

Consultation Feedback from Peninsular Halifax Review

Feedback - St. Andrew's Community Centre

What do you like about St. Andrew's?

- * Friendliness and sense of family, front desk and staff making time for you
- * Melinda - great washrooms, clean
- * Central location, entrance is congested
- * Parking is not sufficient, especially now with construction
- * Programs for Children and Youth
 - * Basketball - Youth
 - * Touch and Speed Football in Gym
- * Brings many diverse children and youth together
- * St. Andrew's attracts and retains young people - daily part of their schedule
- * See excitement in children for next session. Don't always want to go home

What is important to you? Why?

- * Coordinator (Virginia) - accommodating with program changes
- * Community Centre is responsive - not huge numbers so there is a sense of community
- * Cultural hub - lots of different ethnic functions - feedback is positive about the centre. Feel Welcome
- * It is the centre piece of this community. Everyone knows the Centre in this Community it is "REC" and "Home away from Home"
- * Positive environment - great alternative
- * Many Staff are from Community and relate to the Children and Youth
- * Many opportunities to get involved - programs, youth leadership, instructor, mentorship
- * Role models
- * Friendly - great sense of "WELCOME"
- * Seniors enjoy the convenience and usually stay. Turns into a social club. Welcome, safe, and central
- * Seniors complain about broken tables
- * Parking - Pot Holes - "craters"

What programs and services do you think should be provided?

- * Screen printing
- * Pottery
- * Music - mixed media
- * Other media programs
- * More outdoor programs - fields
- * Media Rooms - video projects - editing and screening
- * Media Arts
- * Playground - outdoor fun
- * Literacy - Computers
- * Sport nights for girls
- * Youth Room - dedicated space
- * Gym
- * Drop in Rooms - more multi purpose spaces
- * Less children turned away
- * Equipment could be left set up
- * Supervised
- * Alta Gymnastics - Partnership
- * Academic Program - Partnership
- * More storage - for specific programs

How could St. Andrew's be improved in the Future?

- * Elevator
- * Good transition plan
- * Outdoor Pool / Playground
- * Weight Room - Youth
- * Climbing Wall

- * Outdoor Soccer Field
- * Dance / Activity Room
- * Design improvement - Art, Colour
- * Library
- * Better signage
- * Showcase Art in the Community Centre
- * "Green Space" - Gardening
- * LEED - Green Roof
- * Gym Storage, shelves
- * Water Fountains

Have you used Multi-District Facilities?

- * Sackville Sports Stadium - Track and Field Meet, Hockey
- * Dartmouth Sportsplex - Bridge is an issue
- * Cole Harbour Place - Hockey, Swimming

If the Forum, was developed as a large Recreation Facility...What do you think should be provided?

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| * Pool - Indoors | * Leisure Components |
| | * Lane Swim Area |
| | * Diving - Platforms |
| | * Tarzan Rope |
| | * Slides |

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| * Bigger Weight Room | |
| * Rinks | * Rental Skates |
| | * Roller Skating Options |
| | * Curling Rinks |

- * Outreach / Access policy with St. Andrew's Centre
- * Indoor Driving Range, Mini Putt, Virtual Golf
- * Soccer Field
- * Indoor Running / Walking
- * Large Studio Space
- * Martial Arts Studio

Feedback

What do you like about St. Andrew's?

- * Close to our homes
- * Do not worry about children when they are here
- * Accessible / Isolated (away from Traffic)
- * Good amount of Parking
- * On bus route / # of buses that come by
- * 15 minute walk from the mall
- * Interaction with other groups at centre

What do you dislike about it?

- * Hard to get to, Repaving (parking lots) S, B

What programs and services do you use now or would like to see?

- * Super NOVA
- * Egyptian Association
- * Annual Meetings / Community get together
- * Space / Storage Facilities
- * Kitchen
- * Play Bridge
- * More Volunteering Opportunities
- * Family Resource Centre
- * Community Clean-up - suggestion for Centre
- * Community Garden - Support (Healthy Eating) - suggestion for Centre

How could St. Andrew's be improved in Future?

- * To build communication with our neighbours
- * Building relationships with each other
- * Small Cafeteria / with snacks, sandwiches (supervised) - Volunteer?
- * Shower Facilities
- * Separate Rooms (noise)
- * Facilities for Children with special needs
- * Playground
- * More "pot lucks" to improve social interaction (Build relationships with neighbours)
- * More education about Canada

Have you used Multi-District Facilities? What do you like about them?

- * Installation of sound system
- * Diversity of Services
- * Health benefits of recreation
- * Swimming lanes / wade pool
- * Pool / Hot Tub
- * Gym

What do you dislike about them?

- * Too big - too many people, so can't get services you want, Lose community feeling never see same people twice

If the Forum, was developed as a large Recreation Facility...What do you think should be provided?

- * First Aid Station
- * Language Centre (improve communication)
- * Facilities for Senior College - Free Classes
- * Learning Facilities (cooking/dancing)
- * Organized sports teams
- * Multi Purpose Rooms
- * Yoga, Ti Chi
- * Camps for Kids | Weekend, After School, Summer
- * IS this what we want to do? "Big Box type"

Feedback

What do you like about St. Andrew's?

- * Staff, Tae Kwon Do, Sports, Julie's Program
- * Basketball
- * Baseball
- * Soccer
- * Tae Kwon Do, Painting (crafts), Julie's Program, Girls Night, Night Hoops
- * After School Programs, Day Camp, Junior Leaders, Swimming Pool, Better Sport Utility, Hip Hop (for Girls)
- * Cooking Classes, Swimming Lessons, Horseback Ridding, Ice Skating, Track and Field
- * Kitchens, Showers, Locker Rooms, Gym (for Sports), Exercise Room, Pilates, Yoga, Swimming Pool, Computers, Spa, Books
- * Spa, Go Cart, Track and Field, Hair Dresser, Fack Tattoos (Cast Tattoos), Rock Climbing, Paint Balling, Sports, Yoga, Cooking
- * We like everything about the Recreation Centre and it keeps us busy and out of trouble
- * Gym, Meeting new People, Lots of activities, Lots of People, Swimming Pool
- * We like a lot of stuff about the Rec.
- * Rec. can get people out of trouble, it can help you, people care about you
- * You meet new people
- * Fun Games like | * Basketball
- * Soccer
- * Volleyball
- * It's good for the Children
- * They have fun Summer Camps
- * Because I can go there most of the week and play Basketball (would like more open Gym for older people / youth)
- * Because it keeps me busy and keeps me out of trouble

* Because it makes me look at things in positive ways - would like more time to practice
* I like Rec. it open a lot of possibilities
What programs and services do you use now?
* After School Program
* Girls Night
* Julie's Program - Every Tuesday and Thursday
* Night Hoops - 3 times a week, would like more time
* Play Basketball, Fitness Gym (weights, etc...)
What programs and services do you think should be provided?
* Swimming Pool for kids to learn how to swim
* Gyms
* Rooms - Individual rooms for Activities
* Stadium - Theatre, Stage for Performances
* For Dancing - Better dance room with wooden floors (a good studio)
* B-boying (dancing), better Dance Studio and Gymnastics Room
* A Youth Room (Video Games) and place to relax, X-Box Live, PS3
* Better Equipment
How could St. Andrew's be improved in future?
* More people to help out with the Kids
* More equipment
* Bigger Rooms
* More Rooms
* Pools - Slides
* Rock Climbing Walls
* Every week the Rec. could take Kids to Swimming Pools
* Dance Studio
* Pools - Slides
* Gymnastic Centre
* If the centre held a Basketball Game, they should let the B-Boys perform for half time shows
* Bouncy Castles!
* Youth would be willing to be role models & supervise kids if they got things in return like more Basketball time or other things...
Feedback
What do you like about St. Andrew's Centre? Why is Centre important to you?
* Location
* Staff
* Washrooms
* Showers
* Social aspect
* Variety of Different Clubs
* Because of the first question - Don't forget Halifax Peninsula
* Size of Classrooms - Space to accommodate the many programs and organizations
* Central Location
* Lots of Parking
* Great Gym Space
* Easy access to ground level classrooms (allows physically challenged people to easy access)
* Spectator space in Gym (allows kids, parents and grandparents to watch)
* Hours are good
* Great Staff
* Kitchen Facilities "GREAT"
* Gym Storage (for wheelchairs)
What programs and services do you think should be provided?

* Elevators / Better Access
* St. Andrew's is a very busy Centre - downsizing does not make sense
* Do not forget Halifax Peninsula
What programs and services do you use now?
* HRAC (Halifax Amateur Radio club)
* Painting Group
* Halifax Stroke Club
* Men's Senior Basketball Group
* Senior (Nor'West)
* Rental Space (whatever we rent)
* Gymnastics
* Radio Club, Soccer Club, Stroke Club
How could St. Andrew's Centre be improved in the future?
* Better Kitchens
* Elevators
* Better Access, Disability Friendly as per By-Laws and Provincial Act
* Sinks with traps or screens to strain paint
* Lower Water Fountain
* Better Signage
* Better Roadways
* Driveway Front / Back
* Better Bathroom and Showers
* Smaller Building will not help anything
* EMO Site - Emergency Power
* Access from St. Andrew's Avenue
* Widen Doorways for Sport Wheelchairs
* Consistent Weekend Hours
* After School Programming
* Gym Floor Condition (Cleanliness)
* Soccer indoor pitch at back of building (in partnership with Halifax City Soccer Club)
* More up-to-date changing / dressing rooms with wheelchair facilities / accessibility
* Better lighting in parking lot & some improves surveillance
* Fencing access in and out changed to allow better flow less vandalism
* More storage outside gym area for - soccer equipment, etc...
* Reasonable Rent / Rates
* More Gym time - hard to get time - always booked
Have you used Multi-District Facilities?
* Swimming Pool
* Tracks
* Physio Clinics
* Rinks
* Kids Zones
* Racquet Ball Courts
* Fitness Centre / Trainers
If the Forum, was developed as a large Recreation Facility... What do you think should be provided?
* Adequate Parking
* Accessibility
* Elevators
* Reasonable Rates
* Kitchen Facilities
* Showers and Bathrooms
* Gym with Stage

* Pools
* Ice Surfaces
* Meeting Rooms
* Stage Mobile
* Sports Equipment Storage
* First Aid Room
* Good Dressing Rooms
* Well Trained Staff
* EMO Sites - (Evacuation Communication)
* Tennis Courts
* Library Facilities
* Painting and Exhibition Space
* Swimming Pool
* Tracks
* Physio Clinics
* Rinks
* Kids Zones
* Racquet Ball Courts
* Fitness Centre / Trainers
* Soccer Pitch (indoor) - accommodate not just soccer but also Track (around elevated surface), Lawn Bowls, Golf, Lacrosse, Frisbee
* Multi Gymnasium to accommodate Tournaments
* Weight and Cardio Rooms
* Bowling Alley
* Dance Studio
* Indoor Playground
* Botanical Garden
* Squash Courts
* Driving Range
* Batting Cage
* Canteen

Feedback

What do you like about St. Andrew's?

* Close to neighbourhood
* Don't have to drive
* Convenience
* Been coming here for 26 years
* Enjoy the activities
* Staff
* Clean and well kept
* Wheelchair Accessible on first floor
* There is a huge recreation need here
* See happy children
* See happy participants in program
* The Gym is good for Youth
* Well thought out programs
* Good planning for programs
* Super place for seniors (+187)
* Ideal place to interact with people
* Good Kitchen Facilities
* Very Welcoming for Newcomers
* Good Place for Community Events
* Convenient Open Times
* Good for Small Group Activities
* Good use of space for smaller activities
* Bus stop (on bus route - with stop out front)
* Good central location - from all directions

- * Close to other services
- * Population growing in immediate area
- * People identify with building
- * Should be at fore front of physical locations and community
- * Staff are adaptable, helpful, go out of their way and they work together (good working atmosphere)
- * Staff are "too good"
- * Never any complaints
- * Not known for any adverse activities
- * Very Safe Environment
- * Like Two Dance Studios with Full Mirrors
- * Like Washrooms with Multiple Stalls
- * Even though small, it still feels spacious
- * Community would be in a mess if it was gone

Why is it important to you?

- * Important for seniors friendships and camaraderie, fellowship, come as strangers, leave as friends
- * Important to have somewhere to come
- * Meet new neighbours
- * Help us learn about other cultures that share same centre
- * Kids med other kids and learn sports
- * Help relieve boredom, gets kids doing physical activity and help deter crime
- * Want to keep close
- * Alternative to going to mall
- * Good food

What programs and services do you use now at St. Andrew's?

- * Bridge, Crib, Auction 45, Line Dancing, Darts, Bingo
- * Martial Arts
- * Art
- * Ballet
- * Quilting
- * Basketball
- * Soccer
- * Break Dancing
- * Cheerleading
- * English Classes for Newcomers
- * Literacy Programs for Children and Adults
- * Community Meetings
- * Night Hoops
- * Cultural Programs
- * Ham Radio
- * Nursing Program ?
- * Multi Cultural Pot Lucks
- * Cultural - Ethnic Groups rent space for their Classes (language, get togethers)
- * Children's Parties - Easter, Christmas, Summer, etc...
- * Halloween Haunted House
- * Fundraising

What would you like to see at St. Andrew's in the future?

- * Food Program for Seniors (1 good meal a week)
- * Healthier Cooking and Good Eating Classes
- * Baseball
- * More Cooking Classes for Kids
- * Commercial Kitchen
- * Bigger Gym
- * Bigger Stage

* New Tables
* New Supplies
* Entrepreneurial Skills for running a business for kids/youth (skills for training youth)
* Chebucto Links Computer Programs brought back for Children and Adults
* Bigger Class Rooms
* Like what's here now
* Off site University Programs
* Keep room for Seniors
* Semi-Annual Facility Assessments
* Computers for various Communities taught in their language
* Re-instate CAP
* Walkway to Centre (especially good for Winter)
* Exclusive room for Seniors with TV, Sofas, etc...
* Have Concessions
* Opportunities for more interaction between various communities and cultural groups
How Could St. Andrew's be improved in the Future?
* Bigger Rooms
* Better Access in Winter to Centre
* Better lighting
* Remove - No Left hand Turn Signal to be replaced by Traffic Signals
* Improve Parking Lot
* Small Reading Area
* Better Entrance and Exit from Building (too dangerous now)
* Look at access off St. Andrew's Ave.
* New Tables, New Equipment
* New Equipment for Kids
* Elevator to Second Floor
* Internet Wire Hot Spots
* More Community Events
* Have a Bigger Kitchen
* Have a Kitchen that opens up to the Gym
* Look at Money Generating Income
* More ways to Rent Rooms
* More Groups independently getting own Equipment
What would you like to see in a Multi-District Facility?
* Big Parking Lot
* Lots of Activities happening simultaneously
* Can have family membership
* Pool - Olympic Size 50 Meter
* Kiddies Pool
* Sauna
* Hot Tub
* Fitness Centre (full size) - All Ages, Weight Training, Pilates, etc...
* Basketball Court, Volleyball, Badminton and Tennis
* Yoga Studio
* Dance Studio
* Class Space
* Indoor Playgrounds
* Babysitting Areas for Children while Parents Participate
* Kitchen - More community Events
* Make sure it's accessible to ALL Populations
* Make sure it is Affordable
* Make sure that the benefit is for all or don't do it
* Only build based on need

* Keep focussed on the Community Centre and not the Multi-District
* EVERY COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITY CENTRE IS MORE IMPORTANT LOCALLY THAN ANY BIGGER FACILITY
Feedback
What do you like about St. Andrew's?
* Convenience
* Reasonable Cost
* Availability
* Spacious
* Good Staff
* Good Parking
* Friendly Community
* Good Environment
* Meetings - Friendly and Helpful Staff
* Learning - Affordability
* Gym - Availability
* Field
* Location
* Large Parking Lot
* Familiar and Comfortable
What programs and services do you use now at St. Andrew's?
* Meeting Rooms
* We use Art Room for our Filipino Service during Sunday
* Heritage Language
* Music Exercise for Children
* Small Party
* Anniversary / Festival
* Clean the room before leaving the place
* Gym
What would you like to see at St. Andrew's in the future?
* Internet Access
* Upgrading Meeting Rooms - like TV, Projectors, etc...
* Improve Chairs / Tables
* Sound Proofing between Rooms (Music)
* Party Halls Licenses
* Kitchen Facility
* Radiators (Heating Noise)
* Dance Classes
* Seniors Playing Cards
* Accessible Gym = Kiosk's
* Store Rooms
* Storage
* Space for Immigrant Associations / Groups
* Neighbourhood Kids Program
* Safe Activity Rooms for Kids (to keep Kids out of trouble)
* Large Spaces for Large Group Get Togethers
* Women's Fitness Classes
* Kitchen Facility
* Accessibility
* Upgrades Inside - Chairs / Tables
What would you like to see in a Multi-District Facility?
* Government not private (too Expensive)
* Gym
* Pool

* Rink
* Fitness Centres
* Climbing Wall
* Indoor Playground
* Restaurant (close)
* Café
* Art, Music, Library
* Comfortable, Relaxing Spaces
* Dance Studios
* Child Care
* Low Cost Programs
* Swimming Lessons
* Annual Party
* Gym
* Music Room
* Meeting Room
* Workshop Halls
* Theatre Hall
* Children's Care Facility
* Kitchen
* Library
* Community Gathering Room
* Dance Class
* Worship Place
* Running Track
* English Class Rooms for Immigrants Program
* Computer Class
* Learning Centre
* Kiosk's (Cafeteria)
* Seniors Room to Play Games - like Bingo, Cards, Breathing Exercises
* Tennis Rooms
* Store for Sports Wear (men's and women's)
* Art Studio
* Boxing (Facility) Rooms
* Parenting Classes
* Place for Immigrant Associations/Groups - for those groups that can afford it (low cost) (between 200-300 people)
* Keep Cost Low

Feedback - George Dixon Community Centre

What do you like about George Dixon?
* People in local community use it
* Price is right
* Lots of options for programs (kids)
* Reasonable rental rates
* People and staff know each other
* Computer lab
* Playground and bb park and open space, ice rink, sprinkler are all great
* The children that come here
* Horseshoes
* Something for everyone
* Like what the pay is
* Good for employment for local youth
* Volunteer opportunities
* Leadership opportunities
* Get to know others - good rapport
* Everyone able to work together
* Close to home

- * Close to schools
- * Parents know staff from the neighbourhood. Staff also know parents
- * Stable environment
- * Pottery Room
- * Stage
- * Levels of bathrooms - on every level
- * Use the sauna!

Why is George Dixon important to you?

- * Close to home
- * Structure for kids
- * Named after George Dixon the famous boxer
- * Location by co-ops, other organizations, daycares
- * History, heritage
- * Accessible
- * Get to work with friends
- * Affordable
- * Shouldn't have to go outside community
- * Grew up coming here
- * Stability for kids
- * Pleasant memories

What improvements/new programs and services do you think should be provided?

- * Saunas and showers need to work
- * New Gym Floor
- * More Gym Equip. * Mats
- * New skipping ropes
- * Hula hoops
- * Basketballs
- * Footballs
- * Sports equipment
- * New Pool Tables for teen nights
- * Have Yoga classes
- * Have Pilates classes
- * Have Belly Dancing Classes
- * Once a week have cooking classes for girls and boys
- * Have sleepovers
- * More hours open
- * Hip hop classes
- * Dance classes
- * Ages should be open for kids
- * Karate
- * Boxing
- * George Dixon needs a basketball team
- * Have a dance troupe
- * Spoken word
- * Mime / Improv Classes
- * Theatre / Drama Classes
- * Staff Sports * T-Ball
- * Volleyball
- * Tetherball
- * Dodgeball
- * Computer Room should be open everyday
- * Badminton
- * Stomp Group
- * Guitar Lessons

- * More nights for games night - keep balance in scheduling
- * Have a teen centre
- * Girls Night Hoops
- * Girls Night - discussion on sex, depression, etc...
- * Boys Night - discussion on sex, depression, etc...
- * Cheerleading
- * Gymnastics
- * Ropes - High Ropes
- * Homework Club - All ages
- * More craft supplies
- * Don't want to feel like "we come last"
- * Keep city Rec. affordable
- * Staff have to improvise too much
- * Do more PR / Publicity
- * More equipment needed

How could George Dixon be improved in the Future? (If building was renovated)

- * Have teen room exclusively
- * Have dividers
- * Upgrade head and ventilation
- * Bleachers in Gym
- * Keep costs down / affordable
- * Have storage room
- * Have games room exclusive
- * Windows - new and more of them
- * More and better equipment outside
- * Different sized equipment
- * Accessible playground
- * Class V Licenses - check out Insurance
- * More stuff for junior leaders
- * Rent a van
- * Do fundraising
- * Have projects to give back to community
- * Pools

	* Lane and Recreational
	* Diving Boards, Bullet Slide
- * Lots of Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Squash Courts
- * Work-out Gym
- * Running Track
- * Gymnastic place for balance beams, equipment setup, trampolines
- * Resource Support Room
- * Bingo
- * Place for Mothers to nurse
- * Peer help centre
- * Child care room
- * Dance Studio
- * Auditorium & Stage
- * Computer Room - CAP Site
- * Store
- * Keep it affordable and accessible
- * Keep by bus routes and more frequent schedule

Feedback

What do you like about George Dixon?

- * Gym 1x week Wednesday, good location for after work - Central
- * Location - Central, great Bus Route, bus from anywhere to here
- * Sense of Community - Feel and see, know the people, know the kids
- * Questions are answered

- * Programs for Youth - Lots of options - Junior Leadership
- * See the kids and adults in and out, can see the community and extended community
- * Draws people in - openness / flexibility / friendly
- * Ample Parking
- * Adults can come / Photocopying Free
- * Location - Central for all athletes - Public Transit
- * Gym time 3 hours, Sunday 6-9 - 14 participants
- * Change Rooms / Lockers
- * Storage for nets - "Goalball"
- * Co-Ops use Meeting Rooms as well
- * Staff are Good
- * Winter - Sidewalks and parking lots are clear
- * Like the Wooden Floors - Necessary
- * Need Concrete Walls
- * Area is perfect - field of play
- * Playground / Benches
- * Lending Skates to kids for the Winter Season

How could George Dixon improved in the Future?

- * More programs for Adults
- * More non-sport programs
- * Programs for 13 and up
- * Youth program for blind and visually impaired youth 0-19
- * More Gym Time, Another Gym
- * Weight Room - Equipment / Free Weights
- * Conditioning Centre
- * Pool Outside
- * Better Computers and More (kids are waiting)
- * More programs for Youth 13 up to 17
- * Senior Area / tea, coffee, lunch and social
- * Walking Track around the exterior - around the hoops
- * Like a measured km
- * Music - Daytime Seniors
- * Cultural - Stage reface with backstage for theatrical in Gym
- * Music / Drama / etc... for kids - something besides sports
- * Bigger Kitchen = Different Programs
- * Bigger Gym - it's small
- * Airflow - Circulation
- * Hot in Gym
- * Non-recessed Doors

Multi-District:

- * Aquacise
- * Pool with all the fixings
- * Bowling
- * Racket and Volleyball Courts
- * Healthier food choices
- * Wheelchair Accessible
- * Brail ID in Elevators and on Landings
- * Tactile Maps
- * Green space for working dogs
- * Multiple Gyms - Different Sizes
- * Running Track & Fitness Centre
- * Curling
- * Indoor Fields
- * Soft Play Room for Kids

* Child Minding
Challenges with Multi-District Centres:
* Direct Entrance to Areas
* <u>Good Visual</u> to Areas
* <u>Accessibility</u> = Critical \$ and Barrier Free
* North Preston - no accessibility to Water (H2O)
* Whole generations of non-swimmers
Feedback
What do you like about George Dixon Centre?
* Support
* Like Family - Staff know Kids and Parents by Name
* Close within Walking Distance
* Involved with Community (Breakfast, Holidays)
* Safe - Kids are well watched
* Good Supervision of Children
* Staff that go above and beyond (Calling parents making sure children don't walk home alone)
* Cost Efficient
* Kids Willing to Take Part in Programs
What programs and services do you use now?
* Evening Programs (Very Helpful)
* Break for Parents after Supper
* Night Hoops
* Computer Lab
* Tutoring Service - Bilingual Service for Kids
How could George Dixon Centre be improved in the future?
* Opportunities to Volunteer
* Dances 2 Different Ages (Friday)
* Kids take part in programs from 6-12 yrs - Need for more AGES
* Cooking Programs
* Ballet
* Kick Boxing
* Yoga
* Creative Writing (Resumes)
* Hip Hop / Break Dancing Program
* Concrete Roots
* Life Skills for Young Mothers
* Workshops - How to Apply for a Job
* Programs for Teens/Youth (useful to them)
* More interaction of Staff/Parents in Centre
* Parents Willing to Volunteer Time
* Programs that Generate Money for Kids
* Workshops - For Kids
* Peer Mentorship / Mediation
* Leadership
* Bullying
* Fighting
* Sex (Hands Off, Sexual Education)
* Dental/Oral Health Program
* Workshops - For Adults
* Budgeting
* How to Help Our Kind
* Communication
* Trained Facilitator Structured Program

* Registration Support for Parents - Kid Sport, HRM Kid Sport

* Skate Board Park

* Higher Quality Programs

* Offer Paid Showers

* Build playground up more

* Picnic Table, Park Benches

* Volleyball Court

* Access to borrow Nets, etc..., Multi Use Poles

* Back of Centre not Clean, Unsafe, Needs Attention

* Fountain (Motion Sensor)

* Equipment in Gym

* Canteen with Healthy Snacks

* Fitness Programs

* Community Board (information)

* Well Trained Staff

* Regular / Daily Maintenance on Grounds

* Gate at Brunswick Street

* Better Storage

* Fix Sauna

Multi-District:

* Pool

* Climbing Wall

* Fitness Centre

* Youth Centre (Multi Use)

* Store for Healthy Snacks and Bathing Suits, Sports Items, etc...

* Relaxation Room (Yoga, Massage)

* Ice Skating

* Before School Program, Child Care Centre (Minding)

* Transportation from After School (buzzer) program to Multi-District Centre

* Meeting Space for Different Function

* Prenatal (Pool) Classes

* Information Resource Centre (Community Board)

* Training for Babysitting, CPR, etc...

* Well Trained Staff

Feedback

What do you like about George Dixon Centre?

* Close

* Walking Distance

* Good Centre for Kids to come and be productive

* Keep Kids off the Street

* Staff is Friendly and Engaged in Community

* Open Good Hours

* Always Kids around

* Good opportunities for physical activity

* Respecting the history, heritage and name sake "George Dixon"

* Good for Social Development for Kids

* All Recreation is Good for Social Development, Motor Skills, Intellectual, Physical, Creative, etc...

* Opportunities for Employment

* Have their own Basketball Team in Memory of George Dixon

* Kids feel safe coming here (and parents for their kids)

How could George Dixon Centre be improved in the future?

* Not enough room in Gym

* Not enough Equipment

* Need to clean up behind George Dixon - between fence and co-op (needles, garbage, etc... "It's bad")

- * Need more programs 5 and under
- * Use Centennial Pool - as part of program at George Dixon
- * No Baseball and Soccer Field
- * More pathways with benches outside to look more like a Park
- * More Equipment on Playground
- * More Playground Equipment for younger ages
- * Need a Roller Blading and Skate Boarding Facility as Kids may not travel to Commons because of Safety
- * More In Service Day Programming - On School In Service Days (Have a Variety of Activities)
- * Have a "Turn no Child Away"
- * Youth Child Care, Leadership Training - Using Kids from Neighbourhood
- * Bring in a Health Nurse to Work With and Talk to Teens
- * Have Movie Nights, Have Games Systems set up
- * Have "Girls Night"
- * More Activities after 5:30 pm
- * Have Access to an Access-a-Bus
- * Work with Palooka's Boxing Gym
- * Have Healthy Snacks (not Candies and Chips)
- * Change Vending in HRM - Milk, Energy Bars, Granola Bars, Juice (No Energy Drinks)
- * Open More Hours
- * Have a Community Bulletin Board - Stuff for Centre and Community, Contact #'s
- * Get Rid of Voice Mail - Have a Live Body, Well Trained
- * Have information on Career Development with Military and Police
- * Brighten up Building, More Murals
- * Get Churches more Involved
- * Use Artist's Program
- * Have Self Defence Program
- * Have Kids Take Ownership in the Look of Building
- * Enforce the No Dogs Rule
- * Have Awards for Kids - Behaviours, Community Work, Attitude (named after George Dixon, Honour those who try hard)
- * Achievement Awards that are profiled in the Media! George Dixon "Youth of the Week"
- * All Community Centres plus Palooka's should work together to pool resources, work hard to work together
- * Need a Bigger, Better Workout Gym (Fitness Gym)
- * Have our own George Dixon Choir / Band
- * Get youth to do their own survey on what people want
- * More Arts, Crafts, Music, Spoken Word, Dance, etc...
- * Target to all Centres and Community - No Membership
- * Have more Computers at the Centre
- * Try to not have to go outside Community - Have all Resources and Entertainment here
- * Have Tickets and more Access to Concerts
- * More Access to Funding - *** We are grossly under funded, if we ever do get funding, we need to share ***

What do you Like about Multi-District Facilities?

- * More Services Offered
- * More State of the Art Equipment
- * More Trained Staff
- * More Programs
- * More Equipment
- * More Security

What do you Dislike about Multi-District Facilities?

- * High Membership Fees
- * Travel
- * Parking
- * Makes smaller Centres Obsolete
- * Multi Centres may not need to exist if local Centres were Better and had more Amenities

What would you like to see?	
* Running Track, Workout Gym, Jacuzzi, Hot Tub, Arenas, Little Learn to Swim Pool, Bigger Lap Pool, Play Pool	
* Health Education Programs - Mental Health	
* Gyms	
* Indoor Field Turf	
Wrap Up	
* Everyone called Service Providers need to do a better job of promoting what's going on.	
* Promote the Activities Better	
Feedback	
What do you like about George Dixon?	
* Night Hoops	
* Floor Hockey / Computers	
* Use to come for Game Room	
* Close to peoples Houses	
* Good Staff - Like seeing us everyday	
* Youth Leadership	
* After School Program	
What programs and services do you use now or would like to see?	
* Lessons	* Boxing
	* Kick Boxing
	* Tae Kwando
	* Capoeira
	* Break Dancing
	* Rapping
* Partnership with Local Gym	
* Soccer	
* Horseback Riding	
* Ski/Snow Boarding Trips	
* Sleepovers	
* Teen Dances	
* Art Classes - Pottery, Portraits, Carboning	
* Football	
* Swimming	
* Baseball	
* Field Trips	
* More Night Hoops - Time 7-9 pm	
* Good Staff who don't kick us out	
* Skipping Group	
* Volleyball	
* Dodgeball	
* Laser Tag	
* Wrestling	
* Soccer Baseball	
* Badminton	
* Tennis	
* Golfing & Putting Edge	
* Zoo	
* Modeling	
* Baking / Cooking Classes	
* Pot Luck	
How could George Dixon improved in the future?	
* Bigger Gym	
* Better Computers - Faster	

* Bigger Computer Rooms	
* More Computers	
* Re-make Dixon	
* Arcade Room - More	
* New Back Boards / Rims	
* New Equipment	* Basketballs
	* Tennis
	* Skipping Ropes
	* Badminton Nets / Rackets
* Party Room	
* Exercise Room	* Treadmills
	* Weights
* Studio Recording Room	
* Elevator / Ramp	
* 3rd Floor	
* Outdoor and Indoor Swimming Pools	
* Ramps for Bikes	
* Bike Rack	
* Laser Tag	
* Camper Pool ?	

Multi-District:

* All the Slides	
* Wave Pool	
* Squash Court	
* Pool with Slides and Diving Boards	
* Kids Pool	
* Adult Pool	
* Tarzan Rope	
* Hot Tub	
* Steam Room	
* 1st in line if George Dixon Member	
* Dance Studio	
* Bowling Alley	
* Roller Rink	
* Mini Golf	
* Rock Climbing	
* Movie Theatre	
* Trampoline	
* Go Carts	
* High Ropes Course	
* Basketball	* Glass Back Boards
	* No Double Rim
	* Real Mesh
	* NBA Size / Double Court
	* Adjustable Nets

Feedback - Needham Community Centre

What do you like about Needham

* The people that you work with
* Feel Welcome
* Inclusive - try to include everyone (income)
* Community based / interests
* Swim for Free
* Walk in Gym
* Flexible - Scheduling / Understanding
* Management - easy to talk to, not overly portentous, ask question open door, staff will assist when needed

* Family Oriented Centre
* Families return, grow up, see same parents, call them mum
What is important to you?
* Continue Programs as now (Birthday Parties)
* More Evening Aquacise
* Kick Boxing, Martial Arts, Dance, Skipping, Music
* Increase Youth Leadership - year round
* Computer Labs (Connections)
* Aquatics - Outreach with Dixon
* A lot of programs get cancelled due to decreased registration
* Increase Marketing with Churches
* Parent and Tot Aquacise like Capt. Wm. Spry with "Baby Baskets"
* Building / Grounds - Increased Parking Spots, Bigger Playground Area, look at Isleville, No Parking Signage, Fire Lane, Handicapped Spots and Enforcement
In the future - What programs and services?
* Babysitting
* Basketball Team
* First Aid
* Workout Gym
* More Open Swims
* Increase accessibility (doors to pool, 2nd Floor, Strollers, Handicapped)
* More Censored Showers, Bigger Locker Rooms
* More Bathrooms and Bigger
* More Multi-Purpose Rooms (Arts & Crafts, Birthdays, Pottery)
* Warmer Pool (Water Temperature)
* Increase Air Circulation / Temperature Hot/Cold / Bathrooms
* Increase Cleanliness on Saturdays (busy day)
* Full service Family Change Room (Close to Pool Deck)
* More HRM Leagues
* Better notifications for staff tournaments
* Designated Swim Lessons / to serve cultural needs (Muslim/Women)
* Ratios & Pool Space is crowded on Saturday / Sundays - Northcliffe / Wave Pool
* Family Oriented Activities / Events
How could Needham be improved in the Future?
* Gym - Mopped More, Quick Light, Regulation Hoops, Stage, Acoustics
* Mulgrave Park Basketball Courts - Cleared and useable, Increase Nets
* Increase Equipment - Better Stock, Basketballs, Racquets
* Staff Room
* Pool deck that drains
* Ping Pong Tables
* Increase Youth Programming - Teens both Girl / Boys
* Youth Staff that is skilled in behavioural issues
* Windows - LOTS
* PEI CARI Pool in - Charlottetown
* PEI - Blinds on Windows
* 25 m Pool - Saltwater not Chlorine
Multi-District:
* Cole Harbour Place - Dalplex, DSP, CHP, SSS
* Don't always feel as Welcome or "Homey"
* Compliment what is around it
* Ice rink & Pool at Needham so may not need at Forum OR if bigger at Forum may not use Needham Pool/Rink
* Big Pool / Track / Rink - at International Standards to attract revenues

- * Needham keep Community - Multi-Purpose, Gym
- * More facilities will attract more young people to those sports
- * Public facilities that will keep fees accessible
- * Kids to have access to the fun stuff
- * Environmentally Friendly
- * Swim passes that are transferable to all HRM Facilities

Feedback

What do you like about your aquatic experience at Needham Pool? Why is it important to you?

- * Close to Community and part of Our Community
- * Affordable
- * On a transportation Route
- * Within Walking Distance, we don't have to use our cars, environmentally friendly
- * Many health reasons, for the aging population (helps and much needed)
- * For young families here/moving in, need exercise to combat future health problems which means more monies for future health care
- * True Community Centre for the youth pre-school and seniors
- * Decrease in crime & vandalism by providing varied opportunities for swimming, basketball, yoga, exercise & employment
- * Being able to afford a yearly pass
- * Provides a space for social activities, Birthday Parties, etc...
- * The feeling of Community, we are able to keep each other Physically active by supporting each other, by encouraging each other to attend the classes
- * Good Workout
- * Location
- * Gym and Pool
- * Getting together with neighbours
- * Affordable and Close
- * Children's Centre and Seniors Complex
- * Our Instructors
- * 32+ years in the Neighbourhood / Handy
- * Keep Fit
- * Keep Participants Healthy
- * Social - Big Family - Safer
- * Nothing else in Area
- * More Costly to travel, Fees
- * Accessibility, Affordability and Availability
- * It Attracts Participants
- * Location - its in our neighbourhood, able to walk to facility
- * Clean
- * Affordable
- * Welcoming atmosphere
- * Staff well trained, knowledgeable
- * Senior Aquatic Programs are Very Important to our Population - Arthritis, Affordable
- * Children need to learn to swim in their area
- * Many in our area walk to facility, we can't afford other means of transportation
- * Close to Schools and Day Cares
- * Instructors - are part of our group - they enjoy coming here (Candice and Rosemary)
- * Affordable
- * Location - Can walk to Needham - Some of us don't have cars
- * Health - Seniors, Children and Adults
- * Social and individual health of our neighbourhood
- * Safe Accessible and Welcoming Environment, Small
- * The Schedules are Agreeable
- * Good for Retired Persons
- * Many Children have learned to swim here
- * Day Care makes use of pool
- * Friday Night Pizza / Pool
- * Birthday Parties

* Cultural Enrichment
* Cohesion (people from all cultures)
* The pool is a Value / Added community asset that we already have that we already have supported through our tax dollars
* We have a lot invested a lot of money in this pool
* Pool provides employment for university students
What can be done to improve Needham Centre?
* Renovate the shower space (too small) and locker room space (less lockers)
* Improved promotion of activities being carried out at this facility via the councillors news letter
* We want more programming, night classes for Yoga, Swimming, etc... like Northcliffe (if there were more classes we'd be there)
* Accessible, the same kind of lift that is at Northcliffe
* Because of the large number of Nova Scotians with arthritis, there needs to be more pools in the city. Movement, weight and diet help to combat arthritis. It is too painful to move on land when arthritis is involved. Health Care would benefit because of all the injuries and we are getting younger and with more injuries. (I myself am 55 I had to get a new hip. I got it last year. The Doctor said I will need the other hip done and two new knees. I am staying in the water, because of the water I am pain free and able to be mobile. I now have my life back. There are lots of stories like mine.)
* Child Care Services
* Accessibility - for Physically disabled
* Larger Dressing Rooms, More Showers / Washrooms
* Bigger Pool
* Gym Equipment
* New Facility would definitely have a pool
* Subsidized fees for lower income families
* Rent Space / Parking
* Open on Weekends
* Scheduling Improvements
* Babysitting Services
* Building Upgrades
* Advertising / Promotion / Marketing
* More evening classes (especially water exercises)
* Better Advertisement of programs available
* More accessible for disabled
* Improved Shower Facilities
* Larger Change Rooms with Lockers
* Improved Sound System
* Pool Ramp Entrance for Disabled
* Improved Parking Area / Bike Area
* No Free Passes unless Subsidised
* Better use of Gym - For youth Programs
* More Health Promotion Programs
* Security - Allowing you to be comfortable to leave your possessions in a locker
* More Showers, toilets and accessible to all
* More Classes for fitness, More Instructors
* Wheelchair Accessible from the Outside
* More Parking
* Hot Tub
* Aquatics Resource and Apparatus
* Sound System
* Better Ventilation
* Coffee / Gift Shop to Support the Facility
* More Marketing and Communication within the Community
* More Health Promotion - Decrease Health Costs to Province
What new programs would you like to see at Needham?
* We want the pool to remain in our community with more programming
* We are unaware of what is available at this Community Centre and other Centres because there again lack of promotional

- information. (i.e.: If these new features can be accommodated in this facility)
- * Rental space for Weddings, etc... (i.e.: in the Gym, the monies going back in this facility)
- * A coffee house in the facility as it exists
- * We are community in knowing one another, for example we visit each other at homes or the hospital. So with increased programming (i.e.: night time would get more & different users and increase the community feel of the centre - more people)
- * Program or Rental Space
- * Synchronized Swimming
- * More Aquacise
- * Earlier Swims / Water Exercise
- * Bigger Showers & Bigger Locker/Change Rooms
- * Babysitting Services
- * Amateur Theatre Space
- * More Classes for Swim Instructors
- * More evening Classes
- * More Variety in Programs
- * More Health Promotion Programs
- * Babysitting Services - So young moms can participate
- * More exercise programs use Gym also for Yoga
- * Tuesday and Thursday morning swims for Seniors and Moms with Tots - Keep on going all Summer
- * More Training for Lifeguards and Fitness Instructors
- * Health Education - Preventative Medicine Issues
- * Innovative Programming, Health for Seniors and other Issues
- * Accessibility
- * Cafe or Coffee Shop / Gift Shop
- * Day Care for Mothers who want to Participate
- * Improved Water / Air Cleaning Technologies
- * Partnering with Dal for Fitness and Health Instructors (Practical Experience)

Feedback

What do you like about Needham Centre? Why is it Important to you?

- * Swimming
- * After School
- * Sleepovers
- * Summer Camps
- * Night Hoops only thing for Teens
- * Keeps Kids Occupied - Out of Trouble
- * Friends are Here
- * It is in the Neighbourhood

What programs and services do you use now or would like to see?

- * Night Hoops could be longer, Keep Lights On (too long to heat up)
- * Could have Dances age 14+ up, also Younger one for Younger Ages
- * Fundraisers for new Backboards and Nets
- * Add Computers and Teen Centre
- * Yoga
- * Movie Nights
- * Boxing Instruction
- * Jobs & Need more Jobs
- * Barber Shop
- * Skill Sessions so people can get Jobs
- * Cooking Classes
- * Basketball Tournaments
- * Extras for Pool
- * New Equipment
- * Bring back Weight Room to Needham
- * Get the Dust out of the Gym

What programs and services do you think should be provided in the Future?

- * Homework Help
- * Gym with 10 ft. Nets and Square Back Boards (Plexi-glass)
- * Gym (Bob Douglas at Citadel)
- * Computer Room
- * Teen Room - TV's, X-Box
- * Weight Room & Gym time each day of the Week
- * Outdoor Court with Lights
- * Climbing Wall
- * Studio Space
- * Roller Skating at Devonshire
- * Girls Night Programs
- * Change 4th Floor to Youth Room
- * Bingo for Teens

If the Forum, were to be developed into a Multi-District Facility... What do you think should be provided?

- * Big Swimming Pool with Slides, Nets, Sauna, Jacuzzi, Waves (No Bumps)
- * Tennis Courts - Inside and Outside - 2 or 3 Courts - Side by Side
- * Boxing Gym
- * Volleyball Courts - Indoor and Outdoor
- * Ball Room for Kids
- * Trampoline
- * Anti-Gravity Room
- * Trips - Laser Tag, Air Soft
- * Running Track - Like the Tracks at Dalplex
- * Dance Programs
- * Youth Jobs
- * Weight Room at SMU

Feedback**What do you like about Needham Centre? Why is it Important to you?**

- * What they offer
- * Pool
- * Connection with the Community
- * It's Cheap / Affordable
- * The Staff - Manners
- * Safe - Because it is within walking distance
- * Feel comfortable sending my children there
- * The Playground
- * Gives Youth in the area first time jobs
- * Leadership Jobs
- * The Day Care
- * Day Camps
- * In-service Days there is always something planned for the kids to do
- * They show they care about the Community
- * They plan around the school year
- * They call members of the community and ask what they think about program ideas, etc...
- * They care about the community
- * Like the Gym and the Pool - they don't have to go to Centennial
- * Locker Rooms and Kitchen

When asked, "so am I correct in hearing that it's not the bricks & mortar but the what happens there and the people who work there?"

The response, "Yes, it is the guts."

- * Main focal point north of the North End
- * Opportunities for youth employment
- * If there is an issue they work together with the parents and the organization

* They know everyone
* So much has been taken from the north end - Schools / Bank / Stores
* It is the heart of the Community
What programs and services do you use now or would like to see?
* Water Aerobics
* Swimming
* Basket Ball / Night Hoops
* After School Programs / Cooking
* Birthday Parties
* Association Christmas Party
* Taste of Africa
* Men's Sports Groups / Karate
* Model and Boot Camp
* Summer Camps - not just kids from the North End
* Leadership Camps
What programs and services do you think should be provided in the Future?
* Cake Decorating - For Kids and Adults
* Hip Hop
* A Basket Ball Team out of Needham
* Summer Camps
* Swimming - New Pool - current one too small
* Currently Not Accessible
* Air Conditioning
* Parking
* Facelift - Upgraded
* We want it to be there - fear that it won't
* Roller Skating
* Better Signage
* Bigger Gym
* Outside Basket Ball Courts
* Dance Studio
* Sound Studio
* Bigger Day Care
* Outside Play Area
* Spray Pool
* BINGO - twice a month
* Things for Adults in the Nights
* Rooms to Access
* Community Education Stuff
* Wave Pool
* Sitting Area Outside
Have you used Multi-District Facilities? What do you like/dislike about them?
* Dartmouth Sportsplex - Swimming / BINGO and Birthday Parties / Pirates Cove
* Wave Pool
* Exercise Gyms
* Yoga
* Got to them for Special Events
* Use the Forum for Special Events and Hockey Games
If the Forum, were to be developed into a Multi-District Facility... What do you think should be provided?
* Consideration for the Single Parents and Folks on Assistance - Could they afford to go?
* Continuing Education Programs
* Wood Working Shop

- * Ceramic Studio
- * Weight Room
- * Dance Studio
- * Aerobic Studio
- * Kiddie Pool
- * Regular Pool
- * Racquet Ball
- * Great Big Slide
- * Games Room
- * Pottery Studio - Arts
- * Affordable Massage Clinic
- * Lessons and Rooms that cater to the Disabled
- * Two Gyms - One Big - One Small
- * Nicer Multi-Purpose Room - That would be suitable for Weddings, etc...
- * Atmosphere - no sense of Community - People are treated differently
- * Some sort of Warmth
- * How would you handle Community rivalry? Fact in the community

Biggest Concerns:

- * How could you make this affordable?
- * Classes and Services
- * Good to have a beautiful place but who can afford it? If no one can, not much sense!
- * If it could be subsidized some way? Don't want to jump through hoops to get it. Can you afford to subsidize everyone who needs it?
- * When making these decisions, does HRM take into account the number of folks on Assistance and/or Single Parents...not just the number of people in the area
- * How do we get there?

Feedback

What do you like about Needham Centre? Why is Needham Centre important to you?

- * Location
- * Walking distance, close to bus route
- * Older Children can walk to Centre
- * Children meet other children
- * Sense of Neighbourhood
- * Different Groups - Eco-Social Culture
- * Friendly
- * Size
- * Extension of School System, HRM, Neighbourhood
- * Knowing Staff, Employment Opportunity for Youth, Community
- * Day Care to working as Youth
- * Crime Deterrent
- * Good Condition - Kept in Good Condition
- * Growing with Centre
- * Something for everyone - Pre-School to Senior
- * Pool
- * Location - Skating, Toboggan Hill, Fort Needham
- * Help Bring People to the Community
- * History of Facility
- * Multi usable - 2 programs at once
- * Love size of Pool
- * Observation Room for Pool
- * Good Light / Windows - Windows Open
- * Youth Activities - Needham could be a Hub
- * Low Cost
- * Variety of Activities
- * Doesn't Create Traffic
- * Parking doesn't take away from Facility, Community

- * One Entrance - Creates Familiarity
- * Variety of Activities
- * See Same Children and Parents
- * Day Camp has a great reputation
- * Summer Activities
- * Capacity for more Activities

What programs and services do you think should be provided?

- * More Youth Programs
- * Tween Programs
- * Adult Gym Usage - Recreational
- * More Evenings and Weekends
- * Senior Programs
- * Utilize Seniors with Staffing / Volunteering
- * Walking Group
- * Parent and Child / Family
- * Art Classes - Pottery
- * Music
- * Cultural Programs - African Drum Club
- * Cooking Classes
- * Community Leaders come in and share Talent and Experiences
- * Sign to Educate Community of Events / Programs
- * Signage
- * Communication Tools - Signs, etc...
- * Movie Nights
- * Accessible to be Inclusive - Wheel Chairs
- * 30+ Programs
- * LEED Certified
- * Green
- * Natural Light
- * Air Conditioning
- * Interesting Design / Character / Fits Community

How could Needham Centre be improved in the future?

- * Accessibility
- * Change Rooms Expanded
- * Cost Effective, Heating Alternatives, Natural Gas
- * Signage
- * More Community Rooms
- * Community Lab / Internet
- * Natural Light for Gym
- * Keep Character of Building
- * Bike Trail for Beginners / Safe
- * Display Units for History / Awards / Pictures - local of Community People and Events

Have you used Multi-District Facilities?

- * Gym / Fitness Centre - Cardio and Weights
- * Indoor Track
- * League Play
- * Pools - Variety of Pools / Slides
- * Rinks - Size
- * Multiple Purpose Rooms
- * One Stop Shop
- * Other Service Providers - Mental Health, Physio, Health Promo
- * Utilizing People in Community - 'More Environmentally Friendly'
- * Attract people to Peninsula

* Reducing Infrastructure Costs
* Green Building
If the Forum, was developed as a large Recreation Facility... What do you think should be provided?
* Rink
* Track - Indoor
* Gym / Aerobic / Cardio / Weights
* Pools
* Multi Purpose Rooms
* Other Service Providers - Mental Health, etc...
* Boot Camp - Before Work
* Training Facility
* Racquet Sports
Feedback
What do you like about your aquatic experience at Needham Pool? Why is it important to you?
* Proximity to your home
* Friendly & Diverse (options) in Services - Programming/Swimming/Rec. & Ed/Social / Rental Aspect / Soccer / Day Care
* Size of Facility seems appropriate for the Neighbourhood - Not a huge pool with multi activities, not intimidating
* Good Bus Service
* Provides a Social Networking - didn't have it until you started coming to centre and about the Community
* Size is more welcoming
* Staff is Friendly and Welcoming (from around here)
* Comfort level across cultures that is not reflected across Halifax as a whole and certainly not in larger facilities
* Programs offered across age continuum - Great Value to Folks (very important) / Addresses Isolation
* Centre in the Community - Provides good time management 'time poverty' for Young / Single Parents / Working Families
Pool:
* Warmth of the Water (+/-) (!)
* Size and Level of Activity - Not chaotic and Loud
* Size and Level of Activity - Centennial Pool - Too big
* Staff - Instructors are top notch
* Available to working folks (after work hours)
* Friendliest Atmosphere - i.e.: Staff, Patrons (Compared to Centennial and Northcliffe)
* As "I" get older, important to have access to the pool
* Most cost effective way for people to get physical activity - Seniors Housing
* Accessible for people who may be at the lower end of the income spectrum to have kids involved
* Generally Affordable
Programs and Services - Now / Future:
* Recreational Swimming
* Aquacise (everyday offered - all sessions)
* Yoga
* Lane Swims
* Pre-School / Day Care - Swimming
* School Age Red Cross Lessons
* Adult Swimming Lessons
* Family Swim - once per week
* Soccer
* Gymnastics (Chocolate Lake)
* Ballet
FUTURE:
* More Evening / Weekend Programs (no where to take Aquacise on Weekends)
* Adult Only Swims
* Art / Paint / Studio Time
* Tai Chi

- * Seniors oriented low impact physical
- * Walking Club
- * Indoor playground "Burger King"
- * Cooking Lessons / Community Cooking
- * Cooking all Ages / Exchange - Community Kitchen - Nutrition / Share
- * Adult Education in Community environment where folks are comfortable and safe
- * Lecture / Speaker Series (Fun Element - cooking classes)
- * Benches for people to sit and wait inside and outside
- * Community Garden that is Age appropriate - Raised Beds
- * Accessible
- * Better Lighting
- * Water needs to be Warmer (Aging Clients)
- * No Chlorine - Better Filtration / Cleaning System
- * Target the pool to certain groups - i.e.: Seniors
- * Core Rubber Floors for Special Programming
- * Sauna
- * Adult Swim Times instead of always / in addition to lane swims
- * Advertising / Promotion about Programs needs to increase (think about it differently - social networking, etc...)
- * Group Activities, Facility Specific
- * Aquacise Social Area 'Comfy Chairs' - Cup of Tea
- * Small Jewel of potential for Seniors
- * Community Advisory Team - to help staff to program 'appropriate' representation

Have you used Multi-District Facilities?

- * Sackville Sports Stadium - Curling
- * Cole Harbour Place - Swimming / Watch Hockey
- * Dartmouth Sportsplex - Tried Fitness Centre

If the Forum, was developed as a large Recreation Facility... What do you think should be provided?

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| * Pool | * Spryfield - Bright / Light Filled |
| | * Zero Entry |
| | * Warm |
- * Meeting Rooms / No or Low Cost (Clubs, Events, More Accessible)
 - * Lessons - Kayak
 - * Library
 - * Indoor Walking Track
 - * Coffee Shop / Healthy Foods
 - * Walking Clubs

Feedback - Citadel Community Centre

What do you like about Citadel?

- * New
- * Lots of Gym space
- * Good Area - Access to Commons
- * Wheelchair
- * Good Staff
- * Good Vibe, All like same things, Likes "strict" Staff, Know when to be Strict
- * Good Sprung Floor
- * Nice Dance Studio - Mirrors
- * Work is fun
- * Convenient with School - same setting
- * Diverse Community
- * Connection to other Community Centres
- * Quiet sometimes (good thing)
- * Staff know what to do
- * Good job for Students
- * Like the dividers between the 4 Gyms
- * Bleachers

- * If something breaks - It gets fixed quickly
- * Great to have School and Community Centre together
- * Connection for Announcements
- * Community likes size of Gym

Why is Community Centre important to you?

- * Jobs, experience and money
- * Meet new people
- * Place for Community to go in middle of city
- * Healthy active lifestyle
- * Keeps some kids out of trouble
- * Way to give back to community
- * Because it's new
- * Good for commuters and kids of commuters
- * Reasonably priced dance classes - can afford to try stuff
- * Opportunity to promote a new activity
- * Can advertise here for things happening around the centre
- * More space for clubs and leagues to practise
- * Can use connections to professional athletes to do mini-events, etc...

What programs and services do you think should be provided/wanted?

- * Evening Programs - can't participate
- * Time - Making money, Don't want to come back
- * Programs/Services Wanted

	* Night Hoops	* Better Timings / Attract older crowd
		* Better Advertising
		* Don't know we exist
		* Commercial - Promote Centre
	* Floor Hockey	

- * Have to come in to get books
- * Specific Advertising
- * Doesn't look different
- * Signs are not noticeable
- * Cabs don't come
- * No Staff Room - sink (only kitchen) and microwave
- * Kitchen
- * Summer Staff Room & Place to have a staff meeting - Staff room doesn't have to be that big
- * Allowed to use the school kitchen
- * More regular space
- * 5 camps - Don't have enough room - have to share
- * Multi Purpose Room - with a kitchen in it
- * Craft Room (with tables you can mess up) - Pottery - like St. Pat Alexander
- * Storage Room
- * More class rooms for camps
- * Parents/Children area - with chairs, toys, magazines, etc...
- * Confusion in front area
- * Using more space
- * School doesn't want to lend space (we always clean up)

How could Citadel be improved in the Future?

- * Floor - Seems to be shifting - Standards are not high enough
- * Working with school sucks
- * Why does the school need two Gyms? School has taken over one
- * Storage room is a mess
- * No access to school - Fire Alarm can't get turned off
- * Fire alarms not cased

- * More keys for staff - their storage room (school takes)
- * Programs work fine - what we are required to do is perfect...the rest
- * More communication with staff - miscommunication - Gym teachers - not so cooperative
- * Ovals - Skating Free (Commons)

Multi-District:

- * Vending machines - School facilities
- * Options - Different programs, wide range
- * Everything under one roof
- * Places to eat
- * Stay in one place and get a lot done
- * Less crowded when you have lots to do
- * Membership? - Not so expensive
- * Free programs at Needham for community - would this happen at new Multi District Centre
- * Bigger place - everyone goes there
- * Rec. Centres - older and younger people not teens
- * Teen come when they are connected to establishment
- * No open times
- * Field - outdoor component
- * Something not offered anywhere else
- * Karen Zen Garden
- * Pool - Fitness Centre (preserve the old Forum façade)

	* Laps and Leisure
	* Little kids pool (separate)
	* Outside turf-track (like SMU), Running Track
	* Diving Board, Big Slides
- * Big Playground
- * Rock Wall
- * Dance Studio to book
- * Stuff for infants
- * Gymnastics - Spinning
- * Tennis Courts
- * Daycare
- * Outdoor Basketball Court
- * Work out Gym - Weigh Room, higher weights
- * All kinds of sports - rooms

Feedback

What do you like about Citadel Centre? Why is it Important to you?

- * Like Variety of Programs in Rec. Guide & Like Rec. Guide!
- * Like Variety of Night Time Availability & Variety of HRM Day Camps
- * Dance Classes
- * Trained Instructors
- * Like Gym Use
- * Easy Access via Transit, etc...
- * Location
- * Soccer
- * Community Specific Mail Drops (1 page flyer)
- * Can Instructors Volunteer?

What programs and services do you think should be provided in the Future?

- * Can't get access to Run a Program
- * Historical Users getting priority - Same use, Times, New Users can't Grow
- * How do you get new activity - i.e.: Remote Control Air Planes
- * Diverse Sport Opportunities

How could Citadel Centre improved in the future?

- * What about Outdoor Opportunities Attached to Facilities? - Sport Fields, Gardens, etc...
- * Later Hours? Go until Midnight - 2 Gyms not enough Washrooms, Showers
- * Not enough Gym Space
- * Facilities should ask for Community
- * Could be added Value to have Volunteer Advisory Board
- * Bettering Advertising of Rec. Guide - Why did we stop sending to all homes?
- * Access to School Citadel Gym at Night
- * Proper Lighting - So stuff won't get stuck up in them and burn

What do you like about them?

- * Great Staff
- * Personable, Feel Welcomed
- * Clean
- * Well Trained Staff, Smiling, Dressed
- * Good Advertising

How could they be improved in future?

- * Difficult to get to without a Car
- * Letting People know their Programs
- * Adding them to Rec. Guide
- * Prices / Cost
- * Access to All Weather Fields, when not in use for other activities - i.e.: Air Plane Flying, Tournaments for Flying, etc...

If the Forum, were to be developed into a Multi-District Facility... What do you think should be provided?

- * Rock Climbing
- * High Ceiling Space (30 - 35')
- * Proper Lighting (Indirect)
- * Multi-Functional Space with Basket Ball Nets that can move out of the way
- * Soccer (Indoor) Several Smaller Sized Soccer Fields
- * Spectator Area (Behind Glass)
- * Indoor Golfing Dome? Energy Costs?
- * Pool
- * Outdoor Activities (Programming)
- * User Friendly
- * Badminton

Feedback

What do you like about Citadel Centre?

- * Nicest Studio in Halifax
- * Best Floor, plus Mats, etc...
- * Like that it's Open to Everyone
- * A lot of the Activities are Free
- * It's very Clean, Available, Staff are Very Nice and Friendly

Why is it Important to you?

- * Because as bboys we need a good Bouncy and Slippery Wood Floor and Mirrors
- * Able to work and practice dancing in a Rec. Centre
- * Dance Studio = Dancing (which we love)

What programs and services do you use now?

- * The Dance Studio
- * Gym
- * Dancing
- * Swimming
- * Using the Studio

What programs and services do you think should be provided in the Future?

* Well anything else is cool, but really the Studio's all we need
* Pool would be cool
* Speakers and Mirrors for the Dance Studio
* Equipment - Mats, Stationary Stereo
How could Citadel Centre improved in the future?
* Maybe a Stereo specifically for us
* Dancing
* We like it, Stereos?
Have you used Multi-District Facilities?
* Yes, Dartmouth Sportsplex and Sackville Sports Stadium
What do you like about them?
* They have Multi Rooms and Stuff to do for Everyone
* Free, big, Usable
* They have a lot of things to do
If the Forum, were to be developed into a Multi-District Facility...What do you think should be provided?
* Basket Ball Courts for Sure
* A 50 Meter Pool
* Pool
* Dance Studio
* Youth Room
* Computer Room
* Dance Studio (Multiple)
* Gym
* Pool
* Tennis and Basket Ball Courts
* Rock Climbing
Feedback
What do you like about Citadel Centre?
* Separate entrance / need access to centre
* Secure the Centre from the School
* Access 7 days a week as a School / Community
* Collaborate with HRM Staff - deal with issues
* Professional Manner
* Communication - Monthly Meetings
* Site Meetings
* Attract - Staff easily - Work experience sites
* Jobs for Students - Huge Opportunities
* Leadership to other Students
* Second Gym - Huge benefit for Physical Education - 4 x's a day - Space, Effective Program
* Dance Studio - More Gym time better quality
* 23 Sports / Club Teams - Without Gym - Extra Practice time
* Free Gym time on Weekends
* Quality of life of Staff
* Football Team can start early
* Security wise it is a benefit
* Love being part of it
* Share equipment room space - School has mats - Access to Drama Room / Cooking / Class Rooms
* Cafeteria - Operated Independently - Can be used by Community - Chartwell provide service
Outside Facilities:
* Hill - Slip and Slide
* Custodians - Cooperate

* Commons
* HRM - paying for Janitorial and Custodial
Why is it Important to you?
* Come on the weekends
* Truly a Community Building
* Youth not in Sports have - Theatre, Break Dancers, Drummers, Drama
* Musical - Sell Tickets / Practices
* Dance to Practice - Student to Mediate
* Noon Space - Prayer and Meditation
What programs and services do you use now or would like to see?
* Space - Football - Dressing Rooms to Cost Share - Great Fund Raiser
* Sixty Five (65) Grade 10-12 - Gear Storage / Showers
* Performance Space - Drama Class
* Multi-Purpose Room - Meetings / Events
* Atrium - Staff Meeting Rooms
* Conference Room - Plenary Area
* Beaver / Girl Guides / Brownies - Keep events in house with Rec.
* Weight Room
* Kitchen
* Office Space for Rec.
* Cupboards in Room - Art Room
* Technology in Space - Wireless
* Multi-Purpose Room - Screens and Projectors
* Go to Place
* Youth Drop - Might help with program for Youth
* Seniors Space - Elevator
* Outdoor access to upstairs
What programs and services do you think should be provided in the Future?
* Field - Bad Weather - Field Closed - No Practice
* Trained probably All Weather Field
* HRM - Workout times to accommodate - All Weather
* Infrastructure for - Sound Systems, Mic. System
* Internet Access
* Multi Media Training
* Broadcast Journalism
* Music Productions
* Audio System - Students to run
* Able to house something that doesn't fit in a regular Class Room
How could Citadel Centre improved in the Future?
* Parking - 120 + Staff - 75 Spaces
* Field - Bad Weather = Field Closed - No Practice
* Exit Upstairs in the mean time (Fire Safety)
* Door Open / Buzzer
* Customer Service - Door locked not Friendly
* Needs to be promoted more
* The Job - Who was responsible at what times
Have you used Multi-District Facilities?
* Dartmouth Sportsplex - Events, Pool
* Cole Harbour High and Auburn High
What do you like about them?
* Everything under one roof

* Cost Effective - Everything there	
* Field House Atmosphere	
* Indoor Track	
* Youth Access	* Climbing Walls - Interest
	* Skate Park
	* BMX - Dartmouth Parks
* Multi-Purpose Rooms	
* Library - Seniors	
* Access to Public Transit	

Feedback - Multi-District - Halifax Forum

Have you used Multi-District Facilities?

If the Forum, site were to be developed into a Multi-District Centre... What do you think should be provided?

* Are there Studies to confirm a large facility is cost effective (the best model?)
* Broader Costs - Health
* Leaders - (Aust.) now breaking down the model - going back to smaller/community
* Team Centre, Daycare, Family Health Medical / Rehabilitation, Food Services
* Clayton Park - either / or (for users)
* Studio Space - Yoga, Dance, Multi-Use
* Full Service Training (in one location) - On Ice / Off Ice (i.e.: swimming, gymnastics)
* Separate access to Teen Centre (i.e.: in Victoria) Partnership with Howard Johnson (Victoria)
* Gyms - Court Sports (Growth Area), Accessible, Viewing Areas (also Accessible)
* Outdoor Green Space - Outdoor Courts, Lawn Bowling, Informal Play
* Transit Service, Walkability
* Cost to Users
* Canada Games competing with a new Forum Complex, will there be enough people to support both? (Will both run large deficits?)
* Affordable housing on the Peninsula
* Complimentary, but different - Canada Games Centre, Forum Multi-District Centre
* 50 m pool x's 2, one available for Leisure / Other Activities (ex: Sliding Bulkhead / Dive Tank)
* Consultation on actual designs must happen at future stages
* Four (4) Aquatic Groups rejected the design of Canada Games Centre, HRM started process for CG Facility with an "Agenda"
* Forum considered a "mini" multi-plex, "mega" won't get the volume; put more into Comm. Centres - where people will use them
* Opportunity for a true Aquatic Facility; Provincially Mandated
* A stand alone Aquatic tends not to be financially feasible
* Paying for new Facilities
* Aquatic is a MUST!
* BL / PD not open to input - They Steered the Ship for Mainland Common

Feedback

Have you used Multi-District Facilities?

* Dartmouth Sportsplex and Cole Harbour Place	
	* Multi-Purpose Room - For Large Events & Meeting Rooms
	* Games - Soccer
	* Auctions / Shows
	* Christmas Craft Fairs
* Better Promotion of Facilities - Availability of Rooms for Use	
* Cole Harbour Place (as newer) - Brighter, Open	
* Dartmouth Sportsplex / Forum - Showing age; not "open" (space) feeling, dark	

If the Forum, site were to be developed into a Multi-District Centre... What do you think should be provided?

* Swimming Component
* Walking Track - Option to Gym Membership
* Meeting Spaces
* Gym / Fitness Centre (Machines) - Priced Right!
* New Development happening on Peninsula would support
* Soccer vs. Ice - Is it reasonable to expect all could be accommodated?
* Keeping Price Reasonable
* Facility that could be used in All Weather (Covered)

* Transitional / Multi-Purpose use of Facility - Ice Surface Accommodates Soccer as an example
* Facility in close proximity to one another - Campus idea (using other sites on Kempt Rd.)
* Westmount - New Accessible Play Ground meets a large need. Generates Traffic - Brings people from other areas
Feedback
Have you used Multi-District Facilities?
* Disappointed that people are more comfortable with empty facilities than not. Cost is prohibitive
* The more activities permitted the better - be it lawn bowling, carpet bowling, ping pong
* Facilities to be multi-use
* More creative ways to use a flat spot, Maximize
* Grow up Skating - No night opportunities
* No Public Skating - Same at Dartmouth Sportsplex
* Gym Facilities - none around here
* Live right across the street
* Need a Pool - Water Fit / Plain Swimming
* Seniors are ignored, No place to do senior activities
* 3 Groups are interested in playing Shuffle Board
* Shuffle Board Club - have funds from New Horizons for part Capital part Operating
* A seniors place to be is advisable - a facility to use with seniors activities, Seniors would Skate
* Attempting to start a Summer league
* Would like <input type="text"/> Basket Ball Court, Tennis Court, Sports/Soccer, Track - Indoor or Outdoor, Weight Room
* Social interaction is important
* Caution toward food service
* Social reasons are where " we " began
* A place to sit down and chat
* Nice and Welcoming
* Plan Parking
* Public Transit - Windsor Street isn't well served
* Population is dense - Biking and Walking
* Include Physio to support Rent / Health Services
* Empty Facilities - This comment was a Theme
* Healthy Food as a choice
* Tough to find locations to run programs and presentations - Community Rooms (not at a great cost)
* Opportunities to participate in Sport at a reasonable rate
* A lot of the kids today who play sports are from families that can afford it
* Northwood Seniors
* Activities that involve people with Disabilities
* Good Access - i.e.: Cost, Inter-Generational (there are ways to incorporate inter-generational)
* "If you've got the idea, we've got the place"
* "Whatever your budget is, it fits inside of mine"
* Any Multi-District Facility has to be accessible and not exclusive - 'Sport Snobs'
* Library - Small Book Room, Magazines, etc...
If the Forum, site were to be developed into a Multi-District Centre... What do you think should be provided?
* Dartmouth Crossing Ampitheatres / Small Players, etc...
* If it's used by the Community it's protected by the Community
* Parking Lot can be an area for music - put chairs out, etc...
* Rock Climbing Wall in the Facility
* Encompass a Community Event area outside
* Green Aesthetics
* Outdoor Classroom
* Need "City Rec." Programming here
* Yoga, etc...
* All these Facilities need transportation access
* Move older people right around here, lots of kids too
* Gymnasium in Schools are Prohibitively Expensive
* Multi-District Facility + Good Operational Cost

* Rental Rooms for Group
* At Northcliffe - Guitar Lessons
* Party Rooms for Birthday Parties
* Community Appropriate Events / Loud - Not Good