

## **Community Visioning Engagement Comments and Graphic Facilitation**

Since June staff have accomplished several items as noted above. Engagement on the former high school, the Live and Play Plan, and the Direct Delivery Program review have all been happening and community sentiment and comments have been consistent regardless of what the community was being engaged on.

Specific to the former high school staff held four community visioning sessions and attended Food for Feedback and the Appleby Line Street Festival to gather the community's visions for the former high school. Staff also launched the Request for Expressions of Interest to assess what business or not-for-profit interest there might be for exclusive uses within the building.

The community was notified about the Request for Expressions of Interest through the City's social media channels. Between July 1 - October 31, 2023, there were 20 tagged published posts resulting in 39,909 impressions, resulting in 71 expressions of interest.

The community was notified about the community visioning sessions through nine tagged published posts between July 1 - November 30, 2023. Resulting in 21,111 impressions and over 50 people attending in person sessions and 67 ideas added to the Get Involved page.

Below is a summary of what staff have gathered.

### **Community Visioning Sessions**

Staff were able to personally connect with over 50 people during four community visioning exercises.

- August 22 at Appleby Arena,
- August 23 at Lasalle Pavilion; and
- October 18 at Tansley Woods Community Centre
- October 19, 2023 virtual

In addition, staff also attended Food for Feedback, on September 16 and the Appleby Line Street Festival on September 24 to inform and engage with the community with a slightly different exercise.

Staff also enabled the brainstorming feature on the Get Involved page, to allow for more feedback for those that were not able to attend any of the other sessions. 67 ideas were submitted through the Get Involved platform.

As part of the community engagement sessions staff retained the services of a graphic facilitator so that the community could get a visual reflection of their ideas. Below are the drawings from the facilitator, Maggie Henderson.



Ideas were circulated through a Good, Better, Best activity completed per table at each engagement, as well as through community engagement at Appleby Street Fest and Food For Feedback between August and October 2023. In total between engagement opportunities both in person and online more than 70 ideas were generated.

1. Space for STEM programming
2. Access to Tool Shop/Library
3. Black Box Theatre (similar to Queen Elizabeth Park CC in Oakville)
4. Theatre Rehearsal Space
5. Indoor Bike Park
6. Sports and Recreational Programming for Children and Youth
  - a. Drop-in and Program based.
7. Living Wall Atrium
8. Repair Café
  - a. Household items to be repaired by local makers/artisans.
9. Pickleball Programming/Courts
10. Apartments for the Homeless
11. Dedicated Art Space/Gallery
12. Open Gym Time for Youth
13. Cooking Classes/Kitchen Space
14. Flex Space for Community Use
15. Newcomers Programming
16. Craft Programming Space
17. Art Programs/Classes
  - a. Drop-in Studio for Youth/Children
18. Soundproof Room
19. Indoor Cricket

- 20. Family Programs
- 21. Inclusion Programming
- 22. Art Collective
- 23. Daycare Space
- 24. 50+ Resources and Training Centre
- 25. Community Job Café
- 26. Dancing Lessons
- 27. A Re-Use Emporium
- 28. Kids Game Night
- 29. Clay, Fibre, Drawing, Painting and Mural Art Space
- 30. Community Garden Plots
- 31. Extended Learning Centre
- 32. Dog Training
- 33. Squash Courts
- 34. Office Space for Organizations
- 35. Coffee Shop or Restaurant
- 36. Alzheimer's Support Spaces