

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

&

Waterfront Plan

Public Meeting: Project Update and Feedback
May 2020 | Virtual Presentation

Message from the Mayor

Bryan McGillis





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Presentation Outline



This Presentation will Include the Following Information:

- Introduction of the Consulting Team
- Overview of the Public Engagement Process
- Recreation Master Plan Update
- Waterfront Plan Update
- Next Steps

Team Introduction




Sierra Planning and Management
advice • strategy • implementation

- Recreation Facilities
- Parks
- Programming
- Service Delivery
- Financials
- Implementation



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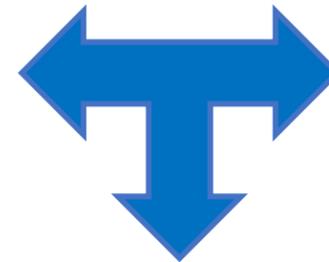
- Waterfront Planning
- Conceptualization

One Process – Two Plans



Parks and Recreation Master Plan

- Facilities – Indoor & Outdoor
- Parks & Trails
- Programming
- Service Delivery



Waterfront Plan

- 26km of St. Lawrence River shoreline, as per 2005 Waterfront Plan

- **10 year time horizon**
- **2 phase approach**
- **Achievable capital and operating plans**
- **Elevating the importance of public assets**
- **Harmonized consultation**

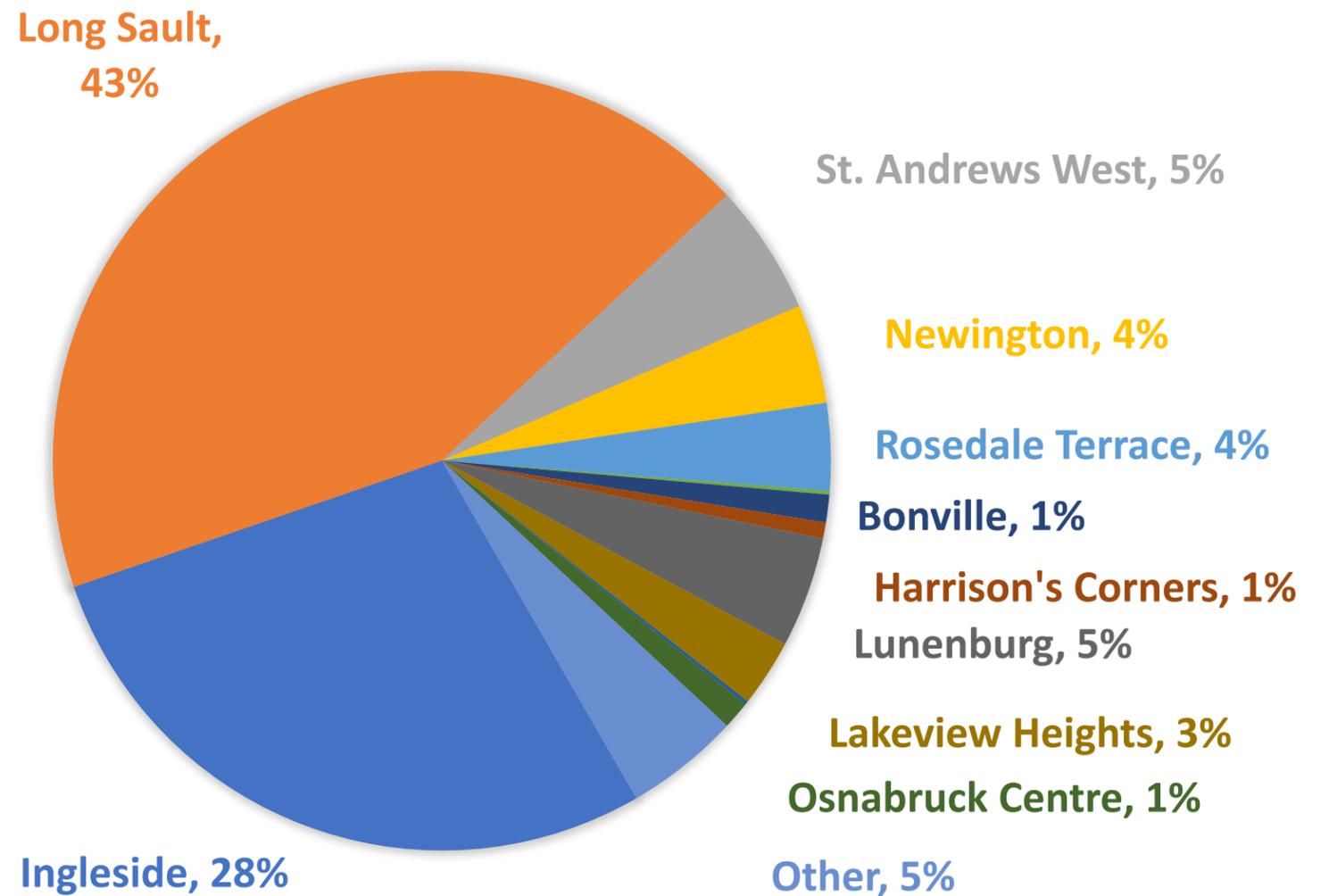
Who We Heard From



»» **618** responses to the public survey

»» **94%** of respondents are permanent residents

Which community do you live in or closest to:

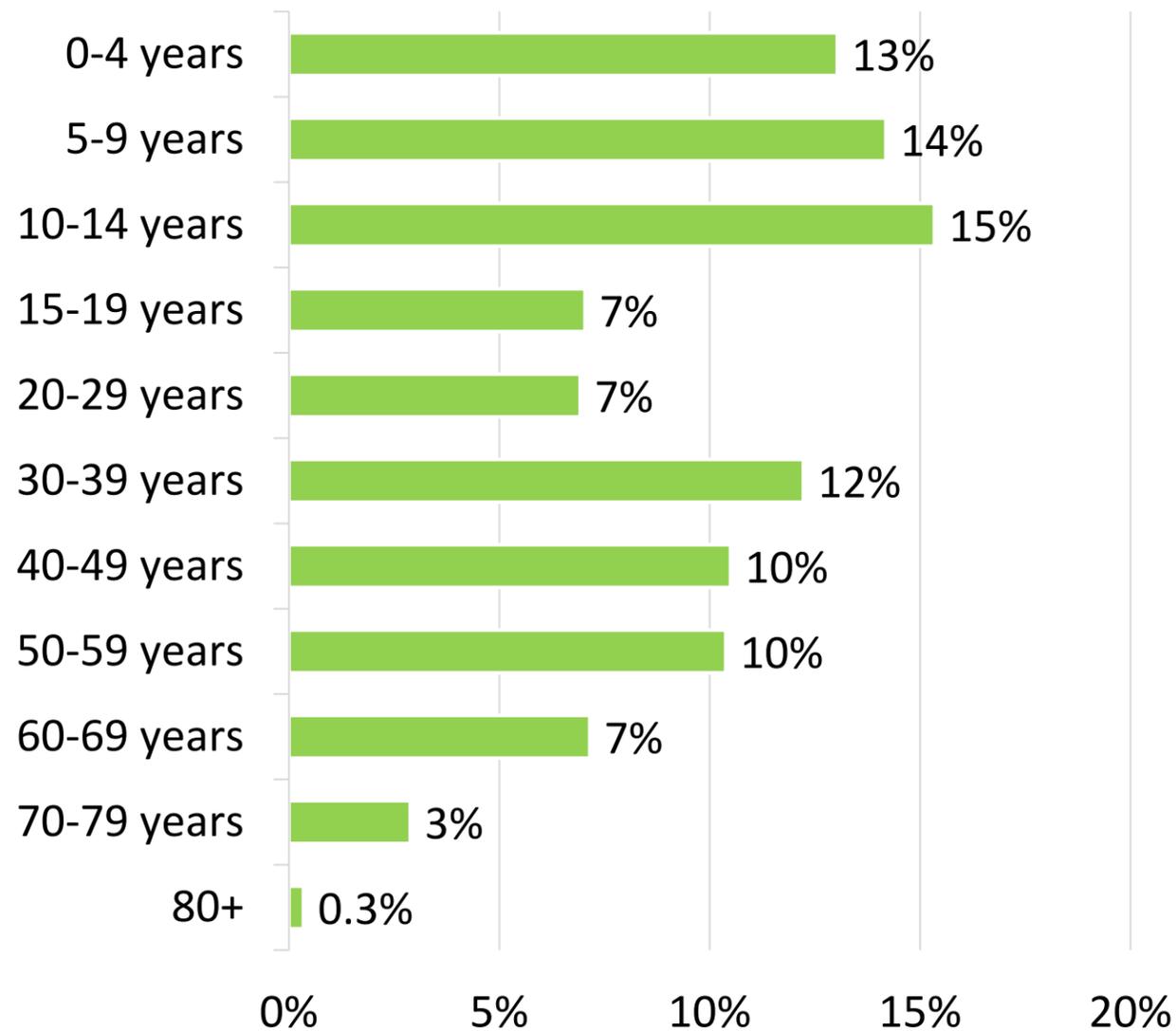


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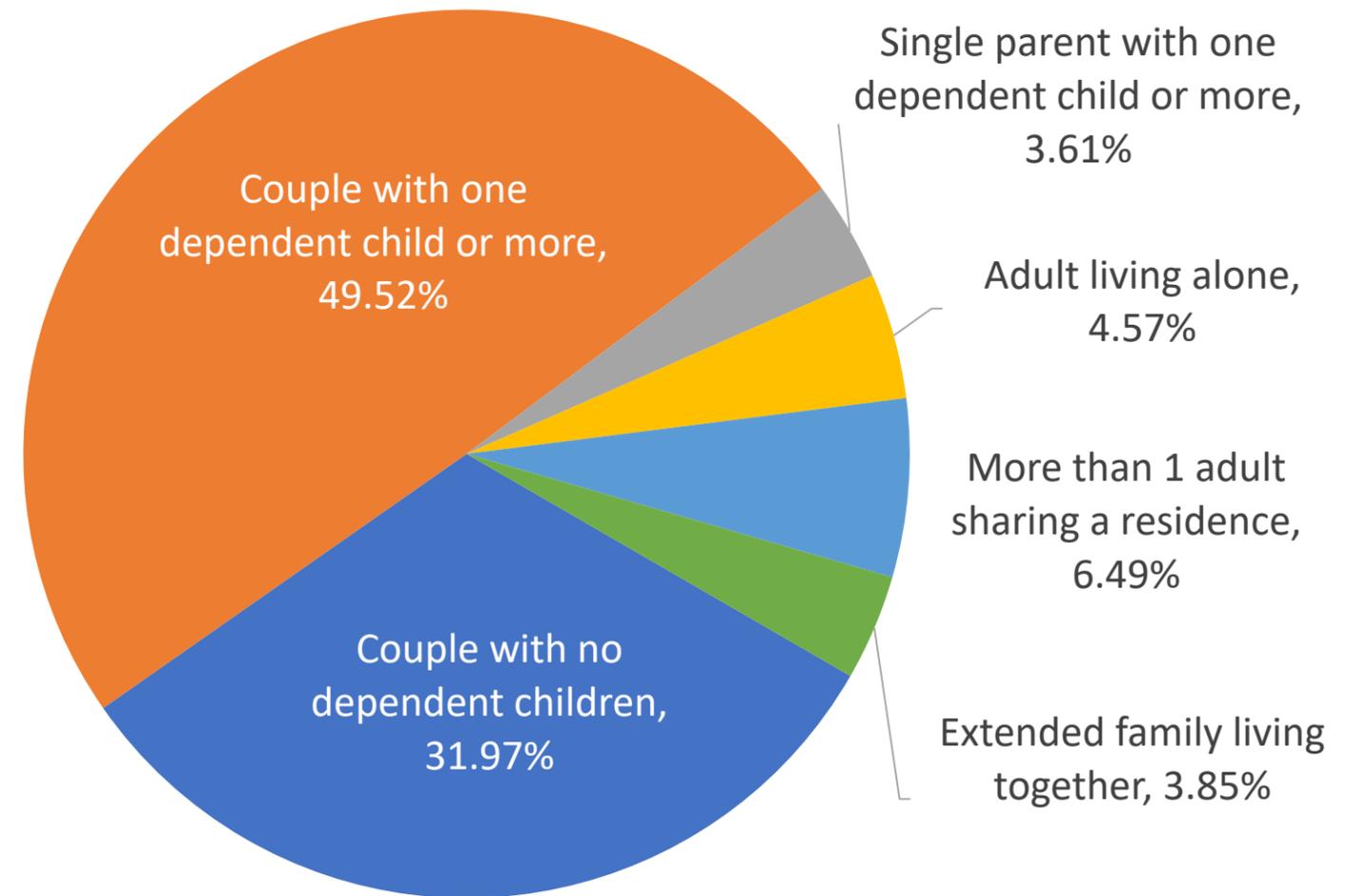


The majority of respondents represented the Township's younger families

Household Age Composition



What description best fits your household?



What We Heard

Common Themes:

Celebrate Existing Assets
Build on what is already in place and recent achievements



Service Delivery

Provide a variety of events and programs for all



Economic Development

Recreation facilities and events to attract visitors and tourists



Accessibility

Improve access to, and within facilities



Facilities Require Investment

Aging infrastructure, maintenance considerations



Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Project Overview & Scope



Parks and Recreation Master Plan to guide municipal planning in the sector over the next **10** years.

Indoor Facilities



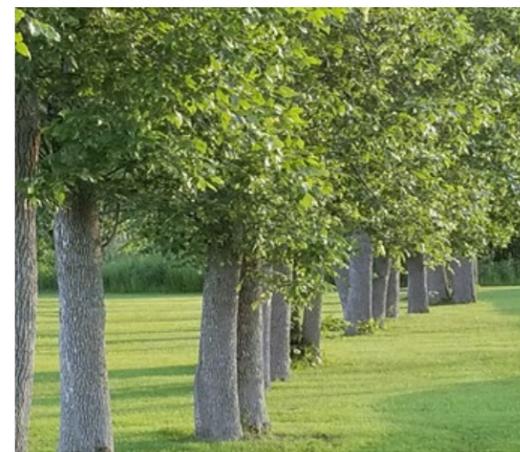
Arena
Community Hall
Meeting Rooms

Outdoor Facilities



Sports Fields
Sport Courts
Outdoor Rinks
Pool & Splash Pad
Playgrounds

Parks & Trails



Parkland
Trails
Open Space

Service Delivery & Programming



Programming
Partnerships
Staff Resources & Organization

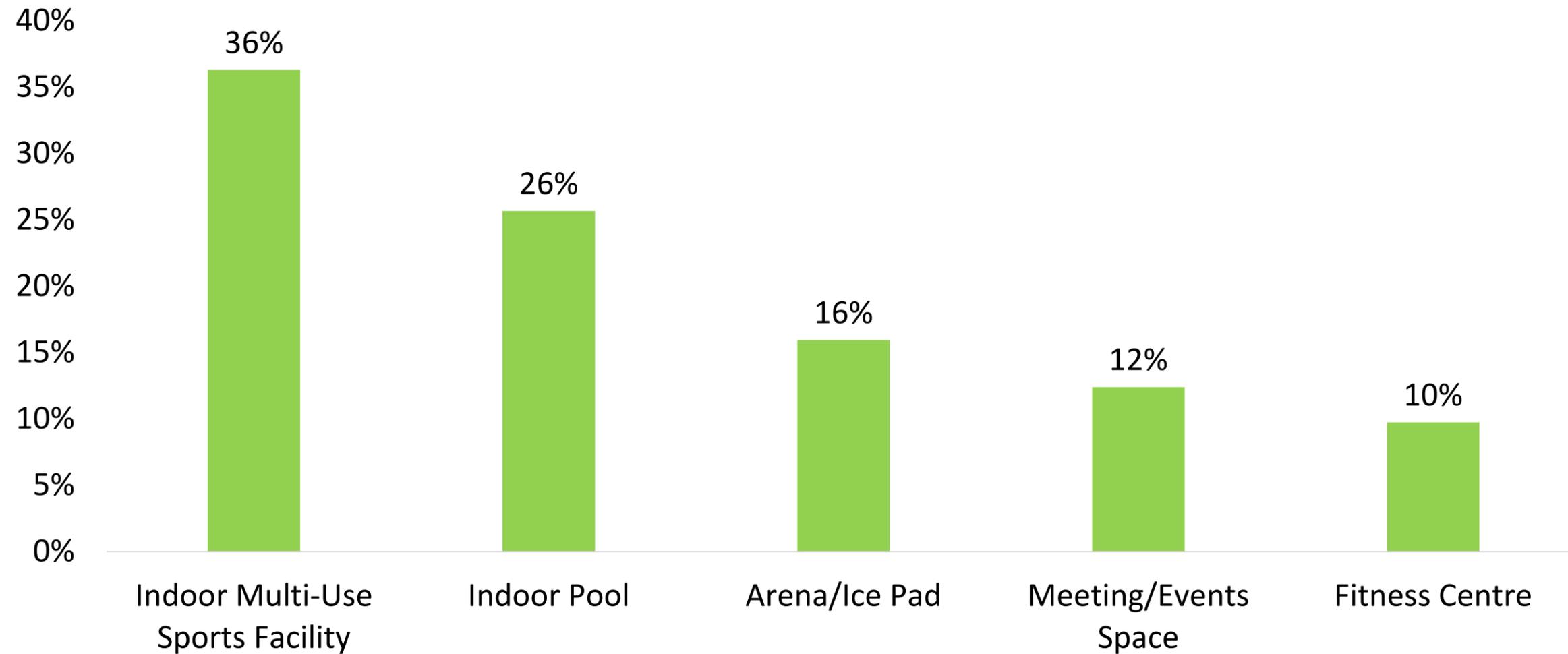
Indoor Facilities: What We Heard



77% of respondents use indoor facilities

39% of respondents felt that the Township needed additional indoor facilities

Priorities for Investment in Indoor Recreation Facilities



Indoor Facilities: Arena



Current Situation:

- 75% of survey respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the arena.
- Township has undertaken continuous general improvements to the arena since 2009 Plan to maintain it in good condition for use by the community.
- No immediate pressure on ice demand in region.



Master Plan Key Areas of Focus:

- No additional ice to be developed during plan period.
- Maintain current planning approach for arena – support continuous incremental improvements to building as required.
- Longer-term planning: Protect land base at Arena property for potential future modest expansion (multi-use dry amenities, community space).

 Township owned properties

Property at arena is constrained for major expansion.

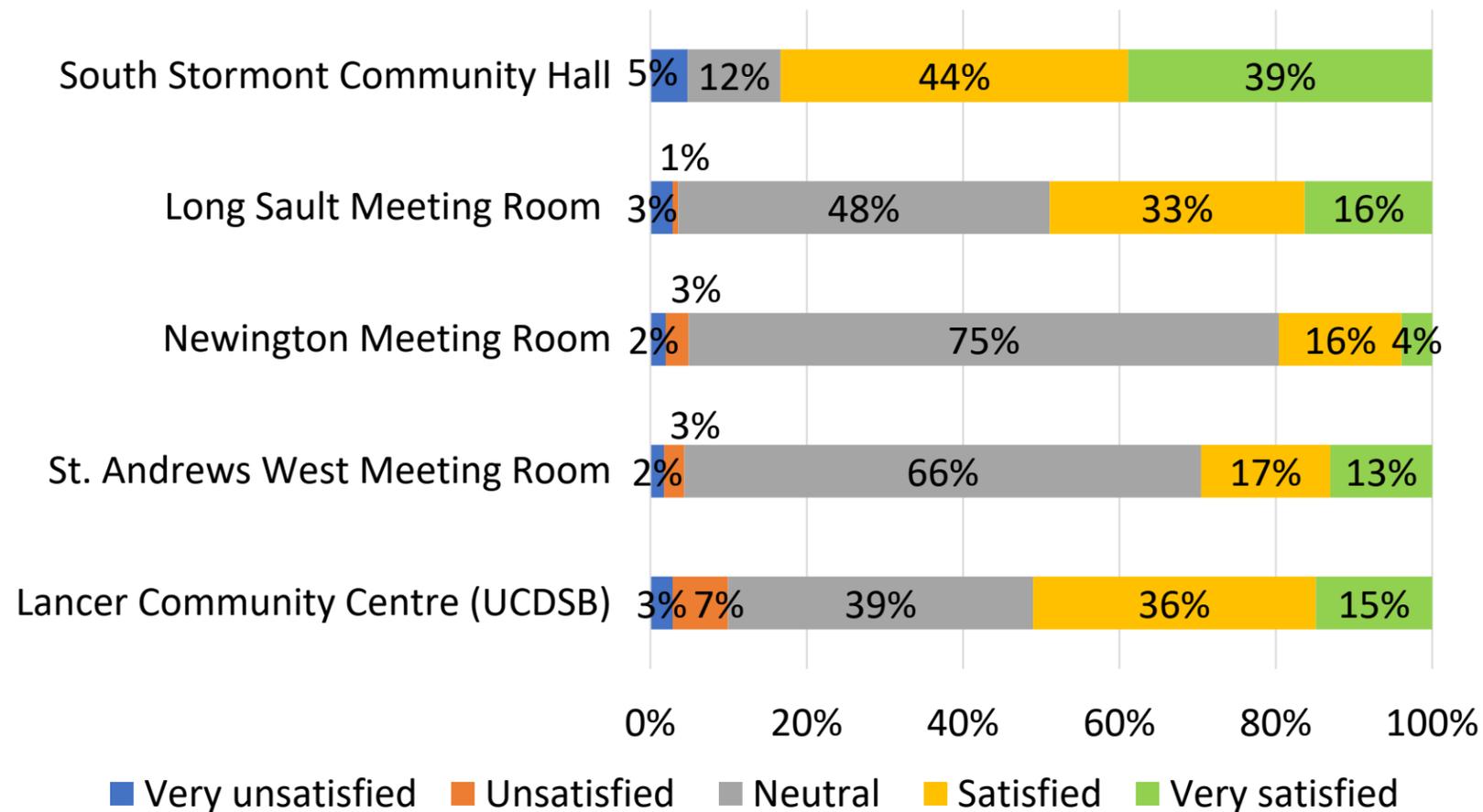
Indoor Facilities: Community Hall, Meeting Rooms, Lancer Centre



Current Situation:

- Township has undertaken general and accessibility improvements to these spaces in recent years.

How Satisfied are you with the quality of the indoor facilities?



Master Plan Key Areas of Focus:

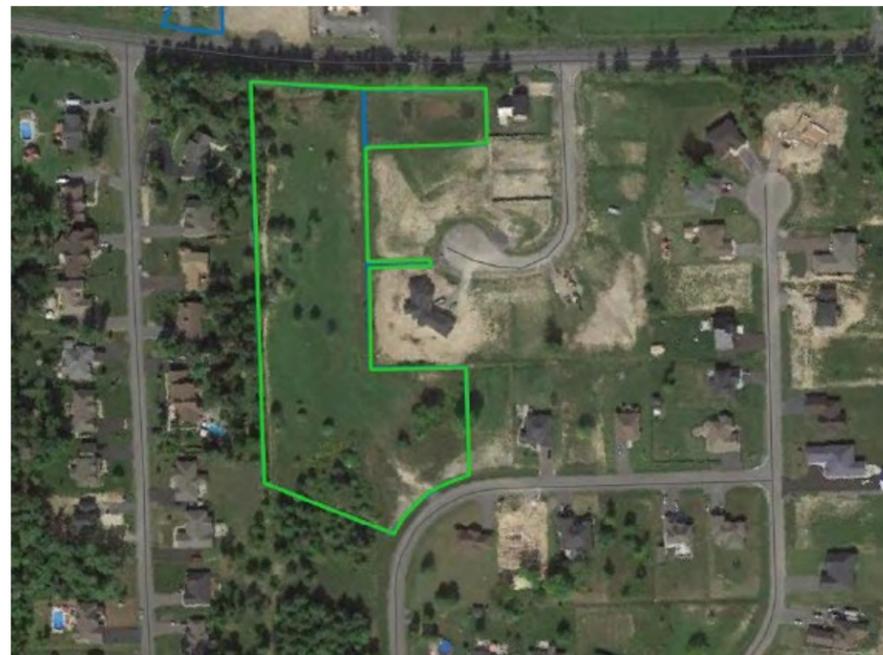
- Continue partnership with school board for priority use of Lancer Centre (hub for indoor recreation in Ingleside).
- Maintain community hall and meeting rooms in good condition for use by community.
- Improve use of meeting rooms through expanded program / workshop opportunities.

Parkland



Current Situation:

- Township has focused on developing the 3 Community Parks as hubs for recreation.
- New parkland is being acquired through residential development.



Future Park (Arrowhead Estates)

Master Plan Key Areas of Focus:

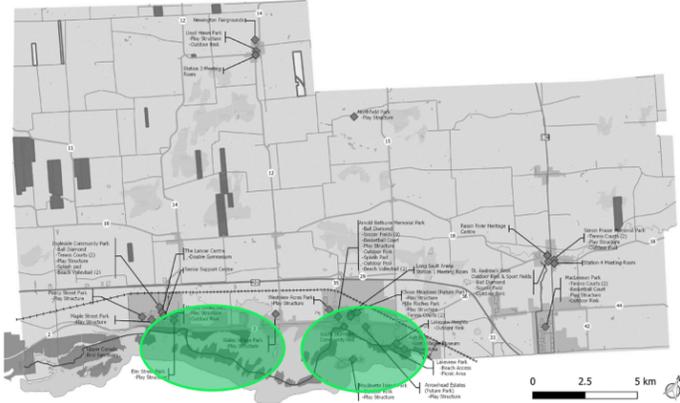
- Adopt a parkland classification to guide future investment.
- Continue investment in the 3 Community Parks as hubs for outdoor activities.
- Focus on investing in existing neighbourhood parks through prioritized renewal and replacement to address lifecycle requirements.
- The Plan will provide a strategy for investment in new/future parkland development.

Parkland Classification: Why is it important?



- Sets a standard of quality for each parkland class (size, amenities included, location, etc.).
- Proportionate access to parkland and open space for residents.
- Capital and operating expenses distributed across Township.

Regional Parks



Examples:

- Waterfront Parks

Community Parks



- Arnold Bethune Memorial Park
- Ingleside Community Park
- Simon Fraser Memorial Park

Neighbourhood Parks



- Westview Acres Park
- Maple Street Park
- MacLennan Park
- + Others

Outdoor Facilities: What We Heard

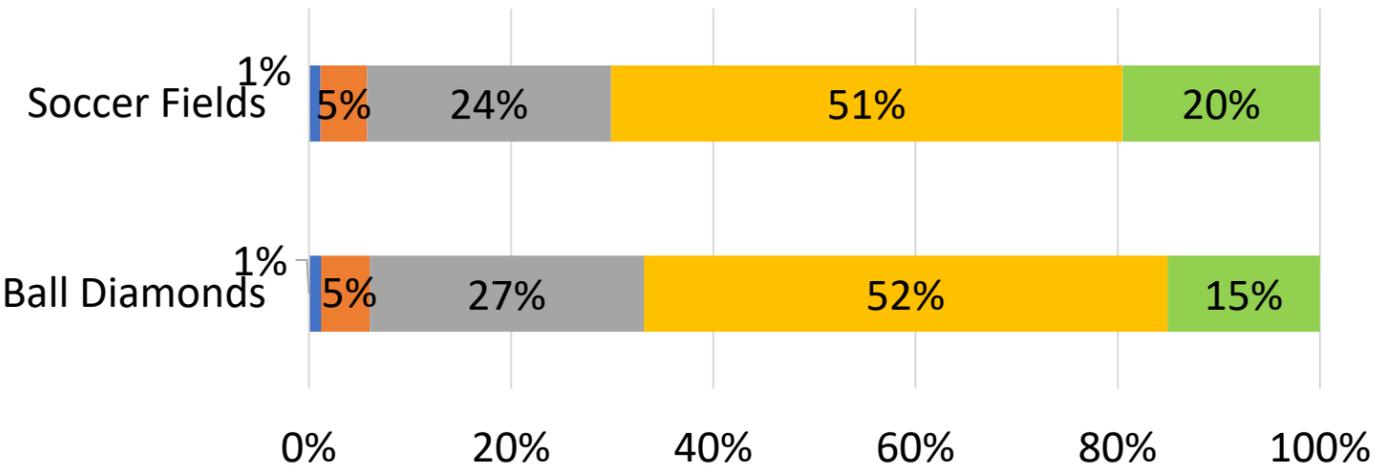


57% of respondents use outdoor facilities

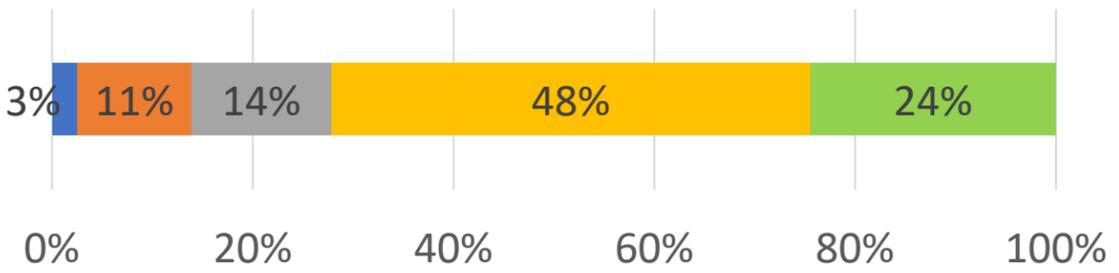


25% of respondents felt that the Township needed additional outdoor facilities

Sports Fields Satisfaction

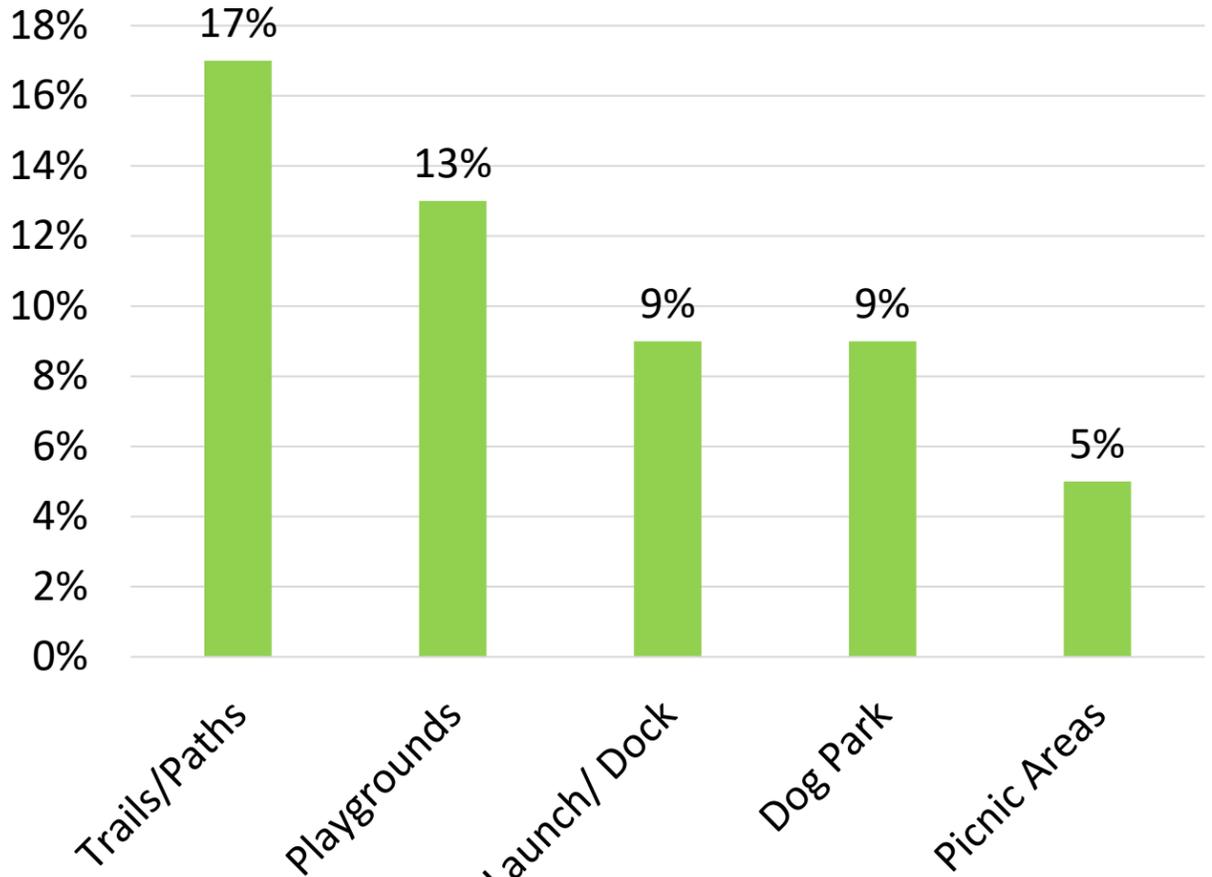


Playgrounds Satisfaction



■ Very Unsatisfied
 ■ Unsatisfied
 ■ Neutral
■ Satisfied
 ■ Very Satisfied

Priorities for Investment in Outdoor Facilities



Outdoor Facilities: Active Amenities



- Soccer fields
- Ball diamonds
- Tennis/pickleball courts
- Beach volleyball courts
- Basketball courts
- Outdoor rinks
- Outdoor pool
- Splash pads

Current Situation:

- Planning in 2009 led to major investment in active fields and developing 3 activity hubs.

Master Plan Key Areas of Focus:

- Build on success of previous planning.
- Maximize use of outdoor facilities focused in the 3 recreation hubs over the Plan period.
- Plan for renewal of active amenities at neighbourhood parks.



Outdoor Facilities: Playgrounds



Current Situation:

- 16 Township parks with playgrounds.
- Supply is supplemented by playgrounds provided in school properties.
- Good playground distribution based on 800m walking distance, with small gap in east end of Long Sault (Lakeview Heights).

Master Plan Key Areas of Focus:

- Address playground gap in Long Sault, as appropriate.
- Adopt a program of prioritized replacement through good Asset Management planning.
- Renew parks infrastructure based on changing recreation and demographic needs, best practice and industry trends, proximity to existing facilities, etc.



Outdoor Facilities: Off-Leash Dog Facilities



Current Situation:

- No existing off-leash dog facilities in Township.
- Dog parks are becoming increasingly popular in both the urban and rural context.

Master Plan Key Areas of Focus:

- Plan for the development of off-leash dog park(s) / area(s).
- E.g. Dog park at waterfront, naturalized off-leash area.
- Complementary to SLPC recreation uses.

2 types of off-leash dog facilities:

Type 1: Off-Leash Dog Park



Type 2: Off-Leash Natural Area / Trail



Outdoor Facilities: Waterfront



Current Situation:

- Waterfront lands largely undeveloped within Township.
- Collaboration with SLPC required to resolve land issues associated with waterfront development to provide a basis for Township to invest in infrastructure and programs efficiently.

Master Plan Key Areas of Focus:

- The Waterfront Plan is the essential driver to create renewed partnership with SLPC, other agencies and landowners for effective development of the assets and maximize the value of the waterfront for public use.



Trail Network



Current Situation:

- 2 trails within Township:
 - Great Lakes Waterfront Trail (SLPC)
 - South Stormont Recreational Trail (Township)
- Township has employed effective common signage as part of 2012 strategy.



Master Plan Key Areas of Focus:

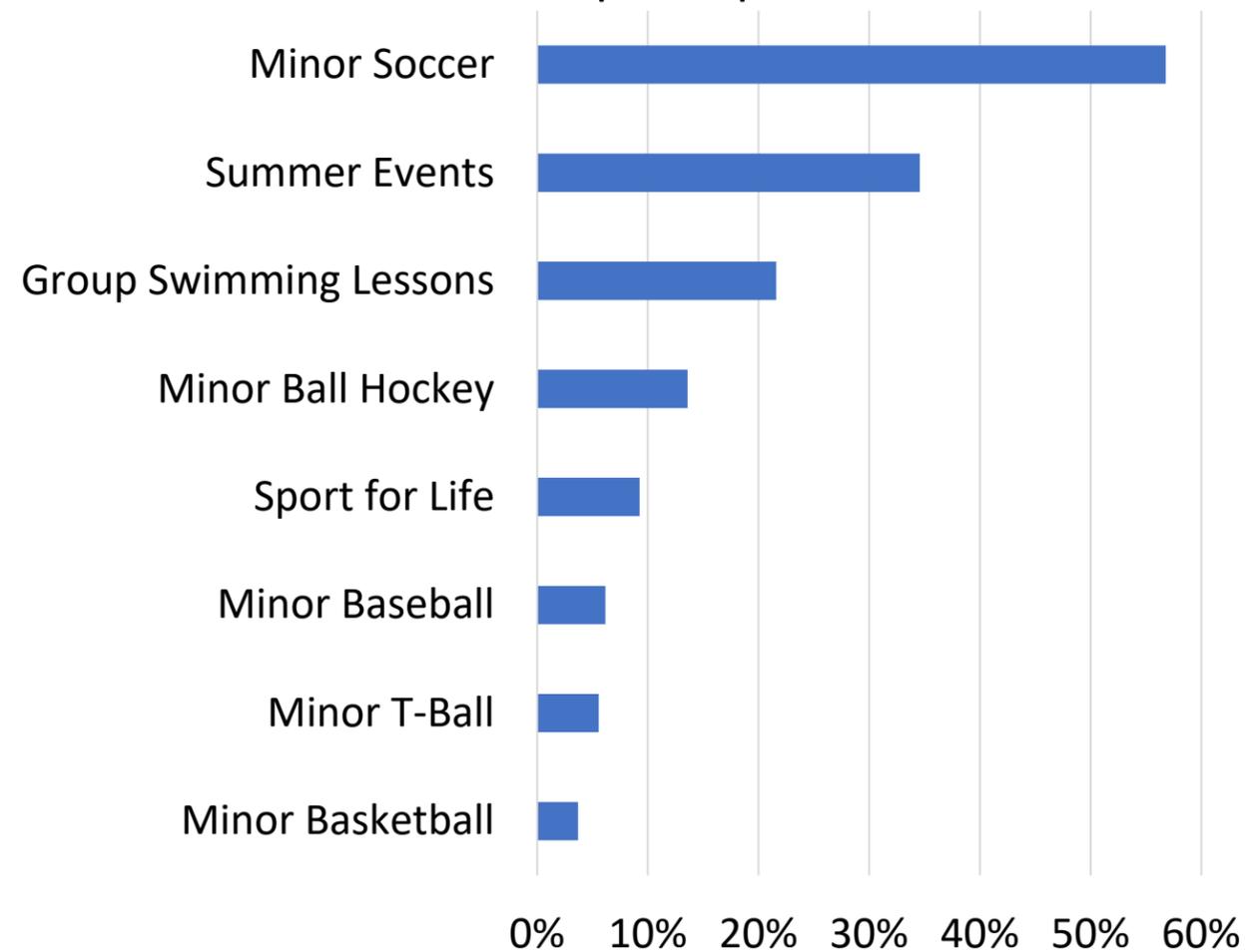
- Local connections (on-road/off-road) within the 3 hubs.
- Identify important connections within the broader trail network.
- Priority for implementation of the dedicated multi-use pathway along County Road 2 (between Ingleside and Long Sault).
- Further develop / implement a consistent signage and wayfinding suite for parks, trails and facilities.

Programming: What We Heard

➤➤ **50%** of respondents have participated in Township-run programs in past 12 months.

➤➤ **15%** of respondents felt that additional programs were needed.

Which type of recreation programs run by South Stormont did you and/or a family members participate in?



Program Ideas from Respondents:

- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Crafting
- Woodworking
- Book Club
- Coding / Tech
- Dance
- Adult Fitness
- On-water programs (fishing, sailing, paddle boarding)

Programming: Recreation & Culture



Current Situation:

- Township has continued to improve the program offer to residents:
 - Minor sports programs
 - Summer events
 - Swimming lessons, classes
- 85% of survey respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the recreation programs offered by the Township.

Master Plan Key Areas of Focus:

- Expanded program suite to address the needs of a variety of groups (e.g. seniors, youth, adults, etc.) through tracking trends and best practice.
- Culture is seen as regional in nature - opportunity to work with partners to improve localized programming and events related to culture and heritage.
- Township may need to promote cultural programs and take the lead by providing direct programming.

Service Delivery

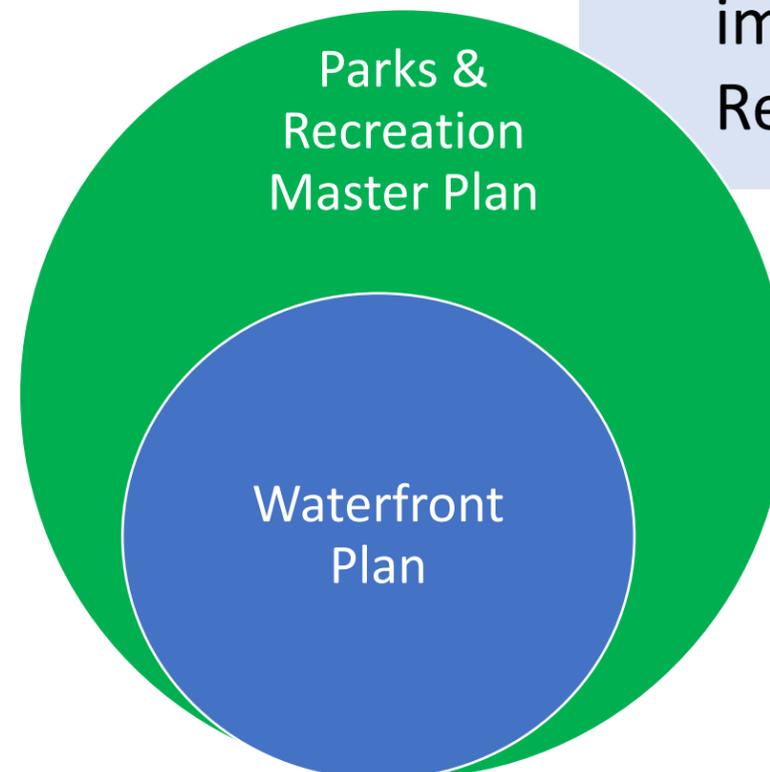


Current Situation:

- Township has expanded the suite of programs offered.
- Expanded portfolio of recreation and cultural assets since 2009:
 - Splash pads, washroom facility
 - 5 cemeteries
 - Lost Villages Museum
 - Community Hall
 - Waterfront parks (as developed in future)

Master Plan Key Areas of Focus:

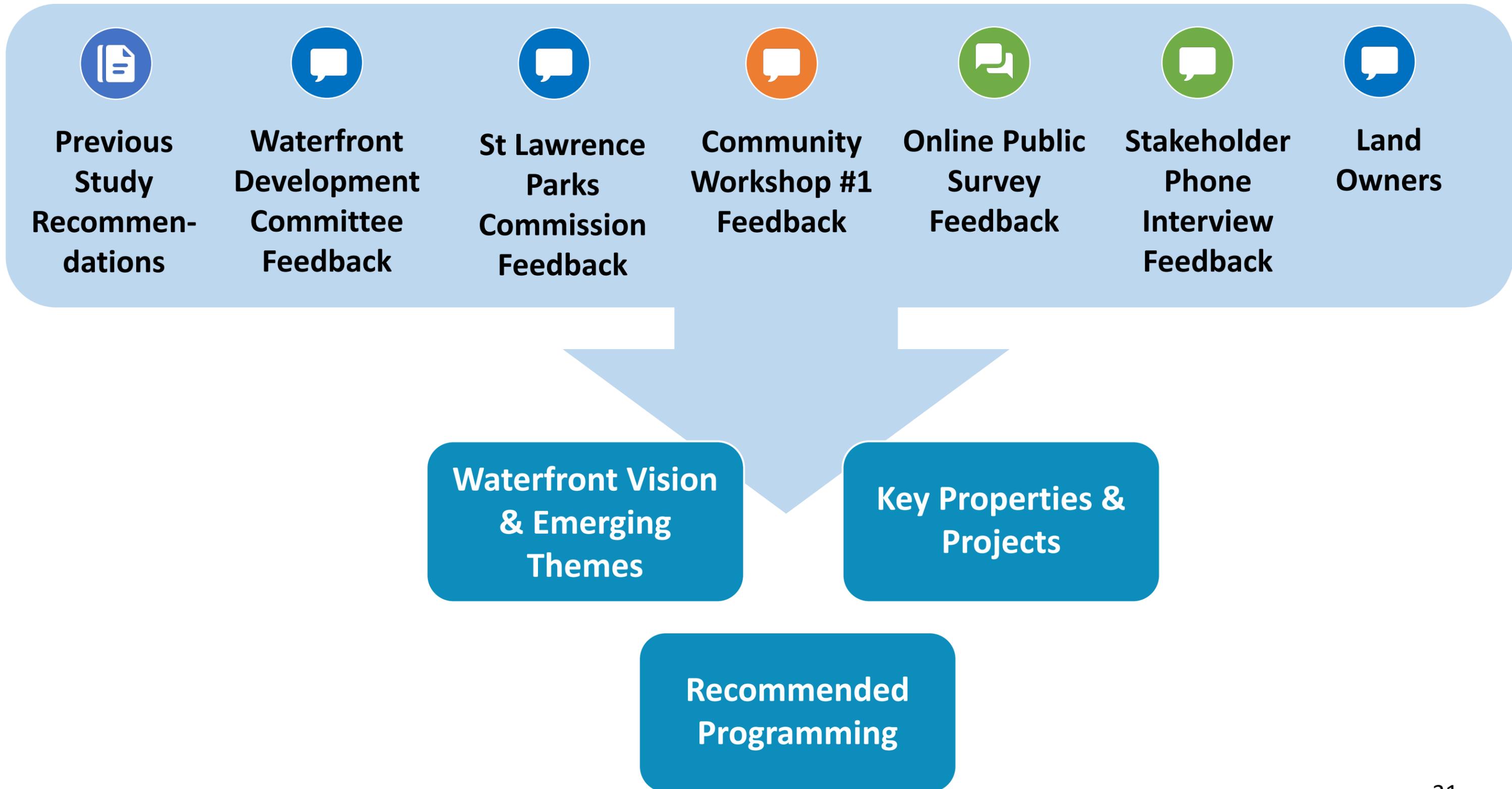
- Resource implications related to:
 - Programming
 - Operations & maintenance
- Partnerships to enhance service levels and leverage public funds.
- Operating impacts from Waterfront Plan – implemented through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.





Waterfront Plan

Feedback Sources and Outcome



Key Properties & Projects

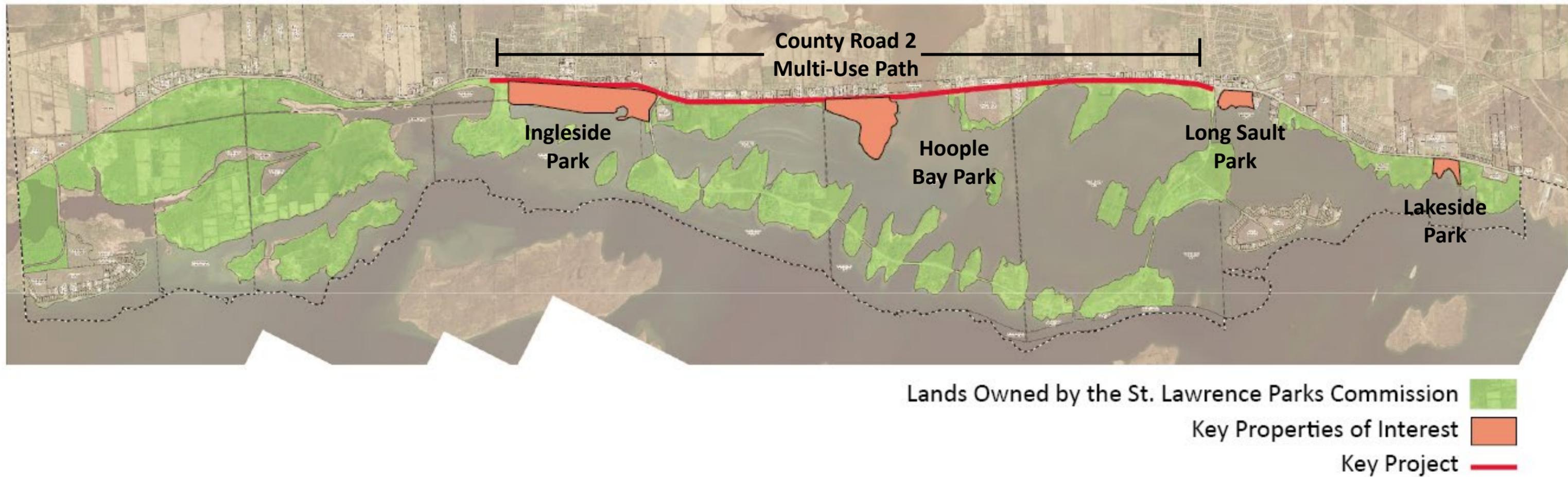


Lands Owned by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission 

South Stormont's waterfront is a massive land holding owned primarily by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

The Commission is open to proposals for use of waterfront lands for the benefit of people visiting and living in South Stormont. To assist in discussions and decision-making the Commission needs details on what it is that the community wants, and which properties are of interest.

Key Properties & Projects



Feedback and input collected from the Community and Stakeholders has provided guidance on what is wanted on the waterfront and which properties and projects will be important.

The Waterfront Plan, when complete, will be the tool used to move forward with discussions with the Commission. It will include details on the Key Properties and Projects that are envisioned to transform South Stormont's waterfront areas.

Key Properties & Projects



Please note, although there are general, site-wide improvements proposed, such as, improved maintenance of the Waterfront Trail and more way-finding signage, the focus of this presentation is on the Key Properties and Projects.

The Community also wants **Site-Wide Improvements** such as...



Improved Maintenance



More Shade Trees



Way-Finding Signage



Seating Opportunities



Trail Connectivity



Cycling & Pedestrian Rest Stops

Key Properties & Projects



Details on the Key Properties and Projects have been developed over the last several months in conjunction with the Waterfront Development Committee and Council. The details are shown as **Conceptual Demonstration Plans only** which are a representation of the spatial arrangement of proposed amenities.

The Demonstration Plans will be used to advance discussions with the land owner; the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. It is understood that the Plans represent what the Community wants for its waterfront area – that is why we need to hear what you think.



Conceptual Demonstration Plans are available on the Township's website for downloading and viewing in larger format.

Key Properties & Projects



Through the study process, Four Key Properties & One Key Project was identified. They are:



The team created character profiles for each of the properties to assist in organizing all the waterfront improvements and amenities desired by the community.



The Big Idea

Ingleside Park is envisioned as a **family oriented, community node** that is anchored by a waterfront centre building and focused around a central spine of flexible and seasonal 'market-style' structures.

The Key Big Moves of the Concept Demonstration Plan include:

- New traffic round-about at the County Road 2/14 intersection;
- New central park drive with parking;
- Network of trails and waterfront boardwalk;
- Roadside Landmark features;
- Gathering areas;
- Flexible open lawn areas; and
- A canoe and kayak put-in area and storage.

Please note that the potential redevelopment of the commercial area on the north side of County Road 2 was explored to locate possible crosswalks on County Road 2.



Ingleside Waterfront Park Conceptual Demonstration Plan



Preliminary Recommended Park Program



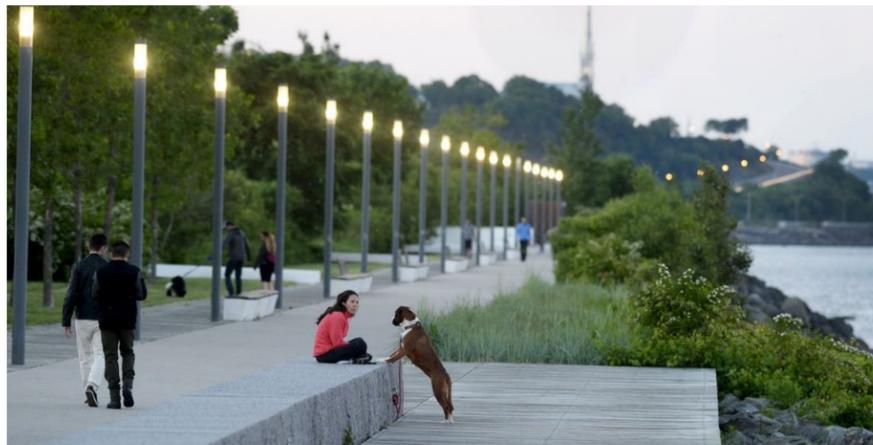
Waterfront Centre / Community Building



Seasonal Market Area



Faux Beach



Waterfront Walk



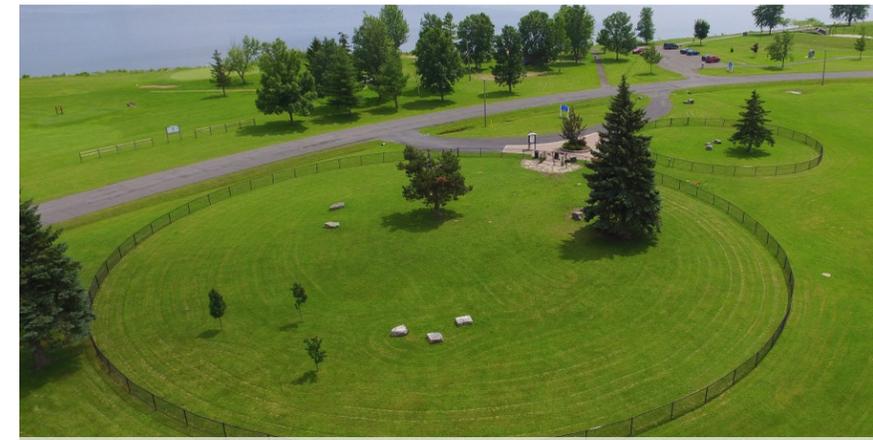
Picnic Areas



Kayak and Canoe Launch



Roadside Tourism Opportunity



Dog Off-leash Area



Play Areas



Ingleside Waterfront Park Conceptual Demonstration Plan

Township of South Stormont Waterfront Master Plan

Ingleside Concept Demonstration Plan



Legend

- 01 Waterfront Centre
- 02 Seasonal Market Building
- 03 Picnic Area
- 04 Promenade Plaza
- 05 Roadside Tourism Opportunity
- 06 Faux Beach
- 07 Terraced Seating
- 08 Gathering Circle
- 09 New Crosswalks
- 10 Canoe/Kayak Put-in, Storage and Parking
- 11 Boardwalk
- 12 Parking Area
- 13 Potential Future Development
- 14 Highway 2 Multi-use Path
- 15 New Multi-use Path
- 16 Existing Waterfront Trail
- 17 Naturalization/Reforestation Area
- 18 Open Lawn Area
- 19 New Highway 2 Round-about
- 20 Public Art
- 21 Existing Sewage Pump Station



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The Big Idea

Long Sault Park is envisioned to become a destination on South Stormont's waterfront for **year-round community events and outdoor recreation**. The park will facilitate both motorized and non-motorized boating and become a focus for water recreation in South Stormont.

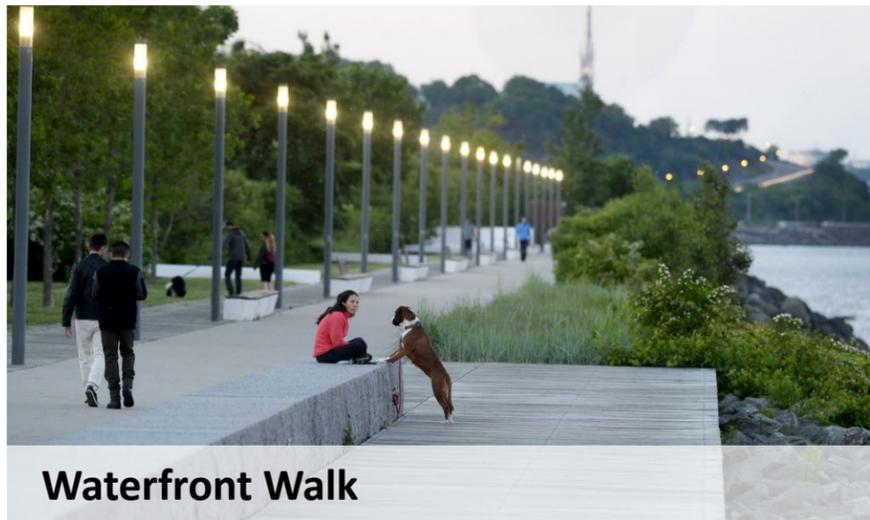
The Key Big Moves of the Concept Demonstration Plan include:

- New south bound entry drive at the traffic circle;
- Amenity node with event infrastructure, plaza space and washrooms;
- Public boat launch;
- New central park drive with parking;
- Network of trails and waterfront boardwalk;
- Waterfront Focused Gathering areas; and
- Flexible open lawn areas.

Long Sault Waterfront Park Demonstration Plan



Preliminary Recommended Park Program



Township of South Stormont Waterfront Master Plan

Long Sault Concept Demonstration Plan



Legend

- 01 Central Gathering Area
- 02 Waterfront Walk
- 03 Picnic Area
- 04 Community Gardens
- 05 Play Area
- 06 Public Boat Launch
- 07 Faux Beach
- 08 Waterfront Seating
- 09 Outdoor Fire Pits
- 10 Sand Volleyball Courts
- 11 Off-leash Area
- 12 Park Amenity Building
- 13 Community Central Gathering Area
- 14 Parking Area
- 15 Waterfront Pavilion
- 16 Waterfront Steps



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The Big Idea

Lakeview Park will provide a **quiet retreat** along South Stormont's waterfront for swimming and picnicking and will provide a rest-stop, with amenities, along the Waterfront Trail.

The Key Big Moves of the Concept Demonstration Plan include:

- Formalization of parking;
- Improvements to the beach area;
- Refurbished washroom facility;
- Promenade and waterfront pavilion;
- Accessible pathways;
- Picnic Areas; and
- Optional play areas (spray pad and/or dry play area).

Lakeview Park Demonstration Plan

Preliminary Recommended Park Program



Promenade & Lookout Area



Waterfront Boardwalk



Waterfront Playground & Splash Pad



Improved Beach Conditions



Accessible Beach Mat



Floating Pier & Waterfront Access Point



Flexible Parking Area



Volleyball Courts



Picnic Area



Township of South Stormont Waterfront Master Plan

Lakeview Concept Demonstration Plan



Legend

- 01 Playground (Optional)
- 02 Splash Pad (Optional)
- 03 Waterfront Walk
- 04 Avonmore Promenade
- 05 Waterfront Pavilion
- 06 Parking Area
- 07 Picnic Area
- 08 Refurbished Washroom Building
- 09 Improved Beach Conditions
- 10 Sand Volleyball Court
- 11 Improved Heritage Plaque Area
- 12 Lookout Area
- 13 Existing Multi-use Path



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The Big Idea

Hoople Bay Park will provide a destination along South Stormont's waterfront that will have an environmental focus for **anglers, cyclists and nature lovers**. The informal, natural state of this park can provide opportunities for multi-season outdoor learning and environmental interpretation.

The Key Big Moves of the Concept Demonstration Plan include:

- Formalization of a park driveway and parking for vehicles and trailers;
- Boat launch for both motorized and non-motorized watercraft;
- Outdoor educational area;
- Walking trails with environmental interpretation opportunities;
- Picnic Areas; and
- Fish cleaning station.

Hoople Bay Park Demonstration Plan



Preliminary Recommended Park Program



Boardwalk



Picnic Area



Cycling Station



Boat Launch



Fishing Amenities (Cleaning Station)



Kayak and Canoe Launch



Ice Fishing Derby



Outdoor Classroom



Walking Trails



Hoople Bay Park Demonstration Plan



Township of South Stormont Waterfront Master Plan

Hoople Bay Concept Demonstration Plan



Legend

- 01 Multi-use Trail South of Highway 2
- 02 Cycling Rest Stop
- 03 Boat Launch
- 04 Canoe / Kayak Put-in
- 05 Parking Area
- 06 Boat Trailer Parking
- 07 Picnic Area
- 08 Washroom Building and Educational Kiosk
- 09 Boardwalk
- 10 Walking Trails
- 11 Fish-Cleaning Station
- 12 Access Drive



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County Road 2 – Multi-Use Path

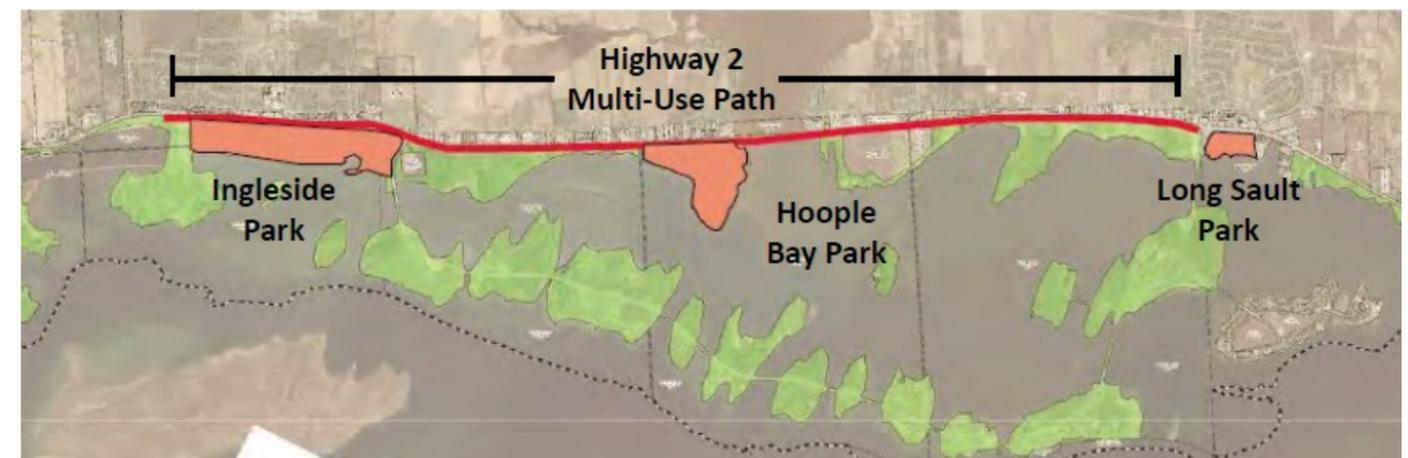


The Big Idea

A new 9km long, multi-use path is proposed on the south side of County Road 2 linking Farran Park on the west to Long Sault to the east. This multi-use path would provide an important **east-west active transportation corridor**, improving village linkages to existing and new waterfront facilities, in all seasons.

The Key Big Moves of the County Road 2 Multi-Use Path Project include:

- Off-road, wide (4-5m) mixed-use multi-use path paralleling County Road 2;
- Strategically located new road crossings;
- Linkages to the Waterfront Trail;
- Wayfinding signage;
- Improved security due to proximity to County Road 2; and
- Rest stops.





County Road 2 – Multi-Use Path



South of County Road 2 at Ingleside



This is a graphic rendering of what this section of Multi-use Path may look like. Actual Path will be subject to approval and detailed design.



County Road 2 – Multi-Use Path



Pinch point at Hoople Bay



This is a graphic rendering of what this section of Multi-use Path may look like. Actual Path will be subject to approval and detailed design.



County Road 2 – Multi-Use Path



Grade Challenges at Roadside



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Implementation

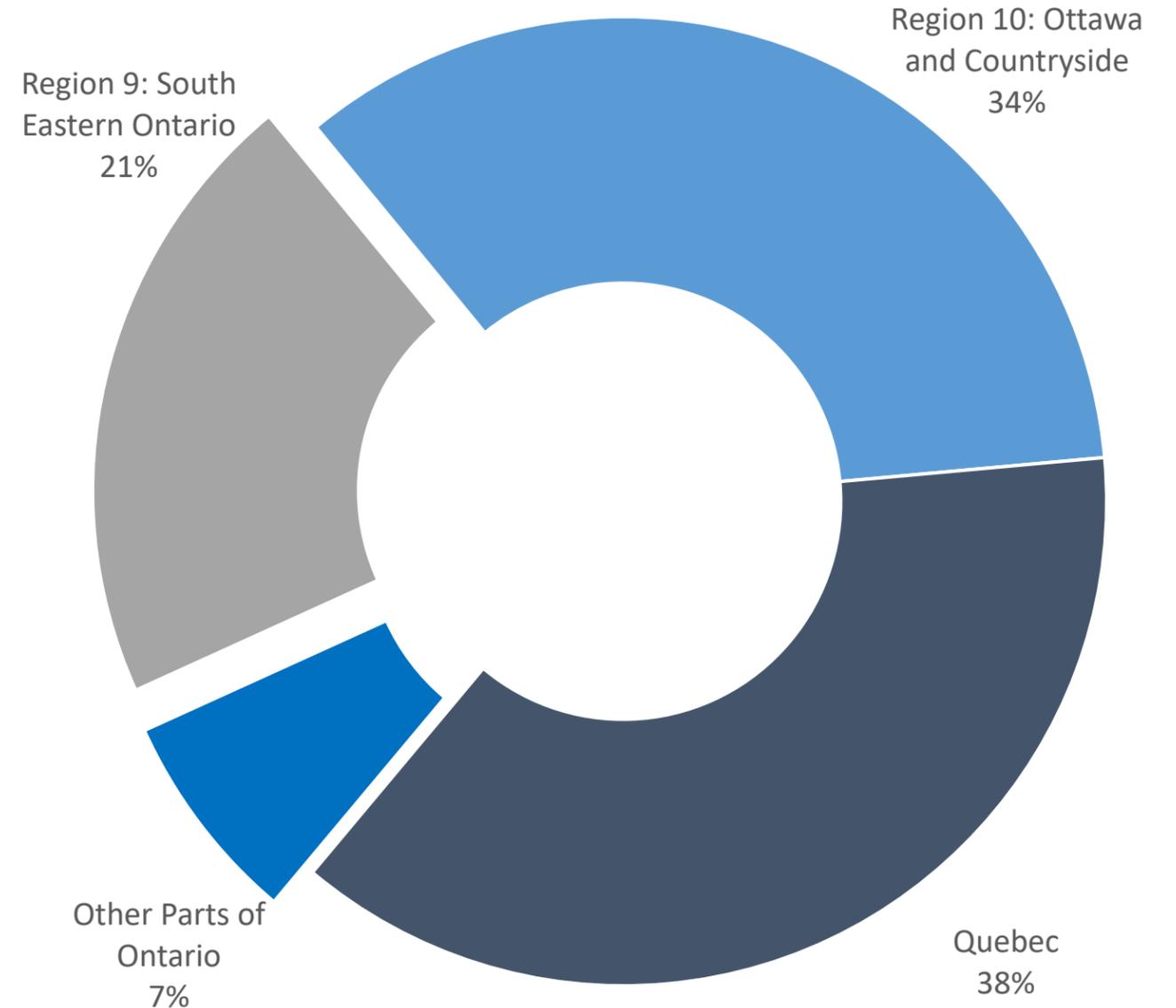
- Please note, that implementation of the Demonstration Plans will be subject to approvals, detailed design, phasing and funding availability and may take many years to complete.
- Improvements will likely require phasing of build-out as funds become available.
- Plans to be designed to be incrementally growable and allow flexibility to respond to changes.
- Be open to trying temporary situations to test success and support.



Regionality

- The nature of proposed waterfront enhancements in both Long Sault and Ingleside have significant tourism benefits.
- Accordingly capital investment as well as the approach to programming and operations is regional in nature.
- Regional tourism potential will support the use for upper level government grant support.

Person Visits to UCSDG based on Visitor Origin (2016)



Implementation

- Implementation of these signature projects will still require municipal parks operations control - and associated costs.
- The operating costs associated with these need full understanding and quantification in due course as phased build-out occurs.
- Doing more with less has very real limits and can minimise the impact of these projects.
- It will fall to the recreation and parks master plan to resource the operation and maintenance of these waterfront assets. Accordingly these two plans become one for purposes of resource needs.



Project Next Steps



June - August 2019

August - December 2019

January – June 2020



Phase 1:
Situational
Analysis



WE ARE HERE



- Develop Directions
- **Community & Stakeholder Consultation (May 2020)**
- Draft Plans
- Presentation to Committee / Council
- Plan Finalization



What is Next?

We would like to hear about what you think.

Please click the link to the feedback form, located below the video, to provide your comments.

If you require assistance, please contact the Township of South Stormont:

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Thank you!