

Attachment A - SNO Option – Results of Public Engagement

The opportunity for residents to provide feedback on the SNO Option was launched with a Public Open House hosted at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium on the evening of January 24, 2024 and 991 respondents shared their views on the proposed project concept through an online survey available through the City's 'Get Involved' platform January 24 - February 14, 2024. A second in person engagement session was conducted with stakeholders April 16, 2024 through invitation only to representatives of adjacent properties that would be impacted by the proposed facility, Council Committees (eg Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Public Art Committee), and indigenous, environmental, educational, turf sport, and older adult organizations.

Results of Online Survey – 'Get Involved' Platform

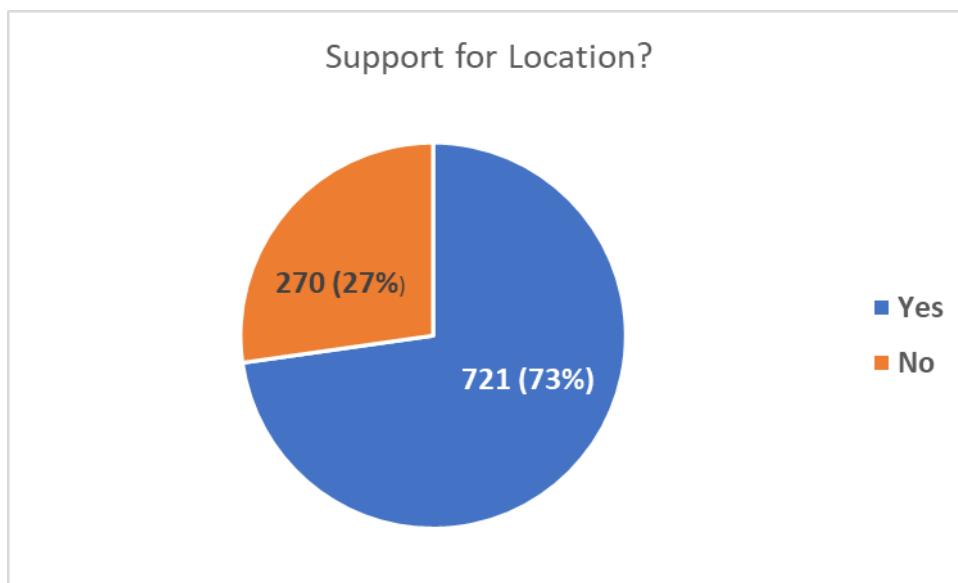
Total Respondents: 991

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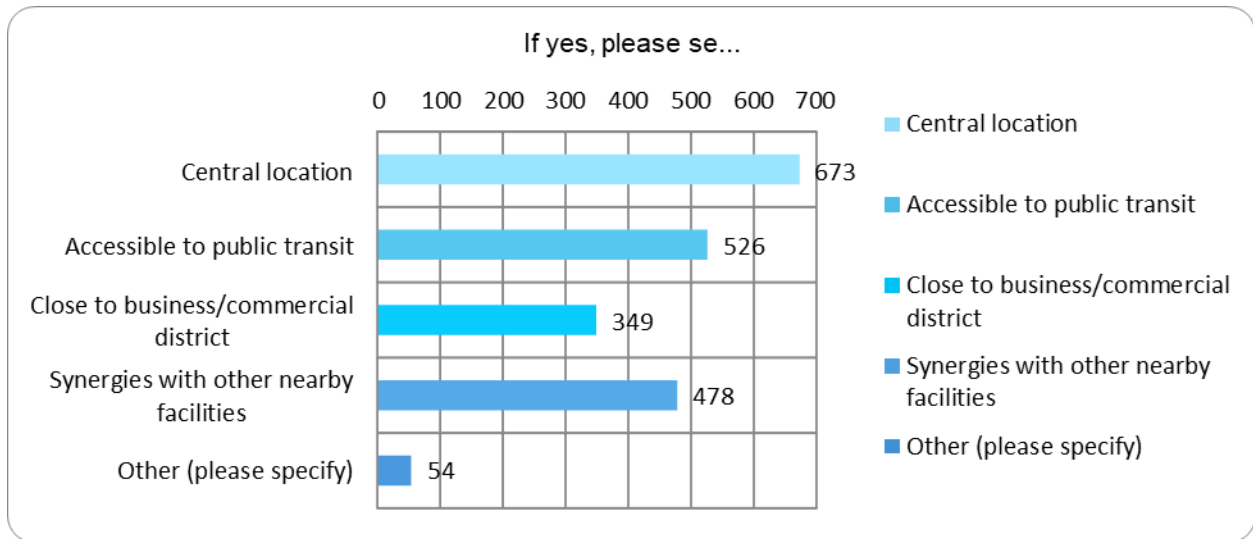
20% of online respondents consistently cited their general lack of support for the project in all of their survey responses which are included in 'no' responses. In general, these respondents state that the facility is not needed nor a priority and/or they would like to see increased contributions from others (eg the non-profit or private sector) in the project.

Proposed Location:

1. Do you support this **proposed location** for a proposed multi-use indoor turf facility?



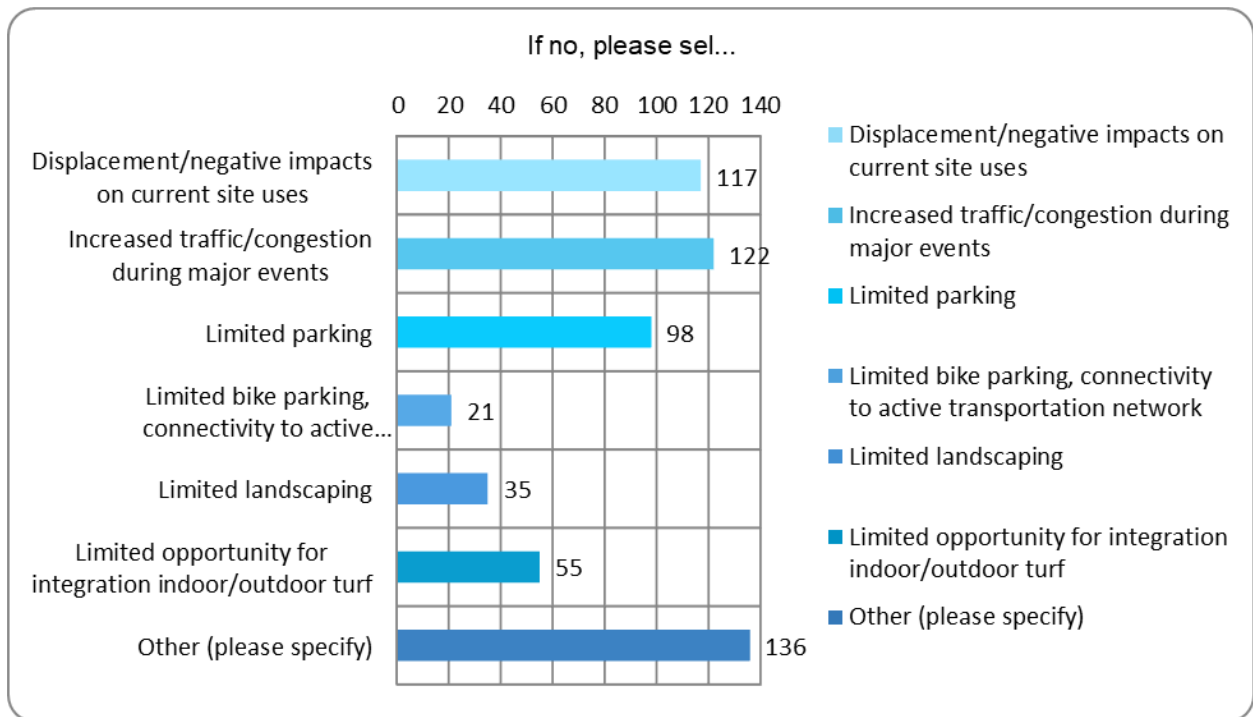
Rationale for Support for Proposed Location:



Examples of “Other” Rationale for Support for Proposed Location:

- located near Lakehead University, College
- no pilings or major road access changes

Rationale for Not Supporting Location:

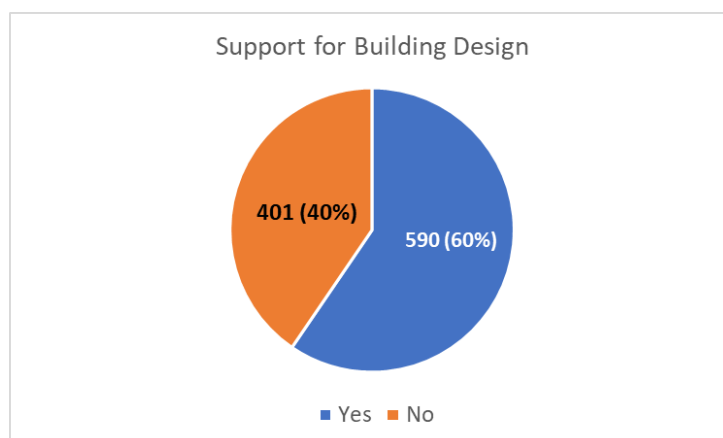


Examples of “Other” Rationale for Not Supporting Proposed Location:

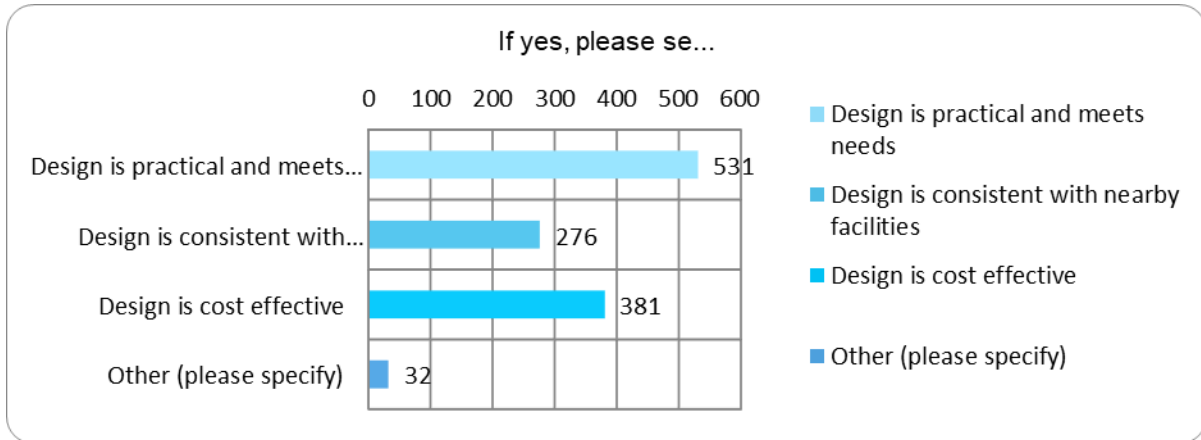
- I’d like it to be along highway 11/17 between Oliver Road and the Harbour expressway
- Innova Park
- No room for any future expansion and limited capacity for exiting traffic after events.
- CLE
- Concerns about infrastructure on nearby roads or Ray Blvd that will have heavily increased traffic. Also very concerned regarding appropriate parking for the displaced baseball teams. A small portion of them currently use Ray Blvd and there has been an increase of garbage and traffic and this road is not equipped with parking for more of them.
- South end deserves some amenities as well.
- The City masterplan is to have a facility at Chapples.
- Only one bus route (2 Crosstown, already packed with students during the day) connects this location to the entire city. As a Port Arthur resident this is a great spot, but I can't help but think of the 2 hour affair it would take a student/car-less person to get here from somewhere in Westfort. This is a building for the whole community, and if placed here, will make half the city struggle to reach it. Also, the absolute traffic jam that would happen if a concert and tournament happened on the same day.
- The proposed location would be better suited to a business that can generate money and jobs that contribute back to the Thunder Bay economy. Also squishing an ugly hangar into the residential area's back yard doesn't benefit the resident population.
- toxins in the ground from the previous city dump site could increase costs significantly
- An eyesore beside a respected structure.
- There is a dog park that is in regular use by the locals in the area. It would be a shame to put a parking lot there. There are other options, why take away from people using the dog park?

Building Design:

2. Do you support the proposed **building design**?



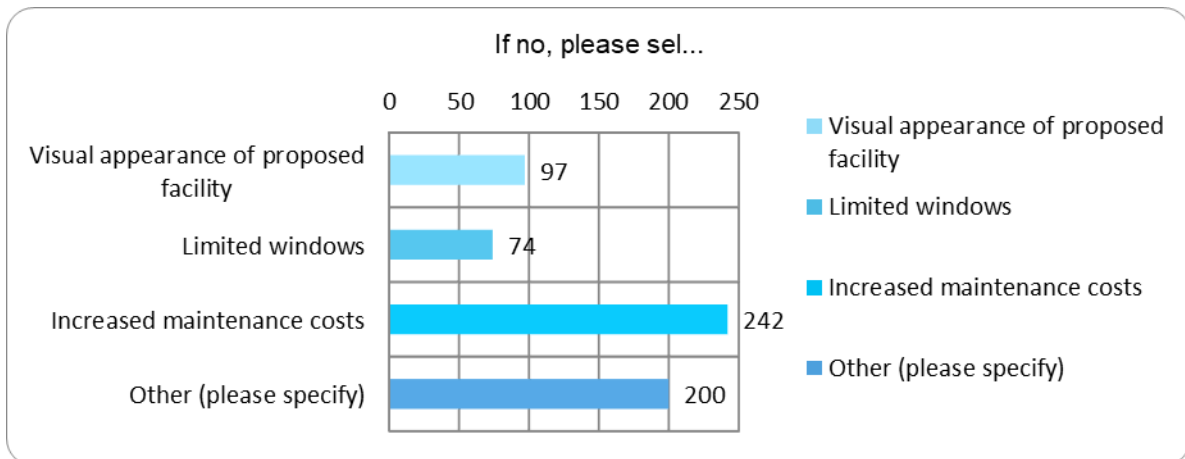
Rationale for Support for Proposed Building Design:



Examples of “Other” Rationale for Support for Proposed Building Design:

- It is not a Dome structure which has failed in our city for previous years (CLE grounds dome and college bubble) finally a perfect structure similar to that of LU Hangar.
- Logical design
- The design may not have all the bells and whistles but it will need the needs of the community.
- please no temporary bubble structure. We've learned our lesson there. Permanent structure is needed. Would be nice to incorporate other activities into the space like an indoor track around the perimeter, 2 levels, viewing area, concessions, etc.

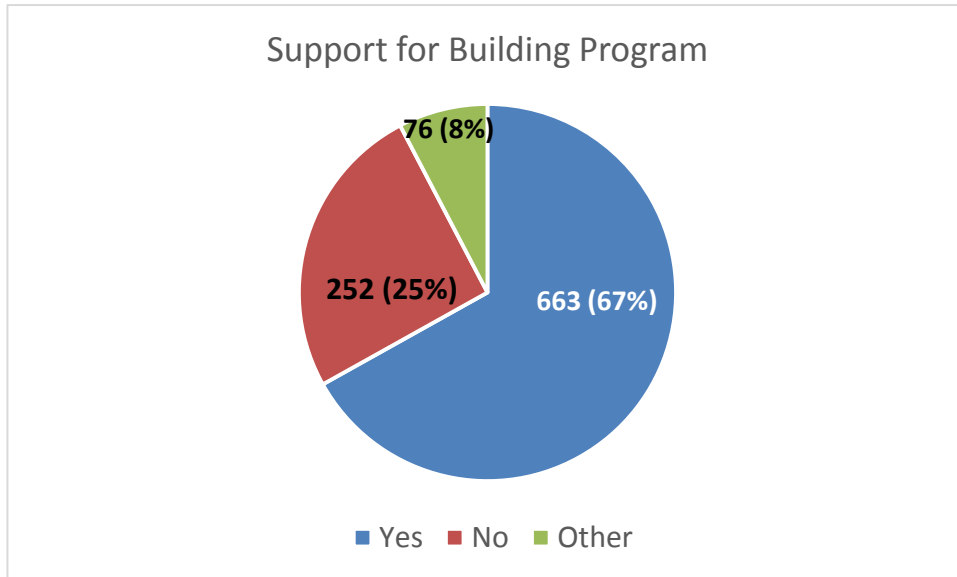
Rationale for Lack of Support for Proposed Building Design:



Examples of “Other” Rationale for Lack of Support for Proposed Building Design:

- Likely does not maximize sustainability including lifecycle and carbon considerations.
- Proposed structures should align with climate goals of the City, such as aligning with the Net Zero Plan.
- Why does the design have so many meeting rooms. There seems to be an awful lot of room for administration of which is going to cost us a lot of money and salary dollars. Surely we have meeting rooms somewhere in existing facilities for soccer meetings that can be accessed
- visual appearance shouldn't matter as much as long as it can be a long standing functional building. Long term upkeep costs should be considered when deciding on the initial budget. If there's more upfront cost to build a fantastic building, and saves on future maintenance costs then that should be done. We need to think long term on this
- Looks boring and plain. Have some windows along the south side for amazing natural light! Or commission large murals by local artists/community groups. This building doesn't align with the City's Net-Zero Goal if powered by natural gas heating. Consider switching to electric heating, reinforcing roofs to allow for solar panels, having heat pumps, parking lot trees/solar installations etc. We have to do better and help lead the fight for climate change.
- I live in this neighbourhood and the building has an industrial feel that would detract from the neighbourhood. The building as designed will be difficult to bring to net zero standards. Building a brand new building heated by fossil gas does not align with the climate emergency.
- Build it right to endure our Winters, we don't need it collapsing like the Bubbles did! What's the point if it's going to high maintenance and just keep costing tax payers money? This structure needs to last, it needs to be able to work for the local kids, adults, and talent, as well as be able to host Soccer Tournaments that will bring outside visitors and Tourism dollars in.
- I agree with the practicality of the building design; however, ongoing maintenance and lifecycle renewal are concerns, essentially resulting in a 'save now, spend later' scenario. It's important to spend the money doing it correctly. Nonetheless, the facility doesn't necessarily need to prioritize aesthetics.
- We should have a visually appealing structure our city can be proud of, not just a box. The new museum design has architectural aspects to it - it looks like someone cared about what it looked like. One shouldn't be able to mistake out new turf facility for a furniture outlet warehouse.

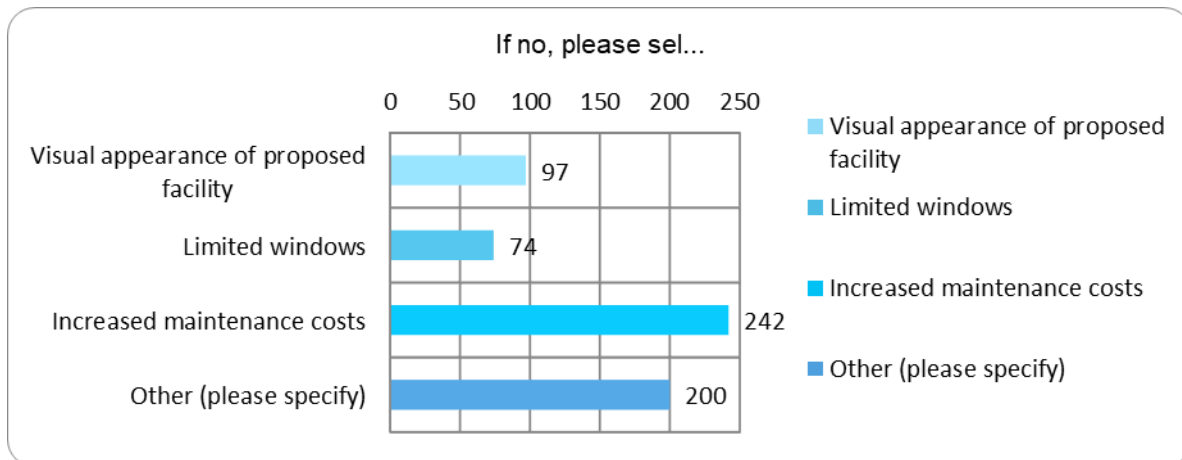
3. Are you supportive of the proposed SNO Option **building program**?



Examples of “Other” Rationale of Support for Building Design:

- Meets the needs of the community
- It is not a Dome structure which has failed in our city for previous years (CLE grounds dome and college bubble) finally a perfect structure similar to that of LU Hangar.

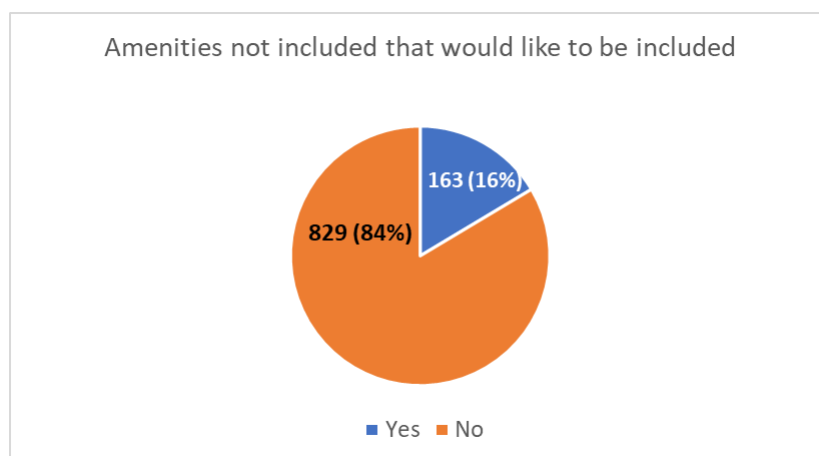
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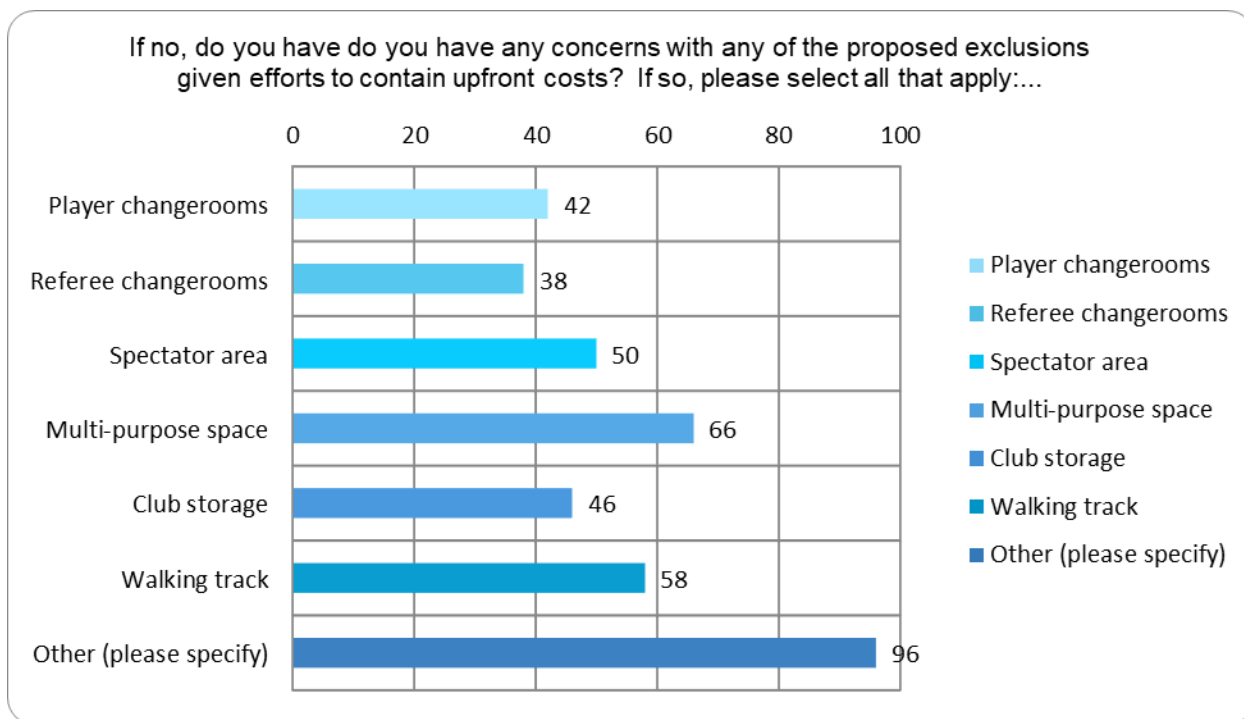
Examples of “Other” Rationale for Lack of Support for Building Program:

- too much locker rooms and other facilities
- Why does the design have so many meeting rooms. There seems to be an awful lot of room for administration of which is going to cost us a lot of money and salary dollars. Surely we have meeting rooms somewhere in existing facilities for soccer meetings that can be accessed.
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- Dressing rooms without washroom facilities and shower is wrong. Washrooms should be provided for athletes that are playing.
- I support a place with the amenities for those using the building so that it's comfortable for everyone. It should be a hollow building with a field.
- With modifications. Direct access to shower facilities from changerooms. Viewing should be for all fields not just at one end (the drawings are unclear on that to me). More storage for all Soccer Clubs to store equipment.
- I believe that some of the arrangement for change rooms/washrooms and storage & leasehold space could be more suitable based on my previous career experience there could be a slightly better layout to maximize the space available.
- more gender neutral washrooms please - and I'm confused about the change rooms - can we make sure we have space for our gender fluid and nonbinary friends? I'd hate to walk into this space and see the 4 lockers rooms for male, 4 for female, and then every nonbinary person who doesn't want to be harrassed in the locker room ends up waiting in line for the single use washroom
- but why not washrooms and showers in the change rooms?

4. Are there **amenities not included** in the proposed facility that you would like to see substituted or included?



Concerns with Proposed Exclusions:



Comments re: Amenities from those who responded “Yes”:

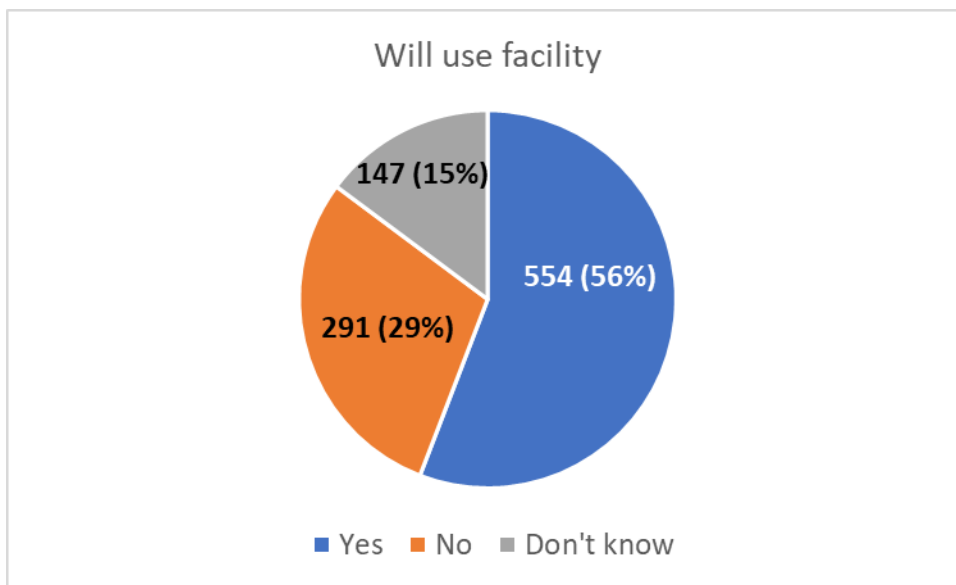
- Multi purpose space
- Direct access to shower facilities from changerooms. Viewing should be for all fields not just at one end (the drawings are unclear on that to me). More storage for all Soccer Clubs to store equipment.
- A tunnel or breezeway from the Canada Games Complex to connect the two facilities would be ideal — especially in winter months. Memberships at the complex could be used at the hangar facility also etc
- Double the field size. If we’re going to build it, do it right to accommodate the entire soccer players population. It’s one Facility... not 10 baseball fields or 15 hockey rinks. Double the size.
- Water bottle filling stations
- Area for spectator children to play
- More showers and windows
- A track around if feasible would make it a true facility for all... ie people could use it as a walking facility all year round
- This is the opportunity to create a multi field facility that would allow the city to host turf field tournaments. Additionally, as we saw with the sports dome, even 2 fields were not

enough to accommodate the numerous leagues (male and female) - soccer, ultimate Frisbee, touch football, baseball practices, etc.

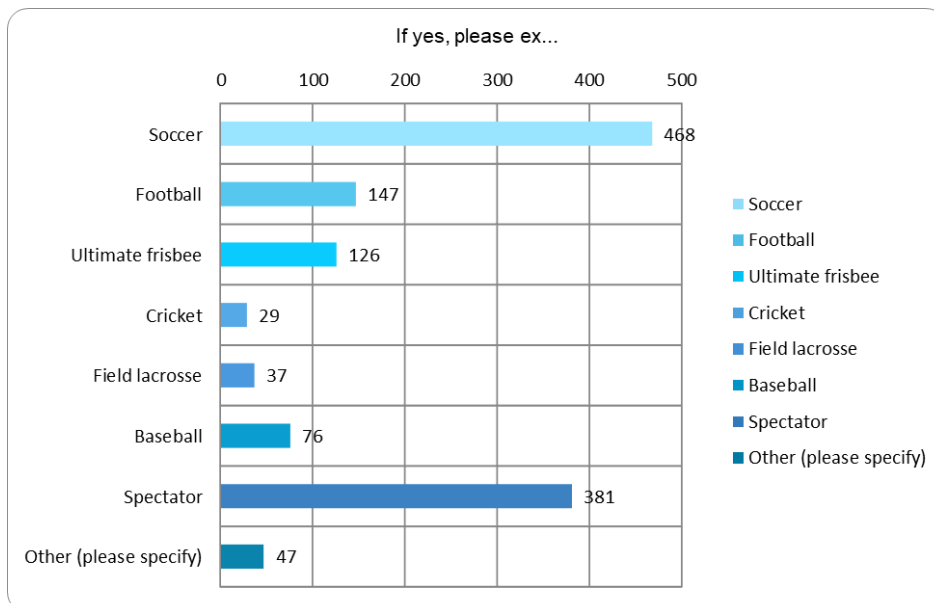
- Walking track
- would love to see a collaboration with tennis
- area for trade shows
- washroom in referee rooms
- indoor batting cages
- toilets in the change rooms
- food court
- get rid of gendered bathroom; put in gender neutral bathrooms
- proper bleachers
- sauna, steam room, cold and hot tubs
- Pro shop for soccer equipment
- Commercial space that can be rented to cover maintenance costs of building
- Need more showers to avoid long waits for access to showers
- Fitness centre/workout room
- Upper viewing area combined with concession
- Indoor golf simulators
- Water bottle filling stations.
- change rooms with a group locker (and lock) so that two teams may use the same room at different times to accommodate more teams and with its own washroom
- Storage space for clubs to rent
- a standing only spectator area on the second level that runs along the outside of the building (essentially above the bleacher seating) running the full length of the field
- More indoor amenities to include non sport activities
- energy efficiency, green power production, green building standards, community hub focus
- A track or exercise room would be more beneficial than 8 dressing rooms and 2 referee change rooms
- The City should build a large multi use facility that includes hockey rinks
- Party room
- Pickleball courts
- Emergency shelter for homeless during deep freeze or heat
- Volleyball court
- Rock climbing wall
- Lockers should be in the change room
- Secure bicycle storage
- A drop off area for participants (circular- similar to a kiss a ride at schools)

- a multi level parking lot
- Takrot
- Child care facilities and a satellite police office and officers
- Mezzanine all around
- Tennis
- Player benches on the field
- a lounge
- Extra space on either side for warm up space

5. Do you **plan to use** the proposed facility?



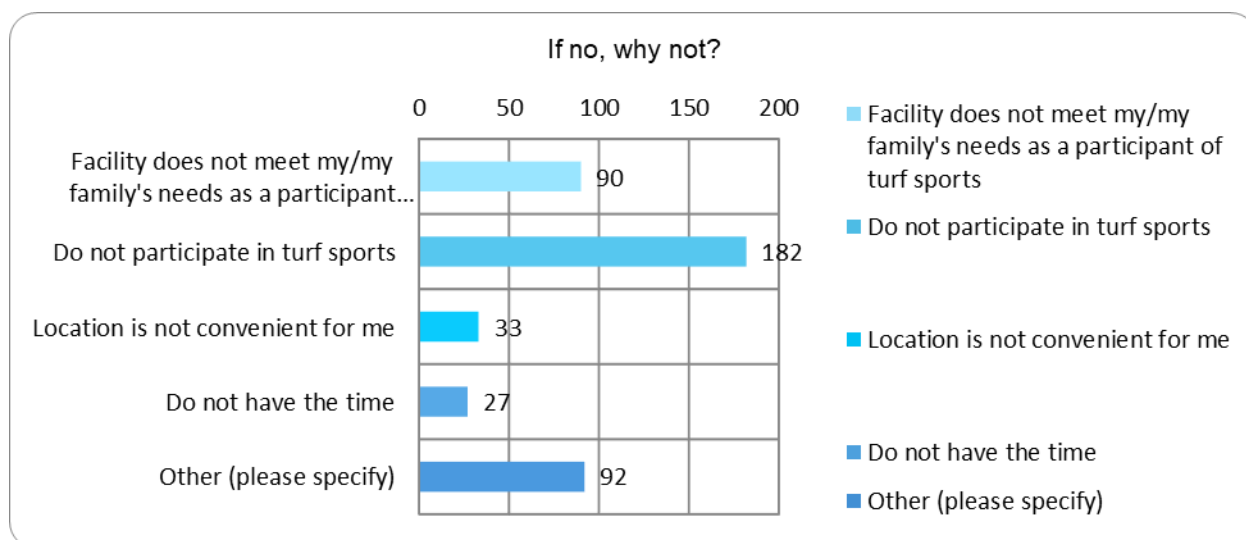
How respondents will use the facility:



Comments re: "Other Uses":

- I hope to book field time for my children's birthday parties.
- Dryland training
- Volleyball
- walk and exercise
- Disc Golf
- Referee
- flag football
- Wrestling if possible
- Trade shows/events
- Takrot
- Softball
- School sports
- Rugby
- Velodrome. Never tried track cycling.

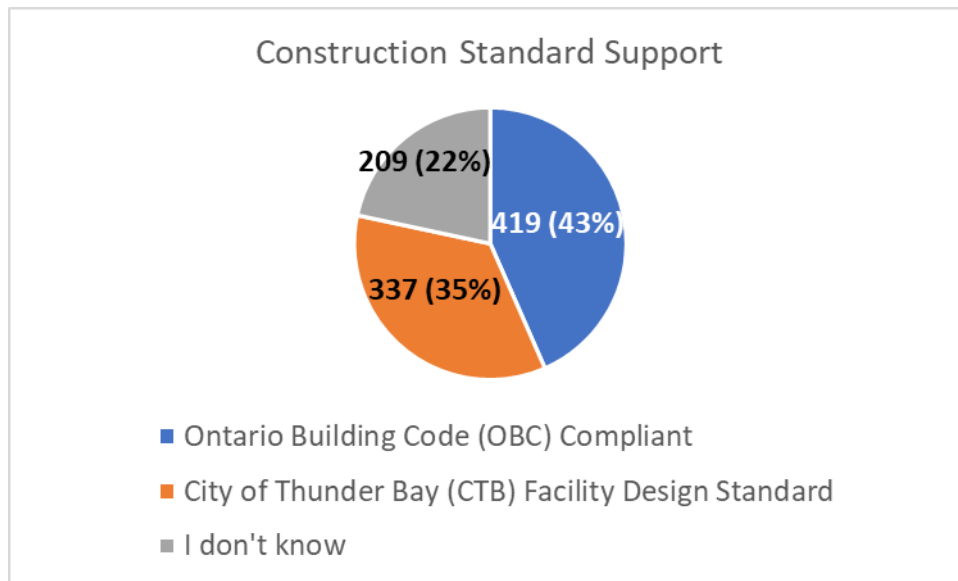
Rationale for Respondent not using Facility:



Comments re: "Other" Reasons for Not Using Facility:

- Not at that stage of life with kids at home
- Would rather play and watch activities outside
- I can't afford extra curricular activities
- It will be too expensive to use. It will be only for the rich, not for lower income families.
- I'd be at every game in a new hockey arena

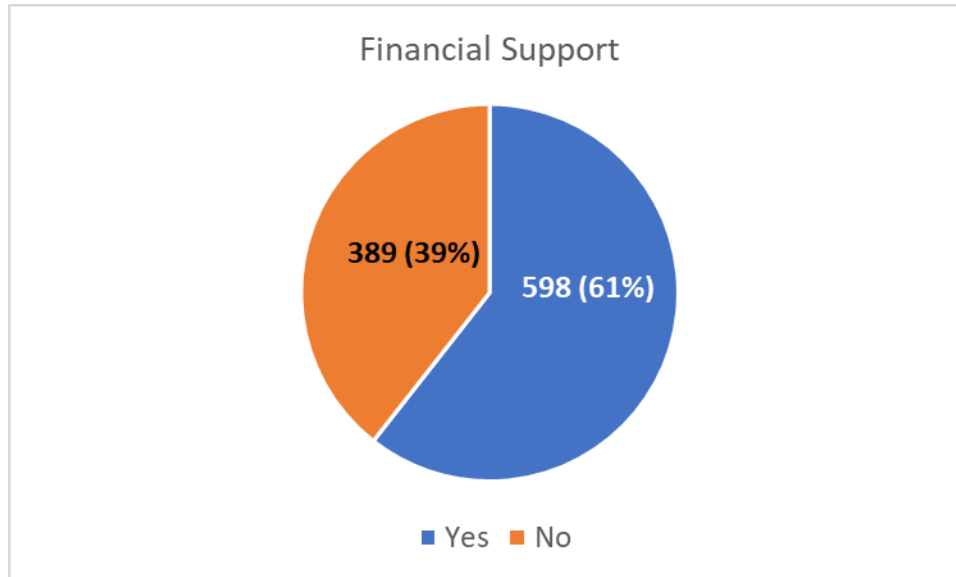
- I'm 78. Good chance I won't be playing any indoor sports however I'm fully behind the building of this facility.
 - Disagree with tax supported facility
 - Disabled
 - No walking track
6. What **construction standard** do you support?



Comments re: Construction Standard:

- I don't really understand the different standards.
- The building should be what ever costs the city the least
- Whichever standard will support our city's Net Zero Strategy
- Neither standard adequately responds to the climate emergency which demands that all new buildings should be zero carbon on an operational basis. Doing less is mortgaging the future but simply kicking ball (so to speak) down the hill for someone else to deal with.
- a building design that is easy to maintain in the long-run
- I'm not concerned with how the building is designed or what it looks like, as long as we have a facility that our children will be able to use for indoor sporting events, specifically indoor soccer over the winter months

7. Are you supportive of a **potential increase to the municipal tax levy of 0.52% or a property tax increase of approximately \$26 for the median singled detached residential home** to support the cost of constructing the proposed SNO Option indoor turf facility?



Comments re: Financial Support:

- I would like to see SNO pursue grants and other sources of funding for the project. Many other large organizations have been successful in finding funding to build infrastructure in town. I do not support the city paying for 100% of the cost.
- The longer you take to build it the more it will cost. Just get it done so people can get back to playing the sports.
- I don't think the tax question is appropriate as we don't know the true cost of the facility as of yet.
- We've wasted so many tax dollars on the Event Centre and the other facility at Chapples that didn't happen, that's a burden on taxpayers.
- We cannot afford this facility
- The community needs this! Many people will benefit from this. Tournament Centre is in adequate.
- I moved back to Thunder Bay to raise my family (3 children under 10) and honestly, the delays and lack of support from council have had us questioning whether we made the right decision as our kids would be missing out on essential amenities in the north.
- Cost for the building should be supplemented more heavily by the sporting groups / associations involved to help reduce the burden to taxpayers.

- I believe the majority of families in Thunder Bay support this facility. The older, vocal minority have stopped progress on this project for too long. It's incredible a city of this size does not have such a facility - it will attract more families here
- BUILD IT! It's been far too long. Without a doubt will be a huge asset for the city.
- The tax increase is based upon the city's estimated \$14m+ debenture. The debenture amount is yet to be decided and therefore I see the mention of figures not to be factual. If you are going to use a figure, it should indicate the cost of a debenture/\$m.
- City administration has already wasted millions of dollars through a clear lack of direction provided to council and over 8 years of debating back and forth. Build it!
- City desperately needs facilities for youth
- I would make a personal donation in addition to the tax increase if that was an option
- It's sad our city doesn't already have this. It should have been built last council term
- Waste of time/money/resources, do you know how many homeless we can put in homes for 30 million? At \$100,000 a pop that's 300. 300 BRAND NEW cheap affordable housing units.
- City needs indoor recreational facilities, Thunder Bay is probably one of the last cities in Canada that has over 100k residents and no indoor turf facility.
- This facility is needed. There is an overwhelming amount of people young and old that play soccer in this city. I come from a city half the size of TBay and they've had no problem making soccer and exercise accessible year round. Let's go Thunder Bay!
- I was a professional project manager and cannot understand the price tag attached to this project. I built entire k-12, fully connected, & furnished schools in remote communities for only minimally more budgets.
- Could we not raise money, similar to a hospital 50/50 draw, rather than raising property taxes. I support the 50/50 draw because the money goes towards our hospital. I strongly feel people will buy 50/50 to both causes. This is a much need facility.
- City council wants ways to bring people to live here in our beautiful city, but they raise our taxes to the point where people will not be able to afford their homes. Meaning, you are asking/forcing the people of Thunder Bay to leave.
- PLEBISCITE! I oppose every aspect of this elitist money pit. The majority of the residents of this city do not support this elitist money pit. Everyone knows it.
- We don't need this! Let us vote to see who wants it. Let's not waste anymore money on studies of land, building cost, council meetings, etc. If's private company wants to build it, let them with no taxpayer monies going towards it.
- With no formal/professional business plan or proven operational model its very risky to speculate how a \$40 million ++ investment is going to impact future City finances, additionally more infrastructure ahead of negative asset mang. plan adds risk

- The facility would keep community active and allow for tournaments (revenue generating)
- The process to provide a facility like this for this community has been appalling. Other smaller Northern communities have been able to produce multiuse community facilities that provide more community services for less than the proposed development cost.
- I wish this city would focus on our existing structures, buildings and infrastructure since all require upgrading and maintenance and stop spending money our city does NOT have on these projects expecting the tax payers to pay increased taxes EVERY year.
- Let the private sector put up the facility so the taxpayers don't have to.
- We need this for tourism as well. The potential income from potential tournaments would be vital to our city
- I participate in sports that I fully fund. I expect soccer should do the same. They should be self-sufficient as many other sports are in town.
- Please make this happen. We can't become the city that never builds any good recreational facilities. The failed Event Centre has made me consider moving away as our city never seems to prioritize things that will make such a positive impact.
- Regardless of tax increases or not, the facility cost taxpayers capital and operating \$, we have a small industrial tax base with social issues relating to approx 150,000 population but much less than 120,000 residents whose families pay taxes.
- I am 100% supportive of investing in indoor. Turf and multiuse sports facilities to keep both the adults and youth of Thunder Bay occupied in healthy endeavours. It is also an investment in attraction and retention of local citizens. I see this in my work.
- Do not consider this project as the top required capital project for the City. A new police facility should be a higher ranked capital project the would benefit the entire City proper.
- I am in favour of paying an increased tax for a indoor turf facility but not this design. If we are going to share in the cost as a community, the facility has to have value for everyone in the community and provide value to all.
- It makes NO sense to have city design standards that get ignored. Building a sub-par facility with over 40 million \$ seems to be a mistake. I say this coming from a seasoned regular ultimate frisbee player who would make great use of a facility like this.
- This facility will allow for low income families to have access to a space to play sports that are affordable. Being a part of a team helps build life long skills and fosters healthy relationships.
- There has been numerous injuries, myself a broken collarbone, at the current public location. A proper facility is needed - players health is at risk.
- Watching this group take over the City as if it is entitled to all those funds is sickening. It's time to come to a reality and shelve this project.

- If you want to correct the socioeconomic issues that the city has you need to invest in its youth. This project will give kids who don't play hockey the opportunity to engage in athletic activities, form bonds with teammates and provide an outlet
- Huge waste of money. Taxpayers should not subsidize this. What's next, indoor baseball? Go outside and play seasonal sports in the correct season. Want to be green and good to the environment? Don't build projects like this.
- I am a single middle aged professional. I do not have any children. However I STRONGLY support this facility. The community really needs it. A minimal tax increase is well worth it.
- We, as residential and commercial, taxpayers cannot afford such an expensive facility. Leave the development to the private sector or erect an economical alternative (ie. Air supported dome).
- Maybe try contacting embassies of countries with a lot of international students that play cricket and make a case for some funding to allow them to have a proper place to play.
- I think that \$25 million should be enough to build the building and if not then look at leasing land to a Private developer who will build a structure and run it.
- Paid parking should be implemented to help offset the costs. Do NOT create a parking lot like the design. The curbs and blvds are a maintenance nightmare and take away parking spots.
- The city already services a high debt. Adding this project will require ALL city tax payers to contribute financially for the benefit of a few who will use the facility. Those few who are privileged enough to afford organized sports will benefit from poor
- I do not support this project unless the business plan is conservative and solid. This can't be a money loser.
- If you can't afford to clear snow off the streets, maintain the roads and parks or provide safety for citizens why can you afford this?
- the city of Thunder Bay cannot afford to more tax increases
- In a world of increasing threats through climate change, it's time to take CO2 emission mitigation efforts to a higher level.
- This facility should be built with public monies. It should be left to the private sector to build and operate.
- A multi-sport indoor complex is needed not only for the day to day programs but for elite athlete /coach/official development. Having returned to TBay after being away for 20 years this is a necessity not a luxury.
- Its too bad the city has dragged their feet on building this facility. Now the city will be borrowing money at a much higher interest rate. I don't see any funding from other levels of government!!!

- We're already likely going to be hit with a greater than 5% increase. Thunder Bay's mill rate is the second highest in the province!
- Why does the City need to be the owner/operator of a facility like this. Couldn't an organization like YMCA own and operate something like this. The money should be invested in the buildings and infrastructure that the City already owns.
- The Chapples park option was a far better concept/building
- This structure should be a "User Pay" debenture. Public money initially lent - should be repaid by the users. Users should staff it as well
- I cannot support the construction of a new facility that is heated by fossil gas.
- Soccer has been a huge part of growing up. The soccer plex and the sports dome were both imperative to my soccer development during the winter months and kept me active and supported my mental health strong in the gloomy days. Please strongly consider.
- This debate has lasted far too long, we need a facility for our kids!!!! We have no problem putting millions into an art gallery or unnecessary road work in downtown PA, but have put this project on hold for over a decade!!!
- until our community actually grows we need to keep the budget of this project under 30mil. If an inflatable building is cheaper and will allow turf sports to do their sports and maybe in 5-10years our city actually grows then we can put up this building
- I moved to Thunder Bay in 2010. Soccer was a great way to integrate myself into the community. I have created great friendships and memories because of this beautiful sport.
- Facility should follow the same format as the Kamview Ski Area which is owned and operated by the group members .It should be a User Fee system for groups and users(privately owned and operated).
- This facility is so needed for a City of our size to provide healthy options. Our climate means for several months our activities take place indoors. We are a hockey family - other families need recreational facilities for their activities too!
- Please stop spending money looking at options and just spend the money to build something.
- Survey should have started with do you support funding the turf facility. If yes, then answer the following questions.
- There's no better investment a municipality can make than in the health and well-being of its citizens. Get it built!
- Do it right for goodness sakes - be a leader in environmental and social standards and exceeding them, not just meeting them. Make Thunder Bay proud of this facility - it's gonna be around for decades, do it right, please.
- Grant funding options to support instead of increase in taxes?

- I only support the increase if it is done to the higher efficiency standard to reduce long term costs, not just making cuts to reduce up-front costs.
- instead of this, would be nice to have a multi arena and soccer complex to have an efficient venue

Results of In Person Stakeholder Session SNO Option

A second in person engagement session was conducted with stakeholders April 16, 2024 at the Oliver Road Community Centre. Twenty-five individuals representing adjacent properties that would be impacted by the proposed facility, Council Committees (eg Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Public Art Committee), and Indigenous, environmental, educational, turf sport, and older adult organizations attended. The objectives of this session were to ensure a common understanding of the SNO Option, obtain feedback on the proposed design/construction standards, facility operations/amenities, and the project's financial implications, and determine if consensus could be reached in respect to competing priorities. The session was structured such that participants, after receiving a brief presentation on the SNO Option, could rotate between three (3) facilitated discussion tables focused on:

- 'Outdoor' - Site Plan/Exterior & Energy Efficiency/HVAC Standards
- 'Indoor' - Interior/Facility Operations/Access/Inclusion and Incorporation of Public Art'
- 'Financial Implications'.

'Outdoor' Discussion Table Feedback:

- Replacement of baseball diamond
- Loss of portion of dog park
- Park used without cost, highly used – alternate
- Multiple facilities – parking usage during multiple events
- Baseball diamond – not sufficient parking, will lead to community complaints
- Parking spaces for indoor turf alone = 150 spaces
- Active transportation should be promoted
- Baseball is concerned about losing fields without a replacement, no maintenance and user fee increases
- Loss of dog park, can still walk dog on sidewalk. Baseball diamond loss, there is no alternative for them
- Contamination on-site is below ground – not a health risk
- Flip ball diamonds so they are clover-leafed
- Was Innova Park considered?
- Baseball facing complains at Delaney, alternate is only for this year. If baseball field goes, need to prioritize providing alternate field
- Talk about fields taken offline due to neighbour complaints, no maintenance
- Can we not install more than 1 EV charger?
- New access will be a pedestrian safety issue where they cross the access
- Contaminants in wooded area should not be disturbed/developed

- Energy efficiency vs. higher operating costs
- Option 2 = lifetime savings due to efficiencies
- Option 1 would have higher operating costs plus requires retrofitting to be Net Zero by 2035. This type of building is highly difficult to retrofit
- 4.4 million – increases accessibility; plug-in stalls for EVs; more landscaping; nicer aesthetics; better water management
- Option 1 – revising parking as minimally as possible
- Retention pond – outflow stormwater past auditorium fed by flood events facility is elevated above flood possibilities
- Is the dog park considered greenspace?
- Additional lighting costs and maintenance costs for a shared facility, how are the costs distributed?
- Active transportation routes and bus access – what are the connections? Option 2 would allow bus drop off close to building. Alternate transportation options.
- Hydro poles may be shifted by Synergy North to provide better access
- Clean, green and beautiful – public art could be indoor or outdoor
- Perspective rendering is not aesthetically pleasing – basic model
- Consideration for play or grass area outside for family not using indoor turf
- Reducing height would have impact on TBMFA. Has to be 40'
- Reduced height would make many user groups unable to use the facility – balls go higher than 40'
- Rehashing/consulting for too many years – a generation of kids have already missed out on using it
- Curves are unneeded, sports require a 40' "square" only
- Lyons drainage channel cost is not a part of turf facility cost.
- Groups are already sacrificing on width, do not want to lose height. Already 1 yard loss of both ends.
- Outdoor air quality is a concern in summer (fires), this building allows play
- Increasing length or wider would increase costs. Can it be increased in width by 1 yard without changing footprint – where bleachers are, have spectators on one side only, reduces foot traffic too. Correct width can lead to hosting larger events – sanctioned events
- Location makes sense – is a hub for many user groups
- Dog park does not need to be reduced, there are so many unused parking spaces available
- Turf will always use 100 parking spaces that will always be taken
- 200-300 empty parking spots counted during sell out events at auditorium
- Dog park used by people of all incomes – no cost

- Large city style – shuttle to event when there are conflicting events, advise user groups to carpool, shuttle or not schedule tournaments during sellout events at auditorium
- Gravel overflow parking – to be considered for baseball parking and as alternate to reducing dog park

'Indoor' Discussion Table Feedback:

Synergies with nearby Facilities

- Stadiums not necessarily expected to offer full parking (eg NFL)
- Kids need a place to play
- What can family/kids accompanying users do during games?
- Seniors' needs – walking
- Building large enough to host tournaments – indoor space
- Height – 40' ok, 30' could be too low
- 30; may be adequate
- Synergies with CGC and Children's programming – academy
- Parking – users can shuttle. Usually won't overlap with TBCA
- Windows – glare issues. Highest use numbers in evenings
- Parking – use CGC parking at north?
- Conflicting large events would be rare
- TBay a pro-parking city, less transit use
- Potential to host events
- Summer camp location (multi-sport?)
- What's offered for kids/family accompanying users?
- Staff wages high?
- Consider 3rd party operation – Pro shop / concession
- Is full parking needed? Maybe not

Importance of Physical Appearance of Facility/Recommended Improvements:

- Don't care
- Maintenance more important
- Art can be added later
- Landscaping – keep it simple/functional
- Stormwater plan for runoff
- Avoid rounded curbs – snow removal
- Storage important for clubs – could be rented
- No need for a Pro shop

- Storage important for clubs; Pro shop less important, DR may be less important
- Lockers less important
- Bleachers – mobile?
- Building appearance – dimensions
- Building dimensions – 120x80 better for soccer/cricket but could increase costs
- Showers not crucial; ok to have small number of showers
- Storage – maybe more important than multi-purpose room
- Storage important for clubs; could change rooms be used?
- Some groups currently don't have change rooms
- Many users won't need storage but clubs will
- Ability to live stream/media/press box room? This is popular for cricket – 1K viewers
- Consider press box/media room
- Scoreboard/timing clock? Planning multiple small boards
- Media room could be multi-purpose
- Boardroom would be under-utilized
- Boardroom less important
- A/C available? Important for summer
- Climate change = more summer use + summer camps
- Is 2nd floor needed? Dressing rooms more important
- Is building large enough to host tournaments?
- Will take what we can get but bigger is better – height and field
- Height – possibly could reduce to 30'
- Functionality over appearance but things like stormwater, some beautification important
- Aesthetic reflect the investment

Accessibility Standard/Recommended Improvements:

- Accessibility bathrooms for mobility devices
- Walking and high accessibility standard important to older adults

Potential Non-prime/Off Peak Uses:

- Poor air quality days = more off-season use
- Consider off-season pricing
- Off season – less use in summer
- No 'off-season' for soccer/cricket
- Outdoor fields not in good shape, could book summer turf
- Summer soccer camps could be major user - outdoor can have weather issues

- Climate change may increase need for indoor in summer (air quality – becoming bigger issue)
- Helping to host multi-sport events like ON Winter Games
- Ability to host events/conferences?
- Could support off-season/camps/leagues

Financial Implications Discussion Table Feedback:

Support for Municipal Investment in Proposed Facility:

- Yes, will support, there is a need.
- Main revenue from turf users
- Limited multi-use space
- Use for tradeshow eg. Home & garden? What is the cost of floor covering over artificial turf? Limited storage available. Tradeshow not held in facility in London and Winnipeg
- Challenges with which users can use facility
- Attracts professionals to the community
- For winter games eg. Wrestling, martial arts – use mats on artificial turf.
- Washroom facilities for outdoor user groups
- Agree to build the facility but why is it so expensive as compared to facility in Sault Ste. Marie. Turf is ½ the size but has other amenities eg. 2 rinks, library.
- Need for a walking track
- Multi-use facility that is inclusive of everyone in the community

Economic Benefits/Losses of Proposed Facility:

- Multiple users will provide main revenues
- Money coming from collection tax – city's share
- Concerns around loss of baseball field. PA Nationals use this field
- Issues with the loss of parking space
- Will there be consideration for the re-allocation of baseball diamonds after facility is built?
- Low usage at baseball Central but restricted to use by specific groups
- Consolidation of ball fields at Chapples, creating a hub
- Long term inclusive benefits. Try to get good value at the lower cost.

Suggestions to increase Economic Benefit to City:

- More economic benefits
- More benefits than just financial benefits
- Drop-in programs

- Open turf
- Cornhole league
- Wrestling
- Providing adult recreation – commercial businesses will benefit
- Mixed slow pitch
- Willing to pay to play