

Youth Centre REIMAGINED PHASE 2

July 2024



**WHAT
WE
LEARNED**

Okotoks



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Background

A fun & safe dedicated youth space

The Okotoks Youth Centre is intended for youth ages 8-17 (teens 18 years are welcome until they graduate Grade 12).

The former Youth Centre was located on the lower level of the Okotoks Recreation Centre, adjacent to the skate park.

The new Youth Centre is located in front of the Okotoks Rec Centre gymnasium, between the Curling Rink and KC's Eatery. It is equipped specifically for youth with a TV lounge that includes 2 flat screen TVs, an Xbox and a switch docking station, a pool table, ping pong table, air hockey table, and a multi-purpose area for games, programs, and activities.

The Okotoks Youth Centre is supervised by trained, responsible staff during scheduled times for youth, but is also open as a lobby space for all to enjoy during other hours.

Challenges

The previous Youth Centre was a lower level, multi-room location that posed accessibility and supervisory challenges.

Our Goal

To create a fun, dedicated youth space at the Okotoks Recreation Centre that makes youth feel safe and welcome.

2023-2025 TIMELINE



Phase 1: In-person youth engagement opportunities at schools, local youth events and at Town of Okotoks Youth Night.



Seek input from parents and guardians through online survey.



Present findings to Council.



Begin construction..



Phase 2: Seek input on Youth Centre colour scheme and furnishings through online poll.



Complete construction.
New Youth Centre Grand Opening.

Community Engagement

We are committed (through the Town's Community Engagement Policy) to give the community an opportunity for input into decisions that will affect residents and businesses.

Who did we engage in phase 2?

The online poll provided youth (8-17) an opportunity to vote on their preferred colour schemes, furnishing and gaming equipment options for the new Youth Centre.

LEVEL OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This project falls within the **CONSULT** level.



107

Youth responded to the online poll.



	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
GOAL	To provide balance and objective information in a timely manner.	To obtain feedback on analysis, issues, alternatives and decisions.	To work with public to make sure concerns and aspirations are considered and understood.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision-making.	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE	"We will keep you informed."	"We will listen to and acknowledge your concerns."	"We will work with you to ensure your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the decisions made."	"We will look to you for advice and innovation and incorporate this in decisions as much as possible."	"We will implement what you decide."
	INPUT ZONE		ENGAGEMENT ZONE		

Youth Centre Colour Scheme

Q1

Review the proposed colour scheme options and then vote on your favourite option:

Colour Option 1: Prairie Sky					51.4%
Colour Option 2: Prairie Sunset					48.6%

Colour Option 1: **Prairie Sky Palette**



Colour Option 1: **Prairie Sunset Palette**



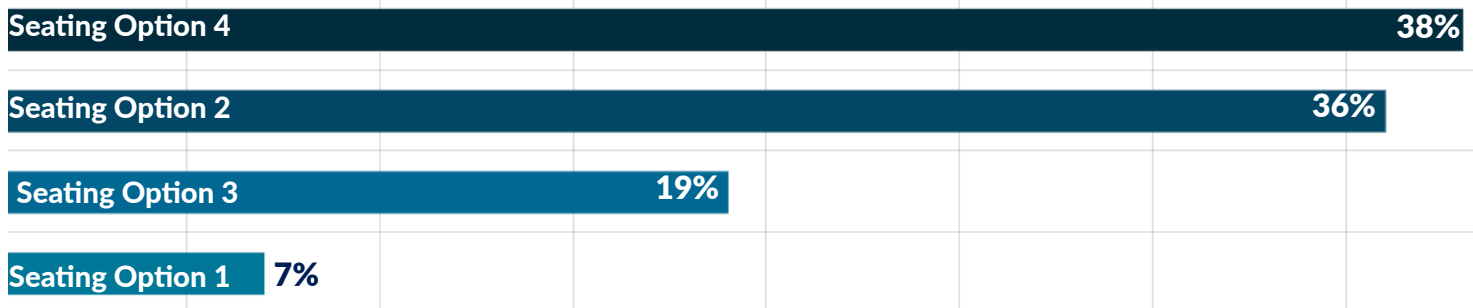
51.4%

Survey respondents
voted for **colour option 1**,
Prairie Sky Palette.

Youth Centre Seating Options

Q2

Review the four proposed seating options and then vote on your favourite. Note, you are voting on the seating style - not colour.



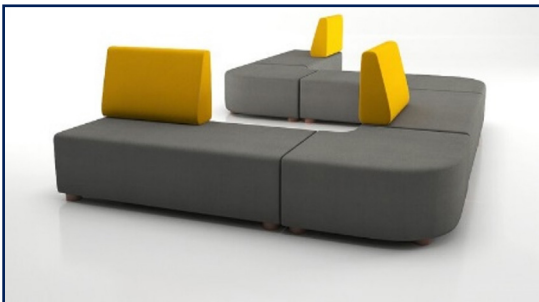
Seating Option 1



Seating Option 2



Seating Option 3



Seating Option 4



38%

Survey respondents voted for seating option 4.

Youth Centre Gaming Chair

Q3

Review the proposed gaming chair options and vote for your favourite.

Gaming Chair Option 2							76.8%
Gaming Chair Option 1		23.2%					

Gaming Chair Option 1



Gaming Chair Option 2



76.8%

Survey respondents
voted for **Gaming Chair,
Option 2.**

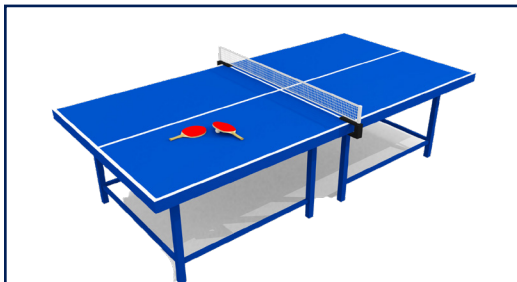
Youth Centre Gaming Equipment Options

Q4

Please rank the gaming equipment you would like in order of most important to least important.

Ping Pong Table	2.59
Pool Table	2.91
Foosball Table	2.36
Corn Hole	1.53

Ping Pong Table



Pool Table



Foosball Table



Corn Hole



*Each option's corresponding number represent it's score, which is based on its ranked position multiplied by the response count and divided by the total number of contributions.

Youth Centre Gaming System Options

Q5

Which gaming system would you prefer at the Youth Centre?

Nintendo Switch	63%
Play Station 4	37%



63%

Survey respondents
voted for a **Nintendo
Switch**.

Youth Centre Board Game Options

Q6

Use the comment box to list the board games you would like to see at the Youth Centre!



Top 5 Board Games

1. Catan
2. Monopoly
3. Clue
4. Scrabble
5. Chess

Next Steps

2025

Q1

Construction complete and Youth Centre Optimist Donor Wall installed.

Feb

14

Youth Centre Grand Opening & Celebration.

The Grand Opening featured an address from Mayor Thorn, followed by the unveiling of the Youth Centre Optimist Donor Wall, free roller skating in the gymnasium, games, snacks and more!

