



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?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 9
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 10
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 12
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

2. Do you live in Smithers?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.

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

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

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

