

**Pleasant Hill Community Rink – Engagement Event  
Thursday, Oct 27, 2022 5pm  
St. Mary’s School Wellness Centre  
Community Feedback Summary**

Estimated attendance: 80 – 100 people

Participants in attendance were divided into four talking circles and facilitators gathered information on three questions regarding a new community rink in Pleasant Hill:

1. Location – Pleasant Hill Park or Grace Adams Metawewihik Park beside St. Mary’s School?
2. Style of Rink – temporary or permanent?
3. What else – dreaming a bit bigger, what else could/should be added as amenities to support this facility?

**Location**

St. Mary’s because;

- It looks ‘taken care of’;
- It’s more of a community hub; and
- there are more kids at the school

Pleasant Hill because;

- It would see more people passing through that park;
- It would create a positive place in the community. Spread the wealth;
- There’s already a playground and spray park there;
- Create a warm up space there; and
- Incorporate spray park.

Near seniors/elders locations

South of tracks (Ave N) – more space – owned by P&H

*Consensus was to have the rink located in Pleasant Hill Park. This was later affirmed at the November 24, 2022 Pleasant Hill Community Association Meeting.*

## **Style**

- Make it multipurpose with a solid surface;
- Permanent boards – helps to contain soccer balls if it's used for soccer programs in the summer;
- The rink boards could be used as a big community art canvas – graffiti style art;
- Regular normal rink;
- Lots of different activities in area – curling, broomball;
- It's about community;
- Indoor? Outdoor?;
- Change space for skates;
- Normal inside for hockey, oval around the outside for public skating;
- High boards; and
- Full experience
  - Food/snack shack;
  - Shelter (warm);
  - Skate rentals;
  - Path going around trees;
  - Hockey rink inside, oval outside;
  - Scoreboard;
  - Sound system for music;
  - Accessible for people with disabilities; and
  - Whiteboard for planning out stuff.

*Consensus was to have an outdoor rink, high board, hockey style, with an additional spot flooded for toddler skating. At a minimum, a small building to house the utility connections and a skate change and warm-up space is needed. This was later affirmed at the November 24, 2022 Pleasant Hill Community Association Meeting.*

## **Dreaming Bigger**

- A place for providing food – soup kitchen, confectionary (drinks & snacks);
- Fire pit;
- Outside seating;
- Heated place – bathrooms;
- Skate rentals and/or free skates to use, hockey equipment – helmets, sticks, etc.;
- On site supervisors – other activity leaders;
- Year round youth centre/rec centre/community centre;
- Plug ins to charge phones, laptops, other electronics, etc.;
- Music;
- Cultural gathering place;

- Fun!;
- Warm up place – change skates;
- Bathroom;
- Zamboni;
- Use School – Fri night parties;
- Create jobs – concession space;
- Other programs i.e.: Crafts, music, basketball;
- Indoor rink;
- Triangular shape – square;
- Food, game area, sitting area;
- Helpers for learning to skate;
- Run around space, games;
- Mentors from community;
- Entertainment;
- Lights x 4
- Heated washrooms;
- Skating oval encloses rink;
- Skates available for those who need them;
- Skating chairs for learning;
- Colorful!;
- Safe space for all!;
- A flooded area outside the rink for other skating;
- Outdoor rink with roof (glass?);
- Heated bleachers;
- Drop in centre nearby – maybe in conjunction with the change building, sue the building as a public drop in centre with a host of activities, air hockey, foosball, ping pong, pool, video games, etc.;
- Refreshments in building;
- Needs an attendant at all times;
- Safety first;
- Equipment for summer sports;
- Teachers/coaches present at times;
- Get community involved;
- Homework centre;
- Have Metis art, murals, indigenous designs;

- Drug and alcohol free;
- Employment opportunity for young people in community;
- Equipment room full of available equipment for all;
- Indoor spray park – water park;
- Multipurpose room – kitchen in gym;
- Outdoor mental health/community outreach;
- Summer use? Ball hockey, skatepark;
- Imbed a medicine wheel in the base that shows through the ice;
- Rink as a swimming pool – hot tub;
- Look at art on the sideboards;
- Skate slide;
- Nurses office, medical room; and
- Wooden medicine wheel stage – outside the rink – for drummers.