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What we learned during the Old Ottawa East Community Centre (OOECC) Public Consultations

On OOECC features -

- When asked to rank the importance of the following six features, from most important to least important, the ranking was - activity room cardio room, lounge, fitness room, meeting room, kitchen.
- When asked to rank the importance of the following three elements, from most important to least important, the ranking was - WiFi access, LEED certification, access to technology such as smart meeting boards/projectors.
- When asked to rank the importance of lounge aspects - art and greenery and comfortable seating were important. Computer access and access to workstations and desks were less important.
- Roughly three quarters of respondents preferred multi-purpose rooms to specific use rooms. Of the roughly one quarter that preferred specific use rooms the following room types were ranked from most important to least important - children room, preschool room, youth room, older adult room.
- Exploring indigenous recognition or residential school commemoration on the site is important

On parking -

- The majority of respondents thought electric plug in spaces in the parking lot would be beneficial.
- An overwhelming majority of respondents consider bike parking important.
- Roughly 40% of respondents considered stroller parking important.

On rentals –

- A bit less than half of respondents anticipated using the OOECC for rentals.
- Those that did anticipate using the OOECC for rentals anticipated renting the facility for birthday parties, community meetings and private events. Very few respondents anticipated renting for commercial bookings.
- Most potential renters anticipated renting space in the OOECC once per year, for between 15-25 people.

On activities and registration –

- Most respondents preferred paying for activities by registering for a seasonal session or paying a one-time drop in. Very few preferred signing up for a membership.
- Fitness and sports were the most popular activities, followed closely by dance and general interest, with playgroups and visual arts being less popular.
- Other activities that were suggested multiple times are – Indigenous recognition and programming, children's programming, French programming and a sports equipment lending library.