



# City of Hamilton Indoor Recreation Facilities Study Update (Phase 1) Presentation to Emergency & Community Services Committee September 12, 2016





# Study Purpose

- Update to 2008 Indoor Recreation Facilities Study
  - Community centres, halls, and seniors' centres
  - Indoor and outdoor pools
  - Arenas
- Phase 1:
  - Status report card
  - Inventory and mapping updates
  - Facility provision and trend review
  - Public engagement
  - Preliminary assessment of arena needs

# Status Report Card (2008 Study)

**53 Total Recommendations**  
34 Targeted for 2008 to 2016

**53%:**  
Completed,  
Partially  
Completed,  
or In  
Progress

**32%:**  
No Action

**15%:**  
Require  
Further  
Review



# Major Accomplishments

- Westmount Recreation Centre
- Stoney Creek Recreation Centre
- Harry Howell Arena
- Flamborough Seniors' Centre
- Improvements to Inch Park, Coronation, Acres, Rosedale, Walker, and Birge Outdoor Pools
- Bernie Morelli Recreation & Seniors' Centre (in progress)
- Beverly and Greensville School and Community Hubs (planned)

# Trend & Policy Scan

- Population growing (but aging)
- New Census data (2017) and forecasts
- Emerging activity & sports trends
- Accessibility legislation
- Community hub framework
- Section 37 bonusing
- Partnership & funding opportunities



# Public Input

- Over 1,000 residents directly consulted through surveys, public input sessions, and more
- 804 surveys completed
- Satisfaction levels: good to very good
- Growing preference for larger, multi-purpose facilities
- Strong support for spending on: seniors' spaces, youth spaces, and indoor pools



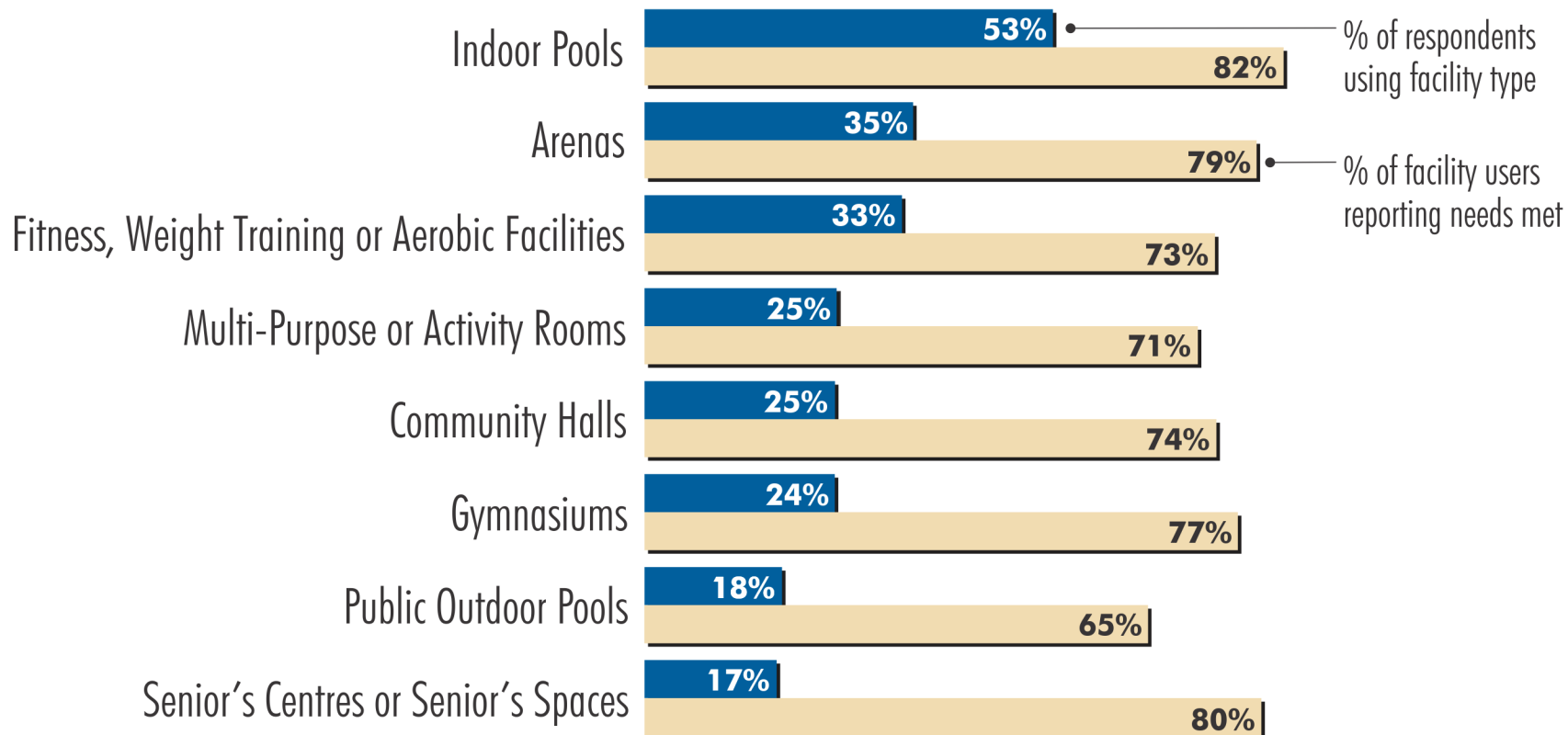
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# Household Survey

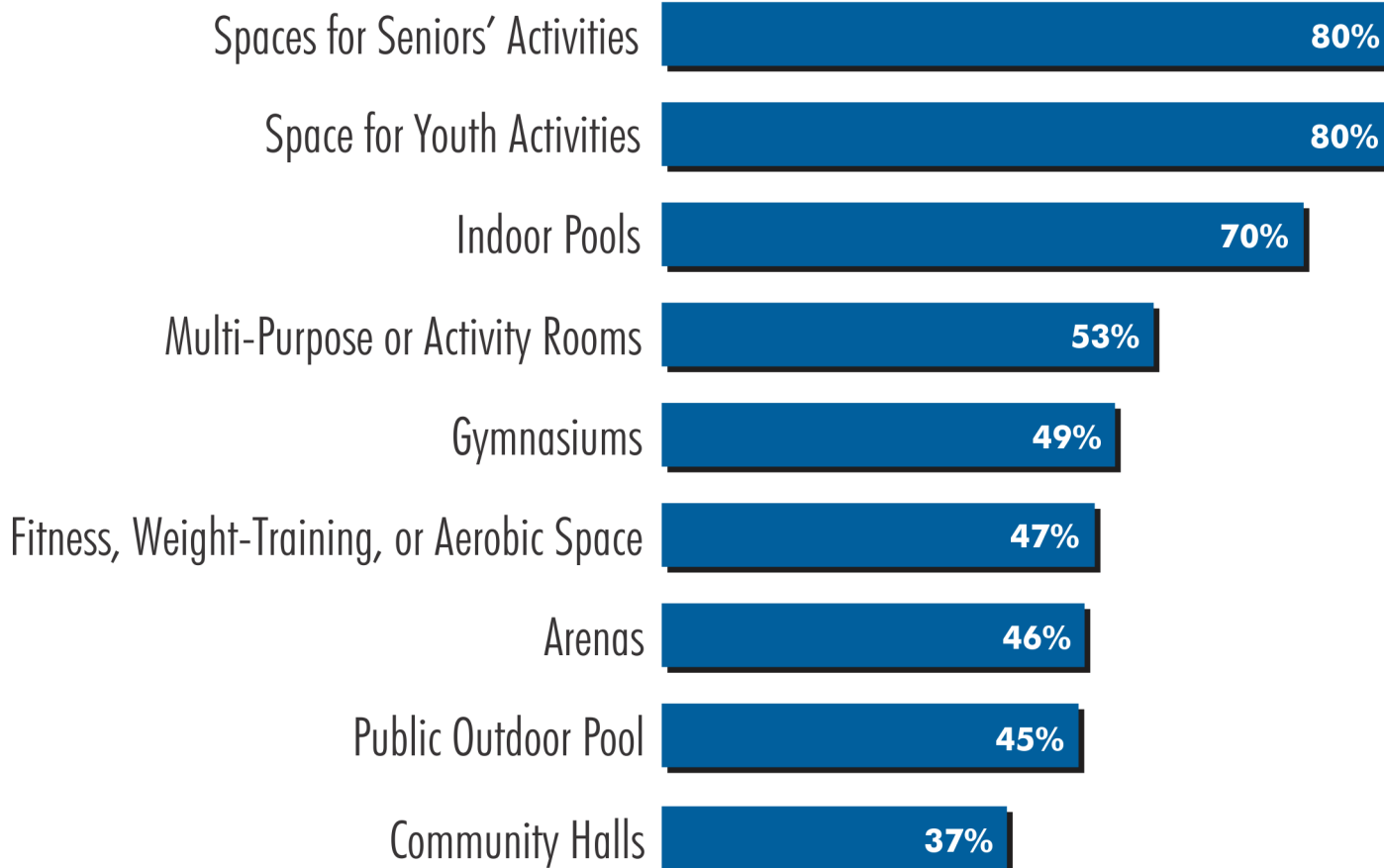
## Indoor Recreation Facilities - Usage & Satisfaction (2015)





# Household Survey

## Indoor Recreation Facilities - Funding Priorities (2015)





# Stakeholder Group Survey

- 73 organizations participated
- Mostly “good” or “very good” ratings
- Decline in satisfaction for some features (support spaces)
- 44% of groups expect to need greater access to facilities in 5-10 years

# Public Information Sessions

- 6 sessions throughout City
- Higher satisfaction: arenas
- Lower satisfaction: fitness centres, seniors' centres, & gymnasiums
- Specific requests:
  - Indoor and outdoor running/walking tracks
  - More fitness centres
  - Recreation facility in Ainslie Wood
  - Seniors' centres
  - More public skating
  - 50-metre competitive pool
  - Saltwater pool
  - More outdoor pools



# Arena Needs Assessment

- Inefficiencies in arena provision and distribution
- Declining demand and surplus of ice
- Need for new arena provision strategy, including options for:
  - Facility repurposing
  - Administrative and operational practices
  - Working with private operators



# Emerging Issues

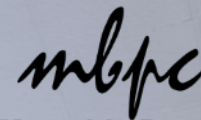
## Factors supporting a full update to the 2008 Study:

- Changes in facility supplies
- Evolving growth patterns and forecasts
- Emerging activity trends
- New information and datasets
- School closures and new partnership possibilities
- Alignment with recent initiatives



# Next Steps

1. Conduct additional research on issues that may impact facility usage and demand
2. Begin the Phase 2 analysis (needs assessment, public input, costing, implementation strategy, etc.)



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**Thank you!**