

# City of Belleville

## Recreation Policy Readiness

In the fall of 2013, the Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Healthy Communities Partnership conducted a situational assessment on healthy eating and active living. The following is a brief summary of findings for the City of Belleville.

### Who Completed the Survey?

#### Residents (n=468)

66% female; 34% male

57% > age of 50

34% aged 30 - 49

9% aged 18 - 29

#### Stakeholders (n=30)

Representing:

- Social services
- Health
- Municipal
- Health NGO
- Education
- Housing
- Law enforcement
- Sports & recreation
- Other

### Neighbourhoods

- ◆ 92% of residents agreed and 96% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to develop outdoor recreational spaces within or near new housing developments.
- ◆ 83% of residents agreed and 88% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to create spaces within neighbourhoods and villages where people can gather for a range of social and recreational activities.

### Outdoor Recreation

- ◆ 86% of residents agreed and 96% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to put money towards developing parks and recreational spaces so people can be active outdoors.
- ◆ 87% of residents agreed and 92% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to develop a plan to build parks, trails and natural areas so residents can have more active outdoor opportunities.

### Programs

- ◆ 92% of residents agreed and 83% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to develop a plan to have more low-cost recreational programs so residents can be more active.
- ◆ 88% of residents agreed and 71% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to create recreation programs for people over the age of 65.

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## Focus Areas for Policy Development

### Most Supported

Municipal policies that increase opportunities for recreation



### Least Supported

Municipal policies that govern municipal actions related to recreation

