ice painting and temperature to accommodate different requirements
- Shared use would be too difficult to schedule and manage the conversion from skating to curling ice.
- There is a large number of displaced curlers. There is potential programming to include all GTA citizens including, wheelchair, blind curling and the like. This facility could be booked 7 days a week from morning till late evening.
- My family would not use the facility for curling.
- Due to the amount of time needed to prepare curling ice.
- Temporary ice doesn't play consistently, adversely impacting quality of play. Hard to grow the sport if ice is not adequate.
- Shared-use curling ice is typically really bad for curling.
- too much time to prepare curling ice from ice skating
- Curling requires specific dimensions and ice temperatures. The hacks would interfere with most other sports
- Shared use would not work well due to the nature of the size of a curling rink and the texture of the ice. Too much time would be spent trying to convert the arena from one format to another, thereby decreasing the number of hours available to actually sue the arena.
- Mixed use does not provide a good curling surface
- I believe the demand for curling ice will be too great to be accommodated by a shared arrangement.
- With shared ice, the quality of the ice would be very low. As well, we need full-time ice availability because it is impossible to find anywhere to curl in the Western or even all of Toronto. A shared ice would offer very little to alleviate that main issue.
- I feel that curling ice is so different and requires a proper arena.
- Part time use is more expensive and unfair to both types of users. Surely the City can rebuild or build arenas for both curlers and skaters.
- The expertise required for 'good'curling ice cannot be installed overnight. Look at the Canadian Championships, they have an entire team and it takes a week...the cost would be prohibitive, and ice quality with lesser professionals would be terrible. I also believe the demand would be enough to support day and evening play...every day.
- More consistant ice surface in many areas of use for curling .Better repetative games if it is used for curling all rhe time and lines are more ingrsined in the surface
- it's most efficient to have ice dedicated to curling. And it would allow for proper ice surface.
- I think it is preferable for all users to have dedicated ice.
- I think it would be better to control and not have any wasted time - scheduling play or changing ice all the time.
- More Curling ice time available
- CHEAPEST -- MOST PRACTICAL

- I feel that a shared surface is not feasible due to the differences in surfaces, humidity etc that are particular to curling ice.
- Since ice specifications for different uses differ a lot of time would be lost in conversion between uses.
- Less confusion
- More available curling time
- Shared model would not allow enough curling time and would be too easy for hockey to “win” the ice time
- Better ice quality and more availability
- Cuts from hockey skates not conducive to curling ice. Conversely, pebbles from curling can compromise safety in hockey if left over.
- A lot of work is required for conversion. I have not seen a rink where one person does both ice surfaces well. Both sides would likely be unhappy with most shared uses. Most skilled curlers would probably join one of the curling only clubs.
- Would allow for better quality ice for curling, reduced man-power (no need to continually convert), arena could be used to stage curling events/competitions which would contribute to economic impact of community.
- easier to manage
- More availability for booking times.
- Had to do with quality of the ice Hard to curl and skate on the same ice surface If there were 2 seperate I've areas that would be OKi
- Knowing the popularity of curling in the area, there is potential for regular and frequent use on a converted arena. The concept of an arrangement such as in Petawawa would require the permanent employment of several ice technicians to convert the ice back and forth, limiting the useful time of ice availability for many groups. This arrangement would not meet the needs of the curling customers in the area.
- Shared use is problematic - provides low quality curling ice and play, and creates ongoing conflicts between hockey and curling users. Convert one arena to curling permanently and move forward. Yes, hockey users will complain, but they'll move on after the initial outcry. A shared arrangement will continue the conflict and use issues indefinitely.
- More curling divisions can be offered, during the day, for retirees, or others. There are also enough curlers to run curling every night of the week and on weekends.
- For more ice consistency
- How can you meet the needs of curling and hockey/skating communities? Hockey and figure skating at our local rink, Central Arena on Montgomery, is seven days a weeks and used by thousands of families. We would NOT be served by reduced access to skating and hockey in our community. Also, consider building new rinks in the area for all skating/hockey/curling activities. The rinks are all old in our area and you could build multi level/multi rink facilities with federal infrastructure \$\$\$.
- There should be an option for no conversion. Unless there is an empty arena that isn't currently being used, which there likely is not, no conversion should take place
- More consistent ice. Intentional commitment to the sport. No conflict with Bonspiels vs tournaments.
- Good curling ice makes the sport more enjoyable - so a full time conversion is preferred to keep the ice quality stable and consistent for curling. Also, with several closures across the city in the past few decades there are less and less clubs for curlers. Existing clubs have long waiting lists and it's hard enough to participate in the sport. People travel from all over to existing clubs just to participate. A dedicated faculty in Etob could help with this.
- There is enough curling demand in the west end now and in future to support a dedicated curling arena. There isn't a single rink left in the west end. The ice and

facilities for curling are significantly different and require different maintenance support and skills - shared means suboptimal ice for both users and less user ice time due to conversion needs. West end curlers need a dedicated home that is reliable and of high quality.

- Part-time conversions lead to lower quality ice for both curling, as well as skating/hockey, etc. This lower quality will reduce interest and ultimately defeat the intended increase in demand.
- More consistent quality of the ice surface is needed for curling. Better to have a full-time surface to make it easier to maintain.
- There is just not enough curling rinks compared to hockey rinks. Converting some to curling rinks will boost the sport but also give more options for Torontonians to on how to stay active during winter.
- There is limited space for curling and if someone wants practice ice hard to find so with another full time arena this Hoepfully will help
- curling is a 7 month sport.
- To ensure consistent availability of ice.
- Easy
- Big difference between hockey and curling ice. Should be one or the other.
- As a curler, the idea of sharing a rink between skating sports and curling would not work. Ice making at its most basic level requires flooding and pebbling, but as as any ice maker will tell you there is much more to it than that. Ice time is already at a premium in the City, a shared rink will only make those that harder to accommodate.
- Want to see more availability for curling in Toronto with more potential facilities
- We need more accessible and low cost curling options in this city and particularly to attract new players. Full time maximizes those opportunities
- Demand would be sufficient to make use of the facility full time for curling
- The uniqueness of curling
- Too much resources to keep changing the ice.
- The city would have an easier time maintaining a full conversation ice surface. It would give curlers the best possible experience as well
- There is enough demand for purpose-built/converted curling ice. Conversion time would be expensive both in terms of staffing costs, and lost time available to curlers.
- There is demand for curling in the city
- Since a new facility seams out of the question and time/cost to convert back and forth seems impractical this is my choice I am not sure this would work since there is a shortage of hockey ice in the city and curling clubs that are privately owned are closing in great numbers it seams to me new hockey and curling is the way to really go
- Amount of ice time needed to accommodate curling leagues
- Would suspect that constant conversion of ice would lead to major ice inconsistencies, which would mean a poor curling surface.
- The sport of curling needs more ice time than 2 mornings a week to permit a healthy curling community you need different ages , level of curling and bonspiel opportunities for the sport of curling.
- Make for better curling ice.
- Capacity, scheduling, cost
- Curling ice Needs to be specific to curling. Dual purpose will reduce the time available and the High Level Of ice expected for playing.
- More consistent ice conditions.
- I am a curler want the best ice conditions possible. I would not be opposed to having the arena used for other sporting/recreational purposes in the summer months.
- Ice used part-time for skating would never be good enough to use for curling.
- Shared arena does not work for curling.

- Ice quality
- Curling will become 2nd to hockey and skating. It requires a full season like other sports that align so that teams can compete both competitively and recreational with other curlers across Canada.
- Curling ice can not be created and maintained successfully on a temporary basis.
- Good quality ice is hard to make quickly. Switching back and forth seems like a waste of manpower as well
- Consistency
- It seems unimaginable to be able convert regular skating ice to reasonably good curling ice in a short amount of time on a weekly basis. When they do a 'burn' on our curling ice, it takes at least a week or two for it to get back to normal.
- Better ice conditions
- I don't think it possible to have good ice with shared use.
- It sounds like a dedicated space increases usability, better quality of ice, & overall better use of the facility. Classes could use a learn to curl during the day as their DPA time, it could open up camp or class opportunities, etc.
- limit the amount of time people can curl
- Full time sheets would be required for all the different teams/section that are made up to curl on one rink in a Curling facility .
- Technical reasons. Best ice for curling.
- Competitive curling options, ice quality
- With a shared used model the ice will never be as good for curling as a full-time conversion. If the ice is bad then curling is not enjoyable. All you get is people complaining about the ice.
- Ice conditions
- I think the cost of a part conversion would be very expensive and limit it use.
- This is the best of the available options. The city should find money in the budget to build a new curling facility. The population of Etobicoke should be able to support a full time curling facility. A part time facility will not be able to provide the flexibility for participation to attract people to the sport. This city has a youth engagement problem. We shouldn't be taking facilities away from one group to provide for another. We need to be adding to recreational opportunities.
- Curling ice requires a smooth consistent surface for true accuracy. Shots vary from a spec of lint in the ice and no matter how many times a smoothing machines passes over skated ice it is never as smooth as curling ice.
- Concerned ice condition for curling may not be adequate if it is shared
- Given the time involved to convert the ice and existing demand for hockey, in particular, I do not believe that sufficient time will be allocated to curling. In the mixed-use example shared, only 2 mornings/week were available to curlers. For those of us who work, we rely on evening and weekend opportunities to play - exactly the prime time slots for hockey and ice skating. To meet the needs of curlers, 'off-peak' times in a mixed-use facility are insufficient, we need a dedicated facility
- More sustainable and I believe there would be a demand for it.
- more options. more curlers, practice ice, better ice for curling
- The city seriously lacks curling ice. Really a new facility should be made, not taken from other sports.
- consistent ice for curling
- As a curler, consistency of ice is paramount, in a situation where you constantly changing the ice it will be impossible to capture consistency. While this won't matter to raw beginners, even intermediate players will find it difficult to cope. Most likely it will prevent you from attracting caliber players and teachers, which curling clubs need in order to thrive.

- I think the city, especially the west end, needs a full time curling only facility.
- are there skilled people needed for part-time conversion available? Will the converted curling ice be as good as ice that is full-time curling ice?
- The quality of the ice is important-the shared use model is a deterrent to encouraging participation in the sport of curling
- For Quality of Curling Ice, to preclude issues during games, and the demand in west Toronto is there for a full time conversion.
- Quality of the ice is my primary concern. Hours of availability is a secondary concern.
- Not confident that part time conversion is efficient (cost,time,waste of resources ie water). Curling ice is somewhat unique and I doubt would be of good quality in an ongoing temporary set up.
- An Arena Conversion makes more sense to me rather than switching the ice conditions back and forth. However, the curling arena could be converted to hockey ice during the curling off season so that they could run summer hockey which would make year round use of the arena.
- Maintenance of high quality competitive ice is easier on a dedicated ice surface with the appropriate attention to air conditions above the playing surface. Good quality ice in variable-use facilities takes a large amount of effort and expertise that is unlikely to be sustained in a city facility for general curling use.
- Significant effort is required to covert ice to decent curling ice in a shared use facility so it could only work best if the curling was a few days each week to be the best ice prep possible. But it would be detrimental to the future of curling to limit the time to a few days each week for curling as is done with a shared use model. If curling participation picks up, an arena conversion model could expand to offer more slots to more curlers.
- Only way to get proper curling ice
- A full time conversion seems easier and less costly to maintain, provided the demand exists. Since several curling clubs in the area have closed recently, I believe that the demand exists.
- Curling ice requires time to properly 'cure', and reach its full potential as a reliable ice surface for the game. Double arenas like McGregor Park and Heron Park have smaller hockey rinks on one side, and could become permanently configured as curling only rinks.
- Other option has too many things happening and too many movements of rocks, score boards etec and ice can be changed for hockey or skating as demand changes.
- It takes too long to convert from one type of ice to another and it takes the ice- makers a long time to perfect the curling ice to the buildings conditions.
- results in better conditions for curling and less work for staff converting back and forth
- I prefer to minimal impact for the arena users.
- The flow of people coming on and off the ice will impact operations. Plus, maintaining ice in a hockey rink creates a different ice surface than on a curling rink
- would keep the consistency / integrity of the ice. curling ice requires alot of preparation and continuous maintenance. If you keep changing the ice for different uses, the quality of the ice surface and play would suffer.
- provide more access for sport of curling
- Part-time conversion will create a lot of downtime changing ice surface instead of being used
- More available ice time for many types of leagues. E.g. ladies, men's mixed bantam Little Rock's etc. need for it to grow not stamp out.
- The amount of time and trouble to create questionable quality of ice for curling, just doesn't make sense.
- More flexible
- Very technically demanding and time consuming to switch back and forth.

- shared use would be very challenging from a logistics perspective and it would be difficult to provide a quality curling surface that meets the expectations of curlers. Shared hockey and curling lines and circles would be confusing for both users. Shared use would result in a compromise that results in low levels of satisfaction for users and ultimately would result in low participation rates and a failed initiative. It would be like trying to install grass court tennis courts on a soccer pitch.
- As a national level competitor having access to arena ice conditions would be beneficial to my training and growth. Ice conditions in the GTA at curling clubs tend to be sub optimal and hard to access due to time constraints.
- Curling ice is special. It needs to be clean and free of anything that would change the direction of the thrown stone. So no skate marks or other ruts that may occur with shared model use.
- Switching the ice on a daily basis would give a very poor curling experience. It's best to do a full conversion based on the examples you've given.
- Quality of facility and shortage of curling ice. There is a need for a full time curling facility to meet demand. Curling ice is different from skating ice.
- Competition ice can be used to recreational activities as well as competition. Increasing the ability to diversify the location help reduce overcrowded existing clubs.
- I believe a shared use model would struggle to meet the requirements of curling members in the area the arena would serve. Specifically I see the amount of time that quality ice would be able to curlers as the biggest issues. Curlers in the area served, as your research finds, come from a variety of circumstances - full time workers, retirees, school kids, stay at home. As a consequence, each of these groups has preferred ice times: full time workers 7pm to 11pm, retirees during the day, etc.
- I do not think that a shared-use will be as successful, and the demand is there for a full-time facility
- Quality of ice if you don't have good ice you won't get people to play just ask the clubs about membership when you have bad ice
- shows commitment
- It is preferred to have curling ice in on a permanent basis.
- more consistent ice
- As to not interfere with hockey operations.
- better ice and no time loss to conversion
- I feel it would ease the schedule conflicts and limit downtime needed to repeatedly convert for days of different use. I also would expect the quality of the ice would be better. Curling involves a club social aspect as well and that could be more easily developed in the full time venue
- There is not enough ice time available to meet the needs of all curlers at our club now. A shared model would decrease the amount of available ice time
- Lack of options for competitive curling in Toronto. Have to commute across the City for ice time. The shared use, Morning ice time for leisure would be hard to get to but great for schools, so is better than nothing
- Better quality ice and likely better quality lounge design. Better quality food and beverage availability.
- I believe the shared use model will not be successful.
- Dedicated facility. Minimal disruption to convert.
- I would prefer a full time curling facility as this will ensure the full benefit of the facility is experienced and a shared use facility will not be successful. In addition there is high demand for curling in Toronto due to the recent closing of many private facilities - the arena will be fully utilized and an asset to the community .

- I believe that both curling and skating groups would never be happy with the ice conditions. I saw it in Scotland. I asked how they keep both groups happy. The Staff said, 'We don't.'
- It assures quality of ice, and maximal use for leagues - including youth curling.
- I have been a competitive curler and know that I wouldn't enjoy playing on the lower quality ice. I do think there is a lack of curling facilities in the west end and would be interested in the arena conversion option
- It would be nice for the facility to be used for the entire curling season. It would be nice if extra sheets were available for practice or make up games.
- To keep ice consistency
- Splitting is more wasteful
- Higher probability of quality ice
- I think this would make the most sense. Ice in the city is hard to get (before Covid) I think having a dedicated facility would make everyone happier and no animosity between the two groups
- Ice conditions make curling. It is hard enough to make decent conditions in a dedicated facility. To try and make decent conditions over night is dreaming. If you think you can do it you are not a curler!
- Maintain dedicated pebbles ice for Curling
- Having been involved with both Curling and Hockey, I don't believe the 'shared model' is feasible. In the end, I think the quality of ice that will result will be of marginal quality for people in either sport. And, given figure skating is involved in present hockey facilities, they too will be very unhappy with the result. I suggest using a 'Bubble' on an outdoor rink as a first option to address this problem.
- Curling should be prioritized
- Would like potential for competitive curling to continue as well as introduction. Curling was offered by my high school out of a special member ship of St. George's which now got rid of their ice and it was an amazing opportunity to become competitive at a unique Canadian sport. I started there and don't continued at UofT thru East York and it was a big part of my life.
- Ice quality and availability of ice time
- Because the quality of the ice would be better and there would be more flexibility for curlers of different levels (ie, competitive and recreational). It would also allow for more ice time for curling which is currently in VERY short supply in the GTA.
- The specific ice requirements for each group make it difficult to provide any of the users with quality ice. Curling ice is a science that blends an exacting effort to provide a level, flat surface that is kept at a determined temperature to withstand and give the curlers a playable sheet of pebbled ice. The stones used for curling need to be kept at ice temperature on a consistent basis. Damage to a set of rocks can happen easily if they change temperature often and are not handled properly.
- As a 40 year curler I have experienced well run facilities that operate as a business. Curlers drink and eat, a facility could be essentially self supporting with a combined City/private operating model.
- You can't curl on hockey ice. Have you tried it? It's brutal, poor quality curling conditions.
- Seems simpler. I am not a curler but this option makes sense. There are lots of places to skate and play hockey.
- A full-time conversion allows for managing the operating cost for the build and deconstruction of the ice surface. Stone climatization is also very important in the process and if switching all the time with the part-time model will delay availability of ice time. Safety impacts of a conversion method is a huge issue. Having curled on arena ice after the conversion process, the ice climatization takes time and a novice curler can be subject to falling if ice is slipping.

- More access to curling pad, less labour on staff to convert back and forth
- It is very hard to maintain any level of consistency when switching back and forth between hockey and curling ice
- Having it set up for the season of curling is better and easier than 'making the ice' each week. It's more cost efficient to have a full time conversion. It saves time too therefore leaving more time to curl. You can have more curling happening bringing in more money and you will have more social time after and before each game. Better money for the club and more time for curling. you can have more members as well.
- Ice conditions far less than needed if share and curling can fill an arena full time.
- Hockey ice is hard to come by it does not make sense to share and go back and forth from curling to hockey
- Curling is about more than just the ice - it's standard/expected to meet with the other team for drinks/chat after the game, and I can't see how that would be possible in an arena that is mixed use and not set up specifically for curling. In addition, being able to step off the ice sheet to solid/non-slippery ground is pretty important for less experienced curlers as they are waiting their turn, prepping, etc. This wouldn't be possible with a mixed use model based on my understanding.
- Ability to market to a wider demographic due to variety of access times that a permanent solution will provide. Also will be dependent on the use needs for the surrounding community. Won't take away from other facilities for hockey, pleasure, figure skating etc.
- With numerous private clubs closing in Toronto, a lack of curling ice is not available. Ice that is not curated full-time is horrible ice to curl on.
- Ice surface required for curling is significantly different (ice temperatures, surface/pebbling, levelling for example). Temperature of granite curling rocks needs to be kept consistent. Skating ice surface gets cut and chipped making difficult to kept surface level and consistent.
- Though a shared model with hockey or another ice sport might make intuitive sense to some, it is like suggesting a shared model between soccer and a golf course. True, both involve grass, but that is where the similarities end. A shared model would be impractical and a recipe for frustration and making all participants unhappy with the quality of play. A full-time conversion is the only way to provide curlers with a decent venue to play the game in a worthwhile way.
- Allows for more consistent surface and better availability/time options for league and tournament play
- Time and money spent converting back and forth would seem to limit utility of facility for either activity. Would also restrict ability for users to access facilities unless their schedules aligned with narrow windows of availability. In reality both options are not preferred. demand for skating and other rink usage seems to significantly outweigh the desires of the more elite curling market who should have many options of unused space at private facilities or in nearby areas of the gta
- Being able to play curling all the time would be fantastic! Having a dedicated facility for this activity would become a hub of community for curlers. It would also be more accessible for school groups. At Etobicoke Collegiate the curling team was cancelled due to these rink closures. If curling was only available in the morning twice per week, or another group booked all the after school times, the team wouldn't get any time at all.
- A number of private (non-city run) curling clubs have closed in the west end of Toronto in recent years. There should be more than enough demand to warrant full-time conversion, as many curlers have been forced to travel outside Toronto to areas such as Mississauga, Oakville and even Burlington.
- Would accommodate many more regularly scheduled leagues as well as rental leagues and learn to curl programs. The quality of the ice is bound to be better.
- After a closure of 1 of the cities 2 curling rinks, ALL of TDSB can no longer curl. The excess of rink users flooded the single left curling rink & now every single high school of

the TDSB cannot curl. There's no time or availability, a whole sport was taken away from the students. A full time could give TDSB the chance to re introduce curling back to its student. Curling was a huge sport of interest at my school, I made the best memories. I want that chance back, I want to be able to curl! Thx

- Curling has a large opportunity to be profitable. I doubt that it would draw the needed participants to a shared use model when full use arenas exist in the city already
- Better quality ice and more options of times to curl
- Better quality curling ice.
- I think a curling arena would likely be used full time year round if that option is provided.
- It would be better for all curlers to have consistent ice and maybe could include food and beverage. Allowing curling on various days and nights.also allowing curling am, pm, and night time
- The shared option simply will not work for curling. Curling ice takes weeks to prepare and if skated upon will take several days to repair. This will mean that the ice will require Re flooding after each conversion. It's a clear no go.
- Shared use makes bad ice for both uses
- Most sporting clubs (hockey and skating) are already looking for more ice time. Sharing time with an additional sport where there is a significant turnover time before another stakeholder can use it.
- Takes too long to convert. I've conditions on full time curling ice will be better
- I don't think the constant change yo the ice conditions will result in good ice for all groups, probably not perfect for any group
- Curling is a community. It would be better if that was the only function
- If space is available, would allow for more dedicated curling time and wider range of playing times
- Need morning, afternoon and evening ice availability. Two or three days per week not sufficient. Need 7 day availability.
- The shared use model would compromise the ice surface for all sports involved and would be quite labour intensive.
- It would provide a dedicated facility for curling
- Curling should stay curling
- Can be used anytime & not just set hours
- Reduced operating cost then changing ice back and forth Prime time is same fore each group
- Curling ice is quite different and should be maintained regularly. The facility should function as a hub for local curlers to help grow the game and should offer curling specific programs targeted to specific age groups and populations.
- It would be preferable to have high quality ice, allowing for both recreational and competitive curling.
- Potential for better quality of ice for more competitive play. Hopefully demand would permit this option in a centralized location for the westend.
- Switching to/from different ice and coordinating shared schedules is difficult
- With shared use, you compromise the quality of curling ice. We have lost 18 sheets of curling ice recently. Having curling a few mornings a week will not suffice. There is huge demand for curling during the evening and weekends.
- I believe only a full time conversion would ensure enough curling time available based on the curling facilities that have recently closed.
- The demand for curling in the west end high and there would be usage of the facility every day and every evening with the possible exception of Sunday evening.
- I don't believe the ice conditions for curling would be acceptable for other than beginning curlers. I also believe the demand for curling is large and that this option doesn't come close to ensuring that west end curlers have a place to play.

- less disruption the the ice
- With no other west end curling options I believe the ice would be very well utilized for curling. Also moving back and forth between uses would be onerous with the types of ice and markings needed being vastly different
- I think the maintenance costs of changing the ice from skating to curling ice on a consistent basis would be expensive. The quality of the ice would be better. It would allow for more groups to use the ice, particularly high school and college students. It would allow for Little Rocks programs for children as young as 7 to start curling. During the day, Seniors groups or people who work shift work would be able to play in leagues or drop in games. Bonspiels would generate income for the city.
- Toronto is big enough to support multiple new curling dedicated facilities. Curling facilities do well when combined with racket sports (tennis , badminton, squash), and indoor summer volleyball, etc. Reason for loss of curling facilities in past 5 years: Scarborough Golf, St.Georges Golf, Weston Golf, is due to golf priorities.
- Curling can support a full week's of activity between senior's, women's, students and league play. An arena conversion would alos make bonspiel's available which is also good for raising needed funds. An arena conversion also aallows the curling community to hire a skilled ice maker.
- Ice preparation is critical and I believe that there is a need for this
- United Church Curling. I do not see that a part time arena would provide enough ice time for the curling needs in Etobicoke. I.e. Humber Seniors Curling, Etobicoke Seniors Mixed Curling and St.James/Islington United Church Curling to name a few.
- I don't believe that shared use is a viable, cost effective option. The difficulty in maintaining consistent curling ice would be significant.
- Only curl
- Ice difference prep time restrictive, humidity more sensative for curling, possible logistic conflicts, parking conflict, additional alcohol restrictions,
- Better curling ice area.
- Too many things can go wrong converting back and forth from hockey to curling
- Staff training would be a challenge switching usage throughout the week. Cost considerations with sharing model. Sharing of ice time. Decision making process. Demand of usage percentage.
- Allows for practice time as well as games.
- So no confusion as to who has the ice time
- A full time conversion would be much easier to manage for curling technicians, scheduling of series, more curling time for curlers etc
- Curling ice needs to be clean without cracks etc. at all times. Very different from hockey ice or just skating in general
- Yes
- These are VERY different ice surfaces and require different technologies to cool and maintain them.
- Quality of curling ice is better if used for only one purpose.
- I have curled on shared hockey/curling rinks in Nobelton and Gravenhurst. The ice quality is definitely sub-par and is an unpleasant curling experience for anyone above a novice level (the two closed clubs were comprised mainly of non-novice curlers). Bad ice conditions for curling frustrate curlers because making even basic shots is very difficult. The poor condition of shared ice can turn players away from the ice facility or the game itself.
- I love curling. I believe that it is an excellent sport for whole families to participate in together
- Minimize impacts on users. There is so much demand for curling ice it would not be worth waiting for conversion time.

- Opportunity to program extensive schedule and provide practice ice.
- challenging to have proper curling ice when shared with other uses. Improper ice does not make the game as enjoyable.
- It allows for more playing time and rental opportunities for those who want to try the sport
- Could allow for more competitive games as well as ad hoc use for teaching and coaching purposes
- We have enough hockey arenas - we could use more arenas dedicated solely to curling and growing the sport among the city's youth. It is the least expensive sport to commit to and something can could benefit all demographics
- For the reasons given above under the 'shared option'
- Having worked in a curling club it is easier to maintain better ice conditions more consistently if you're not swapping back and forth.
- I honestly believe that the rinks should be left alone especially at this point in time where we need sports after being locked down for over a year. I would prefer to have one completely converted rather than arenas where you can only practice on certain days etc
- Sharing curling ice with hot air ice skates reflects the same way that sharing grass with soccer and golf it just doesn't work converting hockey or skating ice to curling ice does not make the ice safe it's dangerous for the curlers and there's going to be a lot of legal problems plus it takes a lot of time to convert the ice and a lot of staff which is too expensive curlers can fill an arena full time the seniors and children from schools can curl during the day the business people and mixed fe
- You can not use Curling Ice for any other sport.
- The ice quality in a shared facility would be terrible compared to other clubs in the city even with skilled staff, as such the new club would have a lot of trouble retaining membership.
- I'm aware of significant wait lists at High Park and Dixie curling and feel there is interest in a curling site . This is one of the few winter sports for seniors with an aging population we need space to be active and keep fit.
- Competitive teams should be able to play as well
- I don't see a shared use option helping anyone. The ice would be if such poor quality that curlers would not want to use it. The need is there for curling ice. Curling can be made attractive to all ages but also consider that there are a large number of seniors in Etobicoke who need recreation directed to them.
- Ice availability (prime time) and quality would better suit all groups if curling had a dedicated facility.
- Provides for a better curling experience
- Ice conditions are critical to curling, changing between curling and hockey will create inferior ice for both sports.
- I have played at an arena with a shared use model (curling 1 evening per week) there were frequent conflicts between curling and the other ice users, especially in terms of attempting to book weekend tournaments. Furthermore, the nature of hockey with play concentrating towards the nets at each end led to the curling ice being slanted towards the creases and thus the ice being practically unplayable by the end of the season.
- No ice disruptions between curling and other ice skating sports
- A big part of curling is the condition of the ice and arena ice does not offer the quality that is needed. Most recreational curlers are competitive and require consistent ice conditions. I feel that a shared model would attract new curlers but would not attract curlers for whom going out to bonspiels is part of their sport.
- The ice needed for curling is very picky due to the humidity requirements.
- Have curled in a shared use facility, and it detracts from the game. Prefer none shared ice.

- It's too awkward and time consuming to switch back and forth. It's hard to share when both hockey and curling want prime time (evenings and weekends). However, seniors could be available to play during the day on weekdays.
- It would be too difficult for the other programs I'm interested in to only operate for part of the ice sports season.
- Shared use will likely be poor quality for all users. I actually prefer the bubble option which is not listed. Displacing long standing clubs who will get less ice time particularly prime use which is already full.
- It is important to keep the rocks on the ice and cool
- a dedicated space is important for growth of sport in my opinion
- The ice conditions for both hickey and curling would not be up to par as would a standalone curling facility. Prime time would eliminate 1 group or the other. Stand alone facility would be able to provide all participants, working, students retirees ice time for curling.
- Represents an investment in the future of curling at all levels, young and old participants, and provides the opportunity to provide growth for elite level curlers. Curling ice is different and typically does not work well if continuously being converted.
- Conditions on shared use ice would not be up to competitive play standards
- Too much time is wasted / spent in converting from one use to another use in a shared use model. Potential animosity / jealousy between competing groups if competing uses. Arena conversion will facilitate more pride / enthusiasm of users and community in the sport (s) that uses it.
- I believe there is a need for more curling ice and a full time rink makes better ice for the game and it would be more profitable
- Curling requires consistency of ice. I think flip flopping between use groups would make for poor curling ice.
- Quality of the ice for both user groups would be sub-par and does not provide flexibility for users in a shared model. However, a conversion is very concerning as I've time for existing permit holders is already quite limited. We would want assurance that all existing permit holders would be accommodated with similar access to ice, hours, and costs.
- Because I am a curler and I understand that this is only feasible option. I am appalled that in Canada the City us discussing shared options.
- The quality of curling ice does impact the enjoyment of the game. The reduced ice quality caused by the shared-use model will eventually dissuade curlers (experienced and less experienced alike) from playing - this won't be an issue with an arena conversion. As well, two facilities closed - one full-time conversion would be a start in replacing that lost capacity. An arena conversion will also allow for better time availability for junior curlers - this time is too limited under shared-use.
- This would increase access and availability of curling and hopefully opportunities to learn about curling to a larger number of people
- The full conversion would be better for ice quality, tournaments, and the ice being useful for more competitive curlers of which there are many in the west end of the city.
- There aren't many options for curling and there is a lot of demand.
- More opportunities for people to enjoy curling
- Because pebbled ice takes a day to build and a half day to shave. That downtime will result in reduced ice time for me personally because I belong to a smaller Cadre of users. Preference is always given to hockey and shinny, even on rec ice.
- It's hard to maintain really good Curling ice, and if it is shared, it will nit be quality ice, therefore, it needs to be a full conversion
- Curling should be done in a dedicated curling facility.

- Better, more consistent ice with proper humidity levels. Would allow more league play at all levels from recreational to competitive. Would allow for morning, afternoon and evening league play all through the week. There are enough displaced curlers to keep a conversion curling facility busy.
- Get higher quality maintained ice to curl on. Designated Area to socialize in after curling game. More opportunity to curl any day or evening.
- Less maintenance and therefore cost to continually change ice back and forth. Curlers also like to have practice ice which would be limited if it is converted to a different ice activity.
- Shard ice would affect the quality of the ice.
- Because of the significant difference in ice surface and maintenance
- I think the demand is there
- If you're constantly having to reflood the ice, it's not going to be consistent and there's a lot more work involved.
- Our three kids have curled for years.....every year, they have to 'relearn' skills that have lagged over the off time. They would love to curl all year, and maintain their skills. When the TDSB competes with other communities, those outside of Toronto are MUCH better curlers, because they have access to rinks all year.
- As a competitive curler, I do not think it is practical to switch back and forth because the quality of the ice would be insufficient not only for curling but likely also for hockey. Different lines and markings are necessary in both sports, and would only serve to confuse the players. Also the curling hacks need to be drilled into the ice, leaving holes which could be problematic for hockey.
- I believe that there is enough demand for curling ice to require a 7 day a week curling facility.
- The country clubs that used to have Curling rinks were used mornings, afternoons and evenings and served seniors, youth and other adults. If a shared use rink was only able to offer limited time slots in the morning, far fewer people would have the opportunity to play. Youth and working adults would be most affected.
- Less downside to converting all the time.
- We have enough facilities in Toronto so we can do this. A part-time mix seems like a lot of work.
- Provides the most ice time for curling
- All curlers no matter the level of competency always want the best ice conditions. This will allow for consistency and increased capacity for curling throughout the week.
- Given nature of required ice conditions for proper curling (relative to hockey and other shared arena uses) and proven demand for curling, a shared use model would be impractical
- I have experience curling on a part-time curling facility shared with a hockey rink. The curling ice was not worth curling on.
- there is sufficient demand for full time curling facilities, for off season (and in some instances on season)facility use racket and some ball sports very nicely co-exist: racket sports (tennis, squash, badminton) and indoor soccer, volleyball, pickle ball etc
- Better curling conditions and ice quality with possibilities for competitive use as well as recreational curling. Chance to increase curling in Etobicoke especially with church and school use to introduce younger people to curling.
- Better curling conditions.
- Primary concern is quality of ice and availability.....the back and forth approach of the shared use conversion could result in poor ice quality, etc
- The repeated conversion could only result in progressive poor curling ice conditions and result in discouraging experienced curlers but also those learning to enjoy playing our game.

- With the demand for curling programming, I don't think a shared use model would open up enough spaces for everyone who is interested
- Based on the fact that several clubs have closed but there is no change in demand/interest for curlers. I do not currently curl but have thought about it for some time
- A part-time conversion will result in curling ice quality that is massively below an acceptable standard for any level of play. We have seen at clubs that operate this way in the states that ice quality cannot be maintained when the surface has multiple uses. A full-time conversion will further allow a sense of community for the curlers who become members there to participate more fully in their community facility.
- Curling is an activity that is growing. The facilities that would be needed is specific to the sport with minimal cross-over to other sports, e.g. hacks in ice, warmer ice temp, artistic care of the ice surface, lockers, lounge area. The preferred time for the leagues would conflict with the other sports. Curling facilities should have both recreational & competitive facilities for the growth of the sport. To supply all these needs, an arena conversion is preferable.
- Sharing use with skating does not work and ongoing is more expensive
- Irking ice is very important. I don't see consistency in the ice if it is shared use.
- I actually want NO conversion. We don't have enough rinks for hockey or leisure skate. Spend the money and build a new arena just for curling. Don't tell me the city doesn't have the money. Find the money. Cut your pay check.
- With 300 - 500 members in a curling facility, there would be no open spots for any other sports. Senior and stay-at-home-moms curl during the day. Children from schools curl during the day. Singles, couples, and working people curl in the evenings. There are leagues for mixed, ladies, bus women, men, doubles, and little rocks. Curlers will fill the ice days and nights for 7 days a week REntals, bonspiels, on the weekend - there's your week full.
- As a curler, I expect to play weekly.
- Curling ice is difficult to maintain without proper conditions, and often takes a while after curling on it to hit its sweet spot. Converting constantly will make it very difficult to have the ice be consistent and hitting draw weight will be frustrating for both beginning and intermediate curlers.
- Better and more consistent ice
- Converting an arena allows for more curling times, including curling ice rental (revenue generation) and supports curling for more user groups & leagues
- Better ice
- I would like to see the curling ice stay consistent. Changing the ice too much affects your game, and might result in too much "bad" ice.
- There are a lot of displaced curlers and a shared use wouldn't provide enough ice for curlers. The ice conditions would be poor in the shared use model.
- Shared ice is too mickey mouse.
- More days and options for the curlers.
- 1. More days to curl 2. Be more efficient for use of curling staff. It is best to have full time ice technician and administrator. 3. Curling to be available for different curlers i.e. seniors, physical challenged, youth 4. Ice may be rented to other leagues or special events
- I believe that there is more than enough demand for a full-time curling facility, and by pursuing this option over shared use the quality of facility for all users is higher. Shared use results in neither user group being happy, and I believe would lead to dramatically lower usage amongst the curling users. If asked to choose between a shared use facility and not playing, I fear that many would not play. This is ultimately bad for the sport as a whole.
- Will allow more curling times and as noted there are different ice requirements.

- will produce higher quality of curling activities
- You know what to expect, everyone is on the same page because the facility is dedicated for one use. No mistakes and/or stew ups re getting the ice right, who has status etc
- Better ice consistency - less confusion for current arena users
- I think there is enough demand for curling to utilize the space
- Ice surface requires special attention
- More ice time availability
- There are special needs for maintaining curling ice.
- Curling in the mornings for shared ice is not feasible for everyone
- I think time/money spent on conversion of ice between sports would be wasteful and lead to uboptimal conditions for either sport.
- There are many curlers looking for ice and many more will take up the sport.
- An arena that can be dedicated to curling will allow day time, night time and weekend leagues to operate without interruption.
- Makes more sense to have a dedicated curling arena.
- I believe that the demand for curling usage would require a seven-days-a-week facility. Also, the quality of curling ice is very important and I am concerned that the conversion process described above would not be conducive to producing ice that was sufficiently good for curling.
- When you do the shared option, the ice quality isn't sufficient for curling and the ice itself gets destroyed by skaters as the blades dig into the ice and leave ruts.
- Full access
- The quality of the ice will be better and more consistent
- Ice conditions in an Arena Conversion model would be better.
- Easier
- To provide the ice required I believe it would be challenging, plus when there is a Bonspeil the ice is required for several days and at different times.
- Much better playing surface More people can curl
- As a curler you cannot utilize an arena used by any other sport. You have lines to consider, surface, wear on the ice, etc. Certainly an arena can be converted back and forth for hockey and figure skating. But curling must have its own arena.
- Makes sense demand & supply
- Need to have the expertise of running a active curling rink . Ice is very important to the game.
- Curling ice is different and can't be quickly interchanged with other ice spots
- I feel it is the best and correct solution.
- It would allow for more sheets for curling.
- A much better quality of ice and all curlers know that. You cannot improve your curling if the ice surface change every day
- I can foresee problems pivoting back and forth between Curling Ice and Hockey Ice,
- Curling ice is different. Easier to maintain when its standalone use
- It is too difficult to switch back and forth from curling ice to regular ice
- Provides more availability for curling than a shared use model.
- I've played in shared use and the quality was poor. Would be good for beginner level
- Avoid conflict between different user groups and allow curling to expand.
- I curled on arena ice for a year and it worked the each league had their same schedule and it was a dedicated building just for curling
- More access to curling ice throughout the day and would allow different groups of people to use the facility (ie. school children, seniors, business people, etc.)

- Less chance of inconsistency with ice treatment and rink temperature. Also better to have a dedicated facility to plan for set leagues with no worry about use time being encroached on.
- More curling teams accommodated
- Growing up in a small town I curled in a share ice arena and it did not work.
- Better quality ice
- More curling times
- Minimize long term impact to other arenas
- I LIKE TO PLAY ON GOOD, CONSISTENT ICE.
- More opportunities for curling. Better ice surface.
- the ice in a shared use model would not be suitable for curling, even with an 8 hour window to convert
- There is a demand for curling facilities in Etobicoke. This takes into consideration the closing of curling facilities and the aging of the population
- More accessibility for curling which will allow more to get involved. Better ice services.
- Both sports require the ice during winter and both sports would be cut short. The ongoing expense and unreliability of the curling ice as it is 'rebuilt' each time makes it difficult to learn the subtleties of the ice.
- Ice for curling is very specialized and needs a lot of maintenance to keep the pebble in good shape.
- It would seem to be very costly to shave the ice and paint it and manage the shared option on a weekly basis. In the long term a conversion makes more sense to me. It would also be an issue if ice quality for curlers, hockey players and figure skaters.
- Better overall safety and curling condition
- It's too complicated to convert ice already built for curling.
- I do not believe a shared ice option as described would provide enough time at all for all the York /Etobicoke curlers that want to continue curling. Ice quality would be a problem with wear around the hockey goals.
- Quality of ice even for recreational curling. As a member at 2 different clubs, played at several clubs advanced recreational curlers are very particular about their ice (been spoiled by high quality ice). It seems impractical to try to convert in reasonable time frames. If you look at the U.S. where curling has increased significantly in popularity recently, it started on shared ice but when possible they build a curling arena. Part-time is last choice I fear dedicated curlers would shun it.
- My belief is that demand for curling in Etobicoke warrants a facility entirely dedicated to curling, as there would be significant difficulties in the sharing model. Conflicts would unavoidably arise over preferred times and quality of the ice, as curling ice requirements differ from that of hockey and figure skating. Also, I firmly believe that curling should be available for high school curling teams and Little Rocks programmes.
- I believe the demand for curling, particularly among senior men and women, is high enough to support five days per week. A shared-use model would be unable to meet this demand.
- Curling is an every day of the week sport and needs a permanent set up
- Curling Ice is quite different and I believe there is enough unmet demand in the West End to make a dedicated Curling facility viable.
- In order to meet the best standards for curling ice you need a dedicated facility.
- Hi have played on a shared model and it really didn't make for good curling.
- Curling ice quality would suffer under shared model. Hockey ice evenings and middle of the night at a premium demand, leaving curling with low desired times.
- Curling ice is specialty ice & requires ongoing special attention. The shared model will not provide the high level of curling ice required to enjoy the game of curling.
- ICE QUALITY

- want high quality ice
- If there is sufficient demand the rink would be needed for an entire season
- It is better not to have to convert. I played hockey for 60 years and coached for 25. The ice took a beating and took a few days to recover. Different type of ice
- I expect it would be difficult to have good quality curling ice in a shared facility where the ice is flooded every morning. Even recreational curlers like myself deserve quality ice and I personally would not choose to curl at a shared facility as my first choice. I also question whether the cost of doing so is feasible over time.
- Not practical to do shared use. Changing ice from one format to another is labour intensive and in all likelihood will deliver poor quality ice for both usages, but particularly for curling.
- There are so few curling facilities in the city, and with such high demand, and dwindling availability, the barrier to access the sport has gotten too high. As such, I'd prefer to see a bigger commitment to creating more opportunities for people to curl.
- better quality of ice
- It is the best option for curlers
- Back and forth is too complicated for the arena staff that I have met at many arenas over the years. Things will go wrong and result in ice not being available.
- There would seem to be ample demand for a dedicated facility therefore repurposing a facility that is underused or requires substantial upgrades for maintaining hockey and figure skating would make sense
- Specialized curling rink full time
- There needs to be consistency on the ice.
- The arena conversion will have better and more consistent curling ice with a dedicated ice surface. This will also allow more curling league options each day, rather than sharing with another type of activity.
- With the amount of members who will sign up for this club, to run a lot of leagues it makes more sense than constantly changing the surface.
- Ice quality concerns with part time conversion
- Ice quality would be better under full conversion model
- We could actually have the 'curling ice' we want 24 hours a day maxing out curling times.
- I can't see how you could achieve ice condition consistency
- In the shared option - if the demand/growth of either league won't cut into the other league ice time. Less technical demand on the ice. The shared ice could cause lower quality ice for both hockey and curling.
- Ice quality would be very difficult to maintain in a shared model. Also, curling times would be constrained to very specific time slots.
- Long term would provide fewer service interruptions for both curling and other arena uses. Additionally would likely cost less than constantly changing over.
- The choice are biased by eliminating the most obvious which is a new purpose built curling facility. With all the money the city wastes it's ridiculous to say \$15M isn't available and take that option off the table
- As a curler, I understand how critical the ice conditions can affect the game. There is a need for proper ice for curling to be effective.
- Because a curling rink should be for curling and maintained for curling. Feel like curing. Do not covert. I think we are short on Hockey and skating ice. You should make new ice pads for curling.
- Shared use is not an option. The curling ice will be a shitty product and not usable for curling of any real quality.
- It would enhance the curlers experience to play on a dedicated rink. I imagine ice quality would be superior and it would create more of a curling club feeling rather than operating

as shared space. However if shared use is all that was available I'd prefer that to no curling at all.

- Less labour required for repeated curling vs. Standard use options
- In order to maintain consistent ice quality for curling.
- The two ice surfaces are very different and unless adequate time is given between treatments, neither will be as good as it can be. Adequate time that will probably not be possible with how often the ice surface is used.
- This option would provide more time slots for curling. The ice quality would be superior for curling.
- Allows for dedicated spaces and eliminates conversation times between sports
- Having played previously on arena ice in a shared model, it's an experience I would only do if there's no other option. I believe the demand is there for more dedicated ice even if it's in an arena environment.
- Shared use model not feasible and requires too many resources
- In fact I believe Curling deserves a brand new facility on its own. There is PLENTY of available land within the Parks in Etobicoke. Etobicoke has No Community Centers and this could be a combination of Curling Center and Community Gym. Why not Don Bosco School or Pine Point Park at the West end close to Islington. All viable options.
- Sound like too much downtime and expense in the shared model
- More patrons of all ages could use the facility .
- It provides a dedicated facility that curlers will have access to on a full-time basis
- * The conversion process on a regular (weekly/daily) basis seems complicated to meet the needs of both invested groups * I think it would lead to less interest in Curling in the west end and drive people away from the sport * it is not a viable, practical solution in my mind
- Less confusion
- My preference is based on the fact that curling ice is unique to any other ice sport so sharing ice would be problematic.
- Curling ice needs to be developed and maintained differently than hockey or figure skating ice.
- Effort required to convert back and forth
- Costly and time consuming to continually switch
- Having a full time arena for curling offers more flexibility from recreational through to semi-competitive and competitive curling. It will also foster a sense of shared ownership over the club with the curling community, whereas sharing time can lead to power struggles between curling and other activities.
- Feel there won't be enough time for curling, if we have to share with hockey. I would be curling in the evening, how would this work if its the time the hockey is in demand.
- I would prefer new facilities built however this is the quickest way to accomplish more curling rinks.
- Curling is not a second-class activity, and should be prioritized in the same way as any other sport would be. I have experienced ice conversions from skating to curling surfaces, and the results are dismal outside of extremely advanced professional events. Ice that is not full-time maintained for curling will be severely inferior to full-time curling ice. The level of play will be substandard and will not contribute to building the sport in Toronto (nor satisfy club curlers looking for ice).
- Too many challenges with ice quality with shared.
- Different ice long conversion
- More stability
- The availability of ice for curling given the existing demand the quality of ice is important for safety, learning the sport, and enjoying play.

- Consistency of curling ice is very important for curlers. If the ice changes temperature and is remade weekly, it will be significantly different every week causing curlers to struggle.
- I prefer to have dedicated rinks as it seems the requirements for a curling rink are quite different than hockey/figure skating. As it is figure skating leaves the ice in terrible condition with deep grooves from jumping and pick use and this can be dangerous for hockey players. However, the city does not have enough ice at the moment to accommodate the current ice needs and new rinks need to be created.
- Better ice conditions. Possibly more cost efficient.
- Curling ice to be good needs to remain and be worked on by proper ice technicians. Trying to make good ice daily is not realistic
- Provide facilities suitable for competitive curling similar to a curling rink. Much of the curling culture includes playing at different facilities nearby which generally requires a higher quality of ice than described in the shared model.
- Less labour intensive to prepare and maintain the ice, the line markings, hacks and scoring boards if it is a dedicated full-time conversion.
- Better curling surface
- A shared rink would be too much trouble to change back and forth\
- Better overall usability for curling and attract more players.
- More curling time available
- dedicated space is more efficient
- Part-time conversion is difficult to arrange appropriately and maintain.
- Having a full time curling rink allows for more developmental curling use like lessons, Little Rock's, team practices as well as competitions. Having the rink their full time would allow the city to take full economic advantage of the ice but renting it out to people hoping to practice, tournaments as well as development programs like Little Rocks.
- Ice quality in a shared facility will be sub-optimal.
- Stable ice.
- Less labor intensive. Ice quality would be better. More ice for curling would be available which would enable curling to survive and not disappear.
- Vast differences between the quality (and temperature) of the ice is far too difficult to achieve many dissatisfied users
- A designated curling arena sounds better than shared time IMO
- Better quality curling, too time consuming to switch
- I see issues in converting ice to accommodate curling and other activities - while doable it is complicated
- We need more curling rinks This sport is one that can be enjoyed for a lifetime and is a very prominent in Canada It is also one that comes at a reasonable cost
- Currently not enough curling facilities available in Toronto
- It gives curlers more access (if demand exists) and less restrictive times. Sounds less costly since the conversion only happens once and is not ongoing.
- Lack of curling facilities in Toronto. Currently impossible to gain access.
- I don't actually. Given the difficulty in finding ice time for hockey, reducing the number of available pads seems like a bad idea. Why I chose that one, is that the ice is different when done properly so if you're taking ice away from hockey, my hope is that you choose the single pad rinks that will have less impact on hockey.
- I don't think that shared model is feasible - with curling rinks in permanent form being a distraction / confusion for skaters or hockey players. And similarly the quality of ice pebble for curling would similarly be compromised.
- curling ice is different
- better sense of membership
- Would allow greater use of the facility by a greater number of curlers.

- I have seen ice that is shared use and it is far inferior to dedicated Curling ice.
- more consistent ice quality
- Quality
- Seems to me to be the easier option. Constant switching back and forth appears complex and can't believe the resulting curling rinks as suitable as permanent rinks. Clear the numbers vying for skating rinks for pleasure or hockey will always outnumber potential curlers...
- I think it would be difficult process with the change over. Curling ice is different from skating ice.
- Better ice
- Staff can have more expertise in specific ice maintenance.
- The arena option would provide the most flexibility for sheet time, allowing more players and curling related businesses/services valuable time on the ice at a time that is convenient to them. This would take pressure off other facilities.
- Needed to grow the sport
- Ice suitable for competition would not only alleviate pent up demand but could potentially allow promotion of the sport more widely.
- (1) An arena would have to be available for more than half of the week to make a meaningful contribution to Curling. (2) There is an enormous amount of turn-around time to prepare the ice for curling - maybe that happens overnight? Otherwise it would further reduce icetime for recreational use. (3) If the 'recreational-quality' ice is significantly below normal curling standards, most curlers that I know would be very frustrated with it's effect on the game (but not me).
- Quality of ice conditions
- Reduces continuous time and effort needed to prepare for Curling

Respondents who had no preference.

- N/A
- I don't like either of the two options. There isn't enough ice time for skating or hockey now so you are creating more of a problem for hockey and skating to benefit a small group of curlers. Curling facilities are closing as the demand is not there to justify the space in Etobicoke.
- Any additional curling space is interesting to me
- I chose this option because I don't believe any public money should be spent on this project unless you have financial commitments that would make this profitable. Private clubs would not be closing if they were making money so taking away a resource from one group who are using them for another group that may or may not use them
- I am flexible but want curling access
- I'm ambivalent, as long as there is place to play curling.
- It is already impossible to get enough ice time for figure skating and hockey. The only option for curling is a new build.
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- No conversion for curling. It's a niche sport. Ice should be dedicated to figure and recreational skaters, and hockey, ringette.
- Neither....keep the rinks for skating and kids sports
- Curling is a minority compared to other ice uses. Facilities should remain as they are.
- Because you did not include the one I would prefer which is no conversion
- I am not in favor of any option that reduces the amount of ice available for Hockey, figure skating
- You are not asking the appropriate questions, in my opinion. Where is the question about whether a curling strategy should actually exist in the city of Toronto's mandate. A typical arena services between 60" to 1000 skaters per week. The current Current

market in the west end is less than 100 curlers. Catering to such a niche market is not an efficient use of taxpayers' money. Imagine, dedicating an arena, plus labour to service such a small crowd. How is this even on the agenda. Appalling!!

- Because I prefer NO conversion at all. We need more rinks in this city not less. Ice time is at a premium already, operating every hour between 7am and 11pm. BUILD MORE RINKS!
- Although I curl I worry about taking ice time away from kids to play hockey
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- Curlers should fund a private rink
- Whatever is best for the community.
- I would not support either option. Curling is not a popular activity in the city of Toronto. No conversion or shared use is supported
- Neither is a good option. I feel that if you share then we won't be able to use the ice for Ringette with so many lines in the ice. If you convert a rink we will lose it. Maybe you could take the Park Lawn bubble.
- Neither option. Curling is not feasible. Two private clubs got rid of curling for lack of interest and viability. Do not take away any hockey facilities for curling.
- as long as either works for the majority, I am okay
- Don't care for curling get rid of it. Put more use for skating recreational
- I see the value of both. I'd rather have curling of any kind than none at all
- Personally I believe there should be a third option which is build new. A new build could tailor specs to curling that would likely limit footprint. Location could be chosen strategically. Hockey and skating not to be impacted which is an issue these days, leading to higher and higher costs to participate in hockey.
- I have no preference
- My preference would be for the City to building a curling rink similar to the Parklawn Bubble exclusive for curling !
- I don't think either is a good idea.
- As long as there is ice for curling
- I see that there may be issues that arise with either solution, however, I have no specific preference that would either affect my (arena) needs or that of the community as a whole.
- do not have enough info about current usage and can rink accommodate all needs for area
- Just happy to curl
- Na
- I do not curl
- The city doesn't even have a strategy for guaranteeing that my kids will be back in the classroom in the fall. Why are you wasting my time with a curling strategy survey?
- I have no preference
- No curling ice is required. Curling is a paid private club which does not belong in taxpayer rinks. Curling does not belong in public rinks.
- I do not support either. Curlers should either fund their own arena or the City should build a designated arena for curling. Do not take away precious and rare ice time from skaters.
- Both options are not ideal. Disrupting existing community activities should not be an option. My family moved to this neighborhood because of the school and community centre and all the current amenities provided. This proposal would be trading off developmental/skill building activities for youth in favor of a recreational sport that would likely be utilized by the Boomer generation. Work with private developers find another option build new arena as condition for new condo development

- Please do not convert Central arena for curling. So many children, and adults, use this rink for leisure skating, leaning to skate hockey. Please do not take this away from the kids in that neighbourhood. There are alternate areas that have multiple ice pads available. Please do not make the kids suffer further by taking away another activity from them in the neighbourhood. Our Lady of Sorrows School also uses Central arena for skating excursions and for their hockey team.
- I do not play.
- No the 8 hr prep time to curling ice would mean 8 hrs back the useable skating ice. That would take a rink out of commission for 16 or 2/3 of a day. At a time when ice for kids is impossible to secure I am unsure why this is being done.
- I have no preference because there should be neither a 'shared use' model or 'an arena conversation' model. They arenas should remain as is and used for ice hockey, pleasure skating and figure skating. Why is there not an option to remain as is with no change in usage?
- I only chose no preference above because the option I want to express is not available. In no way should Central Area be considered for a curling rink. In my 43 years of life, not one single person I know has ever wanted to curl. This rink is used by my kids, myself, and my neighbors. We should be putting life and activities back into the community that is relevant. If private clubs have been closing then that is the private sector's problem.
- I want the most practical and least expensive option. I want to learn curling but by no means require the highest quality rink. Let's share perhaps?
- They both have pros and cons. I have no preference as long as there are more opportunities to provide more curling ice.
- Your options do not include the option to keep it as is!!
- I am against sharing the existing rinks with curling. There is already difficulty finding enough affordable ice for hockey, figure skating and public skating. The reason curling was closed at St. George's and Weston was because there was not enough demand for curling. You are being misled.
- No converting at all leave all ice to hockey and pleasure skating. It's hard enough to find ice time for female hockey players, now your taking there ice time away..
- Hard to prefer one over other, as depends on location, area and current use/demand
- I just want to curl
- Why is there not a option to say no to curling. I don't know is behind this but there is no or little demand for curling in Etocicoke and it is a dying game in the city. The money needed to convert and maintain a curling surface is not warranted. There are other curling facilities that this group can access. Also from my experience there are no current arenas with unused ice time. This is a total waste of time and money.
- I don't support changing this facility
- Shared use seems like a waste of resources - cost benefit would likely not make sense. Full Conversion would significantly impact current user groups
- This is ridiculous. Do not take away ice from existing clubs.
- Afraid that if limits are set, curling will lose ice surfaces
- Part Time conversion send like a lot of work, where the ice is likely not great for either purpose, but there is likely demand for both sports
- I don't feel invested in this outcome.
- None of the options provided are acceptable the area should be left for skating and hockey.
- Both sound like reasonable options
- It depends on usage requirements of curlers versus skaters. If a shared model can be cost effectively managed, this would be my preference.
- Decision should be cost-driven.

- I am a member at a club but would like to see more ice available for those that do not have easy access to facilities or facilities are full
- Just need to play
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- It should remain and hockey, skating facility with zero thought of curling conversion.
- Neither option. Ice time is already incredibly scarce and expensive for kids activities. Curlers should finance their own facility.
- I curl in a stand alone building
- neither - leave the rink as is - forget curling...
- I curl at club that is remaining a curling facility for the foreseeable future
- Neither should be adopted. I Curled for 10 years and have been in Hockey for 30. This is not a good idea as the surfaces and dimensions are totally different
- I agree more curling ice is required recommend whichever is more cost effective and allows most efficient use of ice.
- There are not enough arenas in Toronto right now for boys and girls youth hockey. I do not agree with converting any rinks for curling. Another option should be considered
- Both options are not good.
- It would depend on if arena conversion could still accommodate all skating I've requirements.
- I don't believe arenas should be converted to accommodate curing. Of the curlers I know there are often not enough participants to fill the use of a dedicated space.
- I don't want it to be converted at all, but this is the least impact on other more popular activities
- The reasoning behind the cities agenda seems to be slanted towards the curlers. There is already a lack of available ice times in the westend for the purposes they were designed for. Now the agenda is to take ice away, not for the lack of use but because a small number, and lets' be real the number of curlers affected is probably very small compared to the number of ice users who would be affected by the lack of regular ice.
- There is not enough ice in Etobicoke to begin with, these two options do not address this.
- Do not have strong opinion
- I believe it is important to provide a curling facility regardless of type. I stand alone curling facility is preferred, but any is better than none.
- I do not prefer either! Bad survey.
- Why is there no option to keep the arena as is, the curling folks should find another option
- because i do not use a arena but maybe now i will
- I prefer for you to leave it as it is.
- We have only 2 rinks in the entire city of Toronto that can accommodate ringette. Any conversion must ensure that we continue to have access to appropriate ice.
- My concern is more that the 2 city arenas which have ringette lines aren't the ones that the will share with curling.
- N/A
- I think all activities deserve a space but I don't know which one would be better for that,
- I am against converting ice arena into a curling ice, because it will impact ice quality for skaters and hockey, also create inconvenience time wise.
- Curling needs a dedicated ice surface because of the uniqueness of the ice. The temperature and texture are extremely sensitive and it needs constant maintenance to preserve its consistency.
- Could a new curling rink be built instead? Our skating club skates daily so shareable would not work.
- I will be happy which ever is possible.

- Neither option. If the private arenas from curling clubs were closed, reach out to those clubs to get them reopened. There is extremely little ice time available at the existing city arenas. Can the city lease those existing curling rinks?
- Neither shared nor full conversion would work in my opinion.
- I have no preference as I do not think tax payers money should go to accommodate a few 650. Where do you propose to share or repurpose an area that is convenient for curlers?
- I oppose any conversion for curling as it will have the effect of making hockey and other skating relating activities more expensive and less accessible.
- Everyone should have an opportunity to use the rinks. Hockey dominates so much ice time as it is.
- You should be converting golf courses to a curling arena. Why do you politicians always take resources away from low-income people. Why are you asking us to sacrifice an arena. Skating lessons are always full already and ice time is already at full capacity, it's so difficult to get ice time. Why don't you guys take from the rich golfers, for once do the right thing and stop giving into the rich golfing lobbyists. Tax them.
- I am interesting to play pick up hockey, shinny, stick and puck for now
- As long as it results in ice being available.
- There is no option to oppose the loss of skating surface to curling. Curling is not a sport played by many of Toronto's cultural groups and is viewed as a whites only sport.
- We primarily use arenas in the summer months.
- I think both are good options but which to choose would be best based on the location chosen and how it would best fit.
- 100 percent should remain hockey/skating arena. Never, in a 100 years, should it be converted to curling.
- No preference
- Ice time for hockey is already so limited and do not support adding curling to the schedule.
- As long as there is enough time for curling.
- I don't have all the information required to make a good case for one over the other
- I don't think ice time should be taken away from hockey or public skating/shinny.
- Both options mean area residents, hockey players and skaters are displaced - both are terrible options.
- I would just like to have access to curling. Whichever model makes more sense in my area is fine by me.
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- Maximizes use for residents of Etobicoke.
- If switching over a rink from curling to skating is feasible it will make the arena used more. It's hard finding ice time period in Toronto and I think ice would be better used for something rather than nothing
- Share ice or specific use is fine with me as long as I can cutl
- Prefer full-time conversion arena, but would accept shared model, over no curling facility at all.
- I am okay with either option as long as more opportunities are made available for children to play curling.
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- I'm not sure what would be convenient for the city.
- I think converting a neighborhood city run rink into a curling pad because private clubs have closed, is simply an inequitable and terrible idea.
- Dedicated arena would be better as there are very few options to play in Toronto
- No curling ☐ rink please

- Concern that arena ice time for hockey will become more scarce and I will not be able to afford rec hockey for myself and future kids.
- Ice will be more in demand as a skating rink than curling ice.
- Where I curl it is not an arena
- There is no option for full time ice rink for both figure skating and hockey also public skating that would be my choice.
- I have no preference.
- I have no preference for either option because arenas are already at a premium for their current uses - hockey, figure skating, leisure skating. To lose an arena or even ice time to yet another use (with curling just being one option) is unwise. We need a separate curling facility but only if the curling use will cover the expense. At our former curling-specific facility the curling community could not cover the expense (or were unwilling to do so). Why repeat the same mistake again?
- I don't care about curling
- I would prefer new facilities for curling that do not interrupt ice usage existing today.
- Part-time conversion is difficult to maintain and creates down time. Full-time conversion means displacing clubs and programs that are likely already struggling for more ice time.
- I wish curling to be available to everyone in whichever manner makes this a possibility.
- I do have a preference but that is not listed and that would be to have a separate facility. Ice time is already very expensive and limited / hard to come by so have have fewer facilities or fewer days only adds to the problem.
- Good question
- there is already a shortage of ice for ice hockey, I do not support using ice for curling
- I don't think that there should be any conversion. If country clubs have decided to pay consultants and push out curlers- I don't think curlers should in turn push out people that currently use arenas recreationally.
- Whatever works for the community, and makes curling accessible!
- Please do NOT make central arena a curling arena. Too many kids, adults , families use the arena for skating and hockey. Keep it a skating arena. There are other arenas with multiple pads that can be used.
- Not particular
- As long as curling is available, I don't mind the option. A dedicated building would be better though.
- I am against the both models as I am a strong advocate of this particular rink staying as it is. I know how many children work hard on ice to achieve their goals in hockey and figure skating, how many and with what joy toddlers and older kids learn how to skate. My family and I rarely skip a public skating session where up to 300 people enjoying the opportunity... My daughter is an aspiring figure skater working so hard to represent Canada someday...

Do you have any suggested changes to or comments on the Draft Principles for Arena Conversion or Shared use?

- Abandon shared use. Curlers need some consistency in ice surface which cannot happen if ice is continuously taken out and then re-installed.
- demand for ice time will be the same for each sport non-dedicated curling ice is dangerous to curl on and open to injuries and lawsuits.curling can fill in arena in the daytime with seniors and kids, night time with business people, weekend with bonspiels and mixed leagues..
- Provide a fair process for existing stakeholders to be heard in the decision-making. This process is completely biased toward the Curling Club stakeholders.

- The principles are fine, but they are for a concept/goal that will fall down.
- I believe that the plan to use an existing operating facility is not possible without significant impact to existing user groups. The options considered should only be a new facility, conversion and upgrade of an unused facility or no action.
- Would relook the position of #6. Ensuring availability to existing user groups may require rebalancing locations - is this being considered to enable curling to be considered equally to other sports? Or the second priority behind others that are already there?
- Consider diversity and accessibility in allocation
- Shared arena could be in a area where few public skating/hockey activity are provided unused ice time slots are important indicators.
- Overall comment: the city greatly improved access to ice for leisure skate in the pandemic with outdoor rinks, which may allow some older indoor rinks to convert to curling ice.
- My suggestion would do to stop the proposal. The demand for more hockey and skating far exceeds to demand for curling in this area. Wait until a capital investment can be made by the city to address curling if needed. In the meantime curjers can't access families in Mississauga.
- Unable to hold curling practices
- Don't ruin hockey rinks by adding a bunch of curling rinks 15 people are going to use. Add an appropriate amount, not every rink being converted. Again the city of Toronto continues to be the biggest embarrassment across North America, willing to throw our history away. The Hockey Hall of Fame is in Toronto.
- find and convert an existing warehouse / vacant grocery store etc
- Focus on the sport, market it's recreational benefits and social aspects
- Ice conversions should not be every day, curling ice conversion takes many hours so should only be once per week.
- Gaps in programming provision for existing user groups should be allowed if demand for a programme is too low
- Create a plan that will be financially self sustainable
- I already stated that I do not think you should be converting the rinks at all. It is hard enough for the skating and hockey clubs to get affordable ice time and now with this strategy it will be even worse.
- The needs of curlers must be met while at the same time, minimizing impacts on existing users. To succeed, curling needs access to prime-time hours on week-days and week-ends.
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- Consider partnerships with existing curling facilities. Also, the sport of curling is growing, but there is still a need to make the sport accessible to more diverse audiences. Consider this as a principal as areas could be a great way to make the sport more accessible.
- My suggestion is leave the rinks as they are and the City can buy one of the private curling rinks. The kids have been through enough this past year.
- Ditch them. Skating only
- I do not support shared use
- can we get more info like what west end curling rinks closed down - I had never heard of them - what rinks are they suggesting to convert?
- I think you should consider minimizing disruption to communities in the principals. Many rinks are used by schools as well as other members of the community. Converting a rink will displace and break up communities that exist today.
- Absolutely no displacement of existing figure skating & hockey clubs should be happening. It is wrong & unfair.
- Share facilities across all ice demands and maximize facility usage

- Do an immediate neighbourhood survey. If the change will cause local residents to have to go further afield and bring people from far away into the neighbourhood, consider the impact on parking and traffic in residential neighbourhoods.
- Question the feasibility and wisdom of adding curling to the rink. In fact oppose.
- You have not commented on the number of ice sheets that will be available. The minimum number should six. Can an arena conversion achieve that?
- Ensure skating and hockey clubs are not displaced in finding a place for curling.
- Build more arenas, stop trying to squeeze additional amenities into spaces which already under address community demand
- Keep existing ice uses. Curling is a niche sport.
- Do not do it. Keep rinks for kids skating
- Don't use the rink for curling at all
- Limit this as much as possible. Stop focusing on the loudest minority and support more people. Some faculties are horrible. Shut them down and build bigger more modern ones.
- New build
- Build a new facility
- A proper assessment should be made as to whether a curling strategy actually exist based the government principles of efficiency, effectiveness and economy. If these principles are used, there would not be a Curling strategy to discuss as it is completely infeasible. There are already insufficient arenas in the west end of Toronto. As well, the costs incurred by the city to support an activity with about 100 participants in a city the size of Toronto is insulting and a massive waste of money.
- Build a structure solely for curling if the demand suits.
- build more rinks in Etobicoke. Build a curling rink at Centennial on the north side of the current rinks. Given our mild winters, the ski hill is closed more than open. Give it up and repurpose the Chalet. I can only support either option IF more rinks are built.
- #6 should be considered the #1 Principle.
- Yes, study the actual design needed for curling and design accordingly to facilitate wide use by the community (all age groups, those with handicaps, school programs etc.). It not just the two closed curling facilities, but that others like High Park are bursting at the seams.
- Curlers are a small group and need to build their own area
- There are too many what ifs for shared use. I would suggest using a facility that has more than one ice surface.
- Reverse the decisions to share or convert ice
- Build a separate facility.
- Note that Ringette provides a safe space for female athletes, so you may want to consider adding genders to #7
- Scrap the whole plan. Curling should not take away from hockey rinks.
- Need to be available for new users and younger age groups
- Get rid of it
- Considerations given to cost of ice rentals regardless of sport. Evaluate the use of arena and booking.
- No curling period
- I believe there should be some language around reducing cost for sporting events (costs continue to rise significantly)
- liquor licence is necessary. Large 'banquet' are for hosting bonspiels and 'championship' events. Introduce summer curling
- Do not impact any present or potential ice time for hockey, skating clubs or school ice for curling, coming out of the pandemic, our kids need more not less.

- Hacks can be removable to allow other use of the ice in the shared use model. Curlers generally join 'clubs' and curl at preset times in leagues at the given curling facility - a shared use model will limit the ability of curlers to participate in multiple leagues and may dissuade avid curlers from joining.
- allowing for a more competitive league in a shared facility
- Clarity around how many arenas would be impacted would be great. Doing nothing is another option that we should allow the users to vote on.
- See my comments on the last question
- How much is it going to cost to curl?
- Competitive programs like GTHL competitive youth practices and GTHL game ice should not be given priority at all. They do not follow the principles of community building. So I'd like see competitive youth adult programs excluded from having any priority in ice allocation. In fact they should be considered commercial users.
- Add more arenas or outdoor ice rink in the Toronto.
- Don't do it. Ice time is hard enough to find
- need to assess demand for curlers and not just minimize impact to existing users
- Draft principles are too slanted to shared use which reinforces my earlier point points of too complex, too many competing priorities.
- a dedicated curling only facility
- The curling ice is for the purpose of curling only is my opinion
- See previous comments.
- Examine cost and corresponding ice usage charges - do they make sense/align?
- No shared use.
- if a stand alone curling facility is not appropriate at this time, then conversion of an existing arena to full time curling is the only viable option
- Specify maintain safe and good quality ice as appropriate for the activity to ensure continued use and enjoyment
- Safety is most important.
- Shared will not work - see previous comments!
- Must be curling only arena or it won't work.
- 1) a shared use model would likely not attract optimal usage 2) a conversion dedicated to curling would serve an optimal number of users
- The city should build a dedicated curling facility (bubble type) which would be a more economical solution long term.
- Please leave the current arenas as they are
- Look at the model used at the Savile Centre in Edmonton as a way forward for Toronto. There should be a venue similar to the Savile Centre in both the east-end and the west-end of Toronto. The city should consider teaming with the universities in Toronto (UofT, York, Humber and Ryerson) to develop sports complexes which can house multiple dedicated sports venues, managed under one roof to provide world-class facilities & training. Ex: Central Park Swimming Pool + a dedicated curling arena attached.
- Re-assess budget to take over private curling club and not have to convert existing arena used by community for years
- not in favour of shared use
- Keep it as is, i dont want added traffic in a small neighborhood.
- Only consider adding curling ice to an existing arena in currently unused time slots, if any existing. Do not make any changes that will change the current ice time allocation.
- A shared model will not be successful. This is not the way forward. Look at the success of Leaside, Tam Heather and East York curling facilities. This is what the west end of Toronto requires.
- Prioritize use of the arena for children, schools and families.

- The city doesn't even have a strategy for guaranteeing that my kids will be back in the classroom in the fall. Why are you wasting my time with a curling strategy survey?
- Where I e surface for hockey, figure skating and leisure skating are already in short supply converting away from them is NOT a good idea.
- Ice time should only be allocated to curling for unused time slots after the needs of all other users including recreational skating, hockey and local schools have been met.
- shared use would be too difficult for all applications, so arena conversion for just curling is most needed.
- Curling does not belong in city rinks. It's a paid private club model.
- There needs to be an objective standard for assessing community demand prior to any conversion or shared use.
- Review of existing facilities, locations, availability, etc. Let's make sure needs are balanced between user groups.
- Do not share the arenas with curlers. They should have to get their own arena!
- Find another alternative to accommodate curling. Squeezing too many activities into limited ice time will further limit access for all. Not a good solution. Think creatively. Find other ways.
- No shared usage.
- Please do not use Central Arena for curling
- Give an option that drastically reduces access for curling and keep the rinks utility to skating. Why should a public rink fulfill a private need?
- The draft principles did not address the issue of ensuring that ice time is used to facilitate inclusive recreation
- Central is not a good option to convert to curling given the community needs.
- Allocate time based on school age kids use
- if shared use is adopted, i would suggest only during school hours on limited days
- Do not oartially convert at all.
- have one location that is dedicated to curling demand in Toronto's west end will support full time use of the facility
- I do not see any information of the time demand for curlers? What is the estimated weekly curling use?
- Leave the arenas alone. They should remain for ice hockey, figure skating and pleasure skating. The number of children and adult who use the arenas current will far outweigh the few curlers. The curlers should look to build their own facility or re-negotiate with St. George's Golf Club.
- on the last page. Please provide fact-based evidence suggesting that more people will benefit from creating more curling facilities, than those that would lose access to ice from the decision.
- gov needs to promote curling better. It is easy to learn with little equipment investment
- The popularity of curling is low vs other arena activities.
- Needs to ensure Covid restrictions should they increase allow for the primary permit holders or existing user groups
- Create a new facility for curling
- Do not allow any conversion at Central Arena, Etobicoke.
- Consider the impacts on non-regular bookings (e.g. schools) as some community members only access these facilities during such events. Focusing on skating or hockey programming alone ignores some important community groups that may greatly benefit, therefore school bookings should be included in the plans.
- Too few facilities in the west end and also few programs for older active seniors if another curling club is not made
- do not convert to curling!
- No Curling at Central Arena

- NO CURLING RINK TO BE CONSIDERED AT CENTAL AREANA
- Do not build a dedicated curling section
- The arena is attached to a school and i find it disturbing that the kids wouldn't have access. Seems like sharing would be the more appropriate thing to do
- Leave as is
- Need to keep hockey for kids
- Build a separate rink for curling. As I said, it is already hard to get skating ice time as it is.
- It is not reasonable to take ice away from existing programs. There is no way the ice can be shared and there is not enough Affordable ice for existing programs
- Do not convert as it only provides a linear usage model.
- No leave it alone!!
- Leave central arena alone for ice skating
- Create efficiencies with existing user groups by moving them to different arenas. Dedicate one facility to curling.
- Is there a consideration for 'seasonal' or year-round use?
- Suggestion to locate a centrally placed arena for conversion to accommodate the displaced curlers from the several rinks that have been closed in the greater community.
- Hockey users will be reluctant to give up any ice time, particularly evening and weekend times. They will do everything they can to keep what they have. This shouldn't be overly catered to, if there is a clear demand for another curling facility.
- I dont see how curling can co-exist with skating or hockey. The ice needs to be prepared for curling and left as curling
- Allocating ice based on demand for each activity (adjusted over time) can be difficult to do. I believe there should be a bullet based on allocation of ice with preference to people that live in the community. Ie. a hockey team that has a lot of kids from the area, should have preference vs a curling league where people are driving in from Mississauga and Oakville to play. Preference should be given to people from the surrounding community.
- I want to ensure the reason curling was shut down at my golf course was partially motivated by financial shortfalls of curling. So suggest otherwise is a false statement.
- Again there is no need for new curling facilities.
- Don't convert to curling. We will regret it.
- Make a new facility
- Build a proper curling facility. Ice is already expensive and difficult to get
- Shared setup won't work. Too many logistics to change the ice. Converting rinks to curling pad eliminates 3 uses (hockey, figures skating and leisure skating) in favour of 1 activity.
- demand for curling within a local area should not determine whether a particular arena is identified for full or partial conversion. Unlike hockey and skating, curling is only available at a small number of locations in the city and ice locations are regional and not local. Therefore, the demand in any particular community is irrelevant and utilizing such a factor in decision making will unnecessarily bias the decision process.
- curling requires clean changeroom floors so curlers don't track dirt onto the ice
- No conversion or shared use
- Do not adjust allocation of ice time. Skating activities take up a certain number of days and curling an equal number. 24 hour turnaround between each sport.
- Our central rink needs to remain S I lessons, skating, hockey, free skate to support the hundreds of families in the Kingsway.
- Move to a new location
- I don't want hockey rinks converted
- Leave the location as 100% arena for skating lessons, hockey, figure skating. Find another location for curling or add another rink to the building.

- keep talking
- The amount of time to convert
- The sport of curling needs a dedicated facility to support the sport. Most curlers curl several times a week during the season and many leagues are needed to maintain and grow this sport which can be played by a huge age range .
- Separate ice pads
- Please see comment above.
- SCARBOROUGH HAS ALSO HAD CLOURES WITH IMPACT. THIS IMPACT HAS ALSO BEEN IMPACTED BY THE Annandale closure in Pickering
- You need a statement about maintaining the relationship between the difference users. This could lead to disagreements when there are conflicts of use demands
- PART TIME curling would be restrictive as it has several groups of players & tournament and that require time slots during weekday/evening play and weekend play. The conversion of the ice for proper play could be problematic in regards to varied time slots for different ice activity.
- More exposure, more rinks in areas not currently offered like North york and more public awareness curling exists in the city. No one knows it's available at public arenas and no idea how to join or get involved.
- Leave it as is.
- This presumes the existing users have precedence so it will be hard to demonstrate demand for curling if only ever allocated off-peak times which are not convenient for many (hence available)
- As stated
- As stated I am for conversation over shared use, however, the issues of shared use could be mitigated by minimizing the frequency of converting the ice
- Do not even consider the proposal from a fringe group of people who are historically disinterested in paying the actual costs associated with their sport.
- What leagues actually have youth initiatives. Curling should be sure to prove and have number of youth who will be actually partaking in use of ice. Taking away ice time from kids after a long inactive period is not a good idea. Make sure kids are active. Use rinks to facilitate kids having opportunities to be active
- I do not believe in a shared use facility.
- # 4 is a very important point.
- Use a dedicated arena for curling during the winter and convert to hockey ice for summer hockey.
- Curling should never result in the loss of figure skating access. Figure skating is more diverse and popular and serves a broader community. Special curling sites should be created to fit this small group of curlers who are less diverse in background.
- Curling should be a full time use of a facility. Joint use is not really feasible. Estimate to convert arena to curling ice is unrealistic
- Curling ice requires time to properly 'cure', and reach its full potential as a reliable ice surface for the game. Double arenas like McGregor Park and Heron Park have smaller hockey rinks on one side, and could become permanently configured as curling only rinks.
- Its so difficult to get ice skating lessons for kids, can't afford to lose any arenas to curling usage
- no arena conversion for curling.
- Go to another arena or area. Not wanted
- Stop moving down the path or removing a current facility (because everyone suffers) and instead focus on building a new facility
- No changes

- There are no comments related to ensuring reasonable fees (charges) associated with these plans to consumer's. Inevitably, charges in both scenarios will increase costs. How will these plans address this?
- Do not use for curling
- You need to look at older rinks that are barely being used for youth sports or city programs, ones that don't suite hockey due to size and seating for spectators, and then modify one or two of those into a permanent facility, the numbers of youth hockey players far out weighs the number of curlers in the west end of Toronto and taking away good rinks that will be in high demand after a pandemic is ridiculous, and financially poor decision making.
- Cancel the curling option
- Curling for confirmed demand ONLY.
- Permanently convert a facility with sufficient parking to accommodate curling and fans.
- As hockey and figure skating already exist in these arenas it is only natural they will get priority because their demand is already there. 2 mornings a week for curling is a joke.
- maintaining historical time slots unfairly puts newer users at the bottom of the list with least desirable times. Existing permit holders of facilities with below average utilization should be accommodated at dedicated ice skating or hockey facilities. This would free up a facility for a dedicated curling facility and improve quality of ice and experience for all permit holders.
- I appreciate trying to be flexible but this feels like it's just going to frustrate curlers and skaters alike because neither will get the proper experience for their sport.
- Give equal priority and prime time access to new users.
- .
- Please do not take this rink away from the children in our community.
- I believe it would be a massive waste of tax payers money as the curling pads would be underutilized
- This survey seems to be pushing the surveyed into necessary agreement of doing this. Many are opposed and there doesn't seem to be venue to voice opposition in this survey. Just degrees of acceptance.
- More public skating options for families and young learn to skaters. Open hockey time for young players learning.
- Do not convert any current arena
- Find money to build a new curling rink.
- That would require me to carefully read the existing principles (which I didn't).
- I understand the intention is to minimize any reductions to existing ice permit hours or time for leisure skating. But please take into consideration that Central Arena is already used full time by many groups as stated in the previous answer and the neighborhood already has only little chance to have some leisure-skating time.
- This is a city wide issue, as more golf clubs are considering ending their curling activity. I still feel a community centre approach such as Leaside and Tam Heather would be preferable.
- Put shared use in areas where curling is not in high demand
- Prioritize the community around the arena.
- Look at facilities with multiple ice pads to encourage mixing among sports participants (community building), look at outdoor options with leisure pads?
- efforts to allocate dedicated ice to curling should be given same priority as existing users.
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- We do not feel that principle 1 is being honoured as the process has not been fair to other stakeholders. We think the conversion of a rink to curling given the lack of ice already in the west end is guaranteed to create program gaps for existing programs
- Do not convert to accommodate a sport that has a low participation
- Don't change arenas and take away from a growing sport to facilitate a dying one.
- Please don't include curling. Let me continue to skate
- Leave it as it is. If you want curling build a new building.
- They are unreasonable. Only accommodating curling requirements if you do not in any way impact anybody else. It is a different sport with different requirements. You cannot twist it into a make do secondary pastime that is like pretending to play the game. If you want to support this activity, improve Canada's competitiveness and provide an activity that residents can do into their late years, then you have to commit to dedicated facilities.
- Don't do it
- There isn't enough ice for kids to learn skating and hockey. Please do not take more ice away from them.
- No conversion
- Limit the focus on off ice amenities. If curlers want to curl, provide ice. The bars are down the street.
- Use a less busy hockey town. Take curling to those arenas. Not Toronto and Etobicoke
- do not agree with this look at arrangements with golf courses to allow for rinks to be placed on this pristine land in the city - golf courses that are so immense already should be considered to build facilities and shared space for curlers
- Find a different strategist, one who isn't pandering to one group without listening to the other. We are trying to grow the game of hockey within the city's kids, taking ice away is illogical.
- build a new facility that will suit curling users' needs, instead of doing a reno on a old building already set up for hockey specific sports.
- Wonder if there is opportunity to have a part city owned option like East York club in Etobicoke.
- Recognize the differences between curling ice and skating ice, and the need for a dedicated facility for curling as well as dedicated facilities for skating
- Ensure there are off ice amenities.
- Add a new rink to an arena that is shared ice. That way, during hockey tournaments, you have an extra ice surface...you don't have to lose any ice you currently have for hockey, yet gain a shared surface for curling.
- Consider support for existing curling clubs such as discounts on property taxes. If you are going to expect curling clubs to be community resources stop taxing them like private businesses/facilities.
- I prefer it to be kept as an skating ice surface for the incredible demand that exists for skating I've already.
- Curling is not needed.
- It would be nice to know the numbers. Eg. number of curlers for each type of arena. Or the number of times a curler can use the ice each week. Some members curl every day. It's their life. It's their family.
- Use some of the inter city rinks to start with low capacity do not use rinks that are already over sold to Not for profits and city public skating programs.
- Maintain Central Arena for skating. Add more City of Toronto skate lessons and public skate times.
- Why should we change when there are so many people who need hockey/skating rinks.
- Keep as ice arena for skating/hockey

- The fact that private facilities have closed is irrelevant. The 10 year capital plan should identify capital required to fill the gap, not take away facilities in a growing city.
- Ensure East York and Leaside take high school league players and teams from the public and Catholic boards to promote the sport.
- DO NOT convert the current arena facilities to curling. The expenses are too great given the small population whose needs it satisfies. The current facilities are already stretched to meet the needs of the kids and young adults in this area for hockey and ice-skating. To further decrease their access is detrimental to their sport participation. If the demands for curling are there, the private clubs would not have had to close.
- Shared use would not provide good ice conditions for curling
- I think groups that are willing to pitch in and do much of the work themselves independently should have precedence over those who treat it as a 'city service' so they just have to show up.
- Truly allocating based on demand would result in almost no time for curling provided that could justify the time and money required to maintain a curling program that would be reliable or useful to anyone. Lack of predictable opportunities would not result in new users trying out facilities
- Build a curling pad elsewhere
- Curling to be provided only to non-permitted ice time.
- Ensure appropriate ice is available for their respective sport.
- Some recognition for aging population needs
- * See previous answer re: possible 2 sheet use.
- Principle #4 doesn't make any sense if it takes 8 hours to change from curling ice to hockey/skating ice and vice versa. The type of downtime required does not exist in the Central Arena facility that is always in use.
- My concern with the draft principles is that it gives priority to existing permit holders. That will not help curling where the demand for ice will be greatest on evenings and weekends.
- I notice it says minimize impacts to existing users. I'm just worried that already difficult programs to get into will be even harder.
- Focus on Arena conversion to avoid time of use conflicts.
- Curling offers a limited use for a limited demographic. Skating provides a wide application of different activities across a broad demographic of age groups. Curling does not.
- Don't convert, it's needed for local skaters and hockey
- avoid ice sharing with other ice sports: will save a lot of labour cost, do combine curling with racket sports and indoor summer basketball, volleyball etc
- Since I would not be in favour of a shared facility, the principles do not reflect my belief that curling can sustain an arena conversion similar to the Leaside model.
- Cost will be a big factor as to the number of people who will play
- Never heard or played on a curling shared surface. It's not practical.
- Why is this only Etobicoke arenas. There is exactly one curling facility in Scarborough, a city of more than 650k people.
- See previous comments
- Don't convert. Hockey can be played on the ice and the conversion takes too long.
- This kind of goes along with principle #2, but ensure there is some allocation of ice time for curling ice during popular times for a younger age group (e.g., some evenings/weekend spaces).
- Good quality can be painfully subjective, playing on a pond could be considered 'good' by some.
- There is a lot of concern about curling having as low an impact on other activities as possible. However, if the space is going to be shared, other sports need to have as low an impact on curling as possible too. Curlers need more than the afterthought, leftover

ice time that no other sport wants. There is a very good reason why the ice is available at 1am to 6 am. Curlers need regular and consistent ice time, including in the evening, in order to conduct leagues (which is similar to other sports).

- There isn't ice available to teach high school kids how to curl anymore! Teaching kids life long sports benefits everyone!
- Shared use should be a stop gap only , until a proper curling facility can be built.
- Build your own rink or use a bubble pad on a tennis court, leave other users alone
- Put a bubble over an outdoor pad similar to Parklawn and see if there is demand before spending a lot money of displacing other users.
- Your draft principle is not in line with existing Toronto rec principles that favours youth programs over adult
- Build a separate entity
- Convert an arena use for Curling, make a lounge available and sit back and watch the revenue flow in. Very few Hockey players visit a lounge after a game and if snacks and beer etc. were available, curlers would visit regularly
- The arena for skating and Hockey has been 100% utilized for the past 30 years. The city should NOT do any conversion.
- The City needs to say no to conversion early in the process.
- I don't see how you can maintain current permits if you create a dedicated curling rink. These principles are directed at a mixed us format. Why is this pre-determined.
- These principles seem to benefit existing users over new users (i.e. curlers). Suggest trying to balance stakeholders' interests.
- The problem with allocating ice time based on the demand is that it won't necessarily reflect the potential or hidden demand of any sport using the club. It's like basing cross-walks on demand for crossing the road. People don't cross a road because there is no pedestrian crossing. Similarly, a curling/hockey club with poor quality curling ice will not attract new people to the sport and may actually turn away current curlers. This may be reflected in decreased 'demand' but only because of whats available
- 6. Recognize that there may be gaps created in programming provisions for existing user groups.
- Dedicated ice time for each sport. Not just off peak times for one or another.
- We need to consider gender gap. While hockey may have more players figure skating should not be considered less important. There are very few figure skating club options (others do not have capacity and not taking new members). This will be a new barrier to many girls (and some boys) staying in sport.
- Add accessibility to sport- ie cost and barriers to entry as consideration for equitable distribution of ice time
- Consider users by both child/youth and adult groups. Maintaining adequate access to sport for children/youth should be more heavily weighted than adults.
- My suggestion is to get some actual curling people involved.
- Delete item 2
- They assume part time conversion.
- I don't think either are great options. Taking away an existing arena to accommodate curlers is not good for the other ice users. Curling ice is very different than curling on a hockey rink.
- Not to proceed with any conversation process at this time or to cap rates users pay for hockey and skating programs. These conversions force families to seek out private for profit arenas.
- Additional ice time can be provided to ensure there is no reduction for skaters
- Include Scarborough MIE postal code. We currently go to OSHAWA to curl, because all the local arenas have closed, and now even AJAX has closed.....so we have Oshawa.

THIS EXCLUDES the TDSB from participating any longer. Our kids go to RH King, and were practicing in Ajax last couple of years. No one will go to Oshawa..

- If demand by competing sports exceeds capacity, what guiding principles will be used to allocate time of a shared facility?
- What solution best supports and promotes curling given increasing demand
- there is sufficient demand for full time curling facilities, for off season (and in some instances on season)facility use racket and some ball sports very nicely co-exist: racket sports (tennis, squash, badminton) and indoor soccer, volleyball, pickle ball etc
- Stay are skating/hockey facility
- See issues with ice time and converting ice. Permanent curling markings on ice in addition to hockey and ringette markings may make it difficult for players.
- As per my previous comment they are not acceptable.
- Do not occupy during the school year. Maintain existing school programs that the building shares.
- Focus on inclusion (physical and programming) for persons with disabilities and ensure accessible access
- Stop talking and do it
- Don't consider changing to a curling model
- Already provided my thoughts in previous section
- See my previous comment
- My suggestion is building a facility. Similar to putting bubbles over soccer fields, or the Parklawn ice rink that is built over a tennis court, why not built an temporary solution annually.
- You have money to build useless bike lanes and give \$39mil to build a Tamil rec centre so find the money to build an Etobicoke curling club.
- shared use is not feasible, the ice is different, schedules are full, plus curlers need the 'social' after game experience.
- Covid-19 has taken away physical activity for our children and made it extremely challenging and expensive to only allow a few to use city facilities at a time
- Need to be careful to not weight hockey as more preferable- it is not.
- Find it in some other way
- Ensure parking lot is a good size to accommodate all curlers when all sheets are being used or the rink is full.
- Arena designed for curling.
- Arena Conversion
- If there is deemed to be sufficient interest a dedicated curling facility would be preferred for city of Etobicoke assuming there enough other ice/arena facilities in city for other sports to us likely makes more sense than split / shared facilities likely increasing overall maintenance costs
- Need more ice/arenas for curling..
- Curling has no economic barriers to entry and can be played by people of all ages and skill level. There are plenty of arenas for hockey and skating. There has been no investment in curling. So the investment should reflect the demographic that has been neglected.
- Keep the arenas as the are. Let the low number of curlers go to existing facilities
- An adult curling group does not lend it self to mixed groups.
- All items indicate a shared arena. You have missed the mark
- Definitely a dedication rink conversation
- Ice is already too expensive and you're looking to make it less available and add cost.
- Shared use will probably lead to 2 mediocre ice surfaces
- The very limited help that the shared ice concept provides underscores that the Toronto council has supported all sorts of other ice activites and facilities for many many years

with nothing for curlers and they should provide at least a converted arena or new stand alone arena to compensate unserved curlers.

- Emphasize engagement and assess demand for youth leagues, no matter the sport
- I think it reasonable to expect existing user groups to accept some disruption in schedule, timeslots and/or programming to accommodate the unmet need for curling ice in the West End.
- Item number 7 'support development for ALL ages and abilities' is not specific enough to actually help seniors. Numbers of younger participants would simply mean that 'most' facilities will cater to interests of younger people. The principle should read 'support sport development for EACH age and all ability level.
- While I like the idea of shared use, in theory, curling ice is very delicate, and I fear that with the shared use model, curling users are going to end up with sub-par quality ice.
- Ensure best use of public funds.
- Not sure how shared use would work. There is usually a platform at both ends of a curling rink to wait your turn & get ready. How do you put boards up to make it safe for hockey or skating around the platforms?
- Please do not convert Central Arena
- Don't put curling in the arena
- Evaluate the need to offer curling at all in light of the small population it would serve
- Allocate ice time based on children's demand. Build a new curling arena
- I can't believe the demand for curling is high / great
- Look at time of day. How many curlers. Public skating with curling.
- Why just Etobicoke. Lack of facilities in other parts of Toronto as well
- No curling □ rink pls
- Suggest to keep the ice for skating and not to convert
- How can we make ice hockey space more prevalent
- Conversion is ridiculous to even consider. Use the money instead to build a facility
- Get rid of the boards and make it feel like a curling arena.
- Shared use is not an option.
- No curling
- I do not support arena conversion or shared usage.
- Do not temporarily or permanently change existing facilities to curling
- I do not support any arena conversion or shared use.
- Shared use ABSOLUTELY will not work for Curling or the sharer.
- Change 'if required' under the last point in para 4 to 'as required' because there will be disruptions for current user stakeholders in order to make time and space for curlers.
- I don't want Central Arena to be affected. I do not want any curling shared on my ice.
- With shared use I am afraid there would be many curlers who would not participate.
- There will be expenses for the City to maintain shared ice throughout the city. It seems it would be more financially, economically, and emotionally beneficial for the City to build new curling-only facilities, and/or add permanent curling ice pads to community centres which don't currently have any pads
- Don't convert. Leave as is.
- Prioritize activities that are mostly for children
- Where is the suggestion of a curling-specific facility? I know why. Curling cannot/will not cover the cost. Just like our club the curling community wants some other group/constituent to cover the cost.
- Build new facilities, these are smaller and much more easier to maintain.
- As mentioned in the last question: there is not enough space for children's skating activities and adult league activities as it is - consideration should be given to longer hours, maybe a designated curling day - though that is a big loss to the community as well

- Add something like 'recognize that all activities are equal and both should have priority' or something. I worry saying 'allocate ice time based on the demand' will simply mean curling is relegated to second- or third-class status, particularly since there are already a crush of skaters while curling draws on a smaller but no less important community.
- No more curling
- They are fine, but I do not think they are feasible.
- Don't put in the curling rinks at all (part time or full rink conversions). Why put money and resources into this when only a VERY minute percentage of the population will use it? The people who curl can afford to rent ice at public and private rinks.
- We need to build more rinks. We do not have enough to further share rinks or convert rinks.
- This still feels like curling is a second class sport. Curling participation is often an older demographic which is underserved.
- 'Demand' should be defined. Is it person-hours of use or something else?
- Leave the arenas alone. They were purposed for hockey/ skating and they should stay that way.
- I don't believe transparent conversations are happening now but that would be nice if they listened to the current permit holders
- find an alternative solution for curling whereby ice access for minor hockey is not further reduced.
- Don't concert existing city infrastructure because a small group demands curling when they have been ousted by multi-million dollar country clubs.
- Focus on protecting ice rinks for children activities (hockey skating) where they are in proximity to other child activities/ community centre or in child friendly areas. I also don't see any mention of public / private club partnerships - is this not an option for pursuit?
- Leave our rinks alone and build your own
- Build single use curling arenas
- Focus on identifying arenas that are close to other arenas so that existing user groups can be shifted to other local arenas. Otherwise they will be unsatisfied with their service reduction from arena conversion.
- Keep central arena for skating
- To consider the needs of the community in the nearest vicinity

Do you have any final comments or feedback?

- Every effort should be made to maintain existing dedicated city operated curling facilities.
- There are tens of thousands of people in Toronto who curl, many of them competitively. Shared usage is not conducive to competitive curling activities. The city loses money on these arenas curling will put them in the black
- The existing permit holders have not been properly consulted and overwhelmingly do not want to share ice with curling in Etobicoke. All stakeholders have been consistently looking for more ice time. Our skating Club took on additional permits even last season during the pandemic. We service children/youth of all ages and levels from learn to skate to competitive levels in Etobicoke and this would be huge disservice to displace these stakeholders who have been using these rinks for decades.
- Two private curling facilities were closed in Etobicoke due to a lack of demand/revenue. The City of Toronto should not be subsidizing curling activities while also removing ice time from rinks that are heavily used by the current permit holders.

- I'm disappointed to here such attention and focus has been put on the activity of Curling. I believe there are activities that are much more relavent to Toronto residents. And to consider sacrifice hockey facilities make no sense to me.
- The recommendation to council should include a plan to promote the sport. It is a fun and social sport and relatively in expensive.
- Shared arena where unused ice time slots can be converted to curling fans.
- Toronto is lacking in curling facilities and I applaud the city's effort to tackle this problem
- I believe there would be plenty of demand for a full use curling facility rather than limited use conversion.
- Monitor curling use to make sure there is sufficient demand.. increase amount of time available for shinny at the arenas especially on weekends, evening and over the Christmas break also if no one is using the rink allow kids to play shinny even if it's not scheduled time fir shinny
- Curling rinks need to be full time
- Again, feel free to add some curling rinks, but hockey trumps curling by a country mile and is our national sport. You are an embarrassing the country and throwing our coveted hockey history in the trash because you decided contact sports are bad. You are the biggest embarrassment of throwing our history away in North America
- Rejecting expansion (3-wall addition) is unfortunate. This would be the best path to adding more resources for the community.
- support and grow the sport
- I don't subscribe to the notion that a new facility cannot be built..associated with an existing arena, but not converting it. That is a short sighted conclusion. If you build it, they will come.
- Curling is a diverse sport over many age groups , from 6 to 90 yrs old, so should be considered and promoted as a sport for the ages.
- The city of Toronto has lost many curling clubs due to them getting pushed out of country clubs by golf members. A new dedicated curling facility is needed to replace the curling facilities lost in the past 10 years as well as introduce the sport to more people
- The cost of renting ice for hockey has increased significantly over the years and reducing the supply of rinks in the area will result in a further increase in cost making hockey less affordable for people. Please reconsider this proposal.
- One issue is lack of practice ice at existing clubs. It would be great if there was an online booking system or pay as you go facility
- Membership levels tend to vary from time to time but overall demand for curling will not end. The existing clubs in Toronto are at full capacity and cannot open any/many spaces for new curlers, which are essential for the sport to thrive.
- Would love more facilities available
- If you go into a shared method you will run into the problem of the hockey groups possibly losing ice and this sometimes heavily affects female teams. I would also suggest setting money aside to reconstruct already existing arenas into a stacked complex with more rinks to accommodate different sports
- Sharing arenas and converting arenas create competition for a limited resources. Net new ice will alleviate this struggle. The city needs to provide a solutions that adds net new ice availability. Then community members will not need to fight over ice.
- Please don't take over one of the ice rinks for curling. The whole community rely on these rinks for figure skating, hockey, fun family leisure skates when it's terrible outside weather (and when it's not cold enough to skate outside). The kids need the local rinks and our rink Central Arena is so important to the community. When you see how many

people use this rink you will appreciate you can not move them all somewhere else. Also I have read that curling does not work well next to a swimming pool...,

- Please remember that ice skating rinks that house figure skating and hockey are central to the mental health and physical development of the kids/teens in our communities especially in keeping the youth engaged in a positive activity. I am all for finding arenas for curling but am concerned with the impact on figure skating /hockey
- Absolutely no demonstrated need for curling. Far fewer people can use the facility than if it remains exclusively for skating. A really stupidest, terrible use of facilities. Kill this ridiculous idea at once and permanently
- If the curling community needs a rink that will fully convert to curling full time, then the city should consider an arena like Albion Arena, that does not have a figure skating club or hockey club permitting the ice
- This process and survey is extremely biased in favour of curling. Many organizations that exist today would also like to get more ice time as their program are overflowing with members. There is no consideration being given to these other needs. I strongly recommend that you be less biased and start including members of other ice sports in these discussions. It feels that the decision about curling has already been made and it's just a matter as to which rink will be converted. Very disheartening!
- Make children a priority.
- Great idea, more cities and towns should be encouraged to do the same
- I think this is a highly inappropriate change for an arena that is already fully booked with existing programming.
- Do not support changing arena to add curling
- Filling unused ice time for curling activities will not satisfy the curling community. The uptake will be minimal.
- Can curling ice sheets be added to an existing arena and share and existing or enhanced ice plant?
- Please don't displace current skating and hockey clubs for curling. Rink time for these children is essential during winter. We are a curling, hockey and figure skating family, but closing a skating club for curling is just wrong and unfair for our children and families.
- I am certain residents of Etobicoke will make it clear that this is an ill conceived plan which does not serve the community. Stop focusing on niche concerns, focus on the needs of the majority of your residents -skating, swimming, rec centres.
- Do not proceed. Keep rinks for kids skating.
- If interest increases convert to a full time for the sportvenue
- No conversion or change at all is my preference! There are plenty of other rinks they can consider a change to. Currently there is a need for this rink to stay the same!
- More free skate times more time dedicated to kids and teens recreation/hockey/figure skating.
- Keep the arena as is
- Please do not let curling take over central area the public uses it all ages and need Canadians and seniors and hockey . Please build a curling facility somewhere else curlers have cash have them fund it
- I don't see why skating and hockey facilities have to make changes for curlers who have lost playing time at clubs such as Weston and St. Georges. These people have lots of money and should be able to join another club that has curling such as Lambton, Thornhill or Bayview.
- NO MORE CURLING - Let curling's lack of popularity inform your decision to stop this nonsense. Please update regular facilities and parks so people can pursue genuine

fitness. Curling is a social activity for very old people. Please move this endeavor to a senior's facility. There need to be more pools, tennis courts, multi-sport courts, year-round facilities in good condition. Curling shoes are \$100 - a broom is usually \$200. Who is playing this sport? CURLING SUCKS the resources from other sports.

- I do not agree with this proposal at all. The demand for curling cannot be higher than hockey or skating, which is what Central Arena on Montgomery Rd is primarily used for. This agenda is being pushed by a small group of rich people that have connections with City of Toronto leaders. The fact that you are putting this on the table in the middle of a pandemic where kids have suffered for more than a year without their sport is shameful. Please do not convert Central arena into a shared use model!
- Build a new facility
- Why weren't the families who currently use the arenas notified and included on the decision to create the curling strategy. Bringing us in the conversation to discuss implementation is a total farce. How dare you insult us? Imagine, allocating a scarce resource to an elitist activity that caters to a small niche of the population is simply wrong.
- A new dedicated facility would be better. Not my problem it's not in the capital budget.
- Our youth have lost so much over the last 15 months. If curling ice is needed- it must not impact normalcy going forward at the cost of programs and facilities existing.
- WE NEED MORE RINKS IN ETOBICOKE. FORD CENTRE ONLY replaced the Lakeshore. WE need more ice surfaces. The city has grown yet the # of rinks has remained the same. Ridiculous.
- I personally think that if there is demand for curling, then new curling rinks should be built. Retrofitting existing rinks to handle curling should definitely not impact any existing ice allocations at the current rinks.
- The pandemic has not helped moving this along. What can the community do to get this project moving. Would a fundraising help or intergovernmental funds? Tam Heather improvement funding seemed to just appear?
- More curling I've required in city...
- Curlers need to build a private facility
- Can't imagine a need for curling that outweighs skating in our neighborhood.
- Hockey games have up to 32 skaters on the ice at one time, with coaches, managers, parents, siblings and officials that comes to upwards of 100 people per game. Curling you will have about 20. .
- Any change in support of curling will negatively affect current ice users. The only consideration should be with respect to a new build not impact on existing infrastructures.
- Please consider adding a new bubble to an existing ice surface and dedicating it to curling instead of taking ice away from Ringette.
- A curling rink would be an excellent addition in the west end!
- This is a biased survey. There is no option to reject curling.
- Consideration should be given to the anticipated growth in demand for the two uses given that this is a growing community.
- The curling ice in a shared facility is apparently not competition quality. What effect will there be on the skating ice? How will hockey players be impacted by permanent curling markings on the ice?
- Don't waste money on it
- It is important to fix the existing arenas Implemented And help the kids to used as well creating free clubs for them so they can exercise

- Again, curling as a sport does not offer the same benefits to a wide range of individuals. The conversion of an already very busy rink to a curling rink caters to the needs of a very small niche group of users and We are disappointed to hear it is being considered in our community.
- This is terrible. You can't take away resources that are already fully used to squeeze in others. Find the money to build a purpose built rink. Use land from schools that have been closed. Keep our existing skating resources and ADD to them as our population grows so should our public facilities.
- Please bring back curling at the west mall arena. We moved into the neighbourhood to be closer for curling
- Make this HAPPEN ASAP!!!
- Find a Park Lawn Bubble solution for curling in Etobicoke
- Each year we are forced to accept ice in a distant arena at late times for young children and requiring additional private ice driving up costs. This is a result of a current lack of ice inventory. Adding a sport that does not easily support a multi-use surface seems seems a waste and disproportionately ia poor use of resources. The club that did shut down were part of expensive golf clubs. I don't think city ice should be allocated to accomadate curling. Fund a new arena instead.
- The lack of curling facilities is a very real problem at this time. Solutions must be found as quickly as possible. This may mean that existing plans and schedules the city has regarding these facilities be escalated to provide solutions ASAP.
- A public, city funded curling facility will increase interest in the game and use of the facility by making it more accessible to all populations
- I believe that new dedicated curling rink associate with other city recreation facilities is still something that needs more study. Capital budgets are always an issue, but I believe there is an opportunity for good return on a curling facility.
- How much would it cost to curl? Get Drake to curl with Tory so everyone knows if you do this
- I would like to see ice time given priority to programs like genuine house leagues and then curling before any competitive youth and adult programs. I can be reached anytime at 365-597-0717 by cal / text.
- Add more arenas and ice rinks in Toronto. All arenas and ice rinks should be fully accessible for wheelchairs.
- Don't do it . Idiotic idea
- we need a curling facility or two in the west end !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Conversion model that runs daily, almost 24 h
- I a in a wheelchair, in my opinion the place has to be very accessible. Thank you.
- Curling should be supported as a great Canadian sport. Open to all, not elitist.
- Curling is grossly underserved in the west end of Toronto. One shouldn't need to go to Mississauga to enjoy the sport. Our money should stay in Toronto to support Toronto operated facilities.
- Curling is a great sport that involves all ages. And helps us through the winters. It keeps people active and involved. And is good for sociability. Not all want to be on skates. But want to be idling a winter sport.
- Do not take away arenas from figure skating or hockey for a sport that is not as popular or in demand
- I support a full-time conversion or an addition to an existing rink. I think it's important to make curling ice available at all times to help with demand and ensure more people can get involved with the great sport of curling.

- Curling is, as you probably are already aware, played in large part by older adults. Young people do play, but for the most part it's older folks. It's so important to have something for older people to stay active and healthy, and curling can play a key role in that.
- Curling offers accessibility to all abilities and all ages. It is inexpensive relative to other sports. Curling is likely the most inclusive of all sports.
- I don't understand why private curling clubs are being used for golf. What is the connection? Did they convert these facilities to indoor golf facilities.
- Thank you for considering how to increase curling facilities in west Toronto
- Please don't take away one to replace with another. Keep it fair to everyone in the community
- Please do Not convert Centennial or Mimico areas.
- This is long overdue. There is not a lack of curlers in Toronto, but a lack of facilities. Curling is a sport for all-age groups and private golf-courses across Toronto have cancelled curling despite strong curling membership - ex: St. George's wanted to use the curling rink to park their golf carts. Curling is an Olympic sport and as Canada's largest city we must have world-class curling facilities. The lack of curling facilities makes Toronto a less attractive city in which to live.
- I have enjoyed curling in the GTA for many years including at the clubs that have recently closed. It is a wonderful sport that provides people of all ages a chance to get some exercise and enjoy the camaraderie of many others. I'm sure a facility in the west end of Toronto would be well used throughout the curling season and if properly designed could be put to good use in the warmer weather.
- Please reconsider any conversion plans. This hockey and skating arena has served our community for years, my kids learned to skate and play hockey there.
- Keeps it as is! No change!
- Curling is a dying sport, with fewer players each year. The City should not take actions to the detriment of current users of ice facilities to try to accommodate curling.
- A dedicated curling facility is the way forward. I have been apart of the Toronto Curling community for 50 years. The people of Toronto will support this facility.
- This city can't even find a way to bring kids back to school in the fall without the threat of further lockdowns and closures. I don't trust the city to have anyone's best interests in mind except its own financial interests.
- Advocacy with Toronto (& Ontario - Doug Ford) Politicians
- The city doesn't even have a strategy for guaranteeing that my kids will be back in the classroom in the fall. Why are you wasting my time with a curling strategy survey?
- Locate dedicated curling facility reasonably near public transportation for youth to access
- City should be replacing East York Curling Club's sand based floor to a proper concrete floor. TEMPORARY sand based floor was put in place over the previous concrete floor well over a decade ago and is now breaking down. Concrete floors are more energy efficient and allows for the facility to be used all year round. Don't forget about clubs that are already operating that could lose an entire curling season due to the floor breaking down!
- What is the demand for curling versus the demand for ice hockey, figure skating and leisure skating in the Central Arena community? I'd like to see some numbers and stats to show the case for converted partially or fully a beloved community skating rink into a curling facility.

- Every small town in Ontario, if not Canada, has a curling facility. Etobicoke has none. This makes no sense. Also, it is a great way to keep all ages active in winter.
- Curling does not belong in tax payer funded rinks. It's a country private club model.
- I strongly support single use of ice due to the large number of curlers wanting to play in the west end
- The City of Toronto needs to be more open about what special interest lobbying is taking place on this issue. It is ridiculous that existing communities need to be disrupted to accommodate a small group of special interests seeking to replace private curling clubs. It is absolutely clear that shared use or existing conversion is not the right answer and is only being pursued due to budgetary constraints and a desire to appease a special interest group of curlers that have not been publicly identified.
- One of the reasons I have not taken up curling more actively is because there were NO nearby locations. Am looking forward to having some curling facilities nearby!
- Do not take rare and precious ice time away from children and families for curlers. Curlers should have to fund their own arena. There are curling rinks in Mississauga. Curlers are adults who can drive to Mississauga to curl. Starters are kids who cannot drive and often walk to the arena. This is also an equity issue. Curling is a sport for old white people. Skating and hockey is for everyone. Do not take away our ice time to give to old white people who can afford to fund their own rink.
- We are in complete opposition to this proposal.
- It is becoming harder and harder to find affordable ice options for our kids to skate - public skating is being ignored and moved outdoors only. As a parent of both a hockey player and a ringette player that lives in this neighbourhood, i am appalled to see a reasonably accessible arena is being considered for conversion when numerous townhouse developments have brought numerous new young families to the area.
- The few over the masses shouldn't be dictating the use of public arenas and the spend of our tax dollars.
- Central arena is used by schools, hockey and figure skating programs. It is a well used arena in the community and is needed for the children in the community to have access to a close ice surface.
- Please do not use Central Arena for curling. There are other arenas with multiple ice rinks available. Do not take away our neighbourhood rink. Our children have suffered enough.
- Curling as a sport is very accessible both physically and economically. The equipment cost is low to play recreationally. The sport is enjoyed by all ages as well as by those with physical and intellectual disabilities.
- Please do not take away ice time from the community and relocate to an area with more interest in curling.
- There are few, if any, rinks that hold so much sentimental value. It would be ludicrous to exclude hockey players from using this rink. Please make the right call.
- See my comments above.
- The importance of maintaining the arena as a space for the community is vital for our kids. Turning it into just a curling space will limit the possibility of our school children to perform other activities.
- I find that there is a need to develop a High Performance Training Centre if Ontarians want to sustain and grow this important Canadian Sport to compete with other countries. Moreover, I believe that curling is the perfect sport to teach kindness, team work, focus and community.

- No arena should be converted for curling purposes as there is very small demand for curling. If need, i would recommend finding an arena with double pads and using one pad for partial use.
- The shortage of curling ice has impacted many. From the schools, seniors and the disabled. There is a huge demand for a dedicated facility. To create a 'Leaside' style model in the West end of Toronto would be a tremendous asset for not only the curlers, citizens and the City.
- As it stands we drive hours within the city to get our kids to hockey games being played in the east end though we are an Etobicoke league because of lack of available ice time. It is hard on the kids and parents. Etobicoke's rinks are all in need of a fix. The neglect is ridiculous and now this!
- Leave the arenas as they are for ice hockey, figure skating and pleasure skating. The tax payers of Toronto should not have to most for a facility for they very few curlers, while the arenas provide for many more children and adults. It is insulting that a select few people that curl, feel they have the right to remove an arena from even part-time usage. I believe the thousands of children who should have access to these arenas far outweighs the need of curlers. Let them fundraise for a new facility.
- I am happy that there is genuine interest in making curling more available in western Toronto.
- Choosing the summer to open up dialogue with the public is self serving. People are out of town and unable to participate. This dialogue should continue when all ppl can participate.
- If ice quality is adequate, could start with shared facilities to gauge demand and transition to dedicated facility if required.
- Existing Etobicoke hockey arenas should not be converted to curling arenas. Either a new addition with a curling facility be constructed, or a new curling facility.
- Please do not convert ant facilities into curling only...just not fair
- With all of the closures and the increase in interest in curling we need at least one new dedicated arena for curling. Personally I think if it is a shared arena, don't even bother with the effort and cost of that.
- Strongly support single use for curling
- I think having curling options in Etobicoke is great for the community & it encourages more people to get active. I would welcome a curling spot closer to where I live in Etobicoke. Good luck with this initiative
- I do not support any conversion whatsoever of the Central Arena.
- The east end of the city should be addressed. In my curling career I have witnessed more than a dozen closures. Most recently Avonlea, 16 sheets, Scarborough G&C 6 sheets, Annandale, 8 sheets, and now Bayview CC 6 sheets, about to to take a vote for a second time, sooner or later it too will be lost.
- We need support for curlers as said before as there are few senior dports and competitions that we can do !!
- There has been enough change this year, converting to curling isn't fair to the children in the neighborhood and at the schools.
- No Curling at Central Arena
- NO CURLING RINK AT CENTRAL ARENA
- Do not build the dedicated curling section
- See previous. Leave as hockey and ice skating rink for the community it serves
- Curling is a traditional sport / activity enjoyed by Canadians and should be supported like others

- The private golf clubs used to have curling but lack of demand made them unviable.
- Neither a shared use of full conversion is ideal. It is taking away skating time that is already hard to come by.
- This is a terrible idea. We do not have enough ice right now. The reason curling rinks have closed is because there is not enough demand to sustain the operation. Do not let the curlers mislead you
- I do not endorse nor support this singular usage of the arena.
- There are no ice time for girls hockey, it a scheduling nightmare, now your taking ice for curling.. it's not like the boys are going to give up any ice time.. you what curling ice make it outdoor minor rinks no boards!!!
- Do not deny school it's ice time .
- Curling is a good sport but most existing clubs are full and it would be a shame for it to die.
- The City needs to get involved and support additional curling facilities. Private clubs are closing down, and Leaside is oversubscribed. The City needs additional curling facilities.
- Central Rink is a very important facility for the Kingsway and Humber Valley communities in helping develop kids for their skating skills, and figure skating and hockey. It is my view, the move to make it more of a curling facility- which will being in many people primarily outside the surrounding community will be devastating for childhood development in the area.
- What I wrote already should not be lost.
- My comments are that current rink facilities should be used for curling. There already exists a shortage.
- Don't change it private facilities have closed because the curling customers wouldn't pay the proper fees
- This proposal is ridiculous. There is already a shortage of access for ice for hockey and figure skating.
- We need better, 21st century rec facilities in west Toronto. The Central Arena should be added into with an additional rink and curling, with updated washrooms and facilities. Thousands of families rely on the skating and hockey programs at Central.
- Please do this right the first time. A dedicated curling arena is what the west end needs.
- The Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports indicate that Mississauga and high park locations can not accommodate overflow from Etobicoke curlers but there is no reason why the location of the arena to be converted needs to be in the etobicoke area. This is an arbitrary decision when the new location could easily be in North York, York or Toronto and have the exact same impact since the reports clearly identify that most curlers drive anyways.
- Do not move forward with this proposal
- Penalties in place for skating/hockey groups and curling groups who damage the ice making it impossible for the next group to use the space.
- I think adding anti Centennial arena would be ideal. Kids can be at hockey or figure skating abs parents curl. Please don't lose a rink entirely anywhere we need more skating
- Does the strategy include a review of the physical and financial state of existing curling clubs and opportunities to leverage existing clubs and add space?
- I do not support the conversion of our local neighborhood rink for curling.
- More hockey rinks.

- We moved into this area over a year ago for this amenity and do not agree to the reduced services for skating.
- see my first comments
- As an avid curler and volunteer, the city has not really supported curling like other sports
- Closures affecting Toronto east include Annandale in 2020 and maybe Oshawa.
- These curling clubs that closed are private member clubs why is the city going to take away much needed ice for already struggling sports organizations. There are still several curling clubs in and around the city that curlers can join. Also who is paying for the ice conversion back and forth? I don't believe that other sports who do not need these extreme changes should have to pay for these conversions with money or down time.
- This is a ridiculous waste of resources.
- Without Curling Ice in West Toronto, limits availability of youth programs from a large population sector in Canada.
- No conversion of ice was given as an option. My preference would be to not change the local arenas for curling at all.
- The use of a temporary facility will not encourage new users (time will be likely booked by regular users and thus reduces the ability for new curlers to learn and enjoy the space).
- Curling is part of traditional Canadian culture, but it's not attractive to our diverse population so figure skating access should be priority
- Curling is a family-supportive sport that has a unique community building character that encourages citizens of diverse walks of life to interact and form positive relationships. It provides a social and athletic outlet for citizens in the winter from early life well into senior years and is contributive to a healthy and socially robust quality of life for the city's citizens. We currently struggle to accommodate applicants at our club.
- Curling clubs are a full time facility not a part time use of a hockey rink
- Reconfiguration of a smaller hockey rink to a permanent or semi permanent curling facility to ensure curling ice remains available to Torontonians who wish to explore curling as a pastime is vitally important for the recreational well being of the public. Repurposing one half of a skating facility is a smart, sensible approach.
- It's so difficult to get ice skating lessons for kids, can't afford to lose any arenas to curling usage
- Please do not convert the arena used for children activities for curling. Figure something else out.
- We don't need a full curling arena. Not necessary in a very highly dense child area.
- I would much rather keep the skating rinks available for skating, hockey and figure skating.
- No changes to the current model.
- The goal should not be to disadvantage youth further to what they've already been subjected to.
- Don't look at rinks near schools or densely populated areas of kids, especially for curling, you need to be more strategic to this decision, I can't believe that Central arena is even a consideration based on its location and current major users.
- There are other City Facilities in the area which are dormant and not maximised. Why not do a full conversion of those facilities and create a bespoke curling area...with proper sport support and development.
- Kids mental health has suffered enough this past year and a half by taking away their skating and hockey times would be detrimental!!

- Would be good, offer free courses for a short time to know about curling, specially for kids.
- I believe it would highly unfair to convert an existing arena into a curling arena. Our children and community do not deserve to have our well used and loved arena taken away from them for a different purpose. Completely unjustified.
- Full conversion of an existing arena into curling and then assess for unused time slots to see if need to convert to other uses. All curling is mostly competitive if only for recreational no one will come. It will be a self fulfilling prophecy for the City as they won't have demand for it. But it reality real curlers need a place to curl. What a way to kill a sport! Must be golfers on city planning.
- As stated in the earlier question private ice is a good indication of market/user demand. If there are not private facilities opening (or even more so closing) that should indicate that the demand for this type of ice is not aligned with the needs of the community. The number of private facilities for skating is growing showing the lack of public access currently available and this will further exacerbate that problem.
- Existing dedicated curling facilities in central and east Toronto are well utilized and successful. This is proof that a dedicated facility in the west end of Toronto will be successful. The City subsidizes facilities to accommodate certain activities such as hockey and figure skating and should use a similar approach to providing quality facilities and experience for curling participants in the west end.
- Need a dedicated curling facility similar to Leaside. It is very successful and provides recreation to thousands of residents.
- I am against converting current locations to full time curling facilities.
- As a parent of 3 children having access to memorial for skating and hockey is convenient as I have multiple drop offs. I'm assuming the target demographic is curling is older and Therefore a lifestyle that allows for more travel time vs. A parent with 3 children Running to and from practice.
- Please find another rink to convert.
- What does the following section have anything to do with this topic and why is it attached to this survey.
- This is short sighted. There aren't enough indoor skating facilities as it is. Prices are sky high and you are pricing regular people out of hockey and skating because of the high ice costs. Curlers need a place to call home. If Mississauga can do it, Toronto can find the resources to provide dedicated curling facilities.
- I don't know any in support of this in our local community and many opposed to the prospect of converting our local arena (Central Arena, Etobicoke). Would like to see actual demand from local community vs converting an arena in an area where there isn't significant demand in the community. Thank you.
- Do not convert local arena to curling
- Keep the City of Toronto rinks for youth hockey and leisure skating. Curling can be done at private arenas
- Please consider my previous comments
- See above
- Build more arenas. Or more covered outdoor rinks
- While a stand alone may seem too expensive, in the long run the city would be better served with dedicated arenas
- Great idea for improving access. If not already created, look at a curling network to help advance curlers from city "trial" curling to club curlers

- Ensure that hockey, figure skating, leisure skating programs are preserved and if moved, to a convenient, nearby location that satisfies all participants.
- This is our chance to save curling in Toronto and serve the community, as a result of the recent closures of several private clubs GTA
- Quality of the ice is important. The better it is, the more use it will have. Beyond league play there would be interest in rental ice for practicing, team building or introducing new people to the sport
- Figure skating requests a more full-size opportunity to be heard.
- This is shocking how anyone would propose to convert skating rinks to one sole use. As we all saw during Covid the need for spaces to free skate and play hockey is the demand. Not a sport that has a small percentage of participants.
- Do not take arenas away from families that are already paying high fees for ice time.
- Please leave the arena on montgommery as is. I am disabled and want to continue to skate while i can
- Why aren't there more baseball and basketball training facilities.
- Constant changes will be a challenge to maintain and provide consistent quality
- We should not share the arenas with curling. It's a private activity that benefits only a small percent of the the community
- I went to the revitalize centennial meetings and at no time did they talk about converting the arena . They talked about adding a seperate curling rink.
- A total loss of an arena for skating would be a stupid decision
- Please do not force Silver Blades from Central Arena. Our children in this community rely on their excellent skating program
- Why is this about Etobicoke. Scarborough has lost facilities as well. The east end is always an after thought.
- Curling won't be enjoyed by the kids who we want to be more active... it will take away from their ice time, whether it's hockey or figure skating or learning to skate
- The city and curling organizations should convert other properties to their pads. Skating/hockey rinks should remain for such purpose only.
- No conversion
- The proposed budget is substantial. The curling community has never wanted to 'pay the freight'. That is why they are in the situation they are in. This is a big payout by the city, when it has no money.
- Leave our hockey arenas alone. Our kids don't need more change or to limit their loved sport to incorporate a sport they don't play.
- I DO NOT agree with this. The focus should be on building curling facilities. You cannot compare the number of individuals who play curling vs. other recreational uses for ice rinks.
- Perhaps increase consultations with user groups around which arenas are being considered. Currently Central seems to be one of the arenas and it's heavily used by our community for both hockey and Silver Blades skating.
- do not touch existing activities as they are on high demand
- If there was no financial issue with the curling rinks that closed they would never have closed them. A smart business model suggests that the business was failing and they were looking to re-generate funds a different way. Why would the city put its eggs in a failing business when you already have a very full and healthy business model working. Stop this.

- Hockey, figure skating and leisure skating participants are clearly the dominant user group in the area. Reducing or eliminating usage to accommodate curling seems non economical. The city has challenges running city rinks as it is. As I mentioned before, I am not sure what market data has been collected to warrant this potential decision but it should be reviewed thoroughly.
- Curling is growing in popularity but is held back by lack of available ice. I am a curler and also a youth coach. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find ice on which junior curlers can practice and compete. Without dedicated and good-quality curling ice, we run the risk of losing our next generation of curlers.
- I have been involved in Curling facility management since 1989. I worked at Weston and St. George's. Both facilities had a hey day. It has passed due to other influences. The success that the City has enjoyed operating East York, Tam Heather and Leaside should provide a solid business platform to bring a curling facility to the West End. A new curling facility will enhance the opportunity to bring many groups together to experience Curling.
- The city should be in a position to encourage a sport that allows for a curling athletic program to grow. When no support is being provided then a sport such as curling is only available for the privileged. City facilities should grow to be more inclusive and supportive to allow for an Olympic sport to thrive.
- What is potential to convert one ice surface at a multipad ice arena to a permanent curling rink
- I prefer it to be kept as an skating ice surface for the incredible demand that exists for skating I've already.
- We do not require curling.
- The City can not afford to take ice rinks offline. This will adversely impact the accessibility, cost and participation levels of introductory activities, such as leisure skating, houseleague hockey and figure skating.
- There is less than 1% Curling enthusiasts why are we letting them dictate this?
- This is what DC'S, rates and S37's are for...to populate a capital plan for a growing city. Sure, curling may be required, but at the expense of other programs??
- The ice schedule is currently already loaded, how does it make sense to schedule more activity. What has the status quo been up until now?
- Our current facilities in the area is already insufficient to meet the high demands for hockey and skating of the area's population. To force a conversion to curling in the current facility is only going to negatively impact sport access for kids in hockey and skating. This will have detrimental effects especially given that we are just coming out of the pandemic. Given the high costs of conversion, forcing a conversion is irresponsible use of public funds.
- Thank you for examining alternatives for curling in West Toronto.
- The correct response appears to be to appropriately budget for the creation of dedicated facilities for both curling and skating facilities. The current state of most city rinks is shameful and does not adequately serve the current needs or demand of users. This seems like a half assed measure that will benefit no one
- Please connect with school curling teams before this decision is made. If young people are not given times when they can curl, this sport will slowly die. All people should be able to access this facility and the only way to do that is through a dedicated full time facility.
- We desperately need another dedicated curling arena in Toronto, to accommodate demand and help to bring along the next generation of curlers.

- Curling is more for adults and not for families and children
- It is essential to protect the interests of the current users of the facilities and have new users comply and commit to accepting this condition
- Let children play!!!
- In my opinion, this is poor timing based on the lack of facilities already available over the past 18 months. I recognize the desire to increase curling but not at the expense of other sporting activities.
- I think an arena conversion could be great for curling in Toronto as the arena may be more conducive to year round ice. Most curling clubs in the city lack the plant power and insulation to operate profitably on the summer. I think summer curling in the east of the city would be great. (Oakville currently runs summer curling nearest to Toronto)
- Curling is a more inclusive sport as the equipment is not as expensive as hockey and all ages can play.
- I personally have no interest in a shared use facility. The ice quality will not be adequate to make the curling experience possible.
- I believe there are enough arenas in Etobicoke to allow at least one arena to be dedicated to curling
- As commented before Centennial and Longbranch are the only city rinks with ringette lines. Please don't choose those arenas for curling. Thank you
- need for multiple available time slots for people with differing schedules on a weekly basis to enable league play
- Share Facilities or Arena conversions are both bad ideas. it is so hard to find ice time for skating and hockey as it is. if there is such demand for curling, the City should create a dedicated curling rink or buy one of the existing ones.
- Etobicoke is a large city and the people of Etobicoke deserve a curling facility. The health benefits from people participating in sports and recreation are huge. We want a healthy community and one that can enjoy their sport in their own "backyard".
- best to create new arenas for this curling need. arenas for ice sports are hard enough to book as it is
- Our family (5 children) are diametrically opposed to the elimination of a skating arena in favour of curling. Our reasoning is as follows: 1) Breadth of activity - Skating caters to a wide range of activities (figure skating, hockey, leisure skating among others). Curling only caters to curling 2) Skating welcomes beginners, curling does not - A group of us attempted to start curling at a local curling club. We were dissuaded because beginner curlers ruin the ice. [text cut-off at this point, more to say!]
- Curling is a growing sport amongst young people. Historically the west end of Toronto had many curling rinks at private clubs. Curling did not die at these clubs due to lack of participation or desire to curl. Many clubs appeal to a different demographic than curlers and curling was not part of their vision as golf clubs or in the case of the Boulevard Club, a multi sport club
- Leave arena for local skaters and hockey players!!!
- curling facilities can be successful, especially when combined with other racket, ball (basket/volley, hockey) sports, and lounge facilities can be used all year for events (weddings, corporate, sport, meetings, clubs)
- The sooner the better we get Curling back in the West End . It's a disgrace that the city has delayed the installation of a new rink.
- Please don't take hockey and skating away from the kids
- As a Scarborough native, and as I senior, I feel my opportunities for physical activities are lacking.

- Arena that have double rinks one for hockey and skating and the other for curling
- Do not take away icetime from existing children/youth activities. They are already so anxious to get back on the ice after the past 15+ months.
- West End of GTA there are multiple hockey arenas but lack of curling facilities. Curling programs could be available for all ages, family participation with a much lower equipment cost to the participants in comparison to hockey. Would appeal to families due to lower costs for start up and non contact activity with less chance of injury.
- Desperately need some new curling ice!
- Thanks to all the curlers who have worked so hard on our behalf.
- Congratulations to the committee for their diligence and perseverance
- It is important to remember this history, that skating and hockey time, especially for girls hockey, remain incredibly difficult and costly to get. Let alone for recreation level programmings. Curling is also incredibly popular. In recent years, private Golf and Curling Clubs removed Curling due to the cost of maintenance - not due to lack of popularity.
- if curlers cannot have regular, consistent ice time during reasonable hours (8am to 12 pm) within a shared model, there is no point even trying to incorporate curling into a shared ice rink. Curlers will only come if times are reasonable, regular, and consistent.
- Long Branch Arena would be GREAT for curling
- We need more curling clubs in Toronto
- Your survey is biased and is only asking what you want people to respond. Nowhere you are talking about the impact on communities from taking away their rinks. This makes no sense, curling is not as popular as figure skating and hockey. Period. Build your own rink if you have that many members...
- I believe that a curling facility would be popular and well supported.
- Given there is a shortage for ice in general. How does prioritizing curling that requires specific ice conditions not compatible with any other use deserve special treatment
- How can I volunteer
- curling in the West end of Toronto has been deleted we have no clubs that have space for people to join we can fill in arena we can make this arena profitable and we can let all the displaced curlers enjoy the sport they love
- keep the momentum on creating a single use arena for curling.
- The fact that a few hundred local, white, rich, aging county club types are pushing this through is crazy. Curling is a dying sport, and skating and hockey is more popular than ever. It is underprivileged families and kids that will pay the price of City rinks are converted for the use of rich people too cheap to pay to use their county clubs.
- To govern is to choose. The City can't do everything. In a post-pandemic period the City should not be making skating-related activities more difficult to access.
- Mixed use is not an option.
- There seems to be demand for another curling facility in the West End. A converted (dedicated) use would benefit curlers immensely, but I would be interested to know exactly how converting an arena would impact non-curling users.
- We need the curling facilities in Etobicoke, even as we speak Bayview is now considering removing the curling facility
- I think we should leave Arena as it is. If it is not possible, we should share. We should not sacrifice our kids' leisure only because some curling clubs were closed.
- Please open it asap

- If a shared model goes ahead, please make sure there is a space for gathering, having drinks and food after the game. Without that, the club would be a failure anyway and not reflective of the spirit of curling.
- Ringette being on the low end of ice skating sports in Etobicoke/Toronto would be a disaster in ice pads changes and time slots.
- Leaside curling club is a vibrant busy club seven days a week and I am convinced that a comparable club in the west in would be well supported
- I support a dedicated curling arena. I hope that a way can be found to support this. Thanks for all your work on this project.
- Extended seasonal use of facilities - start early, ending later.
- Use golf land
- As far as location goes, I would hope that the city would not displace thriving skating/hockey programs that have long histories at the arenas where they operate. In particular, Central Arena - which serves so many local community members with its figure skating, hockey and leisure skating programs - should not be considered as a viable location for this proposal. The many children (and their families) that participate in these programs have already experienced enough disruption in the past year.
- Private club changes should be not negatively impacting children. Nothing against curling as I support the initiative but another option should be pursued such as the bubble option.
- If there is no access for displaced hockey or pleasure skating, would a stand alone new curling rink be considered
- City facilities should serve city residents equally- incumbent clubs or organizations should not be a barrier to establishing equitable use of facilities owned by the city of Toronto
- The plan for a curling rink should take into account the long standing associations who use the Etobicoke rinks today and ensure that they are not displaced without adequate and comparable facilities. For example, do not take away Long branch and try to pass Park Lawn Bubble as a comparable option. Hockey and Ringette for example are also spectator sports and require a facility that can accommodate seating. Etobicoke Ringette Association has been operating locally for over 50 years.
- Curling is an important sport for all ages but particularly in keeping seniors active. Active seniors fosters healthier lifestyle which leads to lower use of health care system!
- Being a local resident I am concerned with the already lack of ice times available for kids, this will further exacerbate the supply issue of good ice times for kids and young adults in the city.
- Curling and skating also need different ice temperature for equivalent quality. Pick a couple of arenas and do a full conversion and give more time for leisure skating elsewhere
- Why is the city considering considering a sport that has no appeal beyond a narrow segment of the population.
- Please reconsider building a dedicated curling facility.
- Provide incentives for privately run arenas to consider converting ice to accommodate the demand for curling in Toronto.
- It would be hopeful to have a curling facility located in the west end of Toronto sooner rather than later.
- As curling is a team sport, it is a vital and enjoyable opportunity for adults to spend quality time together for exercise and social gatherings. and social cersize and
- Making sure the options are accessible to sll incomes and levels of play

- Please keep curling off peak hours.
- Curlers should pay for their own rinks
- The TDSB includes Curling as recreation.....but it is impossible to participate when Toronto no longer has Curling facilities. All the kids with the skills (and a love of curling) are left hanging. Our son went to the Provincial Hit Tap Draw competition, just before the pandemic. Those skills will be lost, if there are no arenas to play!
- Please introduce more curling facilities back into Toronto. Two of the rinks that both my school and I used regularly for practices, games, and bonspiels were shut down. In addition, the remaining one is too expensive to use, particularly for a high-school sports team. This has led to needing to travel all the way to Oshawa, which is not feasible for a lot of residents in Scarborough. It would be extremely beneficial to be able to have a curling club that is in a convenient location, with affordable prices.
- As you try to satisfy competitions demands for facilities please try to make the curling facility feel like a club and not just rent-a-rink. It is important to have a “home” rink when we visit other clubs on bonspiels.
- Do
- There is no doubt in my mind that demand for evenings and weekends for city ice for hockey far exceeds supply. I have been hoping for a contract with the city for years. Curlers should have a curling rink where they don't have to fight for ice time. Non profit Hockey organization and players and kids learning to skate should have more access to city hockey arenas. Also, keep the demographics in mind. If most of the curlers are retired, then mornings on the shared rinks makes sense for them.
- No-one likes change. Best to consider options that best meet long range needs rather than immediate.
- Curling is a fantastic opportunity for young and old people from all diverse backgrounds to come together to come together to build a strong sense of community. More investments in curling will create economic growth, create jobs, and build strong communities.
- Curling is a uniquely Canadian pastime with increasing demand that is under supplied in the west end of Toronto. The west end badly needs a new dedicated curling facility to meet current and future demand. A shared facility represents an ineffective compromise solution.
- GTA curling lost: # sheets year: Annadale (Golf) Pickering # 8 2019, Avonlea North York # 16 2006, Board of Trade(golf) Woodbridge # 6, Broom & Stone, Scar # 6, Boulevard City of Toronto # 6, Don Mills # 6, CFB Downsview # 4, Humber Highland Etobicoke # 12 ?, Lambton (Golf) Etobicoke # 6, The Terrace City of Toronto # 14, Scarboro Country (Golf) # 6 2017, St. Georges (Golf) Etobicoke # 6 2019, Tam O'Shanter (Golf) Scarborough # 6 (fire damage, built Tam Heather), Weston Golf #6 2019, T: #92 sheets lost
- Etobicoke needs more skating/hockey rinks.. not less!!!!!!
- Hockey and ringette practices and games often are later at night so not sure how conversion to curling would work and then the entire next day would have to be curling unless ice converted back for hockey or ringette. High demand and limited ice facilities already so don't see how sharing with another sport will work in the long term especially if demand for curling increases and thus demand for more ice time. Current sports use same ice surface so no delays if hockey comes off ice and ringette goes on.
- Focus on user friendly environment that promotes social activities as well as safe quality ice surfaces

- Is the proposed facility to be used year round or is it to be available to other activities during the summertime.
- Thank you for considering this in a public forum! It's nice to have support at the municipal level.
- This is a densely populated neighbourhood with young children with one of the biggest schools in the tcdsb. This is a loss to that young community.
- I don't support conversion of any arenas. There is a shortfall of ice hockey arenas in Etobicoke as it is.
- Wasting time and money debating helps no sport
- This is a foolish endeavour that will fail. Multiple groups use the arena until the current model while only curling will use the ice until the new model
- We really need more curling ice in Etobicoke as the two closest curling rinks are full or nearly full.
- Most of the people don't do curling as a sport in most rinks
- Build a new facility for curling. Period. Dont tell me the city doesnt have the money. Move money around.
- ice switched between hockey and curling would be dangerous. I hope you offer insurance if you decide on shared use as you are going to get mostly new curlers, where the opportunity for serious injury is greater.
- The school community does not provide sufficient and effective physical activity for our children. Having the additional use of these indoor ice arenas has kept my child active. Instead of limiting or taking away the hours , offer additional hours of ice time to the community. For example additional hours for public skating.
- We need more curling venues. So whatever the outcome, i hope it results in another place to curl.
- Thank you for your time and hard work !
- I feel very strongly that a shared use arena is a poor outcome for all parties involved. Each group will end up with less desirable outcomes, and the end result may be fewer participants in the sports. This is contradictory to a mandate to promote sport and wellness in the city.
- Curling can be a growing sport if more facilities are available.
- We need the curling arena to replace two curling rinks that have been closed by golfing community.
- The closure of curling at two golf and country clubs was mostly due to a perception that curling runs at a deficit and that seasonal memberships are difficult to justify to shareholders.
- Please see my prior comment that there has been no investment in curling, but plenty in skating arenas. Curling can be played by all ages and economic demographics. Time to to invest in curling facilities.
- Engage in public/private partnership to help have more arenas for curling and skating. Or look at more sponsorship dollars.
- I am really hoping this can happen, as curling is a fabulous Canadian team sport for ALL ages. A wonderful way to keep people physically and socially active in the winter months.
- I think this proposal is ridiculous. The entitled are using their privilege to bump others because their golf courses have found their curling rinks fiscally irresponsible due to the low numbers. What does the city actually know about the number of potential curlers? It will cost tax payers who don't even want the curling rinks. Poor decision as far as I'm concerned

- The city can spend literally what will be a street name change - achieving nothing. Yet they can't allocate \$10M for a curling facility in Etobicoke. The same Etobicoke that has had zero \$ spent on any ice facilities since the 1960s.
- Make it happen . Funding can be obtained from provincial and federal governments.
- Not at this time
- Demand for curling is limited. There are private facilities in north west Toronto available. I'd recommend a subsidized partnership with private facilities that specialize in the sport of curling. The city can promote the partnership along its channels and create engagement with youth while driving demand for a local business.
- We need more curling facilities in west Toronto
- Existing facilities for existing use. Period. There isn't enough prime ice to go around as it is. Maintain our local rinks!!!!
- Curling is a popular sport and should be encouraged in Toronto to attract curlers of all ages. A dedicated facility would be a positive asset.
- Hockey is well represented in the west end and curling is vastly underseved. The sharing model will not be helpful in alleviating the demand pressure or allows newcomers to the sport a space to experience and learn the sport of curling.
- Winter activity is important for all age groups.
- Thank you for doing a thorough job this is not an easy process!
- Curlers should not have to go to an outside jurisdiction in order to Curl. Golfers have facilities in Toronto and outside.
- I believe that Etobicoke's neighbour, Mississauga, should be taken into consideration. There are many Mississauga curlers who currently curl in Mississauga and who are extremely interested in this project.
- Curling is a sport that one is able to play from as early as 7 years of age to 80+ years. Unlike most sports there is an important social side that is as important as the curling itself. Teams sit together after they play and have a beverage and socialize. With the impact of Covid all curlers have missed the socialization of our sport
- In my personal opinion, share facilities don't often work. This is a big city and a curling only rink should work.
- Curling is an Olympic sport that requires nurturing to grow, specifically in west end TO where golf clubs have cancelled curling to focus their budgets on golf.
- There are no curling arenas in Weston or Etobicoke that I can use. There are no private ones available either
- If doing as a shared ice all groups are going to be wanting some prime time ice. I do not see how the conversion would provide the best ice for all groups
- This process is far too slow moving to actually have an impact when needed. It is clear that curling needs are not being met and that a dedicated use facility is the clear answer.
- I just want to say thank you for taking the initiative on this, and for stepping in to help fill this critical gap to access.
- move forward in a timely fashion
- Are there really that many people asking for curling ice in the west end that won't go to high park club?
- I really don't think shared use would work.
- Please do not convert Central Arena
- Don't put curling there at all.

- In particular I have heard that central arena is a candidate. This local rink serves a vital role in our community for both recreational skating, hockey and figure skating. Please do not touch it.
- Silver blades programming has historically always sold out and over the pandemic winter many children stayed active by skating outside and developed an even greater love for skating and hockey. It's important that local families demand for the arena be given priority. Working parents have struggled so much during this pandemic and adding logistics which require them to drive their kids to other arenas (instead of allowing them to use the arena within walking distance) will not be well received.
- More consultation and data should be done.
- Curling strategy for city of Toronto as a whole.
- As stated above, want to ensure ice time for hockey doesn't continue to become more unaffordable
- Find the small amount needed for a new curling facility
- As a middle-aged tax payer in west Toronto (since birth) I would like to continue to Curl on a weekly basis
- Build new ice pads. Find other use buildings and put ice in them. Do not take away skating ice pads.
- Shared use does not work.
- Curling creates a sense of community and covid has taught us how important community is. With the closure of curling at Weston and St George's I believe there is a lot of demand in the west end for a curling offering but the city. Fingers crossed it comes to pass!
- I think it's a great idea that Forestry & Recreation are thinking about this. I would seriously consider taking up curling if this is done. I would prefer City facilities over a private club.
- The shared facility model sounds more expensive in the long run to have staff and equipment available. Transparency is key here so show where there is little use of skating rinks. In my experience hockey teams can not get the time they want with today's rink availability.
- No curling
- Do not change any existing facilities to permanent or temporary curling facilities
- Why should the public have to fund the fact that private clubs are choosing to end curling? They must have voted to go down this path which shows interest within their own clubs was declining or it did not make financial sense. Why is the City's view different? Conversion to curling benefits the few and elite. Why are tax payers being asked to fund the hobby of those who can afford to join private clubs? Those using rinks for hockey/leisure are multiples higher. This is not right. Amateur sport will suffer.
- Please do consider a new arena instead of converting an existing arena for curling.
- I really disagree with FT ice conversion, the impact of even a shared model worries me.
- Let's get going with this project ASAP
- Build more rinks sounds like the demand is there. It's really hard to find ice in the city
- The obvious solution would be to begin the process of building a dedicated curling facility in the west end. Much of the discussion at the meeting for eliminating this option was that this idea isn't in the '10 year plan'. I think this plan should be updated so that curling, which wasn't a needy choice 10 years ago, is given fair due considering the sudden loss of curling venues over the past 3 years..
- Why isn't there an option to say "no" along with shared or full.

- If the need arises, curlers could set up a fund raiser to pay some of the expenses of achieving their own facility.
- I reiterate that it would probably be more financially responsible for the City to research building new permanent curling facilities rather than maintain ice multiple conversions back & forth in multiple arenas throughout the city.
- Curling clubs are struggling — lots of ice being taken out at private facilities resulting in enfranchised curlers migrating to other clubs and filling all spaces which makes it very hard for new folks interested in curling to try it out or join a league.
- City should include courses on curling for the people that have never practiced this sport
- Silver Blades has had full and growing membership for years, 99 years recent of its programs are for children and they run with a positive balance sheet. It's extremely disappointing to hear that a curling community that didn't have enough members to stay in private clubs and cover their costs is now being given the opportunity to take over from a responsibly run club that is 75 years old.
- Kids don't curl. They skate, play hockey, learn to skate and hockey also figure skating. Is the city starting to only provide services for adults.
- This mixed use or conversion thinking is the wrong direction. Do not be swayed by the misleading curling community .
- Which ever way the city proceed will be fine. It will be nice to have curling facilities in Etobicoke.
- Consider opening arenas longer hours - adults would play later in the evening or earlier in the morning if they could get space
- I think a standalone club, perhaps a partnership with a community organization like West End Curling, should be re-explored. Perhaps the city funding could be supplemented by club fees in a sort of P3. If not that, then an arena must be full-time converted to curling. Otherwise, the results will be disappointing as curlers will be pushed out over time by other users and the ice will be markedly inferior to that found in a standalone club. 'Time share' demos that curlers are not considered important.
- Invest more into new curling facilities. Do not minimize/interrupt arena usage for hockey and other ice sports.
- The low cost associated with curling makes it available to a much broader range of incomes. The culture of curling naturally lends itself to building social ties and relationships within the community.
- Thanks for looking into more curling options in the city. The sport is in high demand and clubs have waiting lists for new members.
- Please don't implement this curling plan for a handful of people when the rest of the community uses the rink for actually skating (public skate, skating lessons and hockey). It's not fair to all the residents (99.9%) who don't curl and would never take it up.
- We need to have more curling facilities available. Too many have closed in a short period of time.
- I think sharing or converting ice for curling is a terrible idea. In order to do this more rinks need to be built.
- Curling should be supported by the city as much as any other ice activity.
- Curling is increasingly popular with all ages due to the sociability and physicality of the sport so please include it in your planning.
- If curling facilities continue to close at the current rate, the sport will gradually disappear. This sport is for all ages but particularly advantageous for seniors and new retirees. It provides enjoyment, exercise and camaraderie and a chance to use the winter months in a productive pastime.

- Leave the arenas alone. It is incredibly hard to find available ice in the city and very expensive and any type of conversion will further add to the problem. In typical city fashion though I'm sure you'll go ahead to please a small group of people and waste a ton of money in the process. In the end figuring you could have just built a facility from scratch with the money spent for conversions.
- I believe the city needs to find a rink that isn't utilized often for a specific hockey or figure skating sport, and there are some, and convert those.
- What is driving this. Curling is for older people and barely qualifies as exercise, while hockey engages the young and there's still lot's of room to bring more girls and POC into hockey, to be physically active and also give them the benefit of playing a team sport which many may not otherwise get.
- hockey is already difficult to access and expensive. pushing ice needs onto private areas will only increase this burden on families.
- Provide greater opportunities and listen to all constituents, not only a small group of individuals that have lost their curling price levels due to private country club changes.
- I am a curler and a mom with two girls who play hockey and figure skate. I am a resident near central arena. I support curlers need for ice but I bought my home largely due to the wonderful facilities for kids in the area. As a curler I am willing to travel further and to more industrial areas (eg evans ave) for this purpose. I am strongly opposed to converting the ice that serves as the hub for young children learning to play hockey or skating. I also believe that a new facility should remain an option
- thanks for all the hard work representing local curlers
- Glad to see process being undertaken.
- Full time curling rings are best. Promote through schools to get new interest in curling.
- I curled as a teen, at a club and in a high school team. On my own, I could not afford to continue. Curling ice time is silly expensive!!! SO MANY people would curl if it were accessible. Thank you!
- Curling participants have are from a very specific demographic group. Not the most diverse. The City needs to make its facilities more accessible to everyone not less.
- Change this survey as it is misleading and force the answers you want to hear, not the real answers the public want to give you. The answer is no conversion at all
- I Do not agree with reducing the number of hockey arenas.
- If a shared-use facility is to be setup with majority curling use, I suspect the curling would run Monday-Friday and the public skating would then be Saturday-Sunday. This is based on some past practice in Etobicoke where weekends were considered 'low' time for the working clientel.
- Keep central arean for skating. The kids have been through enough
- I appreciate the time and consideration being given to the need for curling facilities in the west end of Toronto. Thank you.