



Recreation Advisory Committee's Project Priority Open House and Online Survey Results

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Township of East Zorra-Tavistock's Recreation Advisory Committee was established by Council, to advise and make recommendations to Council on matters related to East Zorra-Tavistock's parks, trails, green space, and recreational facilities.

The Recreation Advisory Committee is comprised of nine members which includes six members of the public representing various communities (2 members of each from Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 3), and three members of Council.

PROJECT PRIORITY SETTING

As part of the Recreation Advisory Committee's effort to bring forward a list of recommendations to Council, while capturing the voices of residents across East Zorra-Tavistock, the project priority setting open houses and online survey were launched.

Participants were asked to rank 16 project priorities from most to least important for them. All the project priorities that were available for participants to rank were brought forward to the Recreation Advisory Committee over the last 18 months through delegation or correspondence to the Committee.

In the Appendix of this document, a full detailed breakdown of the online survey, survey comments, each open house, and the overall combined data is available for review.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ONLINE SURVEY

As part of our public engagement, an online survey was conducted over nine weeks. The aim of our survey was to engage with residents, and allow them to rank what recreation projects were important to them, as well as provide additional comments.

OPEN HOUSES

As part of our community engagement, we also hosted two public open houses, encouraging input and involvement from residents across our different areas.



Session 1:

Tuesday August 13, 2024 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
at the Tavistock Memorial Hall

Session 2:

Thursday August 15, 2024 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
at the Innerkip Community Centre

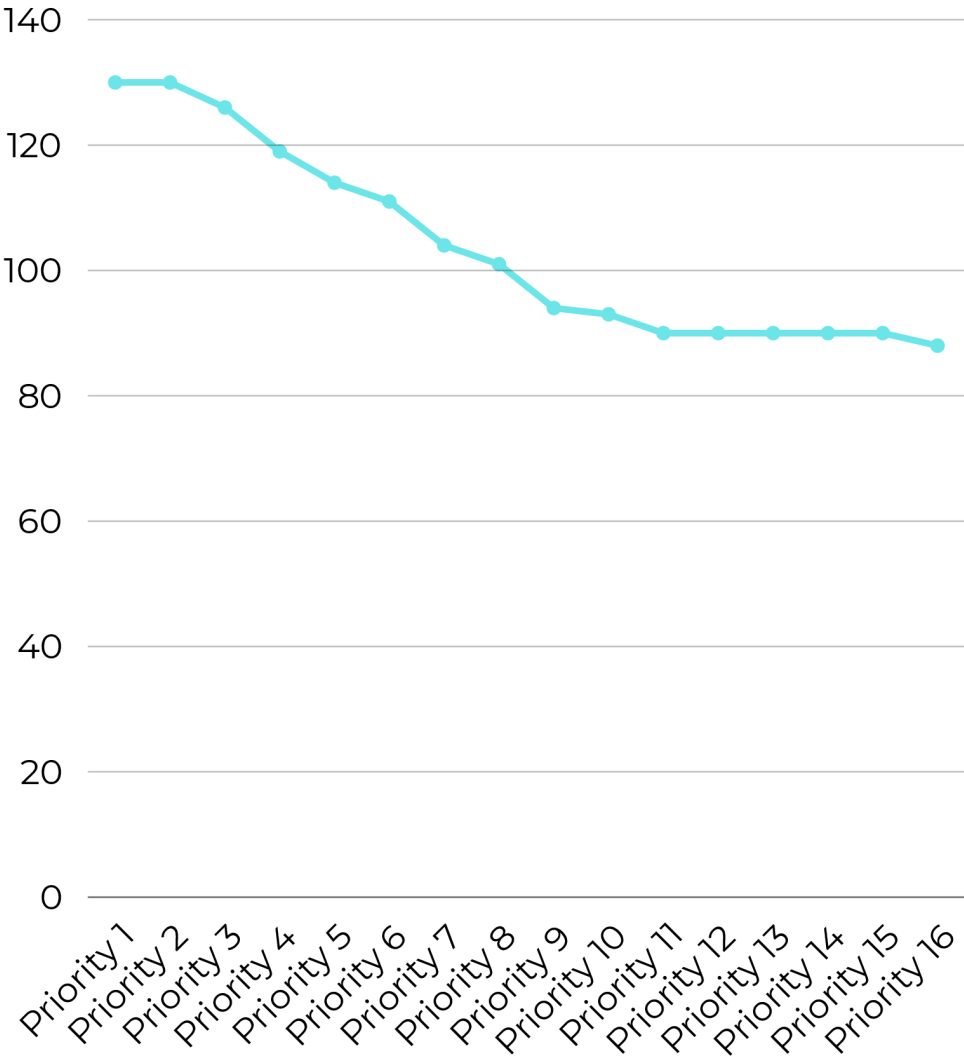
At each open house, participants were each given 16 cards, with numbers 1 through 16. Participants were asked to rank each potential project priority in order of most to least important to them. Through the open house, participants learned more about the 16 projects and were able to have conversations and ask questions with staff, Council and the Recreation Advisory Committee.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

ONLINE SURVEY

While analyzing the data collected from the online survey, it was noted that 130 participants chose to take part in the survey. However, only rankings 1 and 2 were completed for all 130 participants. After completing their 1st and 2nd rankings the participants rate of completion declined.

By rank 16, only 88 participants had ranked all 16 project priorities. Of the 88 that completed all 16 project priorities, 22 participants ranked the Hickson Trail Tree Carving as priority 16.



INFORMATION OF INTEREST

OPEN HOUSES

Through the open houses, we were able to capture the diverse voices and perspectives of each participant, shaping the project priority rankings. Each of the rankings of the 16 project priorities were tallied and weighted based on the total number of participants in each priority.

While analyzing the data collected from the open houses it was noted that a total of 48 participants attended the two open houses. There were 20 participants in Innerkip, and 28 in Tavistock.

Those who attended the Tavistock open house voted for the Multi-Use Recreation Center with both the most votes in the 1st and 2nd categories, giving it the overall 1st ranking. Outdoor Multi-Use Courts received the 2nd overall ranking, and a Multi-Use Field received the overall 3rd ranking.

Those who attended the Innerkip open house voted for the Multi-Use Recreation Center with both the most votes in the 2nd and 3rd categories, and it received the highest average overall ranking. The Innerkip Spray Pad received the most 1st place votes, and the 4th ranking respectively. Township Run Programming received the 2nd overall ranking, and Outdoor Skating Area Improvements received the 3rd overall ranking.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

OPEN HOUSE - ADDITIONAL IDEAS

In addition to the 16 recreation project priorities, we asked those who were in attendance at our open houses to add additional ideas that they felt may have been missed or that they had not previously brought to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

These included:

- Misting Station
 - Water Bottle Filling Stations
 - Website Advertising Events and Activities
 - Pickle Ball Courts
 - Pavilion Curtains
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SURVEY COMMENTS

Those who completed the online survey were asked if they had any additional comments or feedback that they wanted to provide.

These comments are included in their entirety as part of the Appendix. Recurring themes from the comments provided refer to the project priorities below:

- Seniors Programming
- Innerkip Spray Pad
- Outdoor Courts
- Multi-Use Recreation Center

OVERALL RANKINGS

The feedback received from our community members has been truly invaluable. Below, we have provided an overall ranking of the 16 recreation project priorities. This overall ranking combines both the data collected at the open houses and through the online survey.

- 01 Multi-Use Recreation Center
- 02 Outdoor Multi-Use Courts
- 03 More Trails
- 04 Township Recreation Programming
- 05 Multi-Use Fields
- 06 Trail Improvements
- 07 Innerkip Spray Pad
- 08 Outdoor Skating Improvement

OVERALL RANKINGS CONTINUED

- 09 Passive Greenspace
- 10 Dog Park
- 11 Pave Trails
- 12 Innerkip Canoe Launch
- 13 Innerkip Lions Pavilion Upgrade
- 14 Disc Golf
- 15 Skate Park
- 16 Hickson Trail Tree Carving



NEXT STEPS

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The Recreation Advisory Committee will review the data collected in this report and bring forward their recommendations to Council. Council will review and consider which projects should be approved and budgeted for in the future.

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to the growth of East Zorra-Tavistock and providing your feedback.

This document offers a small glimpse into the remarkable feedback we've received from you, our community members. Every suggestion, idea, and comment shared has been heard and is immensely valued.

QUESTIONS?

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Recreation Advisory Committee Priority Setting Survey

Report Date Range: 16 Jul 2024 - 17 Sep 2024

Online Survey Comments

ID	Date Submitted	Question	Contribution
57	Aug 01, 2024, 12:13	PI Other comments?	Innerkip really wants a splash pad for years! Our children in the community would love this and it would be so it to good use l.
60	Aug 04, 2024, 10:45	AI Other comments?	Multiuse recreation Center; Rates for Retirees or seniors Majority of population are seniors. More trails for safe ebiking/bikes as done on road going to punky doodle corner! Good job!
61	Aug 06, 2024, 04:06	PI Other comments?	Would be great to see Camp Alliwannado continue to operate in Tavistock. It's nice to have a local option to send our child to. We have been really happy with our experience and wish they could access more of the park than what they are currently allowed. The shaded area in the park is now usually empty.
65	Aug 08, 2024, 09:03	PI Other comments?	This post should be put on People of Tavistock Facebook page ASAP
67	Aug 09, 2024, 04:06	PI Other comments?	Pickle ball courts at the pavilion in Innerkip Similar to Drumbo
72	Aug 10, 2024, 07:44	PI Other comments?	It would be nice to have an indoor walking track in tavistock
81	Aug 13, 2024, 02:32	PI Other comments?	Tavistock needs programs for active seniors. Exercise, crafts, book clubs, activities.
79	Aug 13, 2024, 09:30	AI Other comments?	I need more details on the items above.
88	Aug 15, 2024, 05:43	PI Other comments?	- items are insufficiently described to understand the scope, e.g. multi-use courts and fields , for what sports? Trail improvements, more trails, e.g on existing parks areas or new trail systems that offer much more trail mileage? Skate park, e.g. like Stratford or like Bright to provide scope. - though cost estimates couldn't be provided, a ballpark cost could be elaborated, e.g. what was the cost of a recent skate park in another municipality? Is the multi-use rec centre 100k or \$30M. It doesn't need a quote to get a sense for cost scope. - what process was used to identify ideas for ranking? Can we add ideas? How? - can we add better routes for cycling - Oxfords' road signs say they are great for cycling except roads are dangerous with both passenger and heavy traffic. What can we do about safe road access routes for bicycles in EZT to other major center's? - paving trails doesn't seem needed if stone dust meets accessibility needs in our parks - more trails means connecting to big trail networks - if that can't be done what is the point. Also all new development should have interconnecting trails. - how do we assess what community is willing to pay for or support physically. Do all rec implementations have to be done by the township or subcontractor - it was suggested the township run rec programs cost new people. Consider just taking the funds and subcontracting so that it doesn't cause longterm cost and all the overhead associated
89	Aug 15, 2024, 06:39	PI Other comments?	How do we continue to contribute to this conversation outside this form submission?
91	Aug 15, 2024, 06:51	PI Other comments?	Pickleball courts @innerkip community pavilion is my number choice
93	Aug 15, 2024, 06:57	PI Other comments?	There are so many more children here there should be a spray pad for sure. Should be larger than the one installed in Tavistock.
96	Aug 15, 2024, 07:03	PI Other comments?	The spray pad would be amazing, we have the space let's make it happen! I also agree the welcome signs and gardens need some help, I know Bill used to do it but he no longer lives here.
119	Aug 15, 2024, 08:15	PI Other comments?	The Lions Pavillion is fine the way it is and if they want to improve on it let them be responsible for its improvements with their own fundraising.
125	Aug 15, 2024, 08:35	PI Other comments?	Thank you for allowing our participation in this survey.
128	Aug 15, 2024, 09:03	PI Other comments?	Aquire ownership of Trout Lake. Please pave existing pathways so that people in wheelchairs can access them. Especially a pathway through the gravel parking lot in Innerkip to get to the library path and/or the playground. In addition, whatever you choose to do with the money please consider people who are wheelchair bound. Making something accessible means making it accessible for everyone.
131	Aug 15, 2024, 09:08	PI Other comments?	Would love to have a pickleball court
137	Aug 15, 2024, 10:13	PI Other comments?	Crossing arms/gates at the train tracks to avoid excessive train horns would be an #1 pick for me if it were an option. Also, the Innerkip welcome signs should be replaced.
139	Aug 15, 2024, 10:24	PI Other comments?	A Pump Track or all wheels facility would be great for the kids and community at whole.
140	Aug 15, 2024, 10:26	PI Other comments?	Build an ice rink in Innerkip.

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85	Aug 15, 2024, 10:43 AM	Other comments?	<p>Tavistock is in need of more soccer fields, the growth of the program has caused us to look elsewhere to accommodate all the teams we field such as Shakespeare for both indoor/outdoor practices and Woodstock for indoor.</p> <p>More walking trails would be great, these should be required to be included in new developments then linked with existing trails</p> <p>outdoor courts such as Tennis and pickleball would be beneficial as well</p> <p>Alternatives should be looked at for winter outdoor skating such that the Tavistock pavillion is not closed half the winter due to weather too warm for ice. The current process causes the pavillion to not be available for any activities when the ice is not sufficient for skating. There should also be more control over the pavillion ice by the township such that it is not overwhelmingly used for Hockey. Kids who just wish to skate are not able to safely do that when there is always hockey being played, times should be designated for public skating where no hockey is allowed</p> <p>Personal opinion but the cost of building a multi-use rec centre is not something I'm interested in as a tax payer in the township</p>
86	Aug 15, 2024, 12:01 PM	Other comments?	<p>Tavistock needs a second ice pad.</p>
143	Aug 16, 2024, 03:00 AM	Other comments?	<p>Replace the welcome to innerkip signs</p>
151	Aug 24, 2024, 08:56 AM	Other comments?	<p>NEED A DOG PARK SO BAD!! PLEASE !!!</p>
37	Jul 16, 2024, 04:22 PM	Other comments?	<p>Innerkip is in need of a spray/splash pad. We have a beautiful park and this would enhance it. Have the pad behind the community centre since the pavilion is right there. It would get so much use. We don't need another ball diamond in that open field. We use to have a great ball park until the Township took over, started locking up diamonds so people cannot play on them when they are available and for allowing one specific person (parks and Rec) to run the booth who will not allow anything to happen unless they say it's ok. A pad would bring so many families to the park. There is ample free parking at the community centre and a paved walk way which makes getting to the pad more accessible.</p>
38	Jul 16, 2024, 06:01 PM	Other comments?	<p>More things to do for seniors.</p> <p>Better space to play cards.</p> <p>New rec center to replace hall. To be used by seniors and all other groups.</p>
42	Jul 17, 2024, 05:22 PM	Other comments?	<p>Tavistock needs better access to a recreational facility with swimming lessons for kids. Hickson would be a great location for a multi use facility the provides swimming lessons for this side of Oxford county residence. Woodstock community pools are much to far to get to for evening activities and Wilmot and Stratford offer residents of their communities first pick of time slots for activities, making it difficult to register for activities (primarily swimming bc) for out of town residents.</p>
39	Jul 17, 2024, 09:44 AM	Other comments?	<p>We need a new rec hall attached to arena.</p> <p>For seniors and other organizations.</p> <p>Replace memorial hall now. Lets get started, no more talks. Get local organizations involved.</p>
48	Jul 26, 2024, 10:16 PM	Other comments?	<p>Mountain bike park/trails like in Brantford in addition to skate park.</p>
49	Jul 27, 2024, 03:04 PM	Other comments?	<p>Need more space for soccer fields due to expanding registrations</p>
50	Jul 29, 2024, 11:09 AM	Other comments?	<p>Quality indoor pickleball courts with more time to play for seniors and others.</p> <p>A community pool in Tavistock.</p> <p>Reduce the noise pollution in Tavistock...large trucks, speeding citizens</p>
53	Jul 30, 2024, 07:25 PM	Other comments?	<p>We need to provide facilities and activities for seniors to keep them active and in their homes. With more and more homes being built in this community we need to be able to provide more activities for all ages.</p>
158	Sep 16, 2024, 05:57 PM	Other comments?	<p>Soccer fields in Tavistock</p>
161	Sep 16, 2024, 06:42 PM	Other comments?	<p>Bike lanes and cycling paths like the do in Kitchener Waterloo area</p>
163	Sep 16, 2024, 08:58 PM	Other comments?	<p>Innerkip pickleball</p> <p>This can be combined with pavilion improvements</p> <p>Should be the pavilion near community centre for pickleball. Even better idea to use the hall for pickleball. The hall is UNDERutilized</p>
166	Sep 16, 2024, 10:58 PM	Other comments?	<p>Outdoor courts are my top priority. Particularly pickleball courts with proper surfacing in Innerkip. Thank you</p>
167	Sep 17, 2024, 01:47 AM	Other comments?	<p>The Lions Pavillion can be paid for by the Lions if they want upgrades</p>
168	Sep 17, 2024, 09:33 AM	Other comments?	<p>There is nothing for children over the age of 10 to do in town. All the climber sets are rated for under that age. It leaves children roaming the streets, which are unsafe. We need to consider the fact that the ball park is rented out most of the summer for tournaments leaving only stonegate unoccupied. We need to do better for the pre teen and teen sets.</p>

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Tavistock Open House Results

Project	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total Votes	Average Ranking
Multi-Use Recreation Center	16	8	3	3	1	1	4	1	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	43	3.953488372
Outdoor Multi-Use Courts	3	5	7	3	5	2	0	3	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	35	5.228571429
Multi-Use Field	2	1	6	4	3	2	1	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	28	6.107142857
More Trails	3	2	1	7	3	4	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	30	6.6
Trail Improvements	1	2	4	4	4	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	3	0	3	0	31	7.35483871
Township Recreation Programming	1	8	2	2	2	3	3	1	4	2	3	3	1	3	1	1	40	7.475
Outdoor Skating Area Improvement	0	0	0	2	3	3	4	0	5	1	0	4	2	1	0	1	26	8.769230769
Disc Golf	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	7	1	1	1	1	0	4	1	0	21	9.333333333
Passive Greenspace	0	1	0	1	1	3	1	1	4	5	0	0	2	1	1	2	23	9.434782609
Innerkip Canoe Launch	0	0	1	0	3	1	1	2	0	3	1	2	1	2	2	1	20	9.95
Skate Park	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	2	0	4	25	10.6
Pave Trails	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	1	2	3	3	1	21	10.71428571
Dog Park	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	4	2	2	2	2	0	4	4	25	11.52
Innerkip Lions Pavilion Upgrade	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	3	3	2	6	1	23	11.52173913
Innerkip Spray Pad	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	11	4	38	11.81578947
Hickson Trail Tree Carving	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	2	1	6	16	12.9375
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Project	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total Votes	Average Ranking
Multi-Use Recreation Center	3	6	6	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	21	4.285714286
Township Recreation Programming	4	1	3	1	2	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	19	4.842105263
Outdoor Skating Area Improvement	0	2	4	3	2	6	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	20	5.35
Innerkip Spray Pad	6	3	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	20	5.5
Innerkip Lions Pavilion Upgrade	2	1	1	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	17	7.117647059
Outdoor Multi-Use Courts	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	3	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	20	7.15
Trail Improvements	0	0	2	2	3	3	0	3	1	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	20	7.85
More Trails	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	1	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	18	8.5
Multi-Use Field	0	0	0	2	1	3	5	1	1	0	1	1	4	2	0	0	21	8.857142857
Dog Park	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	1	3	0	0	1	0	3	17	9.588235294
Passive Greenspace	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	2	2	2	1	3	0	20	9.7
Disc Golf	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	3	0	18	9.722222222
Pave Trails	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	1	3	2	19	10.10526316
Innerkip Canoe Launch	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	2	0	1	5	1	1	1	18	10.27777778
Skate Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	4	3	1	2	1	3	19	11.89473684
Hickson Trail Tree Carving	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	6	8	20	14.05
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