



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Tallahassee Recreation Centre

Recreation Programs and Services Consultation

Why is this study being done?

The study is being done to look at the recreation programs and services available in our community and how we can make better use of them.

What is the Tallahassee Recreation Centre?

The Tallahassee Recreation Centre is part of the Tallahassee Community School, 168 Redoubt Way. The recreation centre has its own parking lot, building entrance, office space, classrooms, kitchen, a fitness gym and gymnasium.

Who owns and operates the Tallahassee Recreation Centre?

The Tallahassee Recreation Centre was built by HRM as an enhancement to the elementary school and is owned by the Halifax Regional School Board. The centre is operated by Halifax Regional Municipality, Community Recreation Services.

What takes place at the Tallahassee Recreation Centre?

Community Recreation Services offers recreational programs for the participation of community members. Space is available to rent to community members. The facility is used by groups such as the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Summer Carnival, Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Christmas Craft Show, Susan Gunnell Yoga and the Tallahassee Preschool and Afterschool Program. The Tallahassee School also uses our gym and classrooms for some of their large events such as special events.

How will the community's feedback during this consultation be used?

This consultation will help us to determine future ideas for the Tallahassee Recreation Centre programs and services.

Important Definitions for you to Know

A **Community Centre** is the most common type of recreation centre. They range in size between 10,000-20,000 square feet and serve a population of 10,000 - 15,000 people. A Community Centre could include a gymnasium, multi use program space, stage, meeting rooms, kitchen, office, parking and playgrounds. They promote walkable, mixed use communities where people can be more active in their daily lives. Programs at Community Centres are intended to primarily serve the local area. **CFMP recommended service levels for newly constructed Community Centres do not include provisions for indoor pools.**

The St. Andrew's Centre, Needham Centre, Citadel Community Centre and George Dixon Centre are existing Community Centres on the peninsula. Two examples of newly constructed Community Centres are Gordon R. Snow Community Centre, Fall River www.halifax.ca/facilities/District2/index.html and the East Dartmouth Community Centre www.halifax.ca/facilities/EastDartmouth/index.html

A **Multi District Facility** may be as large as 100,000-120,000 square feet in size and serve a population of about 60,000 people. A Multi District facility could include ice pads, gymnasiums, meeting rooms, community gathering places, art studios and playing fields. They build on the services of the Community Centre and offer a broader range of programs. **CFMP recommended service levels generally include indoor pools within newly constructed Multi District facilities.** A Multi District facility is expected to attract people living and working within a 15 to 20 minute drive and be accessible by transit.

Community Centres and Multi Districts facilities compliment and support one another in providing a full range of sport, recreation and leisure services to the community.

The following survey is an opportunity for you to tell us about what you value, need and expect in your community for sport, recreation, or leisure programs and services. Your comments and feedback are important to us and will be used to inform and develop recommendations to Community Development staff about future recreation programs & services in your community