

City of Quinte West

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 Quinte West.

Who Completed the Survey?

Residents (n=422)

69% female; 32% male

71% > age of 50

20% aged 30 - 49

6% aged 18 - 29

Stakeholders (n=14)

Representing:

- Social services
- Health
- Education
- Business
- Sports & recreation
- Housing
- Other

Neighbourhoods

- ◆ 91% of residents agreed and 90% of stakeholders rated it as important for the city to develop outdoor recreational spaces within or near new housing developments.

Programs

- ◆ 93% of residents agreed and 90% 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.
- ◆ 89% of residents agreed and 90% of stakeholders rated it as important for the city to create recreation programs for people over the age of 65.

Outdoor Recreation

- ◆ 88% of residents agreed and 90% 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.
- ◆ 88% of residents agreed and 80% of stakeholders rated it as important for the city to put money towards developing parks and recreational spaces so people can be active outdoors.

Facilities

- ◆ 90% of residents agreed and 80% of stakeholders rated it as important for the city to work with school boards to allow people to use school gyms or fields for sports and recreation.

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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

