

Q5 Do you have any other comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Wondering why we don't use the current build in the off season more. Read the updates include a multi-court. The current space could be used for more, and a multi use court could be put in the current building. If people don't currently use it for Dance/karate why would it change with a bigger building?	6/1/2021 9:01 AM
2	Frivolous use of taxpayer dollars. The increased operating costs will mean an increase to taxes which are already too high. How many additional employees will have to be added to the arena staff because of this expansion?	6/1/2021 9:00 AM
3	Do not add a second ice pad. It only benefits a small percentage of people in the community	6/1/2021 8:49 AM
4	I am not in favor of any thing that will increase my taxes. I have also heard that there is a possibility of a second ice pad which I see no need for. There is lots of available ice time early morning. Kids are on the ice 3 times a week now which is plenty. The outdoor rink is much cheaper and could be used as recreational skating.	5/31/2021 10:29 PM
5	Park is great and needed. Hoping there will still be room for an outdoor rink next year. Outdoor activities and spaces are so important.	5/30/2021 11:32 PM
6	Could a flashing light crosswalk be considered similar to the ones on Main St and Wellington St? It is a very busy street to cross.	5/30/2021 11:18 PM
7	Definitely should add 1- Indoor Pool 2- Second Ice Rink (In that order)	5/30/2021 9:29 PM
8	The fundraising that was for the last arena addition did not meet the target fundraising goal and therefore was funded through tax dollars. As a taxpayer I would not like to see any tax money go towards this project as tax money has already funded this community building. If the fundraising goal was not met for the last arena addition there is very little chance the goal will be met the second time around. Many people have already donated to this building therefore it is unlikely they will donate again.	5/30/2021 5:02 PM
9	Great opportunity, utilize it, why isn't there more door knocking advertising on this? Ice rental is at premium, 2 nd pad be great. Install method of natural lighting (for summer) so more appealing to utilize rink pads in off season. Or Invest all 10 mil for pool aquatic centre, today we drive to bigger community for this, instead other communities could drive here. Water programs include all ages. Discern wisely, good luck.	5/29/2021 11:42 AM
10	It appears that you have many rooms that will be not used much. 2 Multi purpose rooms plus 3 board rooms seems excessive. I believe they will be empty quite a bit therefore wasted space. What kind of additional parking will be provided. During the winter months the current parking lot fills up with the many hockey teams coming and going. With additional activities potentially happening in the facility it goes without saying there will be additional vehicles. As it is the spaces are too tight and still limited parking especially during tournaments.	5/28/2021 9:37 PM
11	No Pool, No second ice pad. A lot of capital is being spent on the water works right now. I don't want my taxes to increase because of this.	5/28/2021 4:19 PM
12	This is a newly renovated building in comparison to other facilities in the township. I do not believe that this additional spending will increase the use of the facility to regain the value paid for the upgrade	5/27/2021 8:16 PM
13	You won't please everyone but we are very grateful to see improvements being made to our facilities.	5/27/2021 2:07 PM
14	I would fundraise for a pool or a pump-track. There is a huge hill by where the golf course is going in, Mountain Biking is taking off huge, and we have lots of land that would make excellent mountain biking trails! I would find raise for this too!	5/27/2021 1:58 PM
15	Appreciate the willingness of staff and Council to consider upgrades to the PMD Arena	5/27/2021 1:57 PM

complex. As a growing Municipality, I encourage staff and Council to consider additional amenities to serve the Community for the long term. While extremely costly, an indoor pool is so needed and would be such a great asset to the Community. Pools provide everyone with an opportunity for increased health- swimming is one of the only exercises that provides a full body workout and it is a very low-impact exercise that is accessible to many. Swimming improves both physical and mental health – which we all know is critical in this day and age. Furthermore, community pools are a place for people to make new friends, spend time with family outside of the home and provide a critical opportunity for people to learn such a critical life skill so close to home. Additionally, it has been proven that homes within close proximity to a community pool increase in value. This is a benefit not only to homeowners in Mapleton but also to the Municipalities tax base. A Community Pool will make Mapleton far more attractive to future home purchasers. While the initial and operating costs of the Community pool are expensive, the overall net benefit to the community is immeasurable.

16	Thank you for upgrading our facilities!	5/27/2021 11:37 AM
17	Thanks for asking	5/27/2021 8:39 AM
18	Would love our community to have a pool!	5/27/2021 8:38 AM
19	Rural community with significantly high enough taxes, I can't see the justification of "adding" more operational costs which we will pay for with higher taxes. "Free" grant money isn't really - infrastructure needs attention, look for government funding to improve/repair this area of the community	5/27/2021 8:27 AM
20	The pool option makes sense for this growing community. It would be year round, too. Lots of local hockey rinks already around to share. Keep entrance closer to parking lot for those COLD days and nights!	5/27/2021 7:57 AM
21	Recreational facilities like the PMD arena are costly to operate and usually end up in the red year after year. I don't see a need for any additions at the current arena. Why not upgrade the parts of the building that need upgrading. There are far too many hours that the facility sits empty. The ice needs to be rented out during the morning and early afternoon hours in the winter. The arena floor needs to be put to use in the summer. The hall is booked on weekends but needs more activity during the day and throughout the week.	5/26/2021 9:40 PM
22	I would also like to see a pool. Indoor would be nice to have it all year. Summer camps could use it, Aqua fit or just for fun! Able to have our ice in all year would be nice too. To have hockey camps, public skating , figure skating or summer camps could use it. It would be nice if that arena offered multiple activities all year long for all ages!	5/26/2021 7:24 PM
23	Ask if taxpayers are willing to "pay" to use, half will say no ! Township will sink millions of dollars trying to make things work ! Staff, maintenance insurance , taxpayer dollars \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$, 80percent grant is also all taxpayers money from another level of government	5/26/2021 6:15 PM
24	This will be great for pick up or organized volleyball basketball or badminton games and walks during the winter or during hockey games.	5/26/2021 5:33 PM
25	Community centers are for communities to use and not necessarily built to provide profit. Taxes support the community use centers. Does the splash pad or skate park provide a profit or are they there to provide community use.	5/26/2021 4:53 PM
26	I think there should be a lot more thought going into the design from possibly a local public meeting.	5/26/2021 3:18 PM
27	Our family is almost property taxed out of this township. With the increase in living expenses and stagnant wages, fiscal restraint is most important. Maintenance yes, fancy upgrades only used by a few, no.	5/26/2021 3:15 PM
28	dont raise taxes - we already pay too muhc	5/26/2021 3:09 PM
29	I feel that a pool would get much more use than a multi-court. We have multiple gym spaces available for rent in our township(at least 3 schools!) but no pool close by.	5/26/2021 3:04 PM
30	I am sure we could use our tax dollars better somewhere else like fixing the roads	5/26/2021 2:15 PM
31	Be conscious of the \$ to tax payers and that a small% of tax payers would use facility, the township has done a bailout once via the tax payers when the MAX committee didn't follow through	5/26/2021 1:49 PM

32	A pool indoor or outdoor and there is lots of volunteers to help with it.	5/26/2021 1:37 PM
33	I would be willing to fundraise for a community pool but not for what is being proposed above.	5/26/2021 1:32 PM
34	Drayton needs a pool.	5/26/2021 1:25 PM
35	Please take into consideration the parking capacity. As it is now, there's not a lot of room. And with a proposed expansion, just want to make sure there's still enough room to park.	5/26/2021 1:20 PM
36	Be careful with pricing. There is lots of inflation in building supplies and availability of contractors.	5/26/2021 1:18 PM
37	A pool would be a great addition to our community.	5/26/2021 1:12 PM
38	We don't need more board rooms to rent out. A smaller space big enough for a group for off ice activities and training would be useful. I like the walking track. Some of the rest seems like "filler" including larger entryway inside. Put chairs and tables in the lobby to sit at for eating, homework, etc.	5/26/2021 1:04 PM
39	Hope it doesn't take too long to build.	5/26/2021 1:00 PM
40	Stop wasting tax payer money for things that most of Mapleton residents don't want and that only Drayton see the benefit from.	5/26/2021 12:50 PM
41	See comments above.	5/26/2021 12:30 PM
42	The new plan for the PMD arena will have a huge expense but will not be utilized by the public. The new plan is similar to other arenas and event spaces in surrounding townships that have much larger populations (double and triple the size) than that of Mapleton. Even in areas such as those the arenas do not generate enough money to cover operating costs and rely on taxpayer money. The PMD arena will not be able to generate enough money to cover daily operation costs after these renovations.	5/26/2021 12:30 PM
43	Definite NO to a second ice surface. Pool facility might be nice. Swimming lessons available in town would be helpful, aquatic classes for seniors, Mom and Tot swim times would all be great for active health and social activities.	5/26/2021 12:25 PM
44	Fundraising for municipal services seems ridiculous to me. My taxes in the community are high and there is little extra curricular in our community. Our ball diamonds, soccer fields and parks are in poor condition and our tax dollars do not appear to be used to upkeep these amenities. We already fundraise just for upkeep at these facilities. Our township continues to throw money at facilities (Alma hall. Moorefield hall etc) that are no longer cost effective and then continue to tell us there is no money for "new" things. Or upkeep at the amenities that are used regularly. Come up with a plan to reduce the need for community fundraising. For example: get rid of an empty community hall or building.	5/26/2021 12:08 PM
45	I think our money is better spent on something we need, Water and waste water infrastructure than something we want. Just because the government may give us 80%/ doesn't mean we have or SHOULD be spending the other 20% on something like this. Even if its \$1, its only a good deal if you need it, If not, its still a waste of money.	5/26/2021 11:58 AM
46	In an attempt to reduce our carbon footprint and be more energy efficient the above plan without a pool and additional rink is the way to go. It should also be minimal operating costs which will help to keep taxes lower.	5/26/2021 11:50 AM
47	I really like the indoor walking track I would definitely use that in the winter. A pool would also be beneficial. The closest one is Fergus and we currently drive there to go	5/26/2021 11:33 AM
48	Considering how high our taxes are we need more amenities for families and for teens and programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities Having a facility like this would be something for individuals like that to participate in and also maybe a job opportunity for someone like that as Mapleton has nothing	5/26/2021 11:21 AM
49	The added changes would not affect us at all. A pool or golf simulator or baseball batting cages would be more beneficial to us. If the kids could have a place to practice golf during off season, that would be very beneficial. Especially since they have missed 2 years as if this year.	5/26/2021 11:21 AM
50	Please make sure all drawings / options are brought to the public attention prior to decision being made.	5/26/2021 11:18 AM

51	Although I love the idea of a pool, it's a lot of work and maintenance. I think a plan needs to be in place to see this through, long term, before it's added. It's easy to want it, but will it be properly maintained and taken care of for years to come?	5/26/2021 11:16 AM
52	See all comments above	5/26/2021 11:02 AM
53	That size of town really needs a park/ playground	5/26/2021 10:55 AM
54	Love the idea of upgrading the pmd arena. Great job!	5/26/2021 10:51 AM
55	Don't worry about the 4 events a year the require a bigger kitchen and parking and focus on a community centre that benefits the ENTIRE community instead of just farmers and hockey players.	5/26/2021 10:47 AM
56	Keep an outdoor ice pad for winter.	5/26/2021 10:38 AM
57	I love that you're expanding with the expansion of Drayton but more ideas are needed. Is an outdoor pool an option rather than indoors? What do our demographics say we need? Lots of people think a second ice pad, but there are hundreds or thousands of people in Mapleton who don't skate or play hockey.	5/26/2021 10:35 AM
58	A lot of people online want a pool. However, as a family with 3 kids we would probably only use the pool a handful of times a year for swimming lessons. With that being said, there are students who offer private lessons around mapleton. This year we will have 3 kids using the ice pad. I do know ice time is a hot commodity. If the schedule is anything like the past, we will be at the rink at least a handful of times a week during the season. Which is significantly more than a pool. I do like the idea of a multi court for people interested in other sports, however, there has to be the interest in both players and coaches.	5/26/2021 10:35 AM
59	I like that the township is investing in our arena	5/26/2021 10:07 AM
60	What impact would this have on our taxes? Will this be communicated transparently and honestly? What measures will be taken to ensure this project remains on budget to maximize the grant funding at 80%? The township has a horrible history of going far over budget.	5/26/2021 10:04 AM
61	Would the multi-court area still be used also as a community hall for rentals?	5/26/2021 9:56 AM
62	Listen to the community on this project, not a consultant who has never been to Drayton. Seems on social media and soft the last 20 years pool has been the number 1 request. The walking track also seems to be a huge hit. And moving the commercial kitchen seems to be an expensive decision. Plus eliminating the snack bar makes less sense if you intent to have more people using the facility. Has there been a need or request for additional board room space in the community? Some time and common sense for a plan of this size will go a long way instead of just rushing for the "free" funding. And FYI, we are all still funding this project in some way. Lastly, there should be no need for fundraising for an impulsive project like this. There should be budget adjustments or an actual savings plan for this kind of project so we aren't redoing things again as soon as there is another council change....	5/26/2021 9:56 AM
63	A pool would be nice! Since everyone leaves town for swimming lessons. It would be great for seniors too	5/26/2021 9:43 AM
64	Thank you for allowing us input.	5/26/2021 9:36 AM
65	I would like to keep my hard earned money and I am tired of extra taxes and fees being taken out of my pay check.	5/26/2021 9:32 AM
66	A pool addition would be great for local families.	5/26/2021 9:26 AM
67	We'll see how much money the provincial government has after all this covid is done	5/26/2021 9:18 AM
68	This is not needed	5/26/2021 9:14 AM