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Don Mills Community Recreation Centre

Phase 2: Building a Vision Public Survey Engagement Summary

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Project Background

A new Community Recreation Centre (CRC) is coming to the Don Mills community, near the intersection of Eglinton Avenue East and Don Mills Road.

This large, integrated, and multi-component facility will offer the diverse and growing communities of the Don Mills Corridor and beyond a range of year-round programs and services. Located at the former Celestica Lands site at 844 Don Mills Rd., the new CRC will be next to a new large park and all within walking distance of a planned Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (ECLRT) station and is part of the ongoing implementation of the [Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan](#).

1.2 Project Context

Previous Community Engagement: Recreate Don Mills

In early 2019, community and stakeholder engagements were conducted to determine the CRC location that would best meet community needs. Two location options were presented to the community.

The results indicated that locating a large ‘one-stop’ community recreation centre with arena, aquatics facilities, full gymnasium and multipurpose room uses at the former Celestica Lands (844 Don Mills Road) was preferable to two separate facilities.

Based on the outcomes of the 2019 community engagement and recommendations by City staff, City Council directed the City to [proceed with the Preferred Facility](#) on the former Celestica Lands site.

The community engagement and design process for the Don Mills CRC will consider only the amenities, programs and services within the CRC located on the former Celestica Lands. Separate community engagement processes will be held for the design and programming of the one-hectare park next to the Don Mills CRC.

1.3 Project Timeline

The anticipated schedule for this park project is as follows:

- Fall 2021 – Hire a design team
- Winter 2022 – Community engagement process starts
 - December 2022 - April 2023: Community Engagement Phase 1: Building a Vision
 - Spring - Summer 2023: Community Engagement Phase 2: Exploring Design Options
 - Fall 2023 - Winter 2023/2024: Community Engagement Phase 3: Setting the Direction
- Winter 2023/2024 – Detailed design
- Spring 2026 – Hire a construction team
- Summer 2027 – Construction starts
- Winter 2030 – Construction complete, Community Recreation Centre opens

The timeline is subject to change.

2.0 Engagement Overview: Survey

2.1 Survey Objectives

The objective of this public survey was to share preliminary design options for the new Don Mills Community Recreation Centre, and collect feedback around the use, programming and design of the space from a broad public audience.

2.2 Engagement Approach

The public survey was designed as a way to connect with a broad public audience, ensuring engagement with a broad range of community members.

A total of 540 members of the public responded to the survey and 387 completed the survey in full. The survey was hosted digitally on CheckMarket and was open from **October 18, 2023** and November 12, 2023.

The public survey was advertised through various channels, including on the Eglinton Park Revitalization project webpage, social media and project signage.

2.3 Who We Engaged

There were 540 survey participants.

The majority of survey respondents 79% described themselves as living near the site of the new Don Mills CRC. The remaining responses were received from the following categories:

- I play (shop, visit parks, etc.) near the site of the new Don Mills CRC - 56%
- I am a parent / caregiver to a child/children - 36%
- I participate in sports nearby - 36%
- I work near the site of the new Don Mills CRC - 15%
- I visit faith spaces nearby - 11%
- I attend school nearby - 7%
- Other (please specify): - 6%
- I am an Indigenous community member - 1%

A detailed demographic breakdown of respondents can be found in Section 3.2.1.

3.0 What We Heard

The following section contains a summary of the feedback received through the second public survey. See Appendix A for a full list of questions included in the public survey. Appendix B provides a summary of the open-ended responses received.

3.1 Key Insights

Key insights that emerged from the public survey are consolidated by the topic or theme below. Generally survey responses were positive, reinforcing the proposed design considerations for the space and aligning with the initial community vision created with the community in Phase 1.

Flexible and adaptable spaces

To meet the community's changing needs, there was an emphasis on designing modular spaces with flexibility to accommodate a variety of potential uses and activities. This included rooms that could be divided into smaller spaces, with modular and flexible furniture to be used as study spaces, meeting spaces, and programming spaces. Furniture that could be configured in new ways was proposed to support this flexibility. The community recognizes that their diversity means there is a diversity of needs for all different age groups and that this will continue to change as the neighbourhood changes in the coming years, and they want to be sure that the design is future looking.

Multi-Generational Programming

Overall, respondents favoured programming for seniors, children and families, and specific community groups (eg. women, teens, newcomers). The flexibility required of the space will need to accommodate the diverse program offerings the community wants to see. Some respondents also suggested programming that connects across generations, connecting youth with seniors for example. We also heard about a desire for food programming that was low-cost and accessible for diverse groups, with suggestions that included breakfast programs and after-school programs for youth and the desire for nutritional learning. Community members also suggested that programming consider what is already being offered in the area, in spaces like the local library, to prevent a duplication of services.

Accessibility

We heard an emphasis on accessibility, with a desire to see accessible features directly included in the design. Respondents indicated that the pools should have accessible ramps, and there were repeated requests for modular gathering spaces with seating and furniture that was also comfortable for seniors, flexible and accessible. Parking challenges was also raised as an accessibility concern, citing that without a proper drop-off at the street level, Wheeltrans and other accessibility transportation services would be limited.

Community Hub

Many respondents emphasized the center as a community hub, and expressed that it should be designed accordingly. In addition to flexible modular spaces, and multi-generational programming, we heard a desire for community and lobby spaces that reflected the community through art and installations. We also heard a desire for the lobby spaces to feel like a

“learning commons” with amenities similar to a library including seating for reading and studying and electrical outlets or charging stations to accommodate phone charging. A cafe was also raised by many respondents as a tool to be connected to social enterprise while also facilitating community connection.

Sports Facility Focus

While there is a call for inclusivity and diverse programming, a significant portion of the feedback emphasizes the need for the CRC to cater to mainstream sports such as hockey, soccer, and basketball. Some participants suggest a more balanced approach, with features like additional gyms and outdoor sports facilities. There was a notable interest in racquet sports (pickleball in particular) amenities among survey respondents.

Many respondents noted the need to balance sport and non-sporting community needs in the CRC design, and said the focus should not be only on sports, but should also include community events, social gatherings for seniors, classes, and spaces for unprogrammed community engagement.

3.2 Public Survey Summary

The following section provides a summary of participants' responses by percentages. See Appendix A for full list of survey questions.

3.2.1 Demographic Profile of Survey Respondents

Age

Most respondents (40%) fell into the age 40-55 bracket, while:

- 13 to 18 years old - 3%
- 19 to 29 years old - 6%
- 30 to 39 years old - 13%
- 56 to 64 years old - 19%
- 65 to 74 years old - 10%
- 75 years old or above - 4%
- Prefer not to answer - 4%

Languages

96% of respondents indicated their preferred spoken language is English. 1% indicated Chinese - Cantonese, Albanian or prefer not to answer as their preferred spoken language.

Race

91% of respondents indicated that they do not identify as First Nations, Inuit, Metis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. 7% preferred not to answer, and 2% identified as First Nations, Inuit, Metis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian.

When asked to describe themselves by their race or racial background, 51% of respondents selected White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian), while:

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

Disability

13% of respondents indicated that they do have a disability, as defined by having a 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, while:

- 77% indicated they do not have a disability
- 9% prefer not to answer
- 1% don't know

Excluding the survey participant, 15% of respondents indicated that someone in their household does have a disability, as defined the same terms above, while:

- 77% indicated that noone in their household has a disability
- 6% prefer not to answer
- 1% don't know

Gender Identity and and Sexual Orientation

When asked to identify their gender, the survey participants indicated:

- Woman - 62%
- Man - 30%
- Prefer not to answer - 9%

When asked to identify their sexual orientation, survey participants indicated:

- Heterosexual or straight - 76%
- Prefer not to answer - 17%
- Bisexual - 2%
- Gay - 2%
- Queer - 1%
- Not listed - 1%
- Lesbian - 1%
- Two-Spirit - 1%
- Don't know - 1%

Housing

When asked to describe their housing situation, most respondents (72%) indicated they were home owners, while:

- Renting - 14%
- Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s) - 6%
- Prefer not to answer - 8%

Access to outdoor space

When asked to describe their household's access to outdoor space, 59% of respondents indicated they have access to a private outdoor space like a yard, while:

- I have access to private outdoor space like a balcony - 21%
- I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space) - 14%
- I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space - 13%
- Prefer not to answer - 7%

How did you find out about this survey

When asked to disclose how they found out about this survey, 39% of respondents indicated they saw an ad or post from a City of Toronto social media account, while:

- Word of mouth (including non-City of Toronto social media account) - 32%
- Email from the project team - 17%
- I don't know/Prefer not to answer - 7%
- Park sign - 7%
- Councillor's Office communications - 4%
- The project webpage - 3%

The demographic profile of survey respondents can be found in Section XX.

3.2.2 Survey Responses

General feedback

The community provided diverse feedback on the preliminary design of the Don Mills CRC. Several emphasize the need for unprogrammed spaces for socializing, suggesting the facility should serve as a space for community engagement. Concerns are raised about the parking capacity, with suggestions for increased spaces, especially considering potential high attendance during hockey tournaments. Accessibility concerns, including the need for universal changerooms and spaces adaptable to non-sport community engagement are expressed. Overall, the community emphasizes values of inclusivity, sustainability, and the facility's role as a vibrant community hub.

Main Floor

After reviewing the main floor plans, respondents were asked to select which space they were most excited about. The majority of respondents (47%) indicated they were most excited about the aquatics facilities, while:

- Primary multi-purpose room - 10%
- Smaller multi-purpose rooms - 6%
- Twin ice pad - 27%
- *Other (please describe) - 6%

- None of the above - 4%

*Respondents who selected “other” expressed a desire for a larger facility, citing disappointment in its size and suggesting the addition of more floors to maximize space for diverse community needs. Specific space preferences included a well-equipped gymnasium and dedicated areas for pickleball, tennis, fitness classes, and an indoor playground for children. Several participants raised concerns about inadequate parking. Additionally, there is interest in partnering with the city for facility rentals, especially for swimming programs. The inclusion of a cafe or food service was suggested by many respondents. Some respondents proposed senior-friendly features, like accessible seating and features, programming and a covered walking path. Despite specific preferences, there was general support for all options.

Multi-Purpose Rooms - SMALL

Respondents were asked to select their top 6 most preferred options for features, activities and programming that the small multi-purpose rooms should have or accommodate. The majority of respondents (55%) selected programming for seniors, while:

- Programming for children and families - 52%
- Expandable or dividable rooms - 49%
- Adult learning - 36%
- Community meetings - 36%
- Dedicated youth space - 36%
- Connection to the park - 35%
- Large sink for arts / crafts - 34%
- Access to computers - 28%
- Partnerships with local organizations - 28%
- Tutoring programs - 25%
- Study space - 24%
- Maker space - 18%
- Space for meditation/quiet contemplation - 10%
- Space for Indigenous ceremonies - 10%
- *Other (please specify) - 8%
- Space for prayer - 8%

*Respondents who selected “other” provided a range of suggestions, including requests for meet-and-greet spaces, dance and fitness studios, City of Toronto recreational programs, yoga, community meals, and areas for children's activities. Concerns were raised about prayer spaces, with a preference to keep religious practices separate. Some respondents mentioned that the community center at St. Dennis Drive already offers many of the listed programs. Other suggestions include: multi-purpose rooms, counseling services for at-risk youth, soundproofed spaces for music, an EarlyON center, sewing classes, card tables for games, pool and ping pong tables, and programs for people with special needs. Additional proposals included a community computer lab, library area, and a Go Green Youth Centre.

Multi-Purpose Rooms - PRIMARY

Respondents were asked to select their top 6 most preferred options for features, activities and programming that the primary multi-purpose room (with kitchen) should have or accommodate. The majority of respondents (60%) selected programming for seniors, while:

- Programming for children and families - 59%
- Community meetings - 51%
- Expandable or dividable rooms - 46%
- Partnerships with local organizations - 38%
- Connection to the park - 37%
- Large sink for arts / crafts - 35%
- Adult learning - 34%
- Dedicated youth space - 28%
- Access to computers - 18%
- Tutoring programs - 18%
- Maker space - 15%
- Study space - 13%
- Space for Indigenous ceremonies - 11%
- *Other (please specify): - 6%
- Space for prayer - 5%
- Space for meditation/quiet contemplation - 5%

*Respondents who selected “other” shared ideas with similar themes to the small multi-purpose rooms, including a desire for a gym, a program room for all ages, spaces for elders to gather and engage in low-impact yoga or light exercises, programming for all ages. Specific sport-related requests include badminton, table tennis, basketball, and pickleball. The need for an EarlyON center is emphasized due to the closure of one at Don Mills church. Other suggestions involve adult programming for dances, rental spaces for events and parties. A unique proposal suggests connecting an outside park area to a wedding venue within the facility. Additionally, there are calls for dedicated spaces for music rehearsal or lessons, community and family social events, and a dance space. The Go Green Youth Centre expresses interest in contributing to programming space. Concerns about the size of the swimming pool and the prioritization of public skating over hockey games are also raised. Lastly, there is a suggestion for a room dedicated to clothing donations and access to free clothing.

Community Kitchen

Respondents were asked to select their top 3 preferred options for activities that should take place in the larger multi-purpose room with kitchen. The majority of respondents (67%) selected nutrition programming and/or cooking classes, while:

- Ability to rent space and kitchen facilities for private events - 53%
- Ability to rent space and kitchen facilities for public events - 41%
- Large-scale community events (e.g., community consultations or open house) - 37%
- Free or affordable community meals - 31%
- After-school snack for youth - 20%
- Breakfast club for youth - 20%
- Drop-in time in the kitchen (e.g., to cook meals to take home) - 8%
- *Other (please specify): - 2%

*Respondents who selected “other” voiced concerns about renting the space for personal celebrations, suggesting it should prioritize public and youth-oriented activities. There were requests for low-cost access to the kitchen, installations for accessibility, ties to local social enterprises, consideration of daycare facilities. Echoing other comments in this survey, there were requests for a dedicated space where seniors can gather to play cards and board games, with coffee and light snacks being served. Lastly, there is a proposal for a breakfast club and after-school program for youth, incorporating nutritional learning kits that they can take home to prepare nutritious breakfasts or snacks. Creative ideas like cooking lessons for men and basic home repair classes were also shared.

Amenities

Respondents were asked to indicate how important various programs\ and amenity options were to them on the following scale: Very important, Somewhat important, Neutral, Not very important, Not at all important. The majority of respondents (80%) selected older adults/seniors programs (i.e. registered or drop-in programs for adults 60 and over) as very important, while:

- Drop-in programs (i.e., weekly drop-in programs that you do not need to register for) - 77%
- Registered programs (i.e., weekly programs that you need to register for to secure a spot) - 74%
- Children’s programs (e.g., registered or drop-in programs for children 12 and under) - 70%
- Family programs (e.g., registered or drop-in programs for children and caregivers to do together) - 67%
- Unprogrammed youth space (e.g., a place for youth to play games, study together, etc.) - 66%
- *Other (please specify): - 60%
- Unprogrammed space for informal social gathering (e.g., meeting a friend for coffee, gathering before attending a class or program, etc.) - 60%
- Unprogrammed quiet space (e.g., for reading, studying, working, etc.) - 53%

Common Areas & Lobby

Respondents were asked to select their top 4 preferred options for features that would be important to have in the common areas and lobby. The majority of respondents (74%) selected water drinking/bottle filling, while:

- Reception desk with helpful staff - 65%
- Furniture that is flexible and modular (moveable) to accommodate different needs - 57%
- Seating that allows for gathering - 55%
- Large scale artworks and murals created by local artists - 31%
- Space that allows for events and programming to take place - 30%
- Seating that allows for quiet reflection (eg: studying, reading) - 28%
- Indigenous placekeeping through murals or artworks - 9%
- Food-centric programming - 9%
- *Other (please specify): - 4%

*Respondents who selected “other” included reservations about a "Learning Commons" or architectural seating, citing accessibility issues and that this feature would replicate

features/services offered by the nearby library. There are several comments suggesting a cafe space, snack bar or vending machines, which would also serve as a gathering area. Other considerations include the provision of charging stations, free wifi, and computer rentals. Some respondents questioned the size of the lobby, suggesting a preference for smaller foyers and more space dedicated to activity facilities.

Aquatics Facility

Respondents were asked to select their top 6 preferred options for features that would be important to have in the aquatics facility, including lane swim and leisure pool. The majority of respondents (73%) selected children's swimming lessons, while:

- Dedicated programming for seniors - 58%
- Natural light - 53%
- Adult swimming lessons - 52%
- Dedicated programming for people with disabilities - 41%
- Dedicated programming for women - 36%
- Accessibility ramp into the pool - 31%
- Large shallow end - 30%
- Deep end for diving - 29%
- Equipment for water sports (e.g., water polo, water basketball) - 24%
- Mobility / accessibility devices - 22%
- Diving board - 19%
- Storage space for equipment - 17%
- *Other (please specify): - 10%
- Dedicated programming for 2SLGBTQ+ community members - 9%

*Respondents who selected "other" stressed the need for inclusivity in design and policies, as well as a focus on aquatic health and wellness, Aquafit for seniors, varied pool features (including diving facilities, slides, and hot tubs), accessibility considerations, swim clubs and classes, facility partnerships with local swim schools, concerns about common shower areas, and a desire for complete design accessibility and public access at all times were also mentioned.

Twin Ice Pad Arena

Respondents were asked to select their top 6 preferred options for features that would be important to have in the twin ice pad arena. The majority of respondents (64%) selected learn-to-skate programs, while:

- Comfortable seating for viewers - 59%
- Plenty of warm viewing space - 56%
- Children's hockey leagues - 46%
- Skate rentals - 38%
- Ice pads converted for other programming during summer - 34%
- Women's / girl's hockey leagues - 33%
- Ice pads year-round - 33%
- Shiny (drop-in) hockey time slots - 30%
- Adult hockey leagues - 23%
- Figure skating programs - 17%
- Skating aid rentals (to help learn to skate) - 17%

- Events and shows on the ice - 17%
- Storage space for equipment - 16%
- *Other (please specify): - 12%
- Sledge hockey - 6%

*Respondents who selected “other” provided various suggestions for the ice facilities at the community center, stressing alternative uses for the ice pads, such as lacrosse, volleyball, badminton, and more, with coordination with sports organizations for club tournaments. There are calls to keep one ice rink and one sports pad open year-round, while others suggest converting ice pads for different programming during the off-season. Pickleball emerges as a popular choice for alternative use, and some express concerns about the dominance of ice sports in the facility, advocating for more versatile programming and sports options beyond hockey.

Main Floor Overview

After reviewing the preliminary design of the main floor of the Don Mills CRC, respondents were asked to indicate their level of satisfaction. The majority of respondents (45%) indicated they were Somewhat satisfied, while:

- 22% indicated they were Very satisfied
- 19% indicated they were Neutral
- 7% indicated they were Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4% indicated they were Very dissatisfied
- 3% indicated they were Not sure

When asked to elaborate, respondents included critiques of the emphasis on ice-related facilities, with some suggesting a preference for more multi-use spaces and less focus on hockey. Concerns were raised about the limited parking space, and there were requests for more amenities for seniors and better accessibility features. Some respondents questioned the need for two ice rinks, while others highlighted the lack of specified facilities for activities like tennis, badminton, and pickleball. The design's impact on traffic flow, change room configurations, and the need for additional spaces like gyms and libraries were also noted.

Second Floor

After reviewing the second floor plans, respondents were asked to select their favourite space. the majority of respondents (30%) selected the walking / running track, while:

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- Outdoor terrace - 12%
- Two fitness studios - 16%
- Open fitness area / gym - 18%
- Double gym - 21%
- *Other (please describe): - 4%

*Some respondents who selected other were excited about the open fitness center with machines for strength and cardio, while others suggested a preference for more floor space to accommodate various activities. Some respondents expressed excitement about the outdoor terrace and open fitness area/gym. There were also suggestions to include pickleball courts in the double gym.

Double Gym & Track

Respondents were asked to select their top 6 programming and feature options they would like the double gym and track spaces to have or accommodate. The majority of respondents (58%) indicated they would like to see mini-lockers for phones, electronics and valuables, while:

- Ability to divide the gym - 54%
- Dedicated programming for seniors - 47%
- Pickleball - 40%
- Cubby storage for bags and outdoor shoes - 33%
- Spaces to sit and stretch along the track - 32%
- Height adjustable basketball nets - 31%
- Volleyball - 30%
- Indoor soccer - 28%
- Dedicated programming for women - 27%
- Badminton - 26%
- Dedicated programming for people with disabilities - 23%
- Possibility of being booked for non-sport activities that require a large space - 22%
- Dedicated programming for 2SLGBTQ+ community members - 8%
- *Other (please specify): - 7%

*Respondents who selected “other” mentioned various preferences for the use of the space, including interest in Indigenous events, indoor lawn bowling, exercise programs (such as Zumba, yoga/pilates, and cardio), and programs for kids' sports. Some suggested using the space for local school sports games, yoga, strength/mobility classes, dodgeball, and indoor archery. There were also mentions of seating for waiting players, space for stretching along the track, and preferences for multiple gyms. Additionally, respondents expressed interest in spring/summer ball hockey, pool viewing space for parents and competitions, squash, table tennis, a stage in the gym for auditorium and amateur theatre uses, children's programs, adult fitness classes, and tennis courts.

Fitness Studio

Repondents were asked to select their top 4 programming and feature options they would like the fitness studio to have or accommodate. The majority of respondents (49%) indicated they would like to partake of low-impact exercise, like Tai Chi and Yoga, while:

- Dedicated time for seniors - 48%
- Views of the park - 38%
- Dedicated time for women - 36%
- Surfaces and seating that are easy to clean - 29%
- Dance - 28%
- Dedicated time for people with disabilities - 23%
- Bootcamp-style classes - 21%
- Martial arts - 21%
- Gymnastics - 16%
- Boxing - 12%
- Fingerprint-proof mirrors - 9%
- Dedicated time for 2SLGBTQ+ community members - 7%

- *Other (please specify): - 5%

*Respondents who selected “other” expressed interest in various programming for the space, including Zumba, racketball courts, diverse fitness classes for various fitness levels, lunch hour classes, a cycling studio, pickleball, kids' sports programs for basketball, volleyball, and soccer, Pilates, yoga, drop-in programs, salsa, and stretch classes for seniors. Additionally, there was a mention of soccer and basketball programs, and a suggestion to close the 'open to below' space and use it as another community room.

Fitness Area

Repondents were asked to select their top 3 feature options they would like the fitness area to have or accommodate. The majority of respondents (63%) indicated they would like to see strength machines, while:

- Cardio machines - 62%
- Free weights - 46%
- Staff who are available to show you how to use machines or equipment - 32%
- Views into the park - 28%
- Open area for stretching - 18%
- Privacy screens for women's only fitness - 17%
- Mirrors - 12%
- *Other (please specify): - 4%
- Views into other fitness areas - 2%

*Respondents who selected “other” emphasized the importance of having a well-equipped fitness area with pull-up bars, dip bars, a variety of strength equipment/machines, equipment for Pilates, box jumps, pull-ups, and calisthenics. Other specific suggestions included towels, posters with instructions for proper technique, women-only gym spaces, stretching classes for seniors, accessible equipment, and mirrors.

Outdoor Terrace

Respondents were asked to share what types of amenities they would like to see for the outdoor terrace. Feedback centred around these themes:

Greenery:

- Plants, flowers, bushes, with pollinator plants.
- A garden focused on indigenous plants and learning.

Seating Options:

- Comfortable chairs for lounging, reading, and socializing.
- Benches, picnic tables, and some shaded areas.
- Chess benches, chess tables, and high railings for small children.

Amenity suggestions:

- Tables and chairs, outdoor games, chess tables, and ping pong tables.
- Outdoor sports and exercise equipment.
- A splash pad, fountain, and water bottle station.
- A BBQ area, music set up, and private booking options.
- Business spaces for refreshments and a coffee shop/restaurant.

- Bike repair station, and a container gardening program.
- Educational elements like a teaching garden and gardening/bee-keeping opportunities.
- A dedicated area for pickleball with nets.

Second Floor Overview

After reviewing the preliminary design of the second floor of the Don Mills CRC, respondents were asked to indicate their level of satisfaction. The majority of respondents (45%) indicated they were Somewhat satisfied, while:

- 28% indicated they were Very satisfied
- 18% indicated they were Neutral
- 4% indicated they were Somewhat dissatisfied
- 3% indicated they were Very dissatisfied
- 2% indicated they were Not sure

When asked to elaborate, there is a consistent call for the center to serve as a community hub, but security and privacy concerns, especially regarding the outdoor terrace, are raised. Feedback highlights the need for more gymnasium space, universal changerooms, and family-friendly amenities. Parking spaces and accessibility features are common themes, and specific requests include facilities for racquet sports, an indoor walking track, and an indoor play area/gym for kids.

4.0 Next Steps

The feedback received in Phase 2 of community engagement will be used to refine the design of the Don Mills Community Recreation Centre. An updated design will be shared with the public in community engagement Phase 3: Preferred Option.

To be notified about upcoming engagement opportunities, visit the [project webpage](#) to sign up for e-updates.

Appendix A: Survey Questions

- Which of the following best describes you? Select all that apply.
 - I live near the site of the new Don Mills CRC
 - I play (shop, visit parks, etc.) near the site of the new Don Mills CRC 3
 - I am a parent / caregiver to a child/children
 - I participate in sports nearby
 - I work near the site of the new Don Mills CRC
 - I visit faith spaces nearby
 - I attend school nearby
 - Other (please specify)
 - I am an Indigenous community member

- Please provide the first three characters of your postal code (e.g. M5H)

- After seeing the main floor plans, which of the following spaces are you most excited about? Please select your favourite space.
 - Primary multi-purpose room
 - Smaller multi-purpose rooms
 - Aquatics facilities
 - Twin ice pad
 - Other (please describe):
 - None of the above

- Which of the following features, activities and programming do you think the SMALL multi-purpose rooms should have or accommodate? Select your top six (6) most preferred options.
 - Programming for seniors
 - Programming for children and families
 - Expandable or dividable rooms
 - Adult learning
 - Community meetings
 - Dedicated youth space
 - Connection to the park
 - Large sink for arts / crafts
 - Access to computers 1
 - Partnerships with local organizations
 - Tutoring programs
 - Study space
 - Maker space
 - Space for meditation/quiet contemplation
 - Space for Indigenous ceremonies
 - Other (please specify):
 - Space for prayer

- Which of the following features, activities and programming do you think the PRIMARY multi-purpose room (with kitchen) should have or accommodate? Select your top six (6) most preferred options.
 - Programming for seniors
 - Programming for children and families
 - Community meetings
 - Expandable or dividable rooms
 - Partnerships with local organizations
 - Connection to the park
 - Large sink for arts / crafts
 - Adult learning
 - Dedicated youth space
 - Access to computers
 - Tutoring programs
 - Maker space
 - Study space
 - Space for Indigenous ceremonies
 - Other (please specify):
 - Space for prayer
 - Space for meditation/quiet contemplation

- In the larger multi-purpose space with a community kitchen, what types of activities should take place? Select your top three (3) preferred options.
 - Nutrition programming and/or cooking classes
 - Ability to rent space and kitchen facilities for private events (e.g., a birthday party or celebration)
 - Ability to rent space and kitchen facilities for public events (e.g., an organization hosting an event)
 - Large-scale community events (e.g., community consultations or open house)
 - Free or affordable community meals
 - After-school snack for youth
 - Breakfast club for youth
 - Drop-in time in the kitchen (e.g., to cook meals to take home)
 - Other (please specify):

- Is there anything else you would like us to know about your preferred use of the larger multi-purpose space / community kitchen? If nothing, please skip to the next question.

- In the following list of program and amenity options, please indicate how important they are to you.
 (*Response options: Not at all important, Not very important, Neutral, Somewhat Important, Very Important*)
 - Older adults / seniors programs (e.g., registered or drop-in programs for adults 60 and over)
 - Drop-in programs (i.e., weekly drop-in programs that you do not need to register for)

- Registered programs (i.e., weekly programs that you need to register for to secure a spot)
 - Children's programs (e.g., registered or drop-in programs for children 12 and under)
 - Family programs (e.g., registered or drop-in programs for children and caregivers to do together)
 - Unprogrammed youth space (e.g., a place for youth to play games, study together, etc.)
 - Other (please specify):
 - Unprogrammed space for informal social gathering (e.g., meeting a friend for coffee, gathering before attending a class or program, etc.)
 - Unprogrammed quiet space (e.g., for reading, studying, working, etc.)
- Which of the following features do you think would be important to have in the common areas and lobby? Select your top four (4) preferred options.
 - Water drinking / bottle filling
 - Reception desk with helpful staff
 - Furniture that is flexible and modular (moveable) to accommodate different needs
 - Seating that allows for gathering
 - Large scale artworks and murals created by local artists
 - Space that allows for events and programming to take place
 - Seating that allows for quiet reflection (eg: studying, reading)
 - Indigenous placekeeping through murals or artworks
 - Food-centric programming
 - Other (please specify):
- Which of the following features do you think would be important to have in the aquatics facility, including lane swim and leisure pool? Select your top six (6) preferred options. - Other (please specify):
 - Children's swimming lessons
 - Dedicated programming for seniors
 - Natural light
 - Adult swimming lessons 2
 - Dedicated programming for people with disabilities
 - Dedicated programming for women
 - Accessibility ramp into the pool
 - Large shallow end
 - Deep end for diving
 - Equipment for water sports (e.g., water polo, water basketball)
 - Mobility / accessibility devices
 - Diving board
 - Storage space for equipment
 - Other (please specify):
 - Dedicated programming for 2SLGBTQ+ community members

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- Which of the following features do you think would be important to have in the twin ice pad arena? Select your top six (6) preferred options.
 - Learn-to-skate programs
 - Comfortable seating for viewers
 - Plenty of warm viewing space
 - Children's hockey leagues
 - Skate rentals
 - Ice pads converted for other programming during summer
 - Women's / girl's hockey leagues
 - Ice pads year-round
 - Shinny (drop-in) hockey time slots
 - Adult hockey leagues
 - Figure skating programs
 - Skating aid rentals (to help learn to skate)
 - Events and shows on the ice
 - Storage space for equipment
 - Other (please specify):
 - Sledge hockey

- How satisfied are you with the preliminary design of the main floor of the Don Mills CRC?
 - Very satisfied
 - Somewhat satisfied
 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 - Somewhat dissatisfied
 - Very dissatisfied
 - Not sure

- Please elaborate on your response to the previous question (optional). If you do not want to answer this question, please skip to the 'next' page.

- After seeing the second floor plans, which of the following spaces are you most excited about? Please select your favourite space.
 - Outdoor terrace
 - Two fitness studios
 - Open fitness area / gym
 - Double gym
 - Walking / running track
 - Other (please describe):

- Which of the following programming and feature options would you like the double gym and track spaces to have or accommodate? Select your top six (6) preferred options.
 - Mini-lockers for phones, electronics and valuables 232 58%
 - Ability to divide the gym

- Dedicated programming for seniors
 - Pickleball
 - Cubby storage for bags and outdoor shoes
 - Spaces to sit and stretch along the track
 - Height adjustable basketball nets
 - Volleyball
 - Indoor soccer
 - Dedicated programming for women
 - Badminton
 - Dedicated programming for people with disabilities
 - Possibility of being booked for non-sport activities that require a large space
 - Dedicated programming for 2SLGBTQ+ community members
 - Other (please specify):
- Which of the following programming and feature options would you like the fitness studios to accommodate or have? Select your top four (4) preferred options.
 - Low-impact exercise like Tai Chi and Yoga
 - Dedicated time for seniors
 - Views of the park
 - Dedicated time for women
 - Surfaces and seating that are easy to clean
 - Dance
 - Dedicated time for people with disabilities
 - Bootcamp-style classes
 - Martial arts
 - Gymnastics
 - Boxing
 - Fingerprint-proof mirrors
 - Dedicated time for 2SLGBTQ+ community members
 - Other (please specify):
- Which of the following feature options would you like the open fitness area / gym to accommodate or have? Select your top three (3) preferred options.
 - Strength machines
 - Cardio machines
 - Free weights
 - Staff who are available to show you how to use machines or equipment
 - Views into the park
 - Open area for stretching
 - Privacy screens for women's only fitness
 - Mirrors
 - Other (please specify):
 - Views into other fitness areas
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- Is there anything else you think should be considered in the design of fitness-oriented spaces? If nothing, please skip to the next question.
- What types of amenities would you like to see in the outdoor terrace (the City is unable to accommodate allotment gardens at this facility)? If nothing, please skip to the next question.
- How satisfied are you with the preliminary design of the second floor of the Don Mills CRC?
 - Very satisfied
 - Somewhat satisfied
 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 - Somewhat dissatisfied
 - Very dissatisfied
 - Not sure
- Please elaborate on your response above, below (optional). If you do not want to answer this question, please skip to the 'next' page.
- Is there anything that you would like to see considered in the design of the civic colonnade, including the public realm that connects the interior of the building to the exterior? If nothing, please skip to the next question.
- Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the preliminary design of the Don Mills CRC? If nothing, please skip to the next question.
- What is the age of the person filling out this survey?
- Excluding yourself, How many people of each age group participated in this survey?
- What language do you prefer speaking?
- Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does the person filling out this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?
- 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 the person filling out this survey?
- 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 the person filling out this survey identify as a person with a disability?
- Excluding yourself, does anyone in your household identify as a person with a disability?

- 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 the gender of the person filling out this survey?
- Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people. What best describes the sexual orientation of the person filling out this survey?
- What best describes your current housing situation?
- What best describes you and your household's access to outdoor space? Select all that apply.
- How did you find out about this survey? Select all that apply.

Appendix B: Open Ended Comments Log

*As per the City's Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination policy, xenophobic, misogynist, homophobic, transphobic, anti-Indigenous, ableist, ageist or other forms of discriminatory, prejudicial, exclusionary or hateful comments or questions have been removed in this document.

After seeing the main floor plans, which of the following spaces are you most excited about? Please select your favourite space.

“Other” responses:

- A walking path or zone is available for Seniors to walk under a roof right?
- All of the above
- All of the above
- An indoor running/walking track would be a great feature.
- Childrens activities
- Could please add basketball area

Ffor fitness classes , the rooms need to be big enough to accomodate enough people

- Gym
- Gymnasium
- Gymnasium
- Gymnasium for indoor pickleball
- Gymnasium. Hope it has a good variety of equipment
- I am interested in partnering with the City for facility rentals/leasing. In particular, the swimming facility for learn to swim programs.
- I am looking to play pickle ball
- I'd like to see an indoor playground for kids
- None. I would like to see tennis courts.
- Parking of 72 spaces totally inadequate
- pickleball
- Pickleball courts
- Pickleball in one of those areas?
- The ice pads, viewing areas, and dressing rooms take up more that 25% of the facility. Tell me you are kidding!!!
- This is all exciting - however more work to be done - with priorities, facilities etc - will detail later
- This should be a much larger facility. Only 2 floors is an absolute waste of space where it is sitting. Why not 10 stories high which would allow for a lot more community room with flexibility of use.
- Tim's
- would like to add another floor for community hub including community health center (Don Mills Family Health Team) which can provide a lot programs to local community, also is a lead of many partnerships with other community agencies.

Which of the following features, activities and programming do you think the SMALL multi-purpose rooms should have or accommodate? Select your top six (6) most preferred options.

“Other” responses:

- Basketball / ball sports like soccer or dodgeball or badminton etc
- Basketball court
- card tables for bridge or euchre games
- City of Toronto rec programs
- Community computer lab, library area
- Community meals, places for kids to do homework/ hang around gathering places, unprogrammed open spaces
- convert for gym to play pickleball
- Counselling and mentoring services for at risk youth.
- Dance space
- EarlyON centre since the one at Don Mills church will close
- exercise room
- food,garden and craft market
- Go Green Youth Centre youth staff would be happy to operate programs out of these spaces.
- If multi purpose rooms, yes should be used for many purposes.
- Indoor playground and soft play areas outdoor playground
- Meet and greet
- No space for prayer please, lets keep things separate, not necessary to open that can of worms. . Public facilities are not churches, synagogues...why create dissension?
- Pickleball courts
- Pool and/or ping pong tables
- Programs like sewing classes
- Recreational fitness programs for adults
- Skating and hockey rink is missing!!
- Soundproofed space for music (choirs, instrumental groups, etc.)
- Space for individual or group music rehearsal or lessons
- Space for people with special needs programmes, there is very little available in Toronto so daily need to travel long distances to the other GTA cities
- Studio space for fitness classes and/or fitness centre
- Tennis courts open and closed with roof
- The community centre at St. Dennis Drive offers many of the programs listed
- These activities are too
- These make no sense to me. I have no idea how they would be used.
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- Tim Hortons
- Yoga
- Yoga classes

Which of the following features, activities and programming do you think the PRIMARY multi-purpose room (with kitchen) should have or accommodate? Select your top six (6) most preferred options.

“Other” responses:

- A room for clothing donation and access to free clothing
- available for community members to book and use, i.e. for functions...
- badminton, table tennis, basketball, pickleball,
- Community/family social events
- convert to gym for sport activities e.g pickleball
- Dance space
- Dances adult programming
- Don Mills is the first planned community in North American, and is one of largest senior community, it is really need a community hub which include multi health and social services
- EarlyON centre since the one at Don Mills church will close
- Events
- Go Green Youth Centre youth staff would be happy to help program this space.
- Gym
- If multi purpose should be used for more than one purpose, program or age group
- Increase size of swimming pool. TWO arenas is too HOCKEY centric. Public Skating SHOULD BE PRIORITY. NOT HOCKEY GAMES.
- Maybe the outside park area should have a wedding venue connected to the large indoor space. Also, a place to change before going to work out in the park.
- Na
- Parties. Large gatherings.like general meetings of condo boards. Dancing all ages
- Party room
- Pickleball
- Places for elders to gather and do low impact yoga or light exercises
- Program room for all ages/ as needed
- Programming for all ages
- Rental place for events
- Space for individual or group music rehearsal or lessons
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.

In the larger multi-purpose space with a community kitchen, what types of activities should take place? Select your top three (3) preferred options.

- a place where Seniors can gather to play cards and Board games and buy coffee and light snacks
- Birthday parties, community events bbq,

- Breakfast club and After-school for youth should have a learning e.g., kits which youth can take home and prepare a nutritious breakfast/ snack.
- frequent community development events & festivities
- Pickleball
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your preferred use of the larger multi-purpose space / community kitchen? If nothing, please skip to the next question.

- able to view sports games on large TV screens, and attend lectures on life long learning for seniors
- Adult recreational programs like yoga etc
- All the listed options are fine, however the ideal options are the ones that are for the public and lean towards feeding youth and educating them on how to make nutritious meals.
- Allow pop-up food businesses to operate to provide food and snacks to park users
- As an event planner, rooms with air walls is a must!
- Classes such as yoga
- Community coffee/ snacks while visiting
- Consider daycare facilities
- Cooking lessons for men
- Don Mills FHT (a community non profit health centre) can play leadership role for a community hub include many agencies/programs
- Enabling access to food and cooking supplies
- Having the kitchen tied to local social enterprises would be ideal to support entrepreneurs
- How about sound insulated space for individual or group music lessons, rehearsal or social playing?
- How is it ensured that the space is clean and sanitized
- I feel these rooms will sit empty and not be utilized.
- I like the idea of youth activities.
- I think you should have more parking
- international language classes
- is there sufficient parking, especially when two arenas hold hockey tournaments. Ice time should be prioritized for community use BEFORE HOCKEY GAMES!!!
- It should not be rented for personal celebrations (birthdays, weddings, etc). There are facilities available for those types of events.
- Maybe a class to learn home basic repairs!
- More parking
- NA
- Need more room for people to get together especially with the density increase many people do not have much space in their homes to host gatherings. Many of the quieter activities should be left to the libraries. The park should be conducive to outdoor exercise, have exercise stations, walking yoga, Tai Chi, skating trail. Too many people are cooped up inside, we need to facilitate outdoor activity, make it senior and child

friendly. Indoor area should have a coffee shop. Quiet working environment should be left to the libraries. This is a Recreation center!

- no
- Nothing to add
- Of the choices above, the only one I don't much like is 'ability to rent space...for private events'.
- Once a month might feature a type of cooking as a way to introduce that a culture to others.
- Pickleball courts
- Please keep religion in it's rightful place, churches, synagogues, mosques...not in public institutions
- Please make the rental reasonably-priced
- Should have some sort of meaningful art covering the walls representing what we're doing and where we are. Also I wouldn't put too many windows looking in to this room, only from the room to the park.
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- Universal design please
- Wellbaby program
- When installing paper towel holders and soap dispensers for all rooms make sure people and children can reach them
- Where is the ice rink going?
- Who works there: volunteers or hired people? Who provides the cooking ingredients?
- Would not recommend the idea of drop-in use for the kitchen unless there is some sort of mandatory system in place for clean up and sanitizing. Unsupervised use of the kitchen will likely ruin equipment and dirty the space.
- Yes - I think if there is a cost to use the kitchen it should be low
- Youth after school lessons, e.g. cooking, CPR, modelling club, sewing class, etc.
- Youth events such as poetry night or a book reading club

In the following list of program and amenity options, please indicate how important they are to you.

Other (please specify):

- 50 meter pool
- A place for everyone to gather
- A place to pray
- Apparently we don't have enough places that provide ESL classes to newcomers.
- Ball programs- tennis, pickle ball, squash
- Banbury/Don Mills Community Recreation Centre
- Basketball courts
- Community resources
- Community/Interdisciplinary Gathering
- Don't separate the youth from the rest when not needed to.
- Exercise space for children and seniors
- Ice times and programming for adults outside of work hours.

- Indoor playground
- Library
- Local business partnerships. Facility rentals/leasing.
- Meditation area for yoga
- More athletic programs for seniors such as pickle ball/zomba etc.
- Outdoor skating and exercise trail
- Pickleball
- Please remember that quiet spaces are available nearby at the public library. No need for duplication. Please use the space efficiently.
- Prayer space
- PUBLIC access to swim & skate
- Retail
- Safe bike routes to access space
- safe place for victims of abuse
- Since the developer, CF and City Council have decide to change the original location of the community centre, where is the ice skating and hockey rink going?
- space to empower newcomers, underhoused
- spectator facilities for volleyball, badminton and table tennis tournamentsminton
- Sports activities
- utilize CPR train track for public transport and connect it to the facility
- Will there be a gym with equipment we can use?

Which of the following features do you think would be important to have in the common areas and lobby? Select your top four (4) preferred options.

- Affordable Snack bar
- Cafe
- Charging stations and free use of wifi and computer rentals
- coffee shop
- Coffee shop
- Food for hockey rinks
- I believe that options 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are very important with 6 and 9 being important.
- Must have a cafeteria where friends can gather and enjoy some snacks and refreshments (no alcohol to be allowed)
- Natural light
- No 'Learning Commons' / Architectural Seating, aside from accessibility issues, its overdone, usually badly, and typically under-utilised.
- Please remember there's a nearby library, don't duplicate and use the space efficiently.
- Snack Bar for coffee & snacks - esp given the spectator capacity of 200 x 2 ! (often run by a club etc.)
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- Vending machine
- Why is so much space being wasted with a lobby? Have smaller foyer and more activity facilities.

Which of the following features do you think would be important to have in the aquatics facility, including lane swim and leisure pool? Select your top six (6) preferred options. - Other (please specify):

- 50M lane swimming /drop in or coached
- Allow for competitive swim meets/diving competitions
- Aquafit
- aquafit classes
- Aquafit especially for seniors
- aquatic health & wellness - hot spring facilities as part of the geothermal energy use to be prioritised
- Beach entry makes pools accessible for all
- Complete accessibility for this facility should not be something that the public can choose, it should be a given. This is 2023 and all public spaces need to be accessible according to AODA
- Dedicated change rooms for women. Co-Ed rooms are not right for everyone!!!! Please know that many women will be uncomfortable in a changing area where men are permitted
- Designated area for toddlers and preschoolers with toys
- Free swim / Dedicated Lane swim times
- Heated swimming pool and late night drop-in
- Hot tub
- Hot tub, slide
- I don't swim
- I truly hope and suggest that the City partner with local swim schools to rent/lease this space. The City has a huge portfolio of pool facilities that are underused or not used at all (ie: TDSB leased facilities). It would be a much better use of the space to rent out the facility.
- Ideally basis swim/swim to survive should be free to everyone the pool should facilitate this first. The pool should then serve family/personal fun, then if including ramp features, consult professionals on needs for rehabilitation programming to check for needs.
- Lane swim options, sauna
- Long opening hours with lanes available for lap & rec swim at all times.
- Lots of free swim hours for lane swimming
- Min 25m lanes (50m would be lovely!)
- Minimum a 1meter diving board. Should have a 3meter diving board. Kids should have opportunities for various sports-not only the typical. If you're going to build it, build it with a future in mind!
- only 6 options = left out important items - like accessibility ramp - programming that would include seniors - doesn't need to be dedicated - i.e. aquafitness - all ages and genders - differing needs for different people - i.e. Cardio - or post surgery rehab - etc...
- Pool!!!
- PULBIC ACCESS AT ***ALL TIMES OF DAY***** FOR ALL AGES.

- Removable starting blocks for competitive swim meets and training
- Sauna and hot tub
- Sauna/steam room
- Seniors or Adults beginners swimming classes
- Shower area where women can remove their bathing suits. Not a common shower area where men and women are mixed, and you have to leave your bathing suit on. Realize that for some people with mobility issues such as my mother, this is where she can safely shower since our house has not been renovated to have a shower that she can easily use. Many women I know (who swim at the Cummer pool) have said they will not use the new Ethennonhawahstihnen' pool because of the common shower area.
- Slide and hot tub
- Specific times for FASTER lane swims. Multiple lanes for people swimming faster than 2:00mins/100m. Separate this from swim times for seniors floating times.
- Sufficient depth for scuba diving instruction
- Swim club for youth. Masters swimming for adults.
- Swings and slides. Make it a fun place to be and learn. Benches for Parents to sit and watch Children take lessons. Lane swims for exercise
- Wading pool
- Wading pool for small children
- Warm water pool
- Water slide, splash area, and hot tub/sauna
- Waterslide
- We need pools that have deep and shallow ends for Aqua Fit as well as diving and lane swimming.
- Why not have all pools capable of lane swim? This way popular lane swim hours can handle more capacity

Which of the following features do you think would be important to have in the twin ice pad arena? Select your top six (6) preferred options.

- Ability to convert ice pads for other programming (like Scotiabank centre) while retaining the ice underneath
- Accessibility features and safe/slow skate times for adults and seniors with disabilities or physical limitations
- Adult Age 60+ Drop-In Leisure Skate (Daily)
- ALL OF THESE OPTIONS SHOULD BE PRIORITY
- Alternative use for lacrosse, volleyball, badminton, etc - coordinated with sports ontario for various club tournaments
- ball hockey
- Ball hockey pad
- Can't comment. Consult with others.
- Change rooms
- Community skating times
- Consider keeping one pad ice during summer and converting other for ball hockey, soccer, lacrosse
- convert arena to pickle ball court in the summer or when there is no ice time.
- Events and shows on (Winter) and off (summer) the ice

- Free skate time
- free skating time, 'everyday'
- I don't skate
- I don't think I will access this
- Indigenous Marketplace
- Keep 1 an ice rink, and 1 sports pad in summer
- Keep the ice open year long like Don Montgomery. It's lovely and well utilized. is currently insufficient facilities in the city.
- Leisure family skate, bday party rental
- leisure skating
- Leisure skating for families
- Limit of 6 not good - so - warm viewing - yes - ice pads year round - yes - how about Speed Skating Programs? Entice a Figure Skating Club - etc
- Maybe one pad should be for indoor pickleball courts, indoor soccer, badminton, volleyball. These sports are very popular.
- No hockey leagues. I fear this will take over the rinks and prevent everyone from access. Learn to play programs are fine, but not leagues. There are plenty in the city already.
- No interest in this area
- None of it interests me
- Not interested
- Open public skating
- Pickle ball
- Pickleball courts
- Pickleball courts during the off-season.
- Pickleball.
- Plenty of time for leisure skate, not just hockey please
- Public access to skate takes PRIORITY over Hockey teams who are constantly slow getting off ice when Public Skate time is after them.
- Public free skate
- Public skating
- recreational free skating
- Scheduled tournaments. Sign up with your team.
- Senior skate
- Skate sharpening
- There are already enough ice pads in this city
- Ticket ice for figure skaters
- Turn ice pads into pickleball courts
- waste of space
- Why do you need two ice pads? Roller skating with music
- Why is 50% of this CRC dedicating to ice sports? This only seems fair if each rink can be readily (within hours) converted into multisport gymnasiums, for basketball, tennis and volleyball. A turf field for sports such as soccer, ultimate Frisbee or football is lacking.

Please elaborate on your response to the previous question (optional). If you do not want to answer this question, please skip to the 'next' page.

- 2 hockey arenas is excessive and seems expensive to maintain, remove 1 and use the space for other rooms or a turf soccer field
- 2 large arenas are not as eye catching and programming is quite limited in arenas. First floor should be more more main events such as the gymnasium. Main entrance should also frame the corner of Moriyama and the park to open up the area and potentially have steps leading up to the main entrance with an overhang and space for passive programming similar to TMU SLC entrance as opposed to fronting on Moriyama. In order to activate moriyama, would still propose a secondary entrance along Moriyama with potentially overhangs and seating as well as glass panes looking into the pool and or multipurpose areas
- 72 Parking Spaces (Underground) is not enough for such a large community / sports center. There should also be sizeable surface parking lot akin to what a supermarket allocates for its customers.
- 74 parking spaces seems way too few for the size of the facility
- A multiuse gym with different machines/equipment should be part of the plan
- access and egress to and from the arena portion needs a lot of work as does the flow of people entering the building from the rear parking area.
- Again why two ice rinks. There are ice rinks in the area.
- Although not detailed in this proposal, I have heard that there are only 75 planned parking spaces (underground only)? This is woefully inadequate. With 2 ice pads / 4 teams playing at once, + all the other patrons of the CRC you will need a minimum of 250 parking spaces.
- Appreciate the thought that has been put in. I personally have 0 connections to ice so would prefer no ice rinks and more multipurpose spaces but i know there are louder voices in the community, likely not the majority, who disagree
- are two hockey rinks really needed? Are there other needs that are unmet? basketball? pickleball?
- Can't tell if it is a indoor rinks or outdoor rinks and i don't see no indoor gym for sports
- Change room should not be separate from the ice pads or pool. This creates opportunities for security risks to those changing in the change rooms. All change rooms should be attached to the rink or pool. So multiple smaller change rooms are need. 1 set for the ice rinks attached to them and 1 set for the pool attached to the pool. I am a woman and a swimmer and would NOT swim at a place where I would be changing isolated from the lifeguards nor would I wish to walk out in public in my swimsuit to transition to a pool. This is undignified. I find this 'separate' change room is an excuse to save money while putting the safety and security of children and women at risk. For shame!
- Change rooms seems far from rinks, underground drop off with only an elevator to get to the main floor and lack of adequate parking.
- Curious about whether pool could be opened at all to the outdoors in summer.
- Dedicated gymnasium?
- Design looks great - location not so great.
- Design should incorporate Indigenous art

- Did not see any indoor or outdoor pickleball courts
- Do not think two ice rinks are necessary
- Don't need two arenas when people in the area can't afford to play hockey. Waste of space. More gym space would be more practical for activities like soccer, basketball, badminton, etc. The second floor plan lacks enough space for these activities. Feels like exclusion for low income families and exclusive for the rich.
- Dont see space for pickleball, badminton etc.
- Dressing rooms for the ice pads should be as close to the ice as possible.
- Entrance might get congested with the swimming viewing area
- Even though I have no use for the twin pad ice area, I am glad it will be available to the community. The facility is so big and serves such a large catchment area, that i am not sure I will want to go to it. We are seniors so it will be a 3kms trek to get to it. That has nothing to do with the design of the main floor.
- Everything seems to be crammed into one floor. Cold spaces (ice rinks), warm spaces (pool) and multipurpose rooms crammed in. Doesn't feel open / airy / welcoming
- Hard to visualize from a chart
- Hockey Change rooms relationship and access to ice surface is odd and isolated.
- Hoping the pool is 50M - there's a lack of 50M pools in the GTA
- I don't believe that 72 parking spots are enough. Perhaps street parking could be on Moriyama Dr and Mike Palmateer. Where does the Zamboni dump the ice/snow?
- I don't think 2 giant ice rinks are really needed, especially since space is at such a premium here. Why not just have 1 ice rink, and use the other space for the many other uses one could use it for?
- I feel like the arena changerooms being open to the rest of the lobby will be loud when teams enter and exit. It just seems like a very awkward flow to get to the rinks. Teams will hate the furthest rooms. Parking and drop off is going to be a massive issue. The entire underground needs to be parking under both arenas. Remove the trees at the main entrance so there can be more short term parking.
- I like tennis and I don't see any tennis courts or badminton courts
- I think there is a need for ice space in this area, especially for adults. There are very few easily transit accessible ice rinks in midtown.
- I think you should hulla the space with a variety of youth cemetery's activities in mind. This area desperately needs it
- I would like to see a walking track implemented
- I'm concerning about ongoing running costs for the building. Glass (ie walls and doors) is a poor insulatator and so a building using them will result in higher ongoing energy bills. Please be mindful of ongoing costs when designing the building.
- I'm excited to see what you come up with. I do think there should be food options in the main lobby.
- I'm not sure how functional the change rooms are and how they are connected to the swimming pool. Seniors and others with disabilities need safe, short distances to get from one to the other. Other. The change rooms also look really small.
- Ice rinks are not side by side. Snack stand is not there. Indoor viewing area, walk about above ice rink with gym, see through plexi glass for player, higher viewing benches to watch the games.
- Indoor pickleball courts

- Insufficient parking if only 72 underground spots available. Families, elderly rely on cars to get to activities. Ttc is not that accessible especially in winter for this population. 150 parking spots would be better, a double underground garage possible?
- Is the Focus Don Mills Recreation Centre? or Community Centre?? attempting to include both = sacrifices to the Recreation Centre - I am disappointed with the size of the Pool(s) - is the leisure pool deep enough for - what ? I think given this is supposed to be including the dropped Don Mills Civitan Arena - hence 2 NHL sized ice pads - is great however - it is not including the Parking space that the current arena has. How are busses going to park when or if there are tournaments - Given the plan for 2 NHL sized arenas I would think the big picture would be Local Hockey Leagues and tournaments - attract the formation of a Don Mills figure skating club and competitions including annual ice show. If there is nowhere for busses and 400+ spectators to park they will go elsewhere like they have to now.
- Is there enough space in the drop-off area for cars to maneuver around?
- It appears that there will be universal changing rooms only. I strongly disagree with this. There needs to be separate changing rooms....female changing rooms, male changing rooms, and a universal changing room.
- It is too small for the size of the community. Agincourt Aquatic Centre is a good example of what the aquatic centre alone should include
- It looks very busy, depends how big the areas will be.
- It seems a proponent with a bias for ice sports has influenced the design of this CRC. Perhaps if Shops on Don Mills had received the community centre with ice pad it was originally promised when opened up to density development, then there would have been more diversity in facilities here at this CRC. This CRC should focus on providing for public facilities that cannot be provided for elsewhere. For example, all reading/learning/quiet space activities can be done at a Toronto Public Library branch. Prayer facilities should be provided for by private community temples, not this secular public facility. This CRC should provide for more activity facilities that cannot be done elsewhere, such as multisport gymnasiums for basketball, tennis, badminton and volleyball or turf fields for sports such as soccer, ultimate Frisbee or football. What about a rock climbing wall? A performance theatre that is equipped with audio and lighting equipment for local concerts and performances (plays, musicals, theatre etc.) would be good support for community arts. Sound proof booths with rentable instruments for music rehearsals or lessons would better enrich our community.
- It's a large footprint for only a single floor. Would have preferred a multi-level complex so it is maximizing space and able to accommodate all needs with sufficient space.
- Less hockey and ice and more space for seniors and youth
- less ice rinks, more gyms and community spaces. I library would also be great to serve the Don Mills/Eglinton and Wynford areas.
- Library!
- Looks good, I like the idea of having multipurpose rooms that open to the park
- Looks like the design has a common shower area. See my comments above about this.
- More dedicated picklerball courts needed in Toronto
- More equipment for senior would be nice to match the increase number of elderly
- More of the lobby space should be usable as hangout space AND should face the park
- more parking

- More parking is needed.
- Need more parking
- Need to ensure centre allows youth access to competitive level facilities. E.g., learn to swim followed by swim levels followed by swimming clubs and competitions gives youth goals and peer role models all under the same roof. This requires having starting blocks, lane ropes, 6-8 lanes, 25 m pool
- No area for pickle ball courts which is a great sport for both young and old participants
- No Badminton, pickleball, basketball courts.
- No gym space for other sports. Only hockey and swimming.
- Not enough details to know for sure
- Not enough gym space for basketball, pickleball, etc.
- Not enough parking
- Not sure you need so much room for two ice pads - seems excessive use of this space. Kids in the neighbourhood are not Hockey driven. The demographic are into basketball and cricket. You need to reflect on this - hockey is extremely expensive and our demographic cannot afford the equipment - we have new immigrants/refugees.
- On paper it looks good. I really wish the aquatic centre would include a wading pool for young children during winter time
- Parking ! Need more parking! Seniors and disabled will use up all the parking you've allotted. How do you envision people at a large community meeting getting there? Swimming programs participants bring bags and kids. skate and hockey program participants bring bags
- Parking for bikes cars . needs to be investigated
- Pickle ball courts would be nice.
- Ping pong tables
- Please ensure gender appropriate changing rooms in swimming area! Family change rooms are necessary, but so are women only change rooms.
- Please ensure plenty of space for securing bikes. es
- pool looks great
- Possibilities of using one of the ice pads for dedicated pickleball DROP-IN open plays during the off season. And not permit the whole pad to to one individual/business, like Ramsden !
- potential extra connection to public transit (CP rail) is not utilized and bicyclists accommodation not included in the design
- Question around ability access to the upper area for people mobility limitations. I think programming, dedicated, registration and drop in programs for all ages and people necessary. This should be a space to make everyone comfortable and safe. Should be open, bright and spacious, easy to access with free programming. Free wifi access with the ability to handle large numbers of devices (especially if programming eg tutoring. Need strong wifi and access to computers. Maybe have a dedicated internet for each room
- Scrap multi-purpose rooms. Make more room for sports. Should consider a soccer pad as well. Will be much more economically viable in long run. Also parking spaces should triple at the very LEAST. Look to canlan centres and downsvew for example. Make this a children friendly sports mega facility.
- Should also have a separate women's changing room

- Should be more clear about accessible spaces for those with mobility issues
- Small. Pool should be larger. Missing racket activities, weight room, fitness equipment . Convert one ice rink to indoor field
- The design is great. The timeline is horrible
- The design of the main floor Rec area is very outdated and boring. It does not take into account the demographic shifts or societal shifts happening. People are living in smaller spaces without outdoor space to gather. Young people are flocking to downtown parks to gather. This should be included the plans and facilitated. Should study current recreation trends and the need to form a community. We have an epidemic of loneliness. A community center should facilitate the bringing together of community and healthy activity for all. Indoor playground for children to gather and play would be nice. The winters are very long! Quiet spaces should be left to the libraries and schools. Quiet spaces should be left to the libraries and schools. Quiet places should be left to the libraires and schools.
- The designs are not as inclusive for other sports and activities (hockey dominates), furthermore the designs for the park are not shown.
- The Don Mills CRC should be modelled against neighbouring community facilities such the City facilities near Yonge/ Eglinton, or in Leaside.
- The ice rinks take up too much room and will be used (for tournaments) by a huge amount of people from outside the community. This will overwhelm a centre that already will have a population too large for it's amenities. The parking situations is very poorly thought out as is over all accessibility to the centre which is currently only walkable if you will be living in the new Celestica developments.
- The over emphasis of ice hockey and lack of focus towards the aquatic health and wellness aspect plus no sign of any intended use of geothermal energy use for heating the facility and providing a hot spring centre as a major attraction is being greatly missed I
- The parking seems quite far from the aquatics center, which many people may want to use rather than the ice arenas.
- The plans don't show how parking connects to the main floor. If via outside, the main entrance should be there. I don't want to walk around the building from the parking.
- The seating for the rinks needs to be designed well
- The shallow pool needs to be bigger. Too many little rooms. No mention of lockers for swimming pools, hot tubs or a sauna
- There appears to be no provision for racquet sports
- There is NO GYM. There should be a gym space!!
- There is not enough parking. There has only been 72 spots allotted for underground parking but there is seating for 200 people in the arena and other programs will be going on at the same time (swimming, gym, multipurpose rooms). If there is not sufficient parking people will be parking on the roads and streets around the community centre causing congestion. Also there should be more than one entrance and exit, when events are ending or beginning there may be extreme congestion
- There needs to be more basketball courts. Kuds play baseball, not hockey.
- There should be more parking given the size of the facility and the number of people expected to be there
- There should be one main lobby

- There will not be enough parking for all the activities that will be held simultaneously- example - 2 hockey games happening at the same time - each team has aprx 17 players each that's 68 players - on the ice -which the majority will have a parent or caregiver with them - add family and coaches etc.. then you have the pool and recreation areas- where is everyone going to park!! The rinks should be in a separate area on their own with their own parking
- The Recreation Centre should have been built years ago at the Shoppes of Don Mills area. Not enough seniors programming.
- Unfortunately it was moved from the original, more central location
- Very well organized for multi-activity. I worry about too little parking for all of the people using it.
- Was consideration given to place a Library with the centre.
- Was hoping that the second ice pad would not be a hockey rink, but instead focused on leisure skate, learning programs, figure skating, etc..
- We need more indoor and outdoor playgrounds. Indoor playgrounds and soft play areas are vital during winter. Visiting one in the community helps you get to know your neighbours. Outdoor playground should be built in the park with musical features like at millennium park in Stouffville
- Where is parking? Else will have to carry heavy skate bags long way
- Where is the gym?
- where is the Parking!!??
- While seniors are a major portion of the population, the number of disabled parking spots hasn't increased. And I'd like to see those increased spaces near the elevator. My other concern is this shared change room debacle. Apparently the high school kids are now on strike over this issue and I'm with them on that issue!
- Why the constant focus on hockey?! Im a born and raised Canadian and find the focus on one sport. I know its part of the deal to replave the old arena. But considrt other things like a large doube gym for multi use like badminton, vball, bball, and exploding in popularity pickleball. Dont make this facility obsolete before it even opens.
- Would like spaces for dedicated yoga classes
- Would like to see more amenities like a workout room or gym equipment
- Would not be comfortable in universal change rooms. Should have three options male/female/unisex
- You have not specified the length of the pool. I would prefer to see a world class swimming pool of 50m. 25m at a minimum, but it is so frustrating in Toronto where the swim times are dominated by 3/4 of the swim lanes being used by people who are floating. And lane swims are often limited to only an hour. It is frustrating to have to travel all the way to the Panam pool to swim when there are facilities 5 minutes from my home.
- You have twin ice pads - do the math for parking spaces - 20 players per team plus coaches - you'll need a minimum of 46 spots per pad x 2 pads then back to back ice rentals. You're looking at minimum 184 parking spots required. This is very short sighted
- Your parking allowance is ridiculous! Consult with the Civitan arena and other arenas. Consider seniors, disabled and residents in suburb of Don Mills, Wynford area where transit is not necessarily accessible.

After seeing the second floor plans, which of the following spaces are you most excited about? Please select your favourite space.

Which of the following programming and feature options would you like the double gym and track spaces to have or accommodate? Select your top six (6) preferred options.

- All of the above
- Can we have Pickleball in the double gym?
- Exercise amenities, track, open gym and fitness studios that are not circuit based training
- Gym should accommodate pickleball courts !
- Gym, but I don't like it being completely open.
- I like the outdoor terrace and the open fitness area/gym.
- none
- None of it. I would like to see tennis courts, badminton courts etc.
- Not enough space
- Not sure. All of these seem essential to a CRC
- nothing here
- Open fitness center with machines for strength and cardio.
- Should make the whole space Gym space for basketball and/or soccer.
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- This one much better

Which of the following programming and feature options would you like the fitness studios to accommodate or have? Select your top four (4) preferred options.

- Basketball
- Can the people using the track do their sitting and stretching in the gym - i.e. warm up in gym and if additional stretching - yellow areas - are they open to the track? Ability specific programs for any adult age - and gender - i.e. Low, Medium and High ability/experience etc ...
- Children's programs and adult fitness classes
- Dodgeball
- drop in programs
- Enough seating for waiting players to sit in safety, without fear of being hit by those on court
- Exercise programs (zumba, yoga/pilates, cardio)
- I am not for any dedicated use only....
- Indigenous events
- Indoor archery
- Indoor lawn bowling

- nothing here
- One of these gyms is not enough - Why not a few more?
- Ping pong table
- Pool viewing space for parents and competition
- Programs for kids sports
- Space is along the track where one can safely pause to tie shoelaces, or even sit for a moment. I love how big the track is! But for those who need to stretch, or take a break. I know safety becomes an issue for people stepping on and off the track, but perhaps along space on the southern wall that allows for stretching, and some light strength training would be helpful.
- Spring/Summer Ball Hockey
- Squash, table tennis
- Stage in the gym for 'auditorium' & amateur theatre uses
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- Use the space for local school sports games.
- Yoga
- Yoga and resistance training
- Yoga or strength/mobility classes

Which of the following feature options would you like the open fitness area / gym to accommodate or have? Select your top three (3) preferred options.

- A variety of classes for various fitness levels. Programming should run into mid-evening to accommodate commuting schedules. Consider lunch hr classes for those working nearby.
- Close 'open to below' space and use as another community room.
- Cycling studio
- drop in programs
- exercise class such as zumba, salsa, muscle exercise class, stretch classes for seniors etc.
- How are options 11-13 even put together with the first 4? They should already be part of the design requirements!!
- I am NOT for any dedicated use, I am for inclusion, period.
- I don't have a clear idea of what a fitness studio is.
- Kids sports programs for basketball and volleyball and soccer
- Pickleball
- Pilates
- Programming time should generally not be by 'demographic' but by activity the problem w/heavy demo-focus is that by definition it will exclude others.
- Racket ball courts
- Soccer and basketball. Don't waste time with all these small niche programs. Waste of time and money that won't be recouped.
- Tennis courts

- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- Yoga
- Zumba
- Accessible equipment should be available in the fitness centre. Consult with Neurocore or Variety Village if unsure of what this means
- more than 3 importance - Mirrors yet - open area for stretching -
- More variety of strength equipment/ machines
- More waste
- Once again, no clue how the a view into the park is the same as having equipment?? Staff should be hired to supervisor and assist and the machines should be there to fulfill the role of a FITNESS area.
- Or women only gym spaces
- Pilates, box jumps, pull ups and calisthenics
- Posters with instructions with proper technique
- Pull up bars (with clearance for muscle ups) and dip bars
- Stretching classes for seniors
- Tennis courts
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- towels
- with a lot of fitness area, it is good to include primary care offices for emergency.
- You do realize you will be putting small business....ie fitness clubs....out of business by including an open fitness area.

Is there anything else you think should be considered in the design of fitness-oriented spaces? If nothing, please skip to the next question.

- A way to ensure that the temperature in cardio rooms is kept low, use of fans, etc.
- Access to washrooms and change rooms
- Accessibility considerations
- Accessibility, safety, space around the machines, soft floors.
- Accessible
- Accessibility in that machines are not too close together to allow for wheelchairs to fit between
- all fitness spaces should be free for drop in with no membership
- Another gym (court)
- Don't have a separate smaller area for women. Have women's hours
- Easy to clean surfaces should be standard requirement and not part of options
- Equipment should be easy to clean, sanitizer & cleaning supplies should be available. Area needs to be well ventilated for health & safety and to reduce sweaty odours. Lockers & water fountains are essential.
- Expand the track to go all around the upstairs area. I can be a great space for walking and seeing outside. Again I state the winters are long! So much open space to above for rink is unnecessary

- Fitness classes which include senior programs
- Good lighting design.
- Good non-glare lighting
- Good quality speakers in the fitness studios consideration of machine and mirror placement in the gym (e.g. not placing two machines directly facing each other)
- Good stereo system to listen to while exercising.
- Have accessibility equipment, and programs for all ages and abilities
- Have multiple of the same machines (good for when gym is busy)
- I am concerned that by allowing people to lounge on the outdoor terrace you are inviting the potential for voyeurism. How are you going to prevent voyeurs from staring at women in the fitness studio?
- I question the track. These indoor tracks go unused in every place I see one. Expand the gym and other places and get rid of the track.
- Just at least half enclose the gym space. I think most people will be more comfortable working out like this.
- Lots of place to get water
- Machines suitable for senior in gym
- Mirrors on the walls for direct feedback when working out.
- Music, water fountains, yoga, pilates
- need a way to police the people using free weights, exercise machines as they may not cleanup after use..
- no
- Open concept fitness centre can be intimidating for beginners. Consider adding walls or privacy barriers
- Organized area for cleaning supplies for us to use
- Place for a game room with table tennis and other games
- possibility of having pilates equipment and classes
- Prices need to be reasonable
- Privacy screens around machines that work the inner thighs and gluts
- Programs for seniors
- Quiet zone
- Remove outdoor area. Useless in winter. Enclose to utilize all space.
- Salt water pool, sauna
- Security re free weights walking off?
- Smith machine, rowing machine if possible
- soft floors that are easy on the knees
- Speaking primarily for pickleball in the gym, have dedicated pickleball lines and making sure there is enough space in the back for serves
- Spin studio
- Stretching area
- Stretching areas
- Tennis courts
- The open fitness area is way more useful than another studio
- There is no option for outdoor recreation which makes me sad
- There should be open accessible public washrooms that anyone can use at any time

- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- Track is very important also separate change rooms for men and women
- Universal change rooms, music system for fitness classes
- View on the park would be nice
- Water filling station, lots of cleaning supplies available
- Water refill stations
- Women's area
- Women's only area
- Yoga equipment
- Yoga studio

What types of amenities would you like to see in the outdoor terrace (the City is unable to accommodate allotment gardens at this facility)? If nothing, please skip to the next question.

- A coffee shop/restaurant and patio space hang out overlooking the park
- A pollinator garden would be nice. A garden focused on indigenous plants and learning.
- Area to do yoga or physical activities outside. Area for children's programming like circle time for babies.
- BBQ, music set up, private booking, outdoor patio furniture
- Bbq, picnic benches, overhangs
- benches, outdoor eating areas
- Benches, picnic tables and some shade, coffee shop
- Bike repair station, similar to TTC stations
- Businesses to offer refreshments. Container gardening programs.
- cafe, chairs and tables, lots of flowers
- Comfortable furniture where people can relax
- Comfortable seating
- Comfortable seating with bbq for events
- Comfortable seating, mini water feature
- Community garden
- Dedicated Pickleball courts with nets
- Easy to clean seating and table surfaces, both with shade.
- flowers, bushes, birds & berries
- Food and drink vendors
- Food that can be grown for educational purpose.
- Fountain
- Fragrant plantings.
- gardening / bee keeping opportunities
- Green -- plants, bushes, etc.
- Green, native plants.
- I don't know

- I think this is a waste of space. In many Rec centers I see this space is not being used and closed off due to safety and maintenance issues. Plan the outdoor space on the ground floor. Move the small rooms upstairs.
- Indigenous Medicine garden and educational elements
- Just some nice, comfortable seating. Outdoor outlets as well.
- Kids /community veggie gardens
- Let's put the tennis clubs out of business too and include tennis courts.
- Lots of seating
- Lots of seating areas, some trees
- Lots of shade and access to water
- Make it safe so no one can fall from the terrace. Higher wall/fence
- Moveable tables & chairs
- Native plants, pollinator gardens
- Native plants, seating with shade, tables/eating areas, garbage/recycling area
- Nets, ping pong tables, areas for quiet activities/readings covered and uncovered areas
- Nice comfortable chair for lounging, reading, meeting with friends, beverages
- Nice seating and lights
- None. This is a bad idea. Enclose this area
- Outdoor sports and exercise equipment
- Patio tables
- Patio umbrellas
- Pickle ball net, nice flowering/ planting pad
- Picnic tables, vending machines with healthy snacks and drinks.
- Plants!
- seating
- Seating and a cafe would be great. The neighbourhood lacks a proper cafe - we have Tim Hortons - but let's be honest, they will never be a cafe!!
- Seating and high railings that are safe for small children and activity cubes for small children to play while you meet parents
- Seating and large chess board
- seating and umbrellas
- Seating areas with tables
- Seating chess benches water bottle station
- seating or permanent benches
- Seating with umbrellas, bird feeders hung from the edge of terrace
- Seating, umbrellas, drinking fountain
- Shade providing trees. Benches and seating.
- simple LLBO/ CAFETERIA space with relaxing ambient music
- skip the terrace. It will be seldom used. I like outdoor space, but with the park next door I don't see people using it.
- Smoke Free areas
- Splash pad outdoor picnic area, wood playground
- Splash pad!!!!!!!
- Table seating with umbrellas in the summer, no smoking

- table tennis / outdoor games in warmer weather, chess tables, smoothie bar, chairs, umbrellas (shaded spaces), tables, well-designed garbage bins, accessibility, counter spaces, ability to rent out for public functions
- Tables and chairs outdoor yoga classes
- Tables and chairs or Benches
- Tables and sun protection (umbrellas)
- tables to sit, loungers to stretch out on, electrical outlets to charge a phone or plug in a laptop
- Tables, benches, accessibility seating, barbecue stations
- tables, chairs, umbrellas
- Tables and chairs . coffee shop and snack bar
- Tai chi, concerts, climbing stuff for kids, water fountains, coffee/juice cart
- Teaching garden
- Tennis courts
- The Malvern Library has a pilot project re indoor gardening. Herbs etc can be grown and dispersed to the community. They partnered with TD.
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- Umbrella, cushion lawn chairs or chairs to sit, tables, a few small trees,
- Umbrellas for shade
- Umbrellas or shading
- Umbrellas/retractable shade
- Water filling station

Please elaborate on your response above, below (optional). If you do not want to answer this question, please skip to the 'next' page.

- 2nd floor looks small. Covered shade areas on first floor overlooking parks More space and olio per space to view pool activities. See Oakridge Rec centre Richmond hill for layout ideas. Shallow pool should be much bigger
- ALL CHANGING ROOMS NEED TO BE SEPARATED BY FEMALE, MALE AND UNIVERSAL
- an extra gymnasium or two is needed to meet demand in the area
- An indoor play area/gym for kids would be great
- As I stated, I can see the potential for voyeurism to park themselves on the terrace to stare at women in the fitness area. Where is the security?
- Concern around universal changerooms
- Concerned about parking spaces
- Convert 'open space below' to a community room. Community centres always never have enough useful space.
- CRC designed totally for the new residents of the property at Celestica.insufficient parking for cars . buses used to transport hockey or swim teams for meets or tournaments. Dont see ant bike oarking . washrooms on both levels. Elevators or escalator. Drop off should be at front if building not in back dark garbage area. It appears that carpet sourrounds dressing rooms . bad idea for kids with skates .hockey area not restricted .hockey clubs charge admission . no retricted access . insufficient

view and seats for parents. No viewing area notes for swimming pool . no diving towers. No showers near pool . no apparent lockers in locker rooms . upstairs gym and yoga etc all need lockers or cloak room . missing alot of items

- Dedicated indoor pickleball courts
- Design does not make affective use of space. Once again not exciting or creative in any way.
- Design is nice. Timeline is horrible
- Discussion on permits. Grassroots and Agencies Partnerships
- Don't try and squish too much in here. Quality over quantity could be appreciated here. Gym would be nice at least partially enclosed. But I'm excited for this space.
- Elevator
- Exciting plans for the 2nd floor of this 'Recreation' centre - something for all - for fitness, exercise and health.
- food & beverage vending options
- From looking at both levels, it feels like the ice rinks take up far too much space. Has there been consideration given to stacking them? (I think they did that at UofT's Varsity arena). I'd like to see more space on the second floor for other activities and even more community meeting rooms. Or maybe also an outdoor space for a roof garden / outdoor track / exercise space (like at the Grosvenor Street Central YMCA)Way too much focus on the ice rinks
- Great design - poor location.
- Hard to get a sense from the graphic of how it would feel
- Having the gym directly over the pool means the pool area will experience excessive noise
- How about some physio therapy space
- I am more concerned by the programming. A community centre should be a hub and being people together. The city isn't very good at doing this, there is more concern placed on universal change rooms or spaces for separate identities rather than letting people connect through sport & leisure.
- I like the larger pool in the first design, but i like the fitness studios and basketball court of this one. The lobby space is too large in design one
- I need to see it to make a choice
- I think there is too much space allocated to fitness. There is a Good Life fitness across the street at Super Centre. I think one space can be used for something else. Perhaps a study area for youth.
- I would like to see tennis courts in this recreational facility and I don't see any.
- I would prefer 2 double gym rather than 2 ice rinks
- Including a pool is important
- Indoor playgrounds are important to keep kids active during winter and they're all for profit. We need better outdoor playgrounds too for small children under 2 and older kids. Music elements are great for all Millenium Park in Stouffville is a wonderful model with music and accessible playground equipment for kids of all ages and abilities
- indoor walking track is a great idea
- Is there an elevator for seniors & disabled ? If not, a fitness studio should be switched to main floor

- It will greatly depend on how well the programming gets coordinated with local sports clubs to be given access to the multi purpose use of some of the facilities and the possibility for local spectator involvement in tournament events, etc.
- It's difficult to tell sizing. For example, how big is the pool?
- Keep it big, open and airy
- Leaving so much space open to below (ice rinks & pool) is a missed opportunity. There should be more fitness facilities (another studio to allow more concurrent classes, double gym, larger weight/cardio area as these tend to be busy.
- Like the airy double gym. Should be set with lines for multi-sports
- Make fitness studios convertible into meeting rooms
- More space for tennis or pickle ball courts outside - no consideration for outside
- Need more basketball, volley ball, pickleball soccer spaces. It should be for all sports, not hockey.
- No other group sports other than basketball has been mentioned. The surrounding community needs drop in Pickleball courts. There is only a 2 hour slot per week dedicated for Pickleball at Jenner Jean Marie CC, which is completely inadequate compared to the demand in the area.
- Not enough programming for seniors
- One gym is not enough. How about some racket ball and squash courts?
- really need a community hub with multi services. thanks
- Second floor offers too little space for what the community needs. There needs to be more space for gyms NOT arenas.
- seems there is duplication- why two gyms and two swimming pools
- Separate change rooms. Family change rooms and privacy.
- should have space for outdoor sunbathing with showers
- Sorry about the last comment in the previous page, I didn't realize there was a second floor gym!
- The amount of time and resources spent in getting the
- The community would benefit from 4 ice pads with equipment rentals
- The fitness area looks great. More than one basketball court is amazing
- The gyms being used for pickleball or badminton
- The mechanical well location is disappointing, missed opportunity to provide views into the rink
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- Very excited about the 2nd floor facilities as I think I will be using these rooms the most when the center is open. Outdoor terrace is also a great touch.
- Viewing area over the rinks elevated running track
- Wasting time trying to consider all options for small niche programs. You'll drive SO much more business with hockey, soccer, basketball programs. These other niche programs can find room in neighbouring schools and other areas. And again much more car parking is required to do this the right way.
- We'll see how it plays out.
- Well thought out
- Well thought out
- Why not close the areas open to below for more floor space.

- Would also like a women's only change room
- Would like to see the outdoor terrace accessible from the first level outside potentially. Would also prefer to see the first and second storey concept plans reversed, mainly the arena being on the second floor
- You don't need to look down on the pool. There should be at least two double gyms. There should be more outdoor basketball courts. There should be squash and more than one court, as well as pickleball courts. The twin pad arena and a pool are excellent. There still remains inadequate indoor gym facilities to accommodate a community of this size.
- You have the opportunity to make this a fabulous facility. Another gym would be great.

Is there anything that you would like to see considered in the design of the civic colonnade, including the public realm that connects the interior of the building to the exterior? If nothing, please skip to the next question.

- A drop off loop with pick up and drop off area
- A dynamic sculpture and some outdoor seating that's of natural make i.e. rock, tree stumps
- Accessibility for people with mobility issues. My own somewhat limited experience with the colonnade at NTMCC (pictured on right) is that it is hardly used and quite inaccessible and uninviting.
- Activate the area with walking trails, trees and seating
- Areas for seating and gathering. Natural greenery inside.
- Basketball court I would like to see
- Benches
- Benches seating rocks for sitting
- Better lighting. Looks unsafe, lurking area
- Clear signage about entrances for various activities. It's annoying to walk around a building to find the doors locked
- Coffee shop and juice bar
- Colonnade should not block the view from inside
- Comfortable seating, picnic tables, coffee/ juice bar, music
- Connect the natural environment - lots of light, wood, plants and organic elements
- Could have a nice digital "news" or "activities" sign. Or have a Don Mills logo
- Covered exterior space
- create covered/sheltered spaces for sitting/resting and/or family picnics/gathering close by/next to the building the building
- Does not restrict natural light.
- Extend the roof so you can walk under the shade and keep dry from out weather and still enjoy the views. Have accessible ramps no stairs so all can enjoy
- From the picture above it looks hideous. Can't you find something more in harmony with Don Mills, a garden community? Where is the integration into Macklin Hancock's vision of our community??
- Garbage bins, water fountains,
- Glass, woods, light colours and smooth easy to keep clean finishes
- Good lighting is really needed.

- Having more breaks in the facade as opposed to one long continuous facade along the park, moriyama, and don mills.
- How about the park size is reduced so that the CRC can be expanded to house more facilities?
- I like the idea of openable doors/windows for the pool area in summer if feasible. Elsewise, focus on how to keep the exterior space animated. Well lit, not windy, seating where appropriate, seasonal drinking fountain, possible integration with limited retail (coffee shop, in this or other adjacent building)
- I would like to have more Morden feeling with glass windows
- Indigenous designs
- indigenous placeholding or artwork
- Inside the collonnade there should be ping pong tables, picnic tables, chess tables etc. that encourage people to sit and relax including seniors.
- Inviting places for everyone for enjoyment and comfort, ensuring safety and security !
- Less columns so that light is not blocked from coming into the facility. Seems like an outdated design.
- Lots of lighting so it isn't dark and safe at night. No am smoking or vaping allowed
- Lots of natural light
- Lots of seating
- Love this
- Make the facade inviting, break down the vast scale and populated with opportunities for landscaping and outdoor seating, integrating natural vegetation.
- Maximize natural light
- More parking
- More parking both above ground and underground. It will be difficult to have many hockey players taking their equipment up elevators at the same time. There will be long wait times and congestions for other users of the facility. There is not enough parking to accommodate all the activities at the same time.
- Motion sensor lighting, good signage.
- Murals of Scarborough/ north York
- Outdoor parking spaces
- Parking
- People are dropped off in rear of building terrible design
- Perfect
- Perhaps benches between some of the posts. Hopefully WIFI both inside and out. Small tables for chess/checker playing.
- Places to sit, but also some activation of the space (e.g., small food & refreshment vendors) so that the space is consistently well maintained and a tone is set for the space to be shared by all and not monopolized by anyone type of group. For it to feel like a community, it should be a space that invites diverse participants at all times of day.
- Please don't enclose it as that will cause a feeling of separation rather than connection with the exterior.
- Plenty of group seating areas for gatherings and parties
- Public outdoor recreation - we don't need useless space
- Seating for enjoying the park and contemplation

- Seating ie picnic table or outdoor chess or gathering space
- Seating in the shade, perhaps heaters for outdoor seating in winter
- seating, shade, flowers
- seating!
- Security
- sign or monument referencing our first nations origins
- sophisticated, not childish
- Sufficient Parking access & secure bike storage
- Tennis courts
- The colonnade maybe the most exciting part of this project. It should be winter proofed. Benches provides so people can read and contemplate or gather for a chat.
- The colonnade should be accessible
- There is not enough parking. Since the CRC is not located within walking distance of the original location, many seniors will need to drive instead of walk. Also folks with hockey equipment will need to drive too.
- Water feature, seating
- What about parking?
- Windows and light would be my primary goals. I like the look and feel of the panam centre. Bicycle storage with video monitoring would be ideal. Look to Europe for inspiration, as it would be nice to bike there and know your bike will be there when you are ready to leave.
- Windows that will be safe for wildlife and not result in glass contact
- Would be nice if the columns are decorated (ie not left as grey concrete)
- Yes, reflection of Canada's first planned community!
- You really do waste time on this foolishness. just build the building
- You'll need to plan the roads well - the traffic on Don Mills Road is nuts

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the preliminary design of the Don Mills CRC? If nothing, please skip to the next question.

- 50m pool!!!! 25m at the very least. No more 25 yard pools.
- 72 parking spaces seems light especially if there are hockey tournaments. Is there bus parking? Overflow etc.
- A bus shelter designed to match the colonnade would be great. Have yhe doors and entrances be close to the street so people dont have to walk far to enter. Makes it more accessible. Water bottle filling stations and accessibility ramp into pool should be automatically included in the design and not options to pick from on this survey
- A larger parking space may be needed for people bring in sports equipment.
- Adequate parking
- Appears to be lack of parking
- As Don Mills was a mid-century award winning design, make sure this structure pays tribute to that and 'fits' with the neighbourhood
- community garden, pollinator garden
- Consider a satellite library like the Todmorden room at EYCRC
- Consider the number of users. Many users will not know how to skate or swim, but will want to learn with their families. Gym space is always inadequate. One gym means that

young girls and women will not have opportunities to regularly play. The spaces will be dominated by the hegemonic males!

- Could there be a rooftop garden? Preferrably with a mix of quiet contemplative areas & 'barbecue' areas as well as a mix of covered & uncovered areas?
- Date of completion
- excited!
- Food option made available would be nice.
- Geothermal heating and cooling?
- Has anyone talked to hockey,swim clubs seniors etc what is needed
- I am so tired of bland glass buildings. I would love it if there was something that looks old and interesting.
- I like it
- I live north of this area. To access it, I will be walking south on Don Mills Road. So to get in, I would have to walk into the garbage area/parking area/EMS area to access the building unless I want to walk a circuitous route to get to the front of the building. So this building is unwelcoming to everyone north on Don Mills. It is definately geared for only those residents south on Don Mills. Why can't their be a welcoming entrance on Don Mills Road??
- I think kids under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Also is there lots of free parking? Please include lots of baby change stations
- I was not able to see, but it is important to have enough parking spots
- I wish to underline the great opportunity for this project to become a remarkable success by focusing on geothermal energy utilisation for health and wellness option as well as heating the facility
- I would like the pool to be deep enough to accommodate at least one proper spring board. preferably a 3 metre diving board.
- I would like to see extended shades that can be deployed on the hottest days to provide more relief from the summer heat.
- I would like to see tennis courts
- I'm concerned about accessibility in terms of traveling to and from the recreation center. Would you not consider creating more parking spaces underground for those with disabilities so that they are able to drive themselves? This is a real problem for those with disabilities. Wheel trans is unreliable. To make the space more equitable, I think it would make sense to create many spaces to have flexibility for the future. Also, I haven't seen anything yet in terms of bicycle parking. Sheltered and secure bicycle parking is really important. And I'm hoping that you are in talked with the TTC for community buses to help service seniors and those with disabilities from the Don Mills and Flemington Park areas.
- If an area of the park can be sectioned for a doggy park would be wonderful!, for those that can bring their dog for exercise while waiting for others participating at centre
- If the new CRC is not planned to open until 2030 (optimistic best case), The City needs to invest funds into the current Don Mills Civitan Arena that serves the community. I understand it will be eventually demolished, but a 'facelift' including new rink boards/glass is required and prudent. It's current state is an embarrassment to the City & Don Mills community.
- Increase swimming / indoor field space

- Is it possible to consider using sustainable materials for the building.
- It should work as a place for unprogrammed hanging out
- It's probably too much to hope for this CRC to be a free one. However, I'm hoping there will be provisions for those from high needs areas to have free access. CRCs should be free in an ideal world - it is cheaper to help ppl stay fit than to fix the health issues that can arise from obesity, etc.
- Looking for parking facilities.
- Looks good
- Make sure there is lots of seating available for different needs
- Make sure there is lots of space available / adaptable to non-sport community engagement (tutoring, classes, community meetings, support groups, arts groups)
- More cycling specific infrastructure to connect local tracks and infrastructure near by.
- More parking needed
- More parking spaces above and below. 72 not enough
- More parking.
- Much too small - designed with little vision. Huge housing expansion but design is too small for furrnt population. Very disappointing how little future thinking we have
- Needs indoor & outdoor playgrounds for young children (2 yo) and older children. Music elements are excellent for this like at Millenium park Stouffeville and Sharon Louis & Bram Park at Mt Pleasant & Davisville. Indoor playground key for winter activity for kids. Community centre should focus on family and there's nothing for little kids in this design.
- Needs way more parking
- Not noted was information on parking - particularly for those use the arenas there is a requirement for sufficient parking. For example, if both arenas are being used for hockey with multiple games in an evening you will have up to 3 games per rink of players and parents at the arena at the same time. With 17 players per team x 2 teams per game x 6 games + refs, coaches - you are at 204 spots required just for hockey. With no other parking options anywhere around this location it is critical to ensure there is sufficient parking.
- Outdoor projector area, splash pad, picnic area, playground
- Parking for 72 cars is not nearly enough. If 2 hockey games are scheduled plus games before and after, there will be about 70 cars parked at the same time, just for hockey. No extra room for swimming and fitness.
- Parking suggestion - as a compromise to some of the 'green' space - <https://sustainabletechnologies.ca/living-labs/green-parking-lot/>
- Parking will be a major issue, therefore I suspect people will be forced to use public transit. Lack of parking will limit attendence significantly.
- Parking. There has been no mention of how much or the integration into the design. It feels like people will come in off the road by the main entrance and then need to drive all the way around. The parking appears to be underground. That raises security concerns too.
- Perhaps offer a couple of food kiosks in the civic colonnade.
- Please consider the outdoor skating trail. The Richmond commons in Richmond hill has a very nice one. Also that Recreation area is very inviting.
- Please ensure that parking is no charge

- Please, Please include a community hub, a health center(Don Mills FHT), it will benefit all areas and will be model for all other areas
- Really need a pool area that can accommodate competitive swim training/meets
- Reconsider your focus and stop pandering to small niche programs. Focus on making this a premier option for Hockey, soccer, basketball and you'll make money hand over fist.
- small amphitheater for local musical talents to perform and be heard
- Stop devoting so much time to esthetics and put time into practical decisions like PARKING
- Tennis courts please or outdoor facilities like an outdoor pool which doesn't exist in this neighborhood
- Thanks 😊
- The hockey rinks are a dominating factor which is disappointing.
- The proposed timeline is ridiculous. Completing the centre by 2030 is crazy. Entire sky scrapers are built in shorter timelines. By the time 7 years are completely the neighbourhood will be very different. The responses being collected today may no longer be relevant in 7 years.
- This facility should have more floor and that would provide space for all kinds of useful and meaningful activities.
- This should not be a space used for religious activities. People have churches for this - keep religion out of this
- Too big to hold everything - arenas and pool should be in a separate building
- Traffic planning and parking, ease of in and out access
- Where is parking???
- Where will info boards be? A skate shop is necessary. Possibly lockers for those not in a dedicated space. Concrete? Style seating around the inside. Maybe around outside as well. Measurements of spaces would be helpful.
- Where's the library? What about a childcare centre that provides space for new parent classes?