

Have your say on replacing Beeton Arena

Public input is still being sought on the replacement of Beeton Memorial Arena.

The Town of New Tecumseth is continuing its online outreach into this major build, which has garnered a great deal of public discussion in recent months.

A series of questions are available online for you to sound off on the activities in which you currently participate, activities that catch your eye but you might not have an opportunity to pursue, and your vision for the future.

This project is directed to providing advice and guidance to the Municipality concerning the potential replacement of the Beeton Memorial Arena and we want to ensure that all community groups and organizations and community residents have meaningful opportunities to participate in the research process and stay informed of the progress of the research, say organizers.

Keeping in mind the opportunities to participate in indoor activities in Beeton, the survey questions whether an adequate number of opportunities is currently provided throughout the year for pre-school aged children, for kids and youth ages 12 and up, for teens between the ages of 13 and 19, adults between 20 and 64, seniors over the age of 65, persons with disabilities, as well as opportunities for parents and tots, and families as a whole to enjoy together.

Along side the sheer number of opportunities, the survey is also looking for input on whether the range and varieties of activities available in age of these age brackets and demographic areas are adequate as well.

Do you think there are enough opportunities for children to be active in Beeton over the summer holidays, as well as during March Break and P.A. days? This is your chance to have your say.

If you participate in gym sports, group fitness classes, cardio and/or weight training at the gym, indoor hockey, ice sports, library programs, and cultural pursuits in Beeton, this survey is also an opportunity to weigh in on how frequently or how little you take part in the myriad programs offered in and around New Tecumseth.

Your vision for the future is also sought.

The existing Beeton Memorial Arena and Hall accommodates a variety of programs, activities and events, however, for some residents, the building may represent more than just a place for recreation and sport activities, says the survey before asking whether you agree or disagree with the Beeton Memorial Arena being a centre of community life, being an important part of New Tecumseth's heritage, image and community identity, whether the new build should contribute to the local business economy, and whether a new Centre would make a positive contribution to the attraction of Beeton for new residents.

Online survey submissions will be collected through July 27, and it is available at newtecumseth.ca/bfrp.

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