



Town of Smithers Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Youth Survey

About the Project

The Town of Smithers is developing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan will set priorities for parks and recreation facilities, programs, and events over the next 10 years.

It is important that we receive feedback from youth in Smithers so that we can better understand what activities you are interested in and the types of programs and facilities that you think the Town should have more of or improve.

A couple of notes:

- **This is anonymous.** That means the answers you provide will be combined with everyone else's answers and we will not know which answers are yours.
- **This is voluntary.** We want to learn your opinions, but you don't have to tell us if you don't want to.
- **Answer the questions based on what you think.** Don't worry about what your friend's answers are, tell us what you think. If you don't tell your friend, they won't know what you answered.

About You

1. What grade are you in?

- Grade 6
- Grade 7
- Grade 8
- Grade 9
- Grade 10
- Grade 11
- Grade 12
- Other

2. Do you live in Smithers?

- Yes
- No

Part 1: Participating in Sports and Recreation

3. What are your favourite types of sports and recreation activities? You can select up to 3 answers.

- Nature oriented activities (e.g., fishing, wildlife watching, nature appreciation)
- Outdoor water activities (e.g., non-motorized activities such as canoeing, spray parks, swimming)
- Outdoor motorized activities (e.g., boating, water skiing, snowmobiling, quadding, dirt biking)
- Outdoor sports (e.g., soccer, baseball, golf)
- Indoor sports (e.g., basketball, soccer, hockey)
- Outdoor physical activity (e.g., walking, hiking, biking, running)
- Indoor physical activity (e.g., working out, swimming, yoga)
- Attending spectator activities / special events (e.g., sports events, festivals)
- Leisure activities (e.g., gaming, reading, social media)
- Arts activities (e.g., painting, drawing, pottery)
- Social activities (e.g., get together with friends / family, going for lunch or coffee)
- Other (please say what it is): _____

4. Do you play organized sports?

- Yes – throughout most times of the year
- Yes – but only for a few months of the year
- No – not at all (your activities occur casually with friends, family or on your own)

5. What do you normally do after school? ***Please choose one answer.***

- Go directly home
- Participate in a sports or fitness program at your school
- Participate in a sports or fitness program at another facility
- Hangout at a community park
- Go to a youth centre
- Participate in arts programming
- Hang out at the mall or another retail area
- Tutoring
- Go to my job
- Other (please say what it is):_____

6. What (if anything) prevents you from participating in parks and recreation opportunities in Smithers? Please select all that apply. ***Please select all that apply.***

- Health issues
- Cost to participate (registration fees, equipment, etc.)
- Transportation limitations (cost / availability)
- Overcrowded facilities
- Poor / inadequate facilities
- Too busy to participate
- Inconvenient program times
- Don't have the ability (lack the skills and/or comfort level to participate)
- Better or more appealing opportunities elsewhere
- The spaces you want to use are not physically accessible
- Unaware of available parks and recreation opportunities
- Lack of interest
- Opportunities to participate are too far away from where you live
- Don't feel welcome in the environment where the parks and recreation opportunities are available
- Available programming is not of a high enough quality
- Other (please say what it is):_____
- Nothing prevents your participation

Part 2: Parks and Recreation Facilities and Spaces

As part of this plan, priorities for facilities will be identified. The Town has limited financial resources and cannot build or improve every facility that residents might want.

7. From the list below, please select up to five (5) types of **indoor amenities** that you think should be priorities for investment. This investment could be in new or improved facilities.

- Arts and crafts creative spaces (e.g., studios and collaborative workspaces)
- Ice arenas
- Art galleries and display spaces
- Indoor children's play spaces
- Indoor aquatics facilities
- Indoor walking / running tracks
- Climbing walls
- Libraries
- Curling facilities
- Multi-purpose program rooms
- Fitness facilities
- Performing arts facilities (e.g., dedicated theatre space)
- Gymnasium / flexi-halls / large multi-use spaces
- Social gathering facilities (e.g., hall type spaces)
- Interpretive venues (e.g., museums and heritage facilities, nature centres, interactive learning spaces)
- Seniors focused spaces
- Youth focused spaces
- Childcare spaces
- Other (please say what it is): _____

8. From the list below, please select up to five (5) types of **outdoor amenities** that you think should be priorities for investment. This investment could be in new or improved facilities.

- Playgrounds
- Ball diamonds
- Rectangular sports fields (e.g., fields for soccer, football, rugby, etc.)
- Outdoor pools
- Track and field venues
- Spray parks
- Sand volleyball courts
- Campgrounds
- Outdoor lacrosse boxes
- Outdoor festival and community performance spaces (e.g., amphitheater and urban event plazas)
- Outdoor stadium (outdoor venue with seating capacity and amenities that can support spectator games, events, concerts, etc.)
- BBQ and picnic areas / park shelters
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Outdoor paved court spaces (e.g., for basketball, ball hockey, etc.)
- Outdoor skating rinks
- Tennis courts
- Pickleball courts
- Dog parks
- Skate parks
- Disc golf courses
- Community gardens
- Pump tracks / bike skills parks
- Trails
- Other (please say what it is): _____

9. Using the space below, please describe any types of recreation or parks programs and/or events that you would like to see more of or improved. For example, describe any programs or activities that you would like to try but aren't available in the community.

