



Hamilton

# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

New Community Centre Design  
Waterdown Visioning Presentation

March 3, 2025

Waterdown Memorial Hall

# Agenda

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Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre

# Who is Listening Tonight

## City of Hamilton

- Dawn Walton, Manager Business Support
- Leanne Turner, Project Manager
- Councillor Ted McMeekin



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## Bortolotto Architecture and Interior Design

- Architectural Consultants

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# Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.



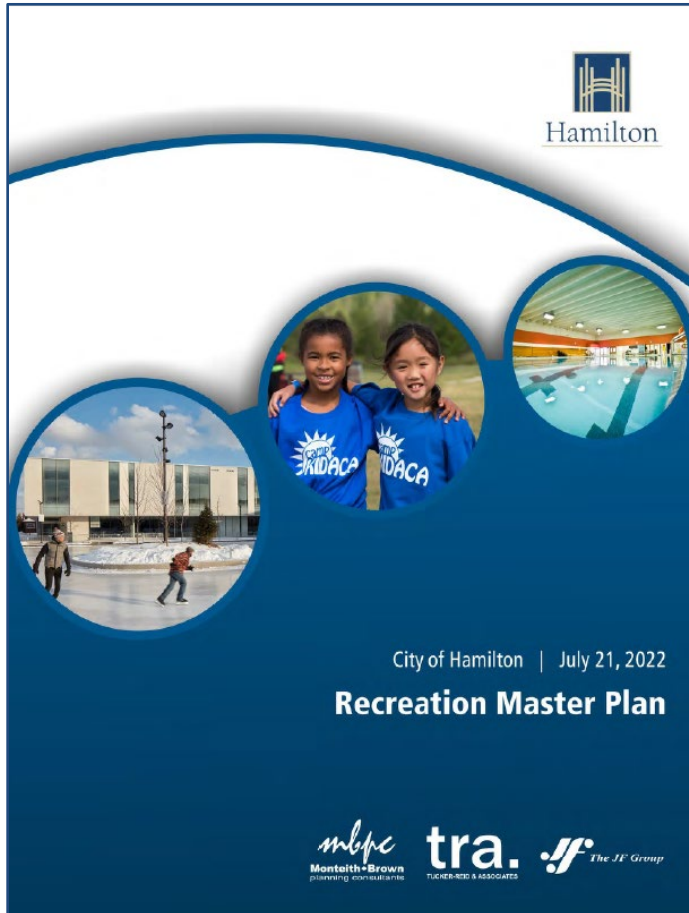
# Meeting Overview



Westmount Recreation Centre

- This **presentation** will summarize the planned approach to Community Recreation Centre (CRC) investment and share Visioning Public Information Centre (PIC) results.
- **Following the presentation**, there will be a facilitated discussion so that you may ask questions and provide your feedback, comment cards are also available.
- The meeting is **not being recorded**, but detailed notes are being taken.
- The presentation slides **will be made available** on the Engage Hamilton website once all scheduled Community Conversations are completed.

# Recreation Master Plan



Recreation Master Plan

The **goal of the Master Plan** is to ensure the City's recreation portfolio is responsive to needs in a manner that is responsible, equitable and cost-effective.

This is a **long-range study** that looks at Recreation needs across the entire City of Hamilton.

The Plan guides future decision-making. Facility needs have been identified to 2051, though the primary **emphasis is on the next 10 years**. Service directions are also provided for a 10-year timeframe.

The Plan contains **85 recommendations**, divided into short (10yrs), medium (10-20yrs), and long-term timeframes (20+yrs).

# Community Recreation Centre Recommendations



Westmount Recreation Centre

## Short-term recommendations include:

Prepare a Community Recreation Centre **Renewal and Redevelopment Strategy** to guide major reinvestment in existing facilities.

## Establish 3 new growth-related Community Recreation Centres by 2031

- **Waterdown: pool, gym, program space**
- Glanbrook/Binbrook: gym, program space
- Fruitland-Winona: gym, program space.



# Proposed Project : Waterdown

## Recommendation to Establish a new growth-related CRC in

- Waterdown (short-term) – gym, pool, program space (Harry Howell Arena site)

## Provision Model

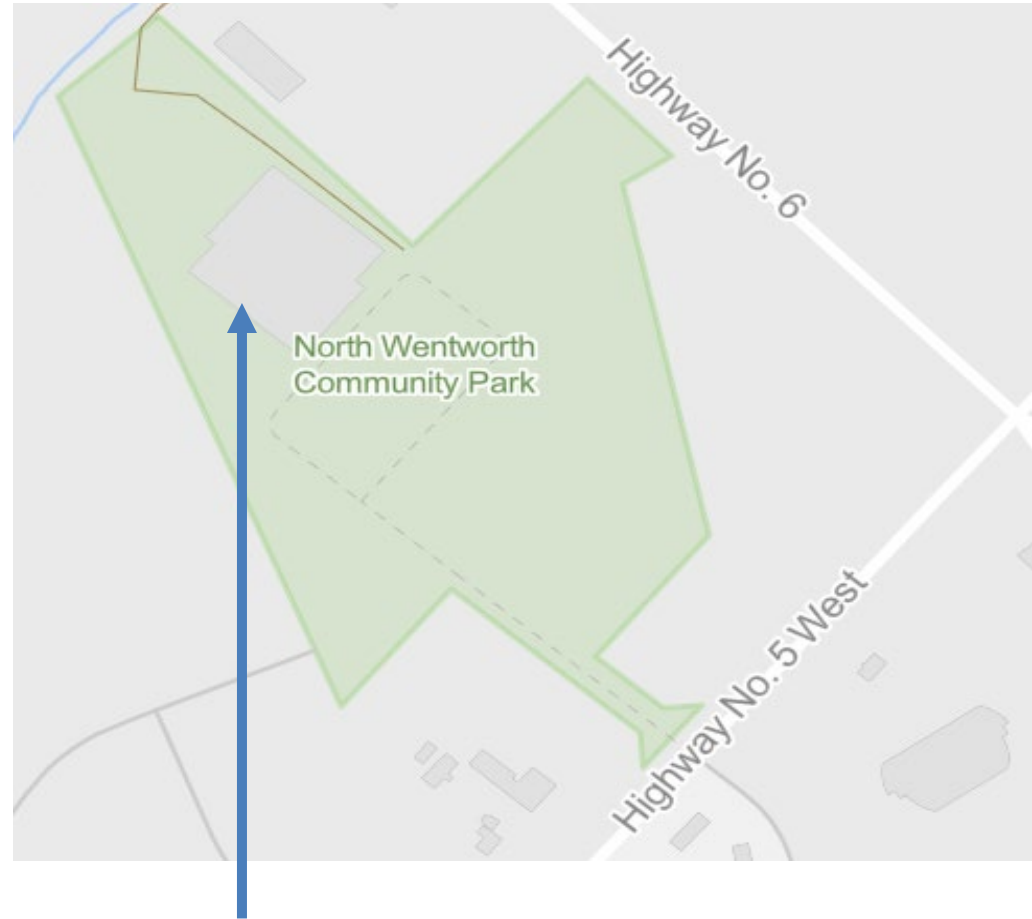
- Facility designs that are inclusive, multi-use, accessible, and resilient will be promoted.
- Each CRC should be anchored by a public indoor pool and/or gymnasium and contain multiple spaces for programs, activities and gatherings.
- Modern pool designs include multiple tanks with different water temperatures, universal change rooms, and barrier-free accessibility.

Westmount Recreation Centre





# Waterdown Preferred Site



Harry Howell Arena

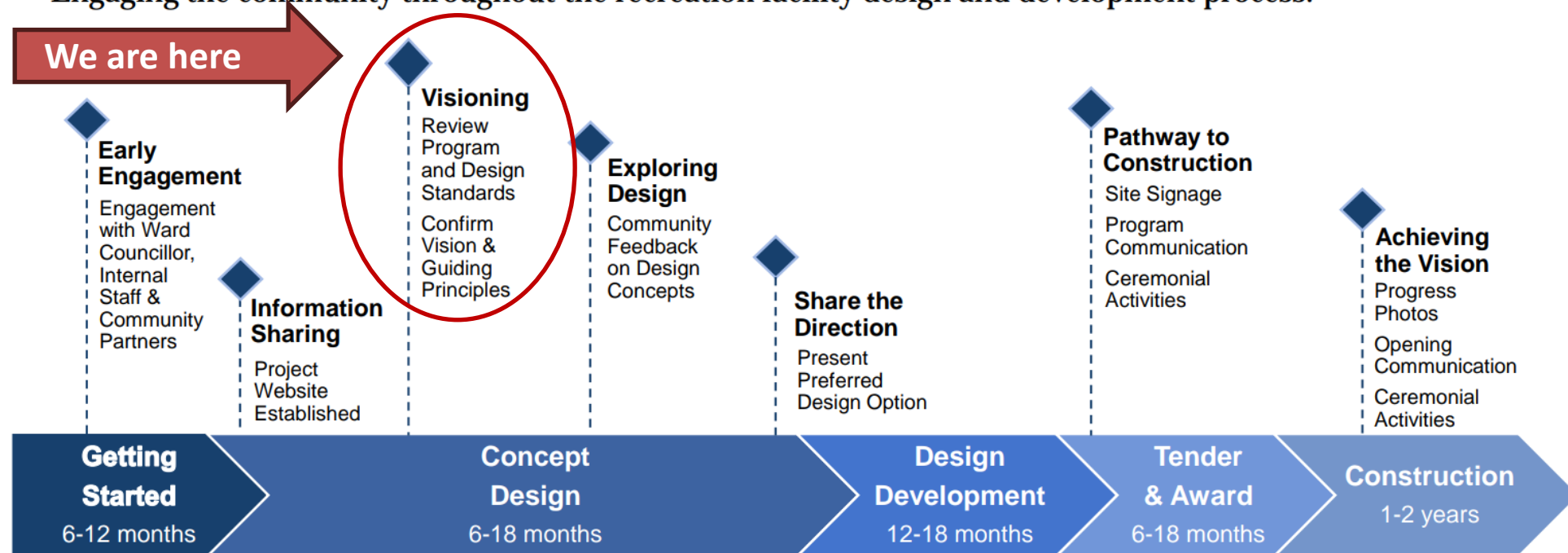
# Design & Engagement Processes



## RECREATION FACILITY DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS:

Engaging the community throughout the recreation facility design and development process.



Design and Development Phases and Timeline

# Community Conversations: Visioning

- **Online Information** – Recreation website  
[www.hamilton.ca/recprojects](http://www.hamilton.ca/recprojects).
- **Public Information Centres (9)** - Completed in Nov-Dec 2024 in impacted Wards, results to be shared this evening.
- **Children's Activity Sheet Survey** - Ongoing throughout the engagement process.
- **Impacted and Interested User Engagement** – Ongoing conversations with youth councils, Indigenous community, senior clubs, site-specific users and City staff.
- **Community Conversations Presentations (3)**



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Help inform and provide ideas on New  
Community Recreation Centre Design  
and Development



# Community Conversations – Visioning PICs



Stoney Creek Recreation Centre

## PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE GOAL

To share information and **gather community feedback to inform the following:**

- **Proposed Vision Statements** for CRC design and development.
- **Proposed Guiding Principles** Related to CRC design and development.
- **Prioritize facility spaces** within the proposed Waterdown CRC and identify gaps.
- **Prioritize additional accessibility features** to include within the proposed Waterdown CRC and identify gaps.
- **Confirm preferred building aesthetics** related to CRC design and development.



# Public Information Centre - Visioning Results

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- High level of support for both Vision and Guiding Principles across all PICs.
- Not all attendees chose to participate in the PIC survey or answered in “groups”.
- Consistent high priority for Gymnasiums, Pools, Multi-use Spaces and Indoor Tracks.
- Consistent high priority for beach access pools, gendered AND universal change areas.
- Lower response rates to accessibility questions.
- Consistent Eco-Friendly/Sustainable and Nature Inspired aesthetics preferred.

### Attendance

151

Winona (27)  
Glanbrook (52)  
Waterdown (72)

### PICs

9

Winona (3)  
Glanbrook (3)  
Waterdown (3)

### Participants

61%

19 Winona (71%)  
26 Glanbrook (51%)  
44 Waterdown (61%)

# Public Information Centre - Visioning Results

The following **VISION** statements describe facility aspirations and objectives regarding Recreation building design with total respondent level of agreement. (9 PIC engagements)

VISION STATEMENT	AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	DO NOT AGREE
To create a dynamic and inclusive community recreation centre that provides a broad spectrum of high-quality services and programs, accessible to all. (n=87)	98%	2%	
By fostering equity, inclusivity, and opportunity, we aim to create a space where everyone, regardless of background or ability, can thrive. (n=78)	97%	3%	
Financial sustainability will guide the City's efforts to ensure the long-term viability and success of the recreation centre, to continue delivering exceptional services for years to come. (n=75)	87%	11%	3%

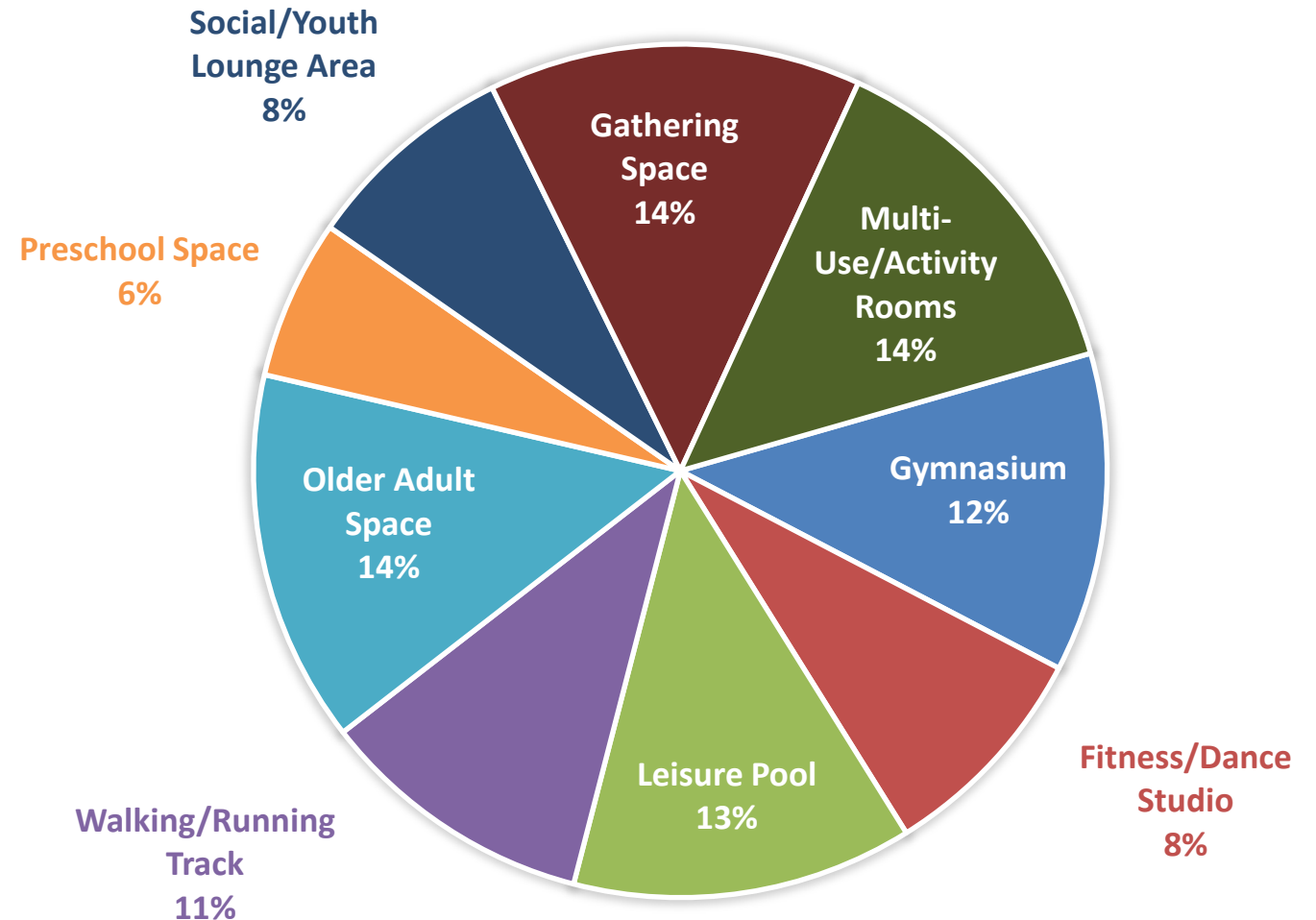
The following **GUIDING PRINCIPLES** provide a framework to guide facility design considerations with total respondent level of agreement. (9 PIC engagements)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES	AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	DO NOT AGREE
Provide opportunities for community connections and socialization. (n=83)	94%	6%	
Prioritize sustainable and green elements. (n=80)	68%	31%	1%
Accessible, inclusive, barrier free design to facilitate participation for all ages, stages, abilities and needs. (n=83)	98%	2%	
High quality, multi-functional and flexible spaces to support a spectrum of recreation services. (n=80)	96%	4%	
Provide a safe and welcoming space for all members of our community. (n=73)	97%	3%	
Space to maintain active, healthy and connected lifestyles in a sport friendly facility. (n=79)	92%	8%	
Support and integrate access to technology. (n=77)	56%	41%	3%

# Public Information Centre – Visioning Results

Percentage indicating the following **FACILITY SPACES** are a **HIGH PRIORITY** for inclusion within the proposed Waterdown Community Recreation Centre.

Waterdown PIC engagements, n=37 (avg)

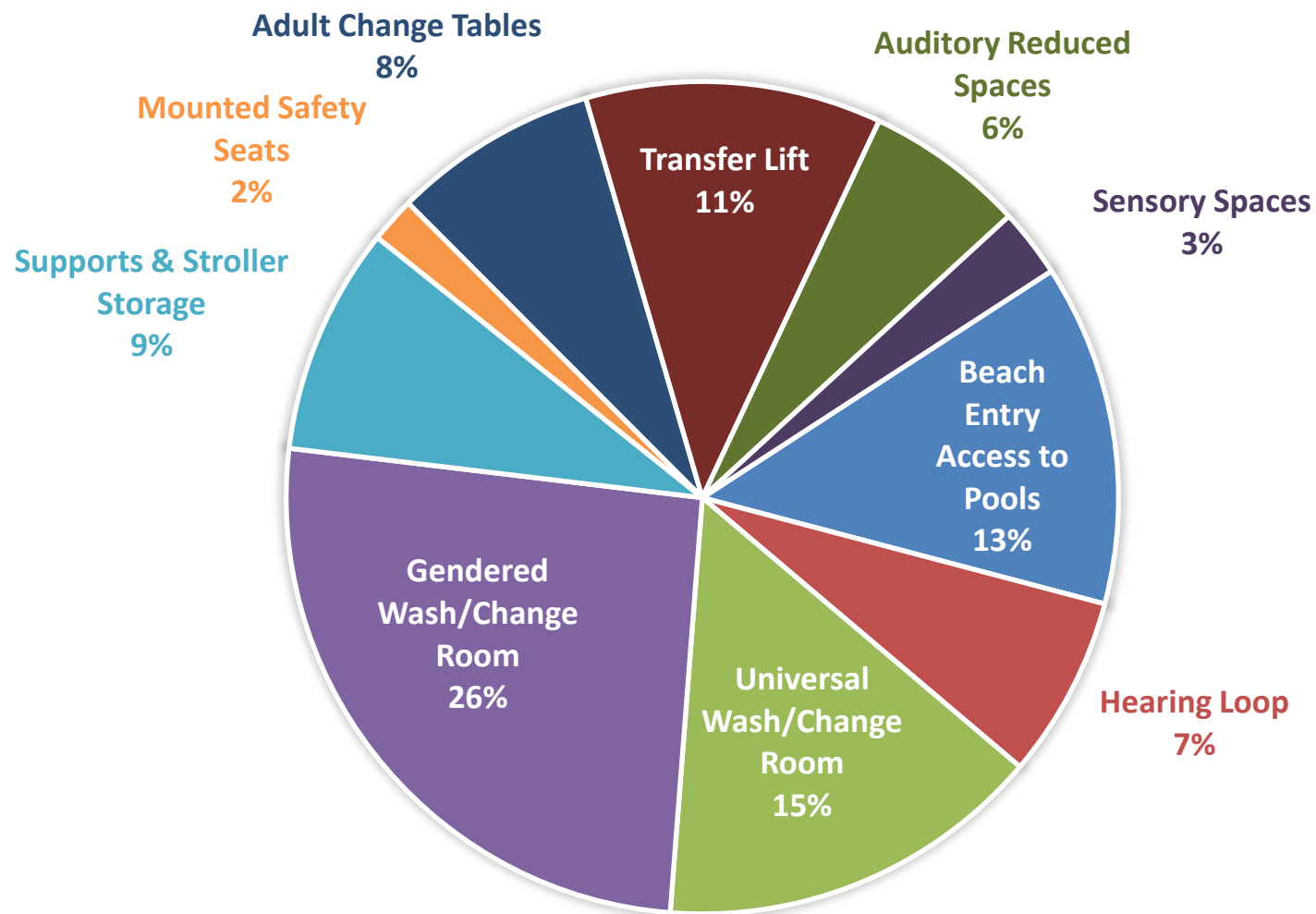




# Public Information Centre – Visioning Results

Percentage indicating the following enhanced **ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES** are a **HIGH PRIORITY** for inclusion within the proposed Waterdown Community Recreation Centre.

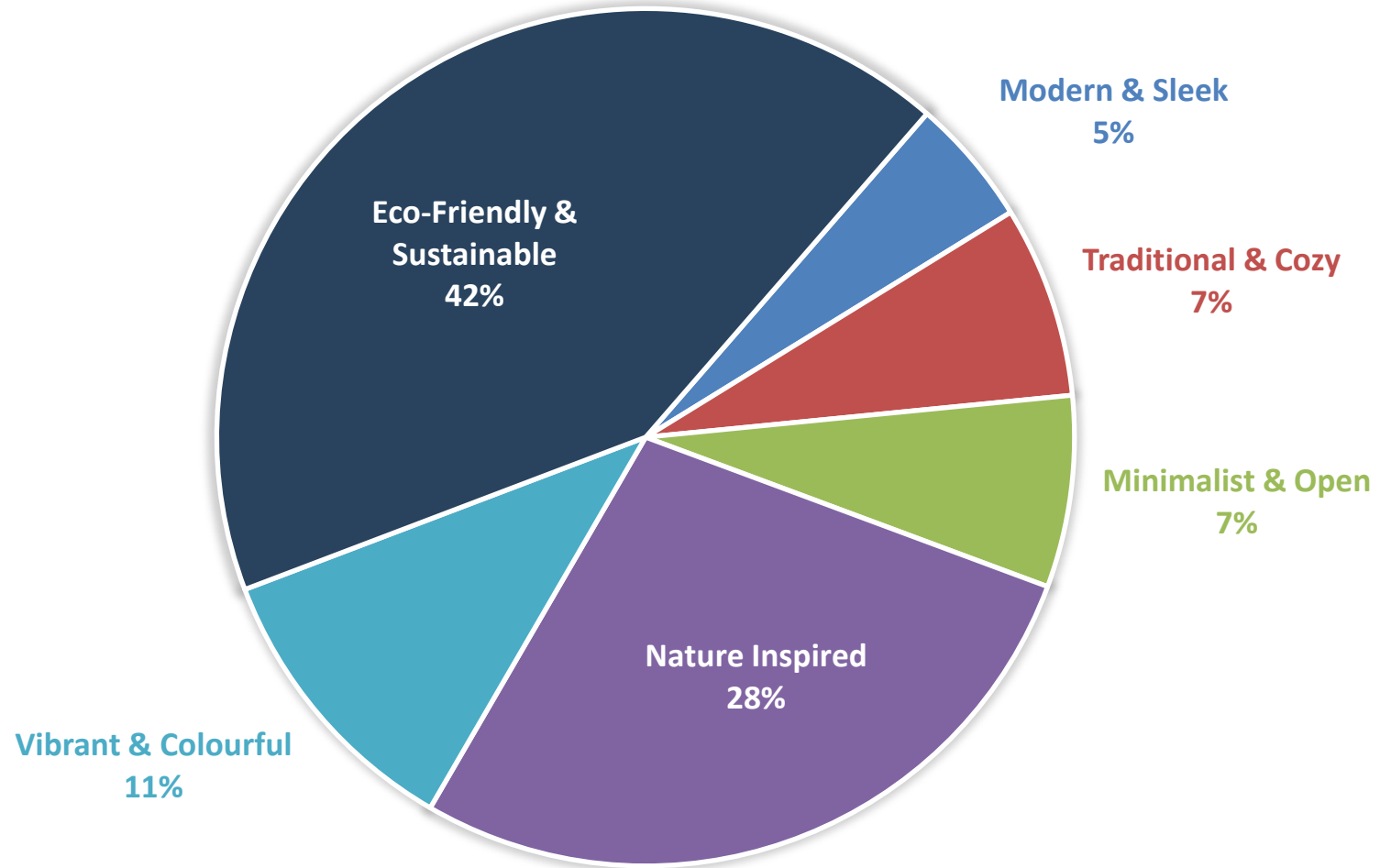
Waterdown PIC engagements, n=28 (avg)



# Public Information Centre – Visioning Results

Percentage indicating the preferred **STYLE** or **AESTHETIC** for the proposed Waterdown Community Recreation Centre.

Waterdown PIC engagements, n=83



# Facilitated Discussion - What We've Heard

Will other amenities like a fitness/weight room or squash court be considered for the facility?

Will there be dedicated Older Adult space in the facility?

Are any other locations being considered at this time?

Have you considered active and safe transportation to the site?

How does my organization participate in further engagement?

Will additional outdoor amenities be considered for the site?

Is the current entrance off of Hwy 5 going to be used for the new site?

# Facilitated Discussion

Do you have any **questions** about the information that has been presented tonight?

Harry Howell Twin Pad Arena





# Facilitated Discussion

Is there **anything else** that you wanted us to know?

City of Hamilton Swim Participants



# Next Steps

Engage Hamilton **ONLINE SURVEY PLANNED** for release in **Early March** (delayed from January).

- All input received will be used to inform the **conceptual design process** for the proposed Waterdown CRC and inform the Recreation Design and Development process.
- This **presentation will be posted** on the Engage Hamilton website for others to review.
- Exploring Design PICS will be planned later in 2025 **to share concept options, renderings and online survey results.**



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THANK YOU