

The Nova Scotia Arena Access Report

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Introduction

The purpose of this study was to collect information that will help in answering three questions. Question 1, the main focus of the study, to find out whether or not arenas around Nova Scotia are offering free of cost time to the general public in order to determine if the NS population are getting access to the arenas.

Question 2, to determine if women and girls were getting equal access to the arenas around the province and how much they were currently using the facilities. According to the HRM Arena Capacity Study Final Report (2001), female user groups are complaining about getting unequal use of Prime Time hours. Women and girls are unable to use the arenas on a regular basis because the times currently available (times not used by men) do not conveniently fit into their schedules (Burke/Oliver Consultants Ltd.; 2001).

Question 3, to determine if persons with disabilities were getting access to the arenas around the province, and if there was any programming and equipment available for them to make participation more accessible. A sub-focus of question 3 was to determine whether or not persons with disabilities were going to arenas to watch hockey games and special events. This information will inform as to whether or not persons with disabilities who do not use the ice surface as a physical active pursuit, can still achieve emotional and social enjoyment/benefits from access of the arenas.

Methodology

Procedure and Data Analysis

All subjects contacted for this study were managers of their respective arenas and in charge of the basic operation of the facilities. The majority of the respondents were male (93.3%), 6.7% of the respondents were female.

Subjects were contacted by phone and asked if they would give 10-15 minutes of their time to participate in a phone survey (See Appendix I). 60 out of 78 subjects took the time to answer the survey questions, a 77% response rate. The 18 subjects that decided not to take part did not return the phone messages left for them, or were not close to a phone during the times they stated would be convenient to call them back. Subjects were contacted 3-4 times.

The information is analyzed in two different ways. First, all of the arenas that were surveyed were put into one large group and were analyzed as a whole. Second, the arenas were split up into community run and municipally run and were compared to see if there were any differences between the two.

Recommendations for Future Studies:

- 1.) Focus on the mental barriers faced by women who have an interest in using arenas.
- 2.) Focus on how accessible Nova Scotia arenas are to persons with disabilities.

Arenas that took part in this study are listed as follows:

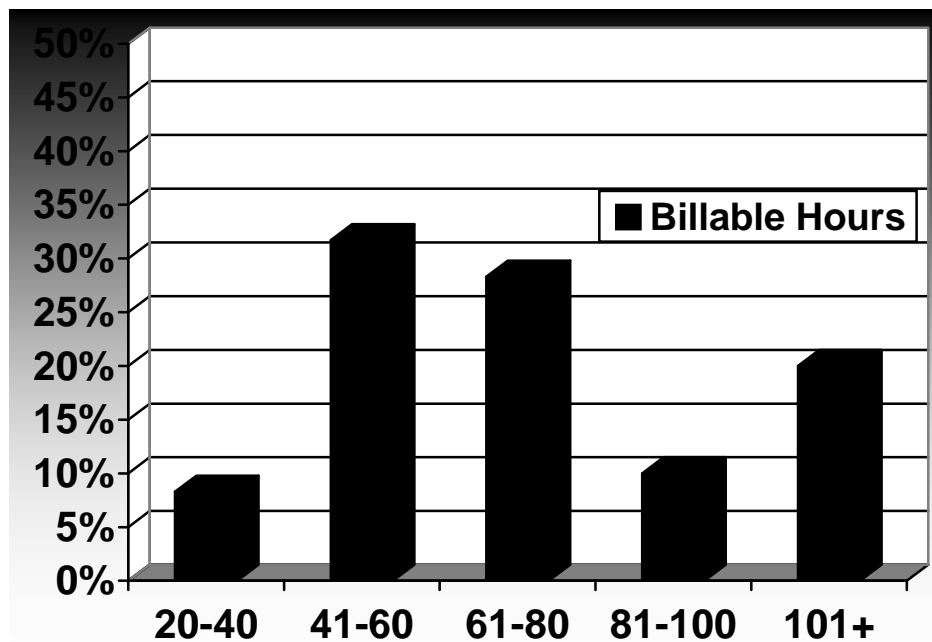
Mabou Athletic Centre
 New Waterford Arena
 North Sydney Community Forum
 Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre
 Port Hood Arena
 Spryfield Lions Rink
 St. Margaret's Arena – Dual Ice Surfaces
 Richmond Arena Association
 Cape Breton County Recreation Centre
 District 7 Sports Centre
 Sydney Centennial Arena
 Sydney Centre 200
 Victoria Highland Civic Centre
 North Inverness Recreation Centre
 Bayplex
 Inverness Arena UCCB Canada Games Complex
 Sydney Mines and District Community Centre
 Whycomomagh Arena
 Cole Harbour Place - Dual Ice Surfaces
 Akerley Campus Arena
 Bedford Arena
 Gray Arena
 Halifax Forum Commission – Dual Ice Surfaces
 12 Wing Shearwater Arena
 Amherst Stadium
 Dartmouth Sportsplex
 Shannon Park Arena
 Barrington Municipal Arena
 Bridgewater Memorial Arena Bowles Arena
 Dalhousie Memorial Arena
 Devonshire Arena
 Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex
 East Hants Sportsplex
 Oxford Lions Arena
 Spryfield Lions Rink
 St. Margaret's Arena
 Halifax Metro Centre
 Eastern Shore Community Centre Parrsboro Lions Centre
 North Shore Recreation Centre
 Deauville's Rink
 Antigonish Arena
 Keating Millenium Centre – Dual Ice Surfaces
 John Brother MacDonald Stadium
 St. Mary's Recplex

Ivor MacDonald Memorial Rink
Trenton Community Rink
Westville Miners Sports Centre
Middleton Arena
Hants Central Recreation Centre
Lunenburg War Memorial Arena
Shelburne County Arena
Yarmouth Mariner Arena – Dual Ice Surfaces
Windsor Exhibition Arena
Acadia University Arena Berwick and District Arena
Glooscap District Arena
Digby and Area Recreation Facility
14 Wing Greenwood Arena
Kentville Centennial Arena

Arenas that chose not to take part in this study are listed as follows:

Dominion Arena
Mi'kmaq Recreation Centre
Halifax Centennial Arena
Saint Mary's Alumni Arena
Sackville and District Community Arena
Sackville Sports Stadium
Springhill Arena
Colchester Legion Stadium
West Colchester United Arena
Canso and Area Arena
Hector Arena
Stellarton Memorial Arena
Church Memorial Park
Queens Memorial Arena
Bridgetown Memorial Arena
University Ste. Anne
Western King's Arena
Exhibition Youth Arena

Question 1: What is your total amount of billable ice time per week?



Comments:

- 1.) “Special events held here interfere with regular schedules, so hours of operation change when major events are held”.
- 2.) “I consider this rink to be the busiest in Nova Scotia”.
- 3.) “Very small operation, we don't have enough people for the ice time that is available”.

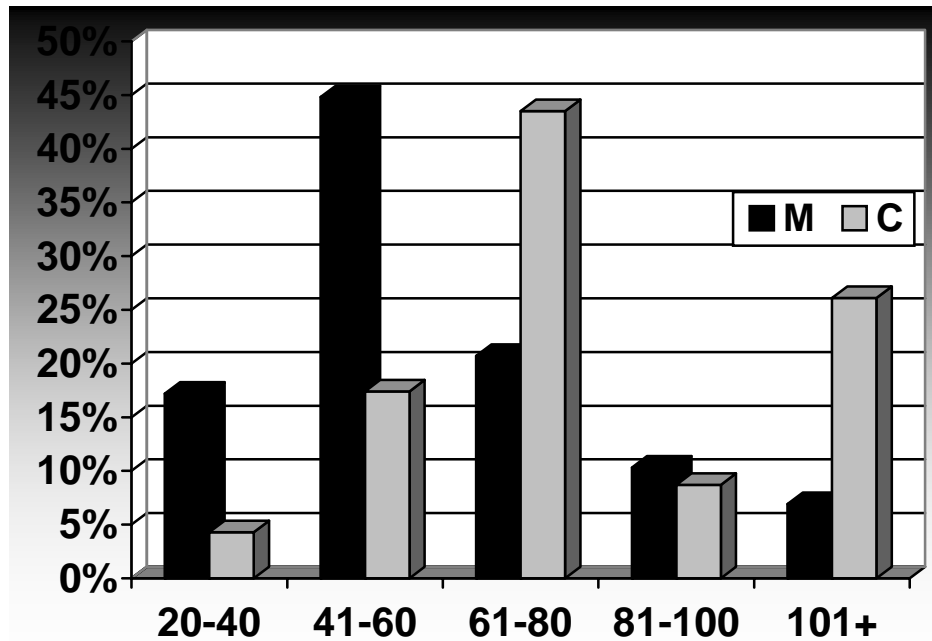
Graph Analysis:

The median amount of billable ice time per week is 65 hours.

8.3% of arena managers stated that they have between 20-40 billable hours at their arenas. 31.7% of arena managers stated that they have between 41-60 billable hours at their arenas. 28.3% of all arena managers stated that they have somewhere between 61-80 billable hours. 10% of arena managers stated that they have somewhere between 81-100 billable hours their arenas, and 20% stated that they have over 100 billable hours.

Note: Three of the arenas (5%) that stated that they have over 100 billable hours at their arenas have dual ice surfaces. There are five arenas in Nova Scotia that have dual ice surfaces. For the purpose of this study they were not looked at differently than arenas who have a single ice surface.

Municipal/Community



LEGEND

M – Municipal
C – Community

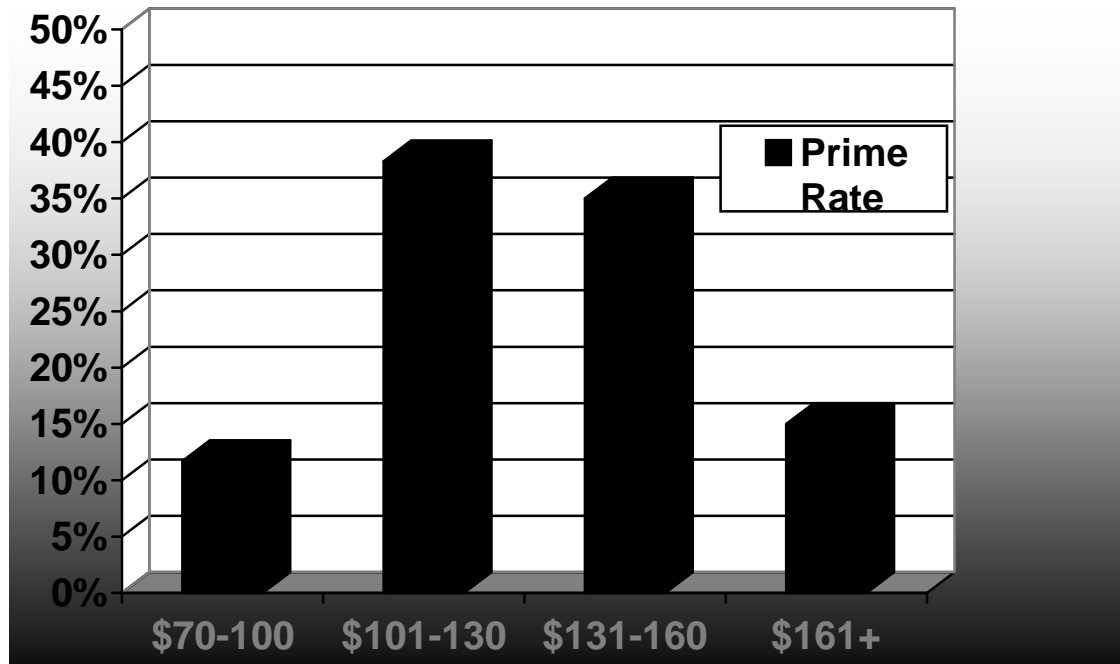
Graph Analysis:

17.2% of municipal arena managers stated that they have between 20-40 billable hours per week. 44.8% of municipal arena managers stated that they have between 41-60 billable hours per week. 20.7% of municipal arena managers stated that they have between 61-80 billable hours per week. 10.3% of arena managers stated that they have between 81-100 billable hours per week, and 6.9% stated that they have over 100.

4.3% of community arena managers stated that they have between 20-40 billable hours per week. 17.4% of community arena managers stated that they have between 41-60 billable hours per week. 43.5% of community arena managers stated that they have between 61-80 billable hours per week. 8.7% of community arena managers stated that they have between 81-100 billable hours per week, and 26.1% stated that they have over 100 billable hours per week.

According to the data collected in the survey it appears that municipal arenas operate at a lower rental volume.

Question 2: What is the prime rate to rent the ice time by the hour?



Graph Analysis:

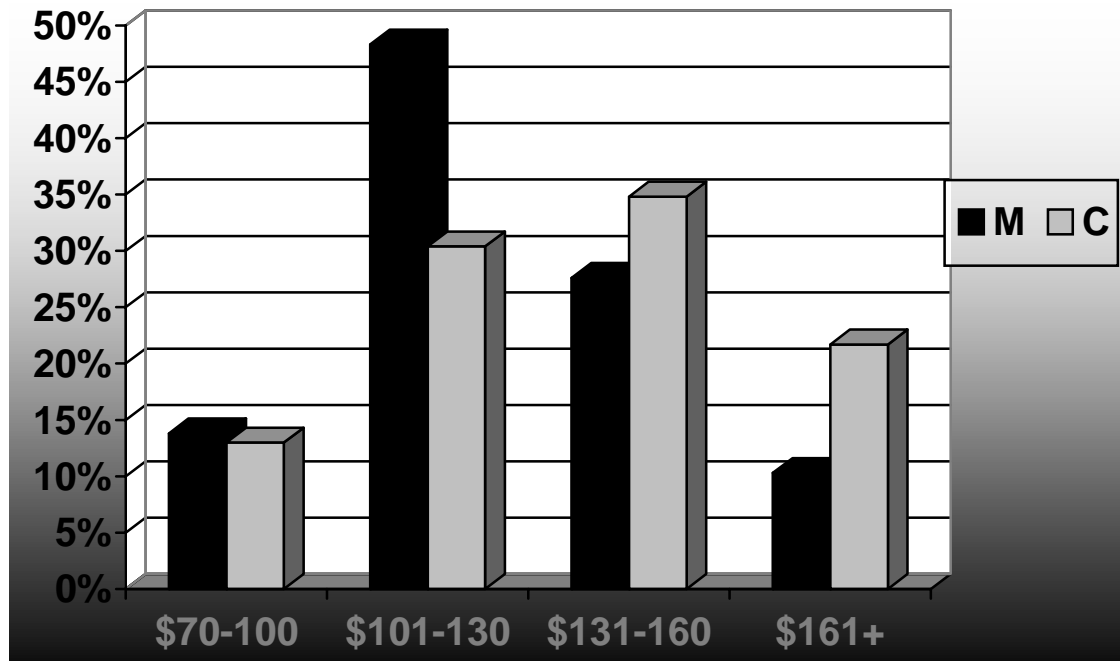
The median prime rate to rent an ice surface for an hour in Nova Scotia is \$134.

11.7% of arena managers state that they charge user groups between \$70-100 per hour to rent their ice during prime times. 38.3% of the 60 arenas surveyed charge between \$101-130 to rent their ice during prime times. 35% of the arenas charge between \$131-160 per hour, while 15% charge above \$160. The only exception is that the Dartmouth Sportsplex charges \$190 for 90 minutes which if calculated per hour would be \$126.67. This was placed in the \$160+ category because users still have to pay that amount to use the ice at prime time; they just receive an extra 30 minutes of ice time.

Recommendation:

1.) Arenas should consider charging a consistent hourly rate to allow for equitable opportunities for Nova Scotian's.

Municipal/Community



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Graph Analysis:

13.8% of municipal arena managers stated that they charge between \$70-100 for a prime time hour. 48.3% of municipal arena managers stated that they charge between \$101-130 for a prime time hour. 27.6% of municipal arena managers stated that the charge between \$131-160 for a prime time hour, and 10.3% stated that they charge over \$160 for a prime time hour.

13% of community arena managers stated that they charge between \$70-100 for a prime time hour. 30.4% of community arena managers stated that they charge between \$101-130 for a prime time hour. 34.8% of community arena managers stated that the charge between \$131-160 for a prime time hour, and 21.7% stated that they charge over \$160 for a prime time hour.

According to the data collected in the survey it appears that community arenas are charging a higher rate to rent their facilities by the prime time hour.

Question 3: What hours are considered prime time?

Note: For exact prime time hours offered by arenas around the province, refer to Appendix III.

Analysis:

Most prime time is offered by arenas starting in the late afternoon of weekdays going to late evening, as well as all hours on the weekend. The most popular weekday times for prime time starting is 3pm-6pm, and prime time ending is 10pm-Midnight.

Recommendation:

For the arenas not selling all of their prime time on the weekends consideration should be made to offer a reduced rate or even free of cost use to user groups who are interested but cannot afford to pay the prime rate. This should be considered in order to reduce disparities and enable low socio-economic status Nova Scotian's the opportunity to access arenas.

Question 4: What hours are considered to be non-prime time?

Note: For exact non-prime time hours offered by arenas around the province, refer to Appendix III.

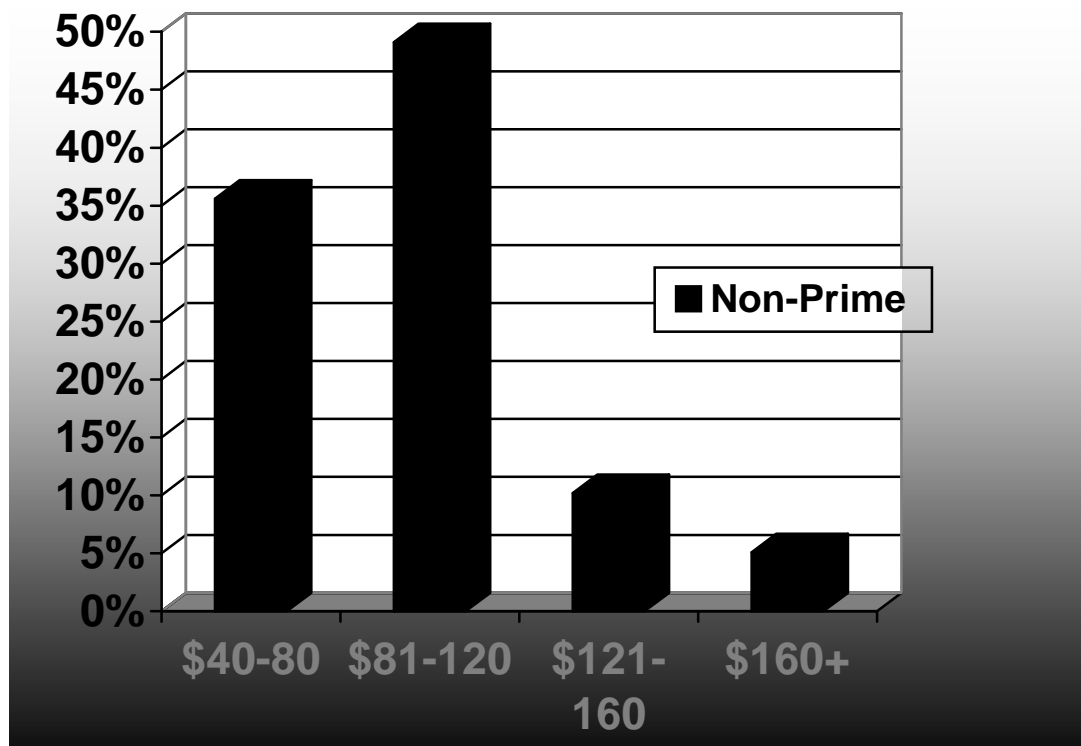
Analysis:

Most non-prime time hours are offered during the morning and early afternoon of weekdays.

Recommendation:

For the arenas who are not selling all their non-prime time hours, consideration should be made to make them available to user groups (at a reduced rate or free of cost) who are available during the day (school children, seniors, persons with disabilities, working adults on their lunch hours or early in the morning).

Question 5: What is the non-prime rate to rent the ice time by the hour?



Graph Analysis:

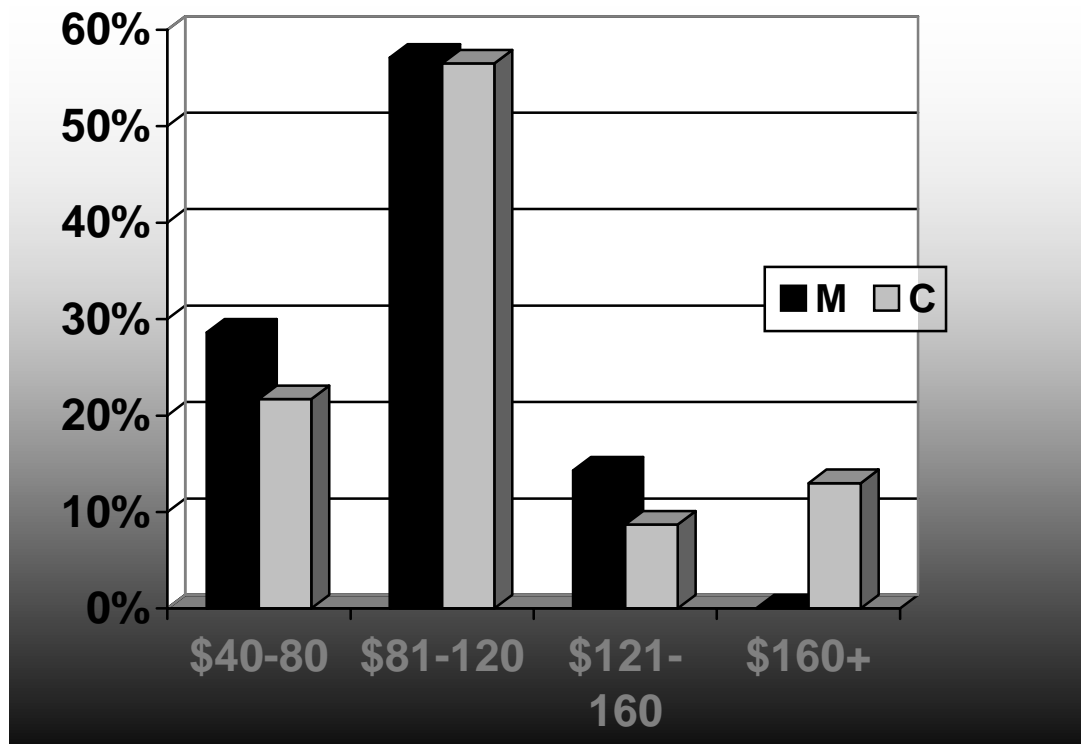
The median non-prime rate to rent the ice by the hour in Nova Scotia Arenas is \$90.

35.6% of arena managers state that they charge between \$40-80 for Non-Prime Time at their respective arenas. 49.2% of the arenas charge between \$81-120 to their users for Non-Prime Time. 10.1% of arena managers state that they charge between \$121-160, and 5.1% of arenas charge above \$160 for Non-Prime time.

Note: A couple of the arenas around the province do not distinguish between Prime and Non-Prime time so their costs are recorded the same for both of these respective categories.

Recommendation: Consideration should be made to charge a fee per participant on non-prime hours that are usually not being rented so people who want to come in and use the facility, but cannot afford the large flat rate, will still be able to do so. There would have to be enough participants to cover the arena expenses that their rental time will incur, but making the facility available in this manner would still be a great help to community members who may not be able to afford to play otherwise.

Municipal/Community

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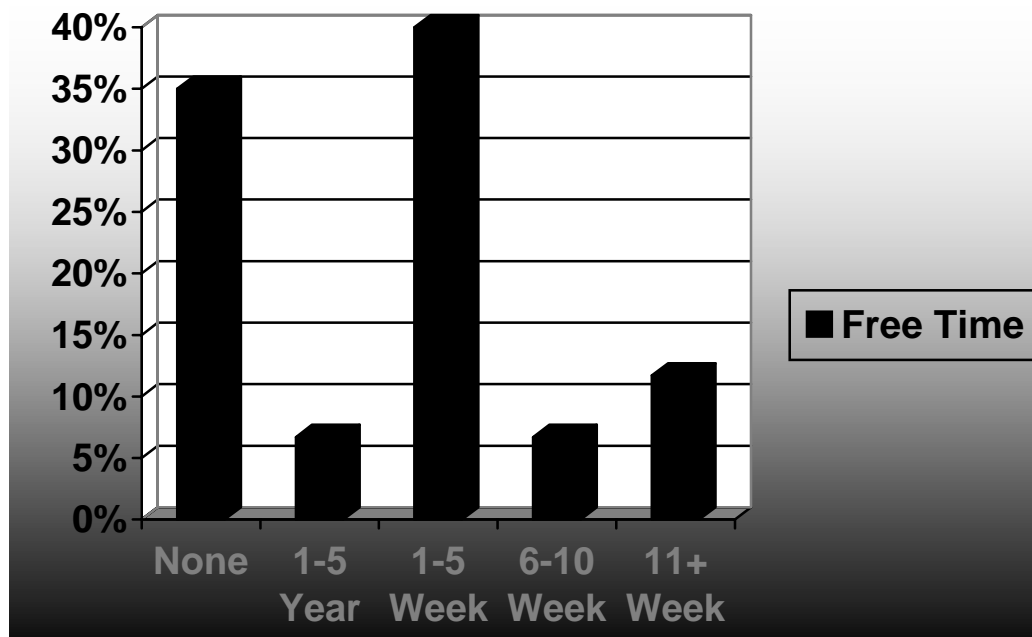
Graph Analysis:

28.6% of municipal arena managers stated that they charge between \$40-80 for a non-prime time hour. 57.1% of municipal arena managers stated that they charge between \$81-120 for a non-prime time hour. 14.3% of municipal arena managers stated that they charge between \$121-160 for a non-prime time hour, and 0% of arena managers charged over \$160.

21.7% of community arena managers stated that they charge between \$40-80 for a non-prime time hour. 56.5% of community arena managers stated that they charge between \$81-120 for a non-prime time hour. 8.7% of community arena managers stated that they charge between \$121-160 for a non-prime time hour, and 13% of arena managers charged over \$160.

Both the municipal and community arenas appear to be charging a consistent non-prime hourly rate. The only difference is that all of the arenas charging over \$160 per hour are community run arenas.

Question 6: How much free of cost time per week do you offer the general public? In other words can the public ever access the arena free of charge?



Note: Units on the X-axis of this graph are measured in hours.

Graph Analysis:

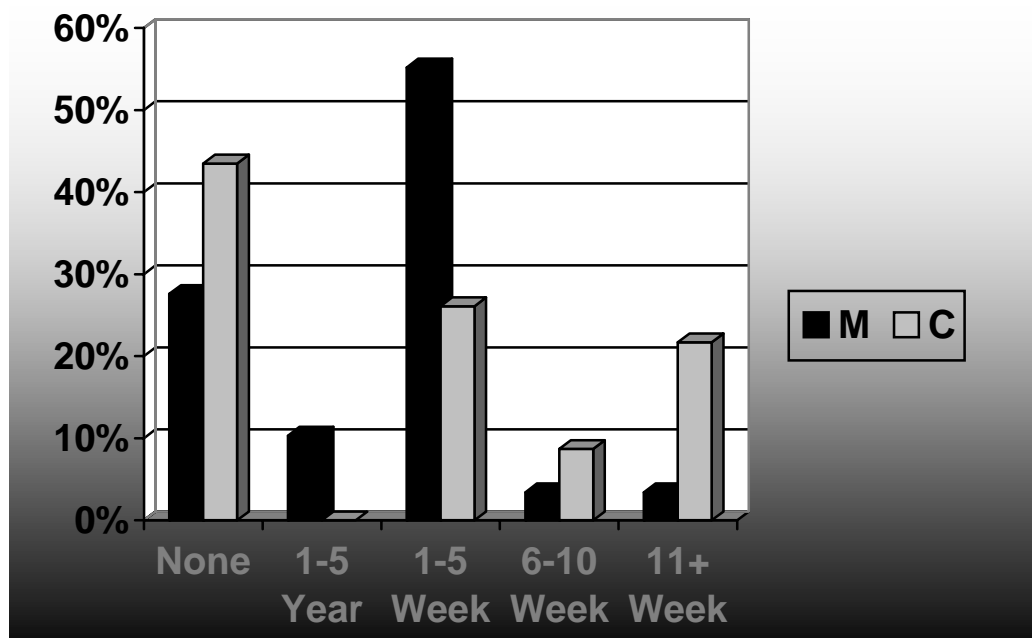
35% of arena managers stated that they do not offer any free of cost time to the general public. 6.7% of arena managers stated that they offer between 1-5 hours of free of cost time to the general public per year. 40% of the arena managers stated that they offered the general public between 1-5 hours per week of free of cost time. 6.7% of the arena managers stated that they offer the general public between 6-10 hours of free of cost time, and 11.7% said that they offer over 11 hours of free of cost time to the citizens in their respective communities.

Point of Interest: A couple of managers from the rural arenas stated that they simply could not afford to give out free time for fear of not being able to pay their numerous expenses.

Recommendation:

Giving free of cost time to the general public (at least during non-prime time hours) should be considered in order to generate interest in new members of the population and also give those who cannot afford to use the ice a chance to experience Nova Scotia arenas. This will allow them to enjoy the physical, mental, and social benefits already shared by the current users of the arenas.

Municipal/Community

**LEGEND**

M – Municipal

C – Community

Note: The units in the above graph are measured in hours.

Graph Analysis: 27.6% of arena managers running municipal rinks stated that they do not offer any free of cost time to the general public. 10.3% municipal arena managers stated that they offer between 1-5 hours per year. 55.2% of municipal arena managers stated that they offer between 1-5 hours per week of free of cost time to the general public. 3.4% of municipal arena managers stated that they offer between 6-10 hours per week of free of cost time to the general public, and 3.4% offer over 10 hours per week.

43.5% of arena managers running community rinks stated that they do not offer any free of cost time to the general public. 0% community arena managers stated that they offer between 1-5 hours per year. 26.1% of community arena managers stated that they offer between 1-5 hours per week of free of cost time to the general public. 8.7% of community arena managers stated that they offer between 6-10 hours per week of free of cost time to the general public, and 21.7% offer over 10 hours per week.

It is interesting to note that even though there are more community arenas than municipal arenas that do not offer free of cost time, the community arenas that do offer free time tend to offer more per week than municipal arenas.

Recommendation: According to the results of this survey, almost 50% of community owned/operated arenas and 30% of municipal arenas should consider finding ways to offer the general public free of cost time, during non-prime time hours.

Question 7: What are the exact times offered throughout the week for free time to the general public?

Note: Refer to data in Appendix III for exact times that arenas around the province offer free time to the general public.

Analysis:

The majority of the arenas across the province offer free of cost time to the general public during non prime time hours during the week and very rarely on the weekend. Most of this time is offered to schoolchildren, but some time is offered to seniors and occasionally younger adults.

Recommendations:

- 1.) The arenas across the province who are financially capable should consider opening up their ice time throughout the day to school children of all ages. A few arenas are already doing this, but others should consider following suit because generating interest in the youth helps ensure a positive future.
- 2.) Arenas should consider offering at least one hour per week of free skating during prime time to all ages, to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to take advantage of the benefits offered by the arena.
- 3.) If arenas cannot financially afford to provide free of cost time to the general public they should consider going in search of sponsors, making sure to promote their businesses and products before, during, and after the public skate.

Question 8: What is the cost to access Public Skate Time?



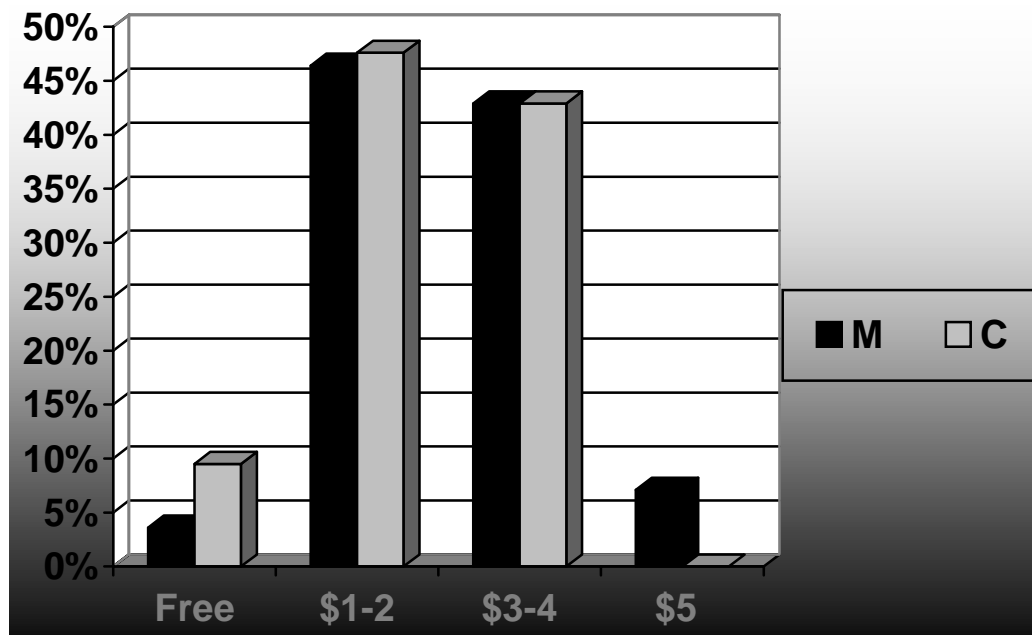
Note: The above costs are for how much it costs for adults to use the arenas around the province. For exact costs at specific arenas for all age groups refer to Appendix III.

Graph Analysis:

The median rate for adults to access the public skate time is \$2.50.

5.3% of arena managers surveyed stated that they offer their public skate time free of charge to all user groups. 42.9% of arena managers stated that they offer their public skate time to adults for between \$1-2. 48.2% of all arena managers stated that they offer their public skate time to adults for between \$3-4. 3.6% of arenas offer public skate time to adults for \$5.

Municipal/Community



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M – Municipal
C – Community

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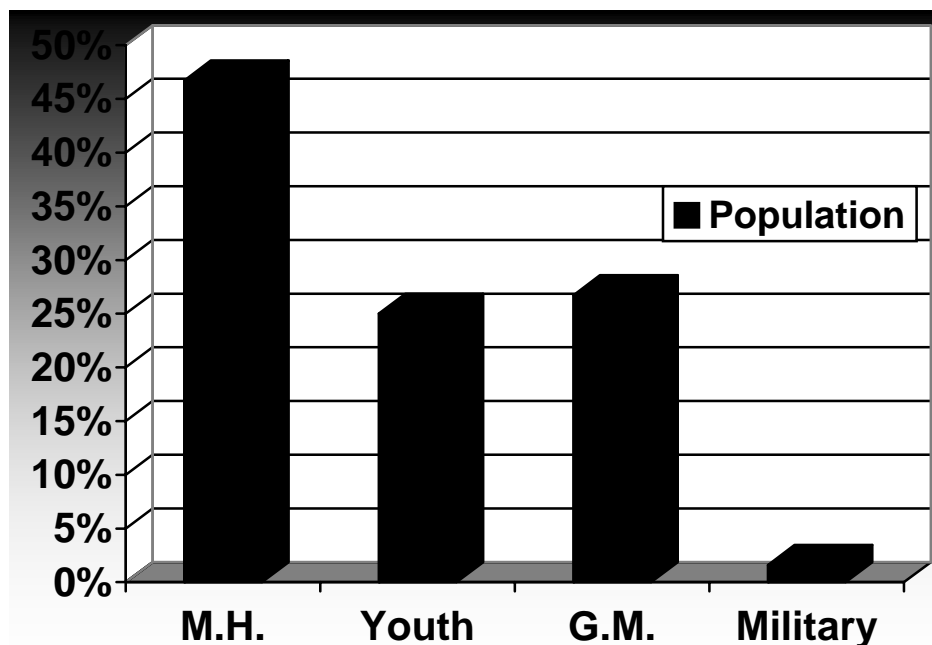
Graph Analysis:

3.6% of municipal arena managers stated that they offer public skate time free of charge to the general public. 46.4% of municipal arena managers charge between \$1-2 for an adult skater during public skate time. 42.9% of municipal arena managers' charge between \$3-4 per adult skater during public skate time, and 7.1% charge \$5.

9.5% of community arena managers stated that they offer public skate time free of charge to the general public. 47.6% of community arena managers charge between \$1-2 for an adult skater during public skate time. 42.9% of community arena manager's charge between \$3-4 per adult skater during public skate time.

More community owned/operated arenas than municipal arenas are offering their public skate time free of charge, and only certain municipal arenas are charging over \$4 for the public to access their public skate.

Question 9: What population do you feel that you serve the most?



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M.H. – Minor Hockey

Youth – Youth in General

G.M. – General Mixture

Military – Military

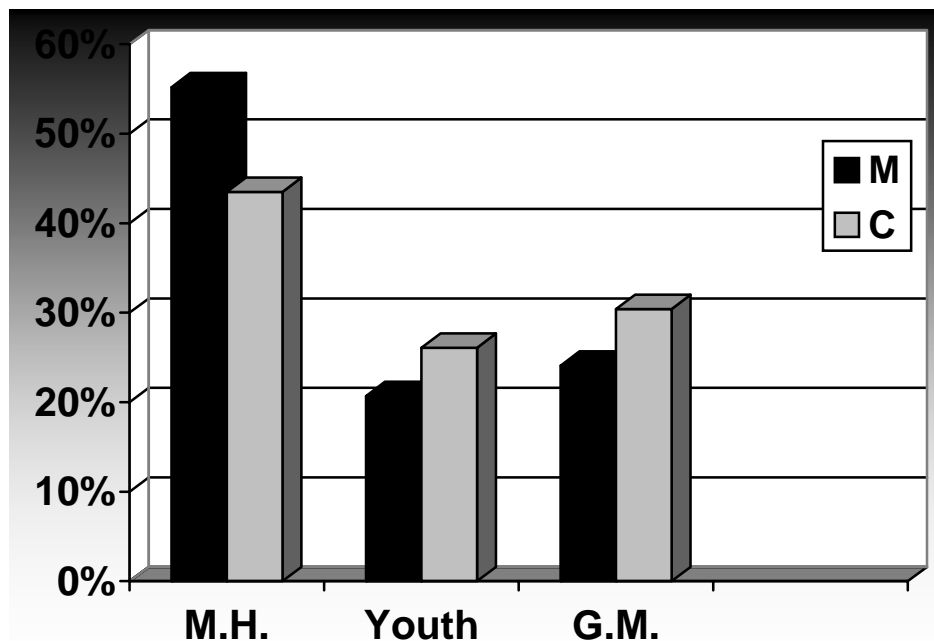
Graph Analysis:

The population that Nova Scotia arenas serves the most is Minor Hockey Players as 46.7% of arena managers state that they are the biggest users of their ice. 25% of arena managers state that youth in general are the biggest users. 26.7% of arena managers state that there is a general mixture of population groups that use their arenas. 1.6% of arena managers state that military members are the biggest users of their facility. It is apparent that youth are the biggest users of all arenas in Nova Scotia regardless of whether they are involved in minor hockey, figure skating, ringette, or any other recreational pursuit offered by the arena.

Recommendation:

The senior population is growing in Nova Scotia and consideration should be given to marketing to this population more efficiently for using non-prime times that the facilities have to offer. Many of these seniors are retired, in search of leisure opportunities, and are able to come in to use the facilities during the day.

Municipal/Community



LEGEND

M.H. – Minor Hockey

Youth – Youth in General

G.M. – General Mixture

M – Municipal

C – Community

Note: Many minor hockey teams/leagues pay a reduced rate to access both prime and non-prime time at arenas.

Graph Analysis:

55.2% of municipal arena managers stated that they serve minor hockey the most.

20.7% of municipal arena managers stated that they serve youth in general the most.

24.1% of municipal arena managers stated that they serve a general mixture of people.

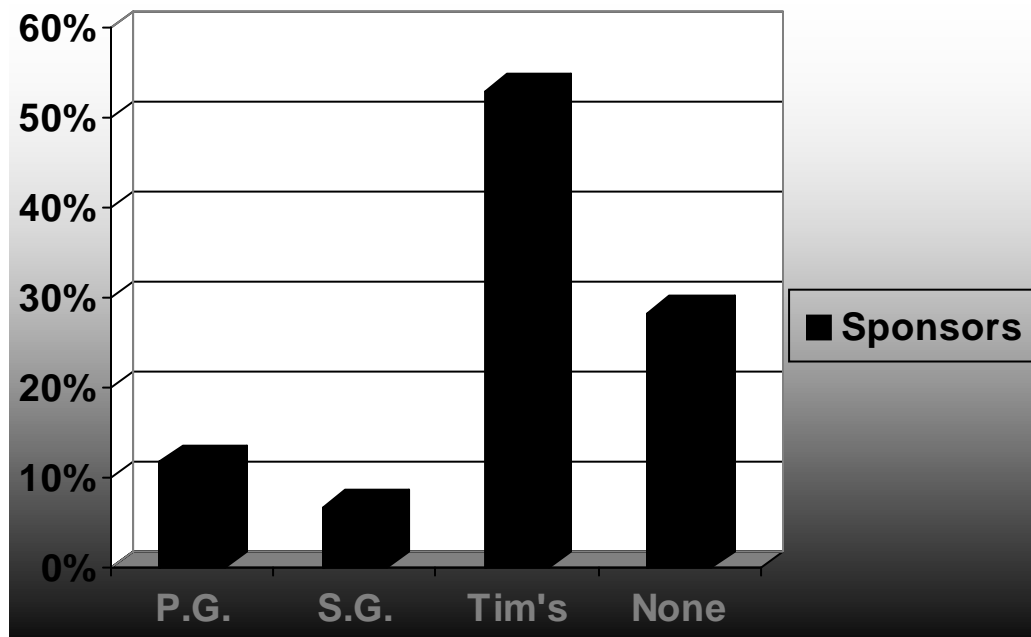
43.5% of community arena managers stated that they serve minor hockey the most.

26.1% of community arena managers stated that they serve youth in general the most.

30.4% of community arena managers stated that they serve a general mixture of people.

According to the data collected in the survey it appears that municipal arenas are focusing more on minor hockey while other user groups are using community arenas more.

Question 10: Who if anyone sponsors the free time in your arena (ex. Tim Horton's)?



LEGEND

P.G. – Private Businesses

S.G. – Service Groups

Tim's – Tim Horton's

None – No Sponsors

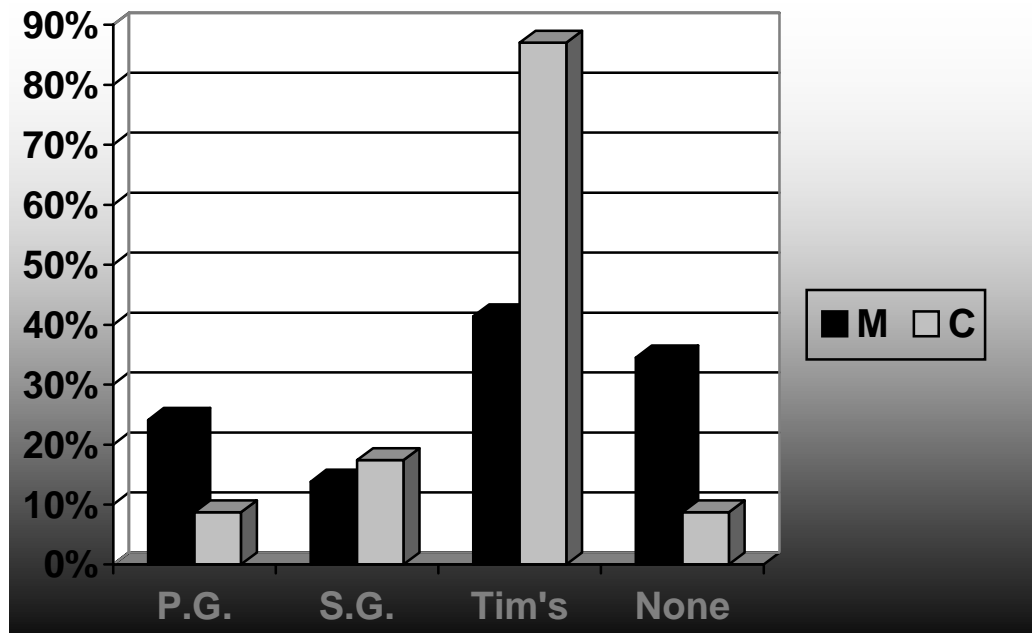
Comments:

- 1.) "Municipalities are frustrating me; they won't spend money on the youth".

Graph Analysis:

11.7% of arena managers state that free time in their arenas are sponsored by service groups, which include business such as: Superstore, Canadian Tire, Sobeys, Home Hardware, Robin's Donuts, Aliant, Belleville Motors, Rush Communications Cable Company, RT Collision, Halifax Mooseheads, and GM Canada etc. 53.3% of arena's are sponsored by Tim Horton's over Christmas. 6.7% of arenas are sponsored by private groups, which include the Lion's Club, Local MLA's, and Coal Harbour Drug Awareness. Finally 28.3% of the Province's arenas are not sponsored by any companies or service groups to offer free of cost time to the General Public.

Municipal/Community

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P.G. – Private Groups
S.G. – Service Groups
Tim's – Tim Horton's
None – No Sponsors

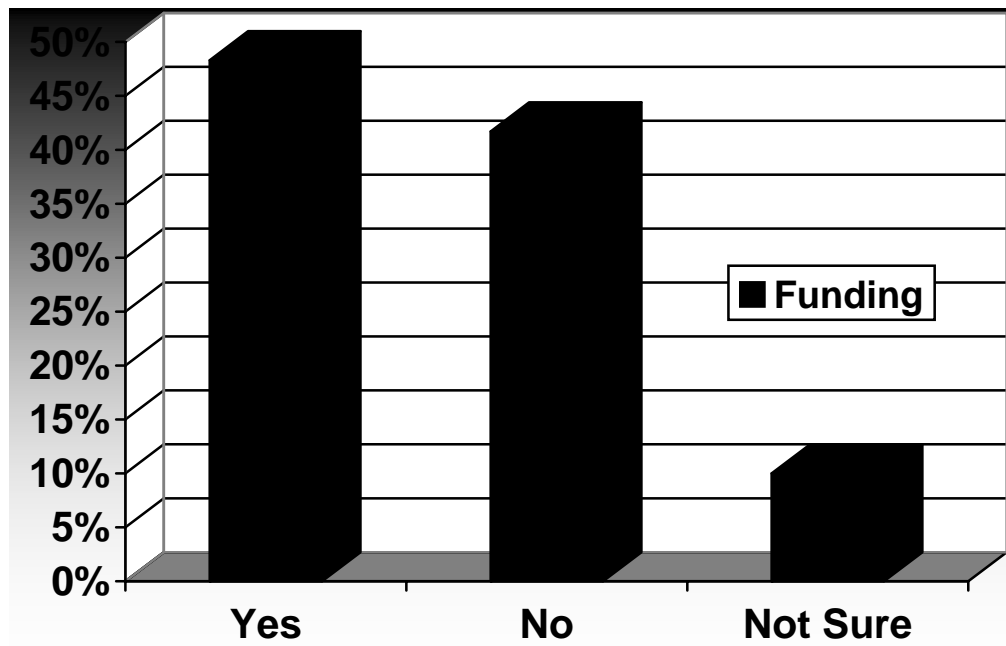
Graph Analysis: 24.1% of municipal arena managers stated that private business groups sponsor free ice time at their facilities. 13.8% of municipal arena managers stated that service groups sponsor free ice time at their facilities. 41.4% of municipal arena managers stated Tim Horton's sponsored free ice time at their facilities, and 34.5% stated that they have no sponsors.

8.7% of community arena managers stated that private business groups sponsor free ice time at their facilities. 17.4% of community arena managers stated that service groups sponsor free ice time at their facilities. 87% of community arena managers stated Tim Horton's sponsored free ice time at their facilities, and 8.7% stated that they have no sponsors.

According to the data collected in this study, Tim Horton's sponsors over twice as many community owned arenas than municipal arenas. Also there are approximately four times as many municipal arenas than community owned arenas that have no sponsors.

Note: The reason why these numbers do not add up to 100% is that some arenas are sponsored by more than one user group (for example: Arena X is sponsored by Tim Horton's and Service Groups).

Question 11: Have you ever received funding from Nova Scotia Health Promotion or the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission?



Comments:

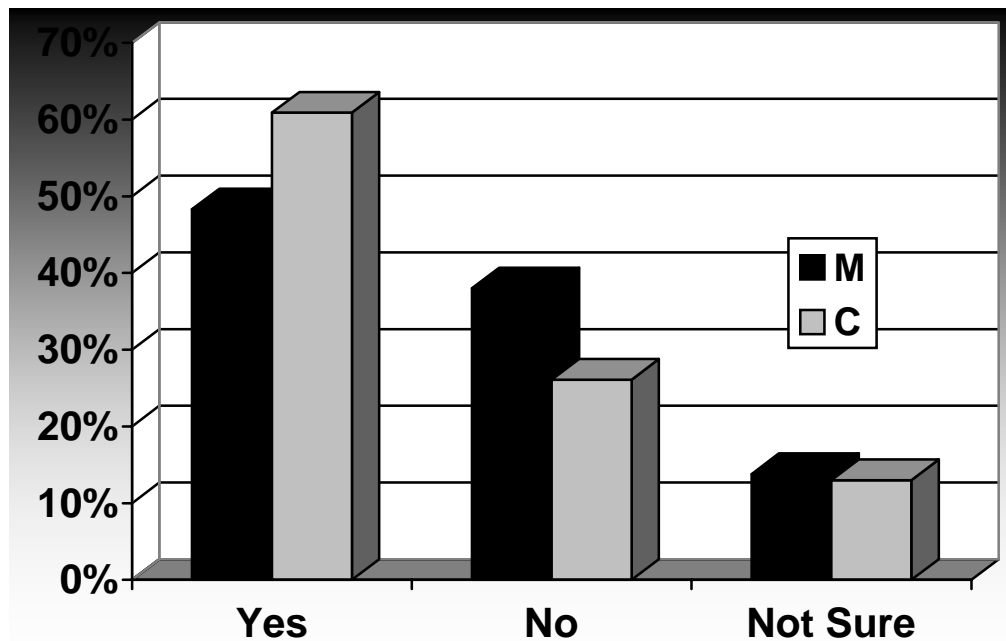
- 1.) "We paid \$70,000 in electricity expenses. There is not enough funding from Nova Scotia Health Promotion".
- 2.) "Since I run a private rink I am finding it difficult to obtain funding. The three arenas around me received \$165,000 last year between them, but they are not private".

Graph Analysis:

48.3% of arena managers surveyed stated that they received funding from Nova Scotia Health Promotion or as it used to be known Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission. 41.7% of the arena managers stated that they have not received funding from NSHP or NSSRC. 10% of arena managers were unsure if they have ever received funding from NSHP or NSSRC.

Note: Some of the arena managers were new to the facility so they did not know offhand if the arenas had received funding from NSHP or NSSRC before they came on as the facility manager.

Municipal/Community



LEGEND

M – Municipal Arenas
C – Community Arenas

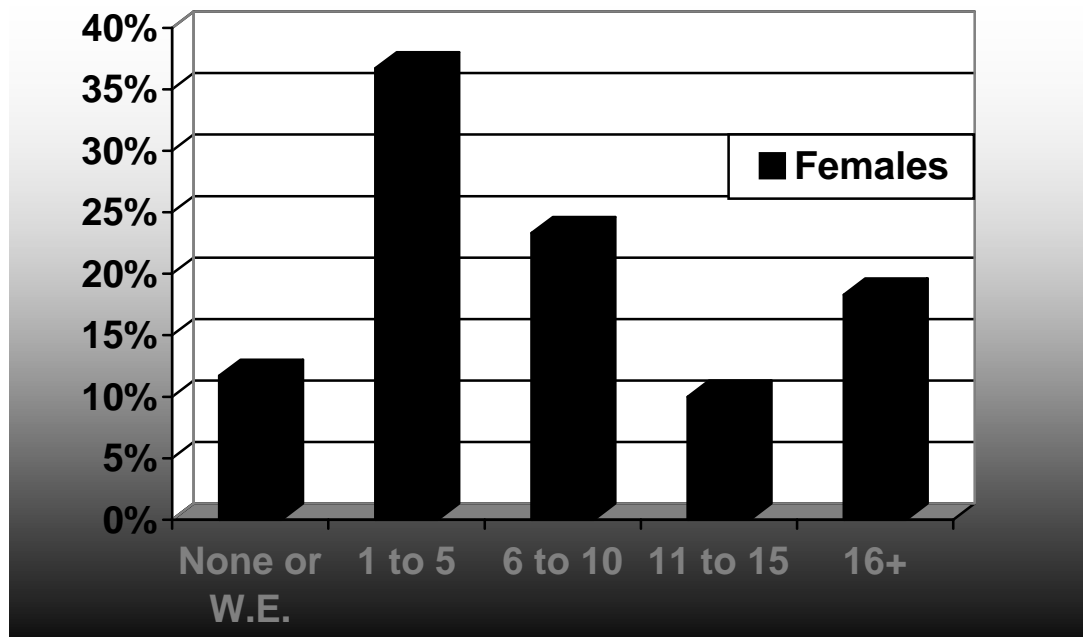
Graph Analysis:

48.3% of managers from municipal arenas stated that they have received funding from Nova Scotia Health Promotion, while 38% stated that they have not. 13.8% of municipal arena managers stated that they were not sure if they received funding from NSHP.

60.9% of arena managers from community run arenas stated that they have received funding from Nova Scotia Health Promotion, while 26.1% stated that they have not. 13% of community arena managers stated that they were unsure if they received funding from NSHP.

According to the data collected in the graph a higher percentage of community owned arenas compared to municipal arenas have received funding from Nova Scotia Health Promotion.

Question 12: How much of your total time both billable and free time is allotted to women and girls?



LEGEND - Units on X-Axis are measured in hours per week. **W.E.** – Wouldn't Estimate

Note: The information in this graph for women and girls does not include the time used by female minor hockey players who are mixed in with the boy's teams.

Comments:

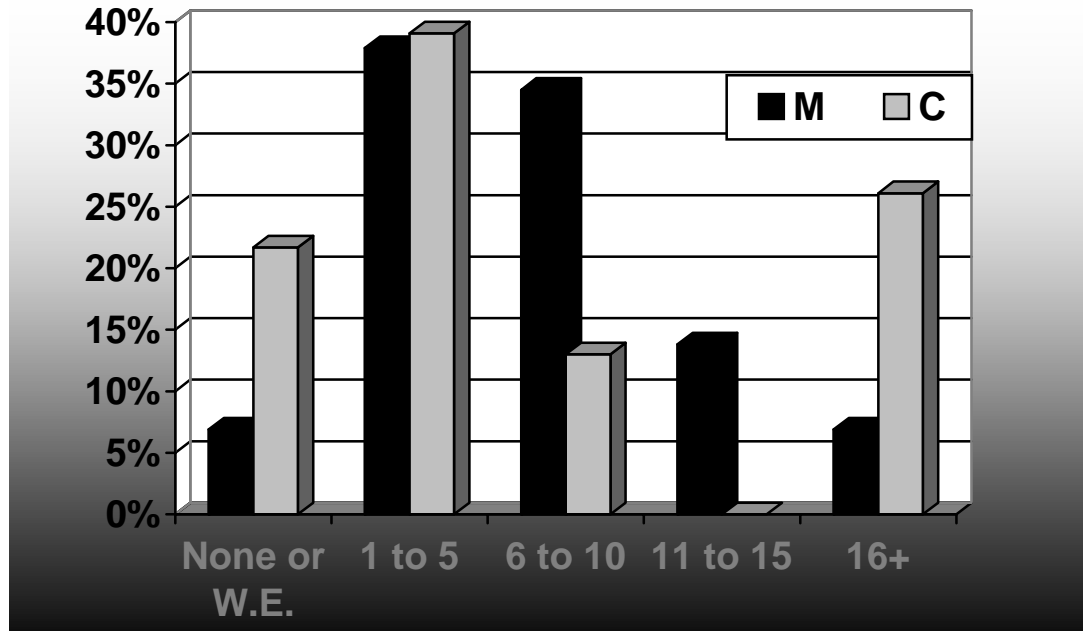
- 1.) "Figure Skating numbers are dropping drastically around the province due to high cost".

Graph Analysis: 11.7% of the arena managers surveyed stated that women and girls do not have any time at the facility or did not want to estimate a number. 36.7% of arena managers stated that between 1-5 hours per week are used by women and girls. 23.3% of arena managers stated that women and girls use between 6-10 hours per week. 10% of arenas allocate 11-15 hours to women and girls, and 18.3% of arena managers state that 16 or more, hours per week are used by women and girls

By comparing the medians of both total billable hours at NS arenas (65 Hours) and billable hours allotted to women and girls (outside of minor hockey) (6.5 Hours), a total of 10% of billable hours is calculated to be allotted to women and girls user groups.

Recommendation: According to the Canadian Medical Association Journal, the occurrence of girls being overweight increased by 57% between the years of 1981 to 1996 (Anderson, 2000). Consideration should be given to allocating more prime time hours across the province to women and girls in order to become equally accessible to both genders and generate more interest from the female population.

Municipal/Community



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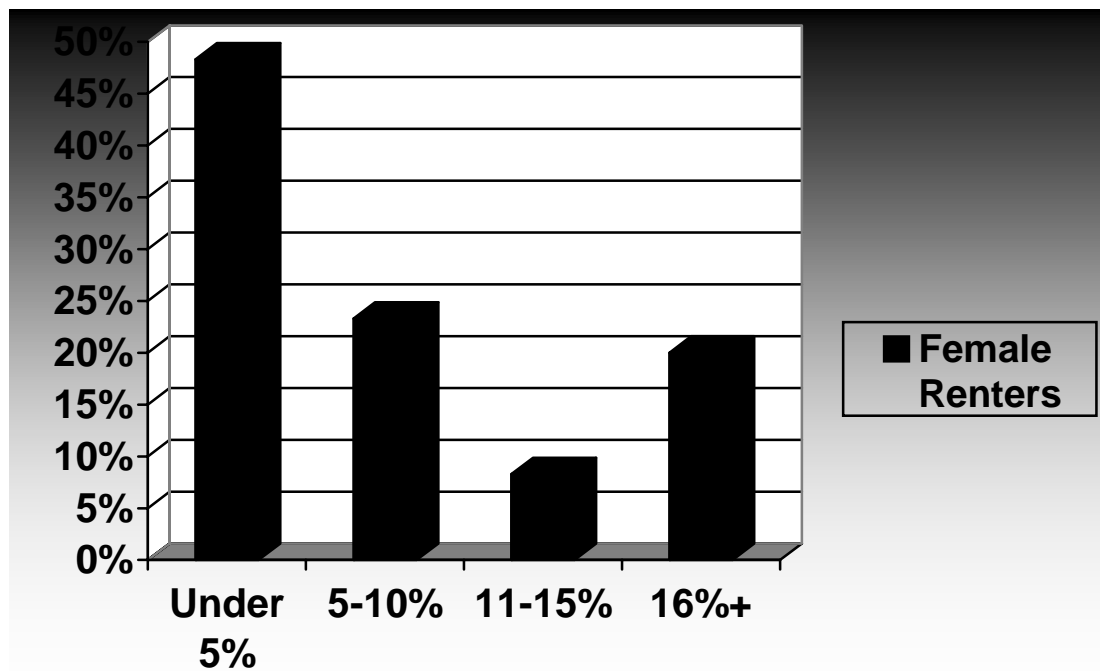
Note: The information in this graph for women and girls does not include the time used by female minor hockey players who are mixed in with the boy's teams.

Graph Analysis: 6.9% of municipal arena managers stated that no time (or would not estimate a time) is offered women and girls. 37.9% of municipal arena managers stated that between 1-5 hours per week is allotted to women and girls. 34.5% of municipal arena managers stated that 6-10 hours per week is allotted to women and girls. 13.8% of municipal arena managers stated that 11-15 hours per week is allotted to women and girls, and 6.9% stated that over 15 hours per week is allotted to women and girls.

21.7% of community arena managers stated that no time (or would not estimate a time) is offered women and girls. 39.1% of community arena managers stated that between 1-5 hours per week is allotted to women and girls. 13% of community arena managers stated that 6-10 hours per week is allotted to women and girls. 0% community arena managers stated that 11-15 hours per week is allotted to women and girls, and 26.1% stated that over 15 hours per week is allotted to women and girls.

According to the data collected in the survey more municipal arenas compared to community owned arenas are offering time to women and girls user groups, however, a large percentage of the community owned arenas that are offering time to women and girls user groups are offering over 16 hours per week which is almost triple the median amount of all arenas surveyed totaled together.

Question 13: What percentage of women is renting the facility compared to men?



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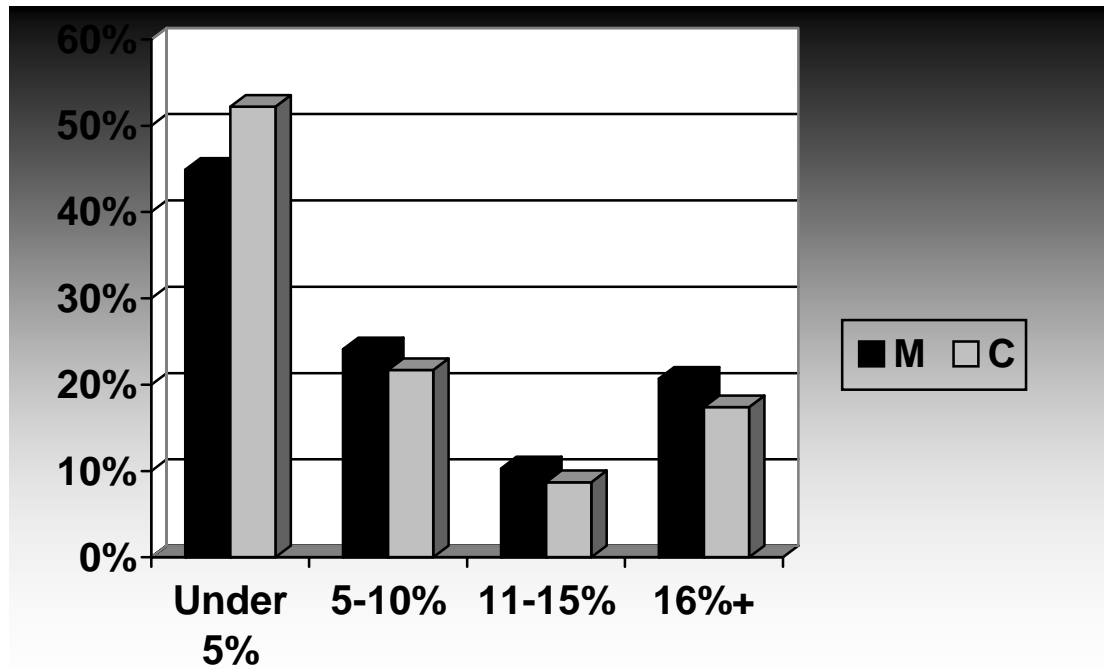
48.3% of arena managers state that under 5% of their renters are women. 23.3% of arenas said that 5-10% of their renters are female. 8.3% of arena managers stated that 11-15% of their renters were female, and 20% of arena managers stated that more than 15% of their renters are female.

Recommendations:

The Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute (CFLRI) states that approximately 69% of Canadian men and women are not physically active enough to enjoy health benefits. Therefore, more effort needs to be put towards marketing for women and girls ice sports (Hockey, Figure Skating, Ringette) and more prime time ice throughout the province needs to be made available to females in general. A big reason why women are under-represented in arenas throughout the province is because they don't have access to ice time that is convenient for them to use. It is true that there are other issues around this but equal access should mean that females also have an equal chance as men to book times in the evening throughout the week as well as anytime on the weekends.

With the Olympic success in women's hockey there is a potential increase in demand for women and girls using arenas around the province, which should increase revenues for underused facilities.

Municipal/Community



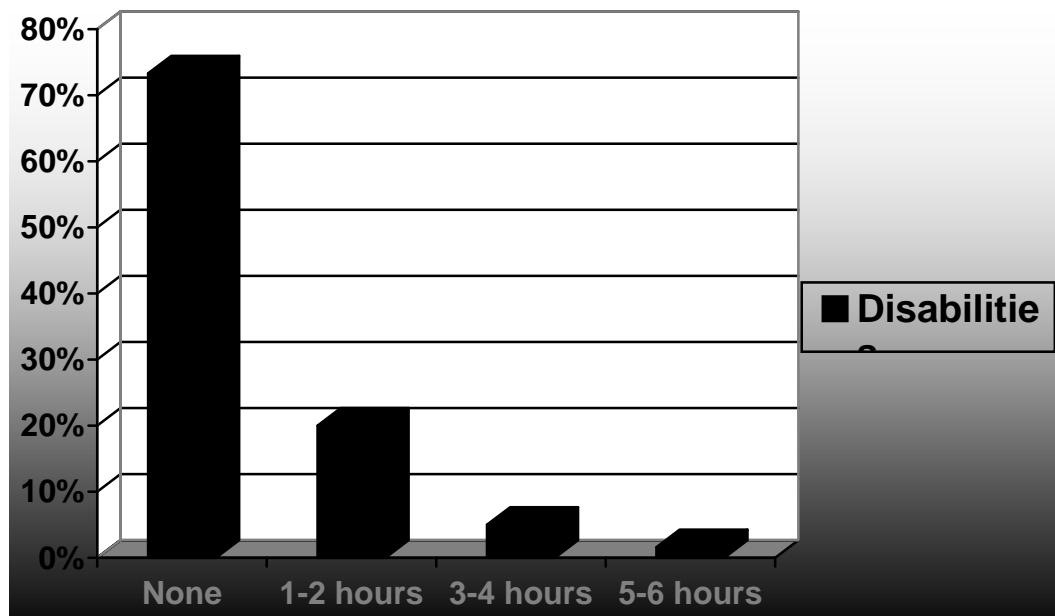
Graph Analysis:

44.9% of municipal arena managers stated that under 5% of persons who rent the ice are women. 24.1 % of municipal arena managers stated that between 5-10% of persons who rent the ice are women. 10.3% of municipal arena managers stated that between 11-15% of persons who rent the ice are women, and 20.7% stated that over 16% of renters are women.

52.2% of community arena managers stated that under 5% of persons who rent the ice are women. 21.7 % of community arena managers stated that between 5-10% of persons who rent the ice are women. 8.7%% of community arena managers stated that between 11-15% of persons who rent the ice are women, and 17.4% stated that over 16% of renters are women.

Municipal arenas are renting slightly more ice time to women and girls user groups compared to community owned arenas.

Question 14A: Does your arena devote any of its time to persons with disabilities? If so how many people with disabilities use the arena on a weekly basis?



Comments:

- 1.) “There are not many persons with disabilities in the community”.

Graph Analysis:

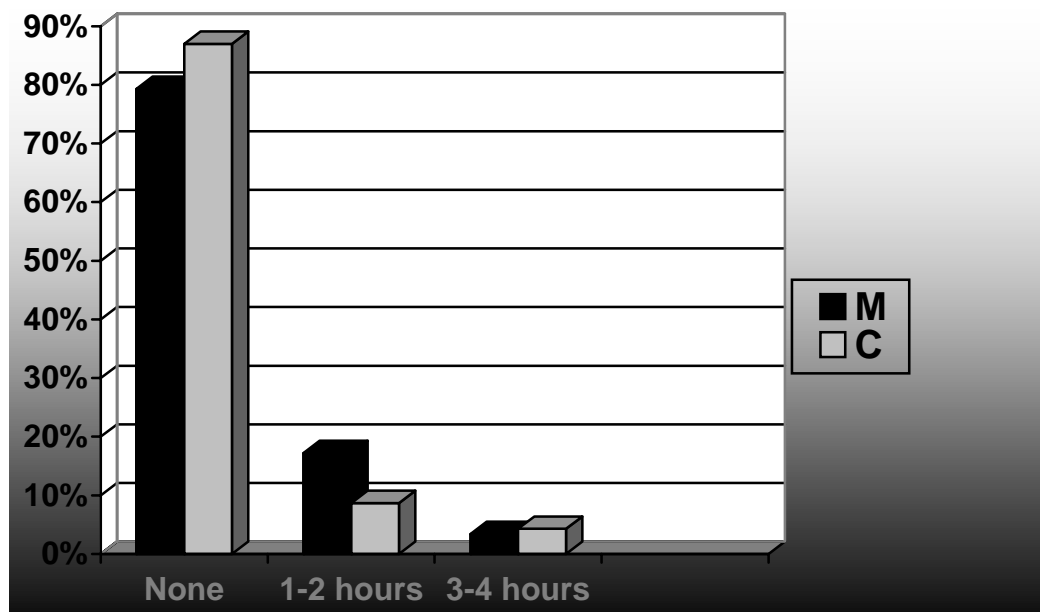
73.3% of arena managers surveyed state that they do not allocate any of their time to persons with disabilities. 20% of arenas offer between 1-2 hours of their weekly time to persons with disabilities. 5% of arena managers state that they offer between 3-4 hours of their time to persons with disabilities, and 1.7% state that they offer between 5-6 hours.

Note: A popular response to this question was that the arenas have not been asked to provide time to persons with disabilities.

Recommendation: Arena managers who have not already done so should consider contacting their local program coordinators for persons with disabilities to inform them on what services they offer through the arena and what times would be available for rent if they were interested in coming in. This will help provide opportunities to all community members regardless of ability.

According to the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons (2002), there are a total of 3,601,270 people in Canada that have a disability and 152,210 of them live in Nova Scotia. This makes up for approximately 17.1% of the Nova Scotia population.

Municipal/Community



LEGEND

M – Municipal
C – Community

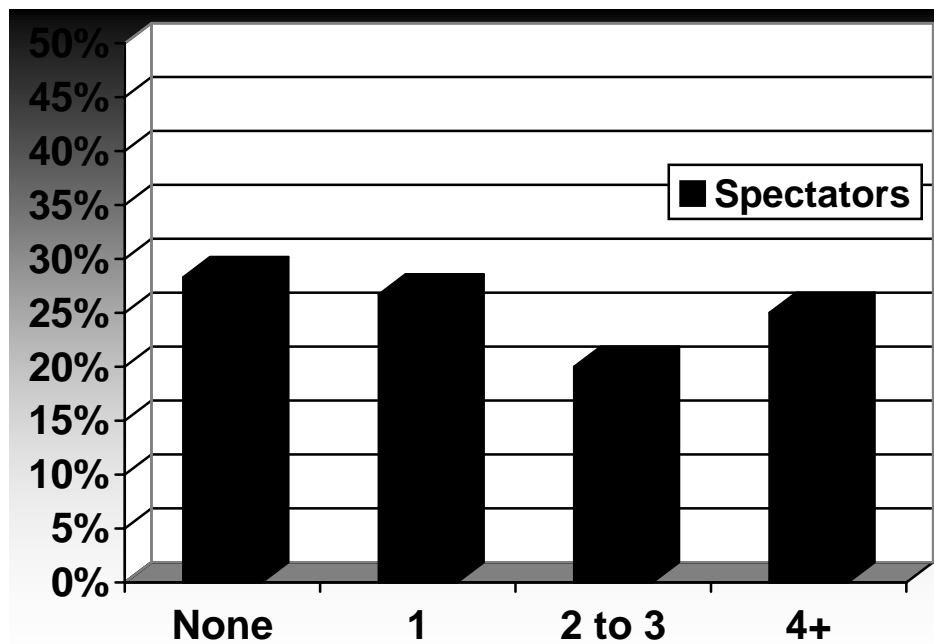
Graph Analysis:

79.3% of municipal arena managers stated that no time is devoted to persons with disabilities. 17.2% of municipal arena managers stated that 1-2 hours per week is devoted to persons with disabilities, and 3.4% stated that 3-4 hours per week is devoted to this population group.

87% of community arena managers stated that no time is devoted to persons with disabilities. 8.7% of community arena managers stated that 1-2 hours per week is devoted to persons with disabilities, and 4.3% stated that 3-4 hours per week is devoted to this population group.

According to the data collected in this study municipal arenas offer more time to persons with disabilities than community owned arenas.

Question 14B: Approximately how many spectators are persons with disabilities?



Note: One important item to note is that managers are unable to determine if some spectators have mental/cognitive disabilities. Therefore the majority of persons with disabilities noticed are persons with physical disabilities.

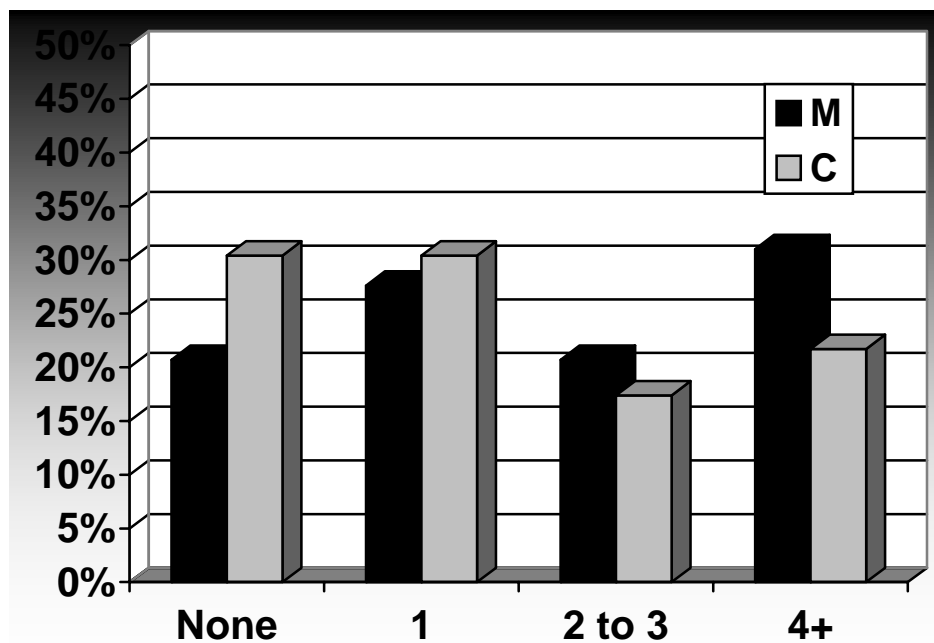
Graph Analysis:

28.3% of arena managers stated that they have not noticed any persons with disabilities watching hockey games in their respective arenas. 26.7% stated that they have 1 person with a disability come in to watch the hockey games. 20% of the arenas stated that they had between 2-3 persons with disabilities watching the games, and 25% stated that they had 4 or more persons with disabilities taking in the local hockey action. At the Halifax Metro Centre there have been a couple hundred persons with disabilities at one time watching an event. This is obviously a special case but one worth noting in this report.

Recommendation:

Arena managers who have not already done so should consider contacting their local program coordinators for persons with disabilities to inform them on what services they offer through the arena and also send them a copy of the hockey schedule. This will potentially increase the amount of spectators as well as educate everyone further on how to better serve the community by providing opportunities to all members regardless of ability.

Municipal/Community



LEGEND

M – Municipal Arenas

C – Community Arenas

Note: One important item to note is that managers are unable to determine if some spectators have mental/cognitive disabilities. Therefore the majority of persons with disabilities noticed are persons with physical disabilities.

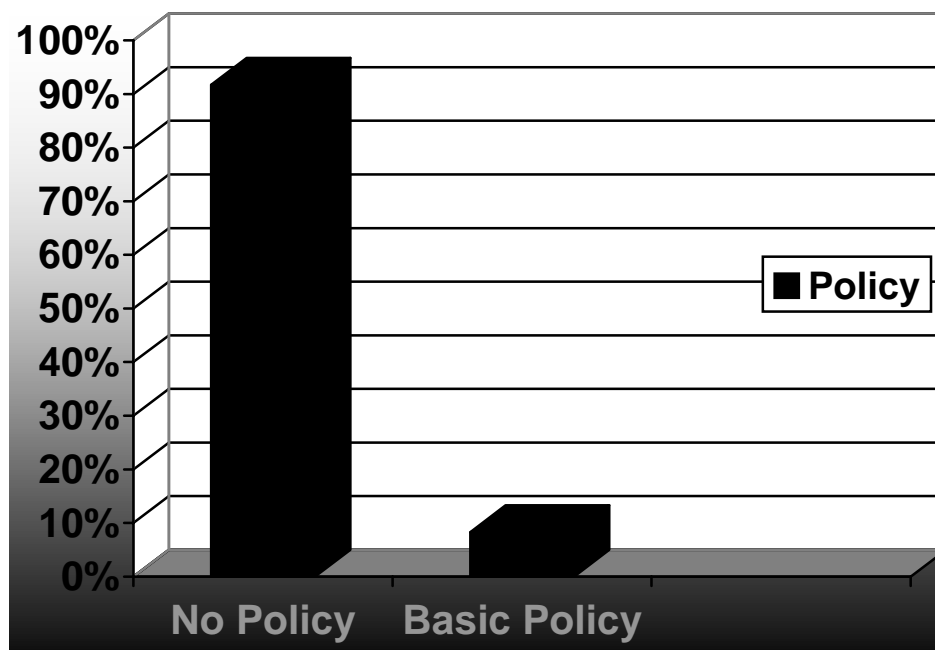
Graph Analysis:

20.7% of managers from municipally run arenas stated that they have no spectators with disabilities at the hockey games. 27.6% of municipal arena managers stated that they have 1 spectator with disabilities per game. 20.7% of municipal arena managers stated that they have between 2-3 spectators with disabilities, while 31% stated that they have over 4 spectators per hockey game.

30.4% of managers from community run arenas stated that they have no spectators with disabilities at the hockey games. 30.4% of community arena managers stated that they have 1 spectator with disabilities per game. 17.4% of community arena managers stated that they have between 2-3 spectators with disabilities, while 21.7% stated that they have over 4 spectators per hockey game.

According to the data collected in the survey municipal arenas have more persons with disabilities coming to watch the hockey games than community owned arenas.

Question 15: Do you have a policy on allocation of time for women and girls?



Comments:

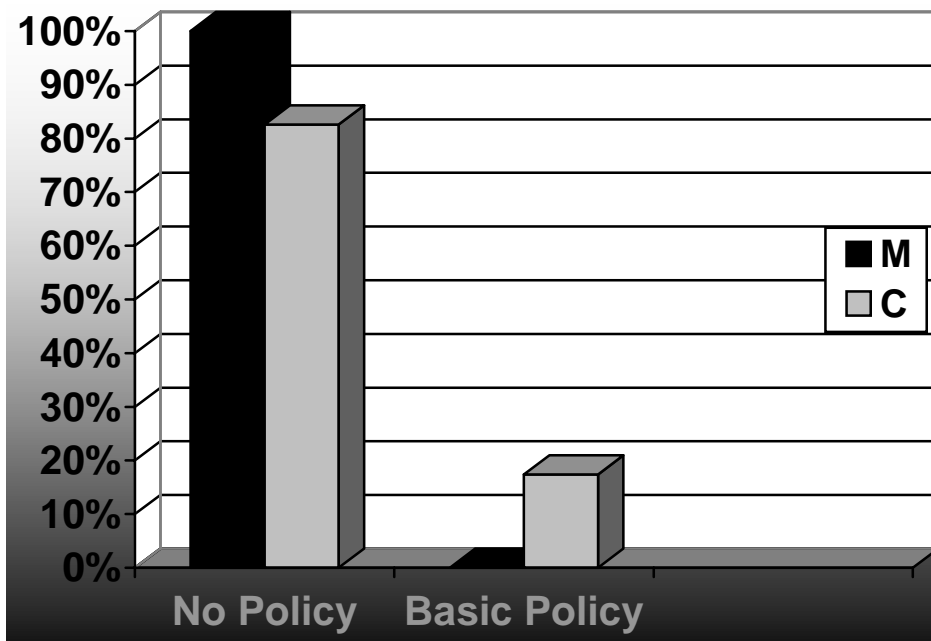
- 1.) “We can’t kick out customers who have been coming for 15 years and replace them with new customers”.
- 2.) “Women and girls get offered ice first when ice times are cancelled”.

Graph Analysis:

91.7% of arena managers surveyed stated that they did not have an official policy on allocation of time for women and girls. They did however state that they believe in equal access and that whoever wants to rent the ice is free to do so. The remaining 8.3% of arena managers stated that they had basic policies. Four of the arenas (6.7%) offer ice time to women and girls groups first when it is cancelled. One arena (1.7%) states that the female hockey teams get just as much time as any other male team that practices and plays out of the facility (time of day when the women and girls teams practice is unknown).

Recommendation: According to the National Population Health Survey, girls have a tendency to be much less active than boys (Health Canada, 1992). Therefore, arena managers should consider making internal policies for the allocation of time for women and girls during both prime and non-prime hours at all arenas throughout the province.

Municipal/Community

**LEGEND**

M – Municipal Arenas
 C – Community Arenas

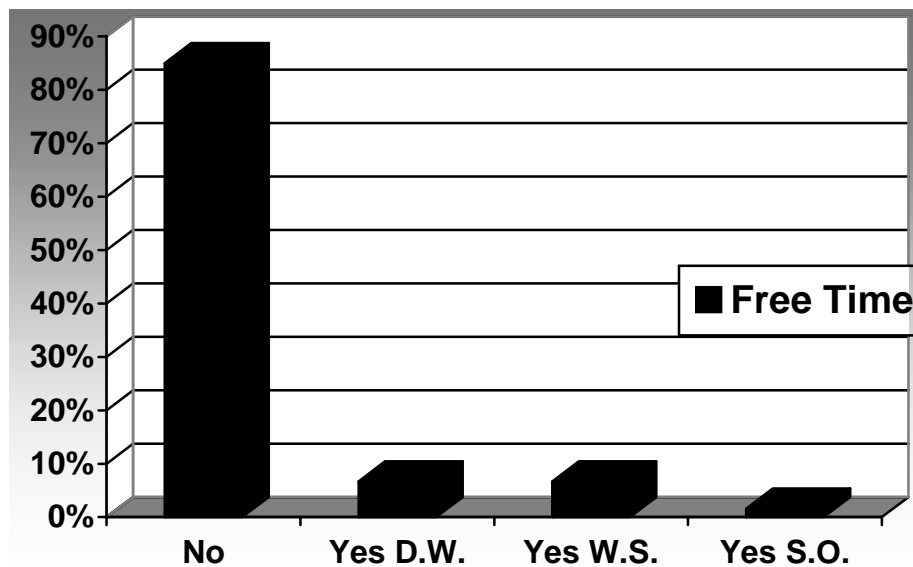
Graph Analysis:

100% of arena managers from municipal arenas stated that they do not have a policy on allocation of time for women and girls, which means that 0% of municipal arenas have a policy.

82.6% of arena managers from community run arenas stated that they do not have a policy on allocation of time for women and girls, while 17.4% of community arenas surveyed have a policy on allocation of time for women and girls.

According to the data collected in this study more community owned arenas compared to municipal arenas have policies on the allocation of time for women and girls.

Question 16: Have you received or developed a policy statement on a Free Time Initiative?



LEGEND

No – Have not developed or received a policy

Yes D.W. – Developed a policy from within

Yes W.S. – Yes have a policy with the schools

Yes S.O. – Have started a policy with the schools

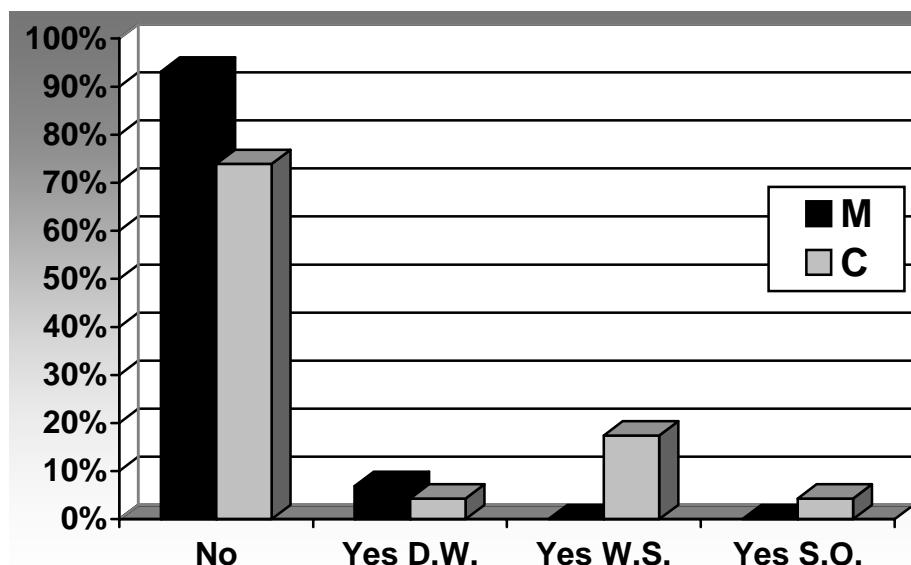
Comments:

- 1.) “I do not believe in free time”.
- 2.) “We cannot afford to give free time, lost 4 hockey teams this year to a surrounding arena”.
- 3.) Applied for Physical Activity Grant from NSHP but did not receive any money, was disappointed because his facility offers lots of free time to the general public.

Graph Analysis: 85% of the arena managers surveyed stated that they did not have a policy on giving out free time to members of the general public. 6.7% of the arenas stated that they developed a policy from within their organization (D.W. Developed Within). 6.7% of the arenas have policies with the school board in their respective areas (W.S. With Schools), and 1.6% of the arenas are starting a policy with the school board in their area (S.O. Starting One).

Recommendation: Internal free time policies should be considered by arena’s around the province that can financially afford to give free of cost time to their communities. Arenas that can show proof that providing this free time will endanger the sustainability of their business, should explore alternative funding opportunities. Funders should give priority to these specific arenas in order for them to provide this free time, preferably during prime hours that are not currently booked.

Municipal/Community



LEGEND

No – Have not developed or received a policy

Yes D.W. – Developed a policy from within

Yes W.S. – Yes have a policy with the schools

Yes S.O. – Have started a policy with the schools

M – Municipal

C – Community

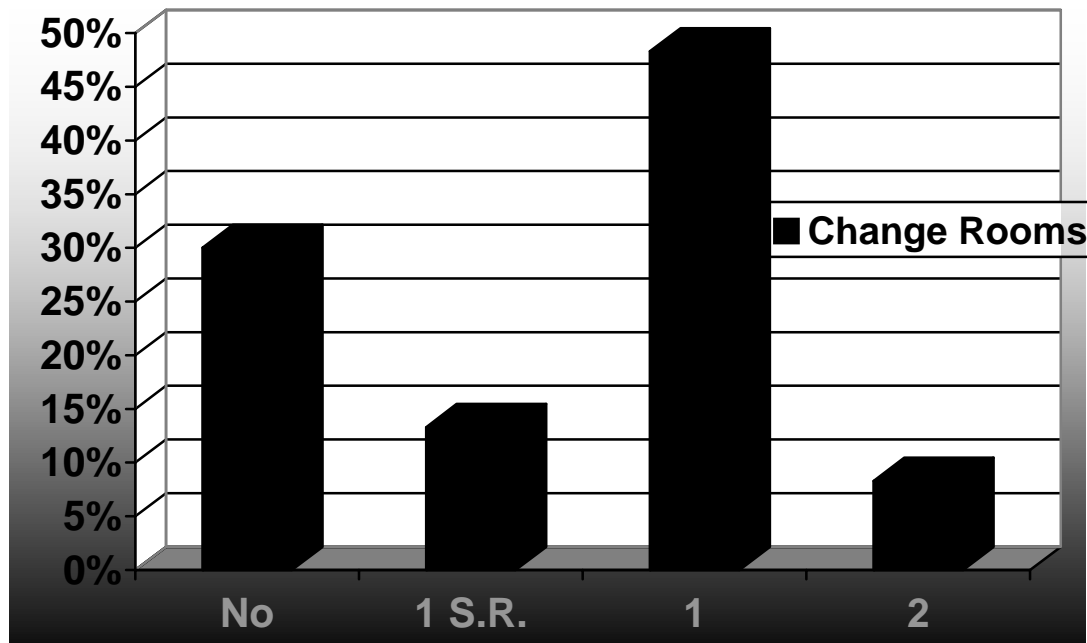
Graph Analysis:

93.1% of managers of municipal arenas stated that they have not developed or received a policy on a free time initiative. 6.9% of municipal arena managers stated that they have developed a free time policy from within. 0% of municipal arenas has a free time policy with the schools or is starting a free time policy.

73.9% of arena managers running community arenas stated that they have not developed or received a policy on a free time initiative. 4.3% of community arena managers have developed a free time policy from within. 17.4% of community arena managers stated that they have a free time policy with the school board, and 4.3% stated that they are just starting a free time policy with the schools.

According to the data collected in this study more community owned arenas have developed free of cost time policies than municipal arenas. Most of these policies are with the schools.

Question 17: Are any of your change rooms dedicated to women and/or girls?



LEGEND

S.R. – Smaller Room

Comments:

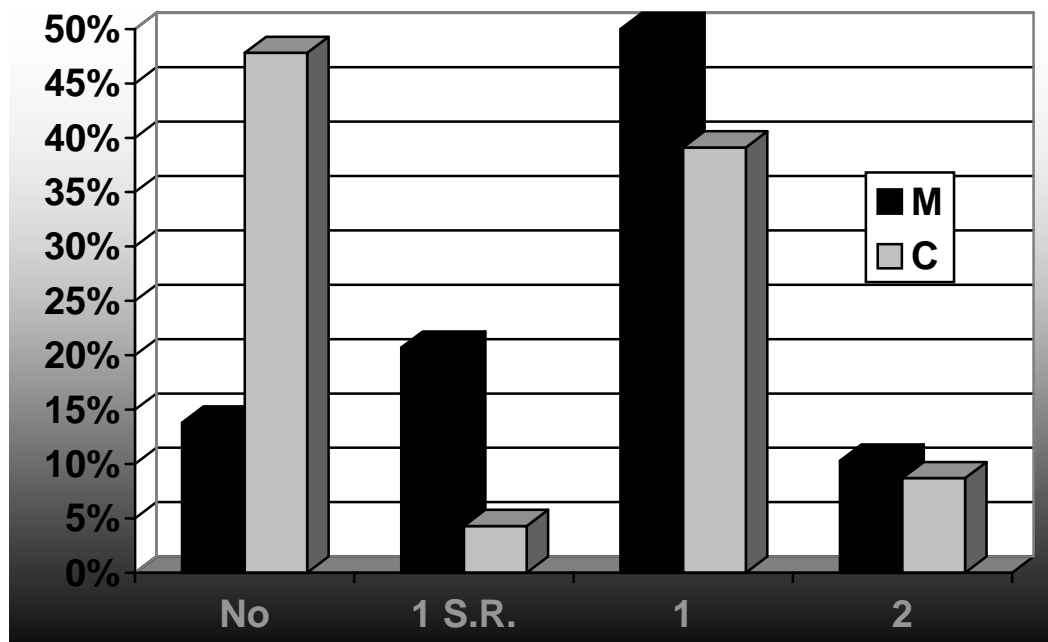
- 1.) “Our 6th dressing room is for referees”.

Graph Analysis:

30% of arena managers surveyed stated that there are no change rooms dedicated to women and girls. 13.3% of arena managers stated that there is 1 smaller room dedicated to women and girls. 48.3% of the arena managers stated that 1 change room is dedicated to women and girls, and 8.3 % of arenas have 2 change rooms dedicated to women and girls.

Recommendation: This recommendation is for the arenas that either have no change rooms dedicated to women and girls or just a smaller room dedicated to women and girls. Remodeling the arena to provide at least one change room dedicated to women and girls, which will be of equal size to the other change rooms, should be considered when and if funding becomes available for this initiative. A 2001 directive from Hockey Nova Scotia’s Board of Directors states “From the pee wee level and up players of mixed genders may not dress in the same room at the same time...”

Municipal/Community



LEGEND

M – Municipal

C - Community

S.R. – Smaller Room

Graph Analysis:

13.8% of managers running municipal arenas stated that they do not have a change room dedicated to women and girls. 20.7% of municipal arena managers stated that they have 1 smaller room dedicated as a change room for women and girls. 55.2% of municipal arena managers stated that they have 1 change room dedicated to women and girls while 10.3% stated that they have 2 change rooms dedicated for females.

47.8% of managers running community arenas stated that they do not have a change room dedicated to women and girls. 4.3% of community arena managers stated that they have 1 smaller room dedicated as a change room for women and girls. 39.1% of community arena managers stated that they have 1 change room dedicated to women and girls while 8.7% stated that they have 2 change rooms dedicated to females.

Recommendation: According to the results of this study community run arenas, more so than municipally run arenas, should consider finding a way to add at least one full size change room (if at all possible) that will be dedicated to women and girls.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the data found in this study provides support to the beliefs that the majority of Nova Scotia Arenas do not currently provide much free of cost time to the general public or an equitable amount of time to women and girls user groups, and persons with disabilities.

The majority of arena managers across the province in both community owned and municipal arenas should consider the following:

- 1.) Create internal free of cost time policies to serve user groups who cannot afford to take advantage of the facility and enjoy the benefits that they have to offer.
- 2.) Create internal policies on allocation of time for women and girls user groups, to help ensure equitable access for both genders.
- 3.) When/if funding becomes available constructing an additional full size change room dedicated to women and girls.
- 4.) Contacting local program directors for persons with disabilities to inform them on what opportunities are available at the arena, how they can access it, and when they can access it.

Consideration of these recommendations will help improve the status of arena access throughout Nova Scotia and potentially make the province a role model to other communities throughout Canada, and the rest of the world.

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Appendix I – Letter to Arena Managers

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January 3rd, 2006

Dear Facility Operator/Manager,

Recent academic literature has linked increased levels of physical activity with increased access to sport and recreation facilities. In Nova Scotia, we are aware of many examples of municipal and community-operated arenas and pools being offered at subsidized rates or for free to our citizens. Free time offered has been for specific populations (e.g. children, youth, adults) or it can encompass the entire general public. We wish to understand better the commitment of our major facility owners to increasing access to the various portions of our population.

I am writing on behalf of Nova Scotia Health Promotion Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation to ask for your assistance in helping us understand this question better. We are interested in information related to the populations served, how the availability of free time is communicated to the public, when it is available, who is responsible for making this time available and other related information such as the cost of providing free ice time.

I will be contacting you sometime over the next couple of weeks to gather the information. I would appreciate 15 minutes of your time in answering questions that will enable me to document the information required for this study. Once the information is compiled a copy of the final document will be forwarded to you.

I look forward to speaking with you all and if you have any questions I can be reached by email at hardiab@gov.ns.ca or by phone at 902-424-7556.

Sincerely,

Andrew Harding

Appendix II - Questionnaire

Question 1: What is your total amount of billable ice time per week?

Question 2: What is the prime rate to rent the ice time by the hour?

Question 3: What hours are considered prime time?

Question 4: What hours are considered to be non-prime time?

Question 5: What is the non-prime rate to rent the ice time by the hour?

Question 6: How much free of cost time per week do you offer the general public? In other words can the public ever access the arena free of charge?

Question 7: What are the exact times offered throughout the week for free time to the general public?

Question 8: What is the cost to access Public Skate Time?

Question 9: What population do you feel that you serve the most?

Question 10: Who if anyone sponsors the free time in your arena (ex. Tim Horton's)?

Question 11: Have you ever received funding from Nova Scotia Health Promotion or the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission?

Question 12: How much of your total time both billable and free time is allotted to women and girls?

Question 13: What percentage of women is renting the facility compared to men?

Question 14: Does your arena devote any of its time to persons with disabilities? If so how many people with disabilities use the arena on a weekly basis? Approximately how many spectators are persons with disabilities?

Question 15: Do you have a policy on allocation of time for women and girls?

Question 16: Have you received or developed a policy statement on a Free Time Initiative?

Question 17: Are any of your change rooms dedicated to women and/or girls?

Appendix III – Arena Manager Responses

Note – A number has been associated with each arena to respect privacy of information shared between the arena managers and the interview conductor.

Question 1: What is your total amount of billable ice time per week?

- 1.) 53 hours
- 2.) 45 hours
- 3.) 60 hours
- 4.) 55 hours
- 5.) 30 hours
- 6.) 102 hours
- 7.) 54 hours
- 8.) 104 hours
- 9.) 50 hours
- 10.) 50 hours
- 11.) 75 hours
- 12.) 56 hours
- 13.) 68 hours
- 14.) 72 hours
- 15.) 62 hours
- 16.) 55 hours
- 17.) 60 hours
- 18.) 166 hours (2 ice surfaces)
- 19.) 80 hours
- 20.) 86 hours

- 21.) 45 hours
- 22.) 118 hours (Available)
- 23.) 119 hours (Available)
- 24.) 72 hours
- 25.) 118 hours (Available)
- 26.) 118 hours (Available)
- 27.) 168 hours (Available)
- 28.) 114 hours
- 29.) 70 hours
- 30.) 118.5 hours
- 31.) 85 hours
- 32.) 90 hours
- 33.) 70 hours
- 34.) 62 hours
- 35.) 80 hours
- 36.) 20-40 hours
- 37.) 63 hours
- 38.) 30 hours
- 39.) 50 hours
- 40.) 75 hours
- 41.) 130 hours (Available)
- 42.) 60 hours
- 43.) 25-30 hours

44.) 50 hours

45.) 60 hours

46.) 56 hours

47.) 70 hours

48.) 85 hours

49.) 60 hours

50.) 28 hours

51.) 55 hours

52.) 52.25 hours

53.) 77 hours

54.) 65 hours

55.) 115.5 hours

56.) 70 hours

57.) 40 hours

58.) 60-65 hours

59.) 87 hours

60.) 98 hours

Question 2: What is the prime rate to rent the ice time by the hour?

- 1.) \$125
- 2.) \$135
- 3.) \$175
- 4.) \$130
- 5.) \$85
- 6.) \$163
- 7.) \$160
- 8.) \$157
- 9.) \$135
- 10.) \$125
- 11.) \$175
- 12.) \$154
- 13.) \$175
- 14.) \$185
- 15.) \$170
- 16.) \$160
- 17.) \$110
- 18.) \$142
- 19.) \$130
- 20.) \$190 (Rentals are for 90 minutes)
- 21.) \$153
- 22.) \$150

23.) \$152.90

24.) \$150

25.) \$150

26.) \$150

27.) \$184

28.) \$195

29.) \$155

30.) \$155

31.) \$155

32.) \$150

33.) \$134

34.) \$125

35.) \$139

36.) \$99

37.) \$82

38.) \$100

39.) \$120

40.) \$140

41.) \$140

42.) \$125

43.) \$115

44.) \$110

45.) \$125

46.) \$100

47.) \$120.75

48.) \$130

49.) \$125

50.) \$105

51.) \$115

52.) \$85

53.) \$120

54.) \$93

55.) \$110

56.) \$105.50

57.) \$102

58.) \$112

59.) \$120

60.) \$112

Question 3: What hours are considered prime time?

- 1.) 5-8PM Weekdays and all Weekends
- 2.) 4-10PM Weekdays and 9AM-9PM on Weekends
- 3.) 4-10PM Weekdays and all Weekends
- 4.) 10AM-12 Midnight Weekdays, 8AM-9:30PM on Weekends
- 5.) 5-9PM on Weekdays and 9AM-8PM on Weekends
- 6.) After 4PM on Weekdays and all Weekends
- 7.) After 7PM on Weekdays and all Weekends
- 8.) After 4PM on Weekdays and all Weekends
- 9.) 6 hours per week for major games
- 10.) 3PM-Midnight on Weekdays, 8AM-Midnight on Weekends
- 11.) 3PM-Midnight on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 12.) 4PM-Midnight on Weekdays, 8AM-Midnight on Weekends
- 13.) 3PM-Midnight on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 14.) 3PM-Midnight on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 15.) 5-11PM on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 16.) After 7PM on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 17.) 5-9PM on Weekdays, 9AM-9PM on Weekends
- 18.) 3-11PM on Weekdays, 8:30AM-11PM on Weekends
- 19.) 5-11PM on Weekdays, 7AM-10PM on Weekends
- 20.) After 5PM on Weekdays, 9AM-Midnight on Weekends
- 21.) 4-10PM on Weekdays, 8AM-10PM on Weekends
- 22.) 6-11PM on Weekdays, 7AM-8PM on Saturdays, 7AM-11PM on Sundays

- 23.) All Hours
- 24.) 4-10PM on Weekdays, 7AM-8PM on Saturdays, 7AM-10PM on Sundays
- 25.) 6-11PM on Weekdays, 7AM-8PM on Saturdays, 7AM-11PM on Sundays
- 26.) 6-11PM on Weekdays, 7AM-8PM on Saturdays, 7AM-11PM on Sundays
- 27.) 4-Midnight on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 28.) 4-11PM on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 29.) 12PM-Midnight on Weekdays, 8AM-Midnight on Weekends
- 30.) 4-10PM on Weekdays, 10AM-10PM on Weekends.
- 31.) 6-11PM on Weekdays, 8AM-11PM on Weekends
- 32.) 6PM-Midnight on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 33.) 5PM-Midnight on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 34.) 4-10PM on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 35.) After 5PM on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 36.) 4PM-Midnight on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 37.) Does not distinguish between Prime and Non Prime Time
- 38.) 5-10PM on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 39.) 5-11PM on Weekdays, All Weekends
- 40.) Before 11PM 7 days a week.
- 41.) 4PM-Midnight on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 42.) 3-10PM on Weekdays, 8AM-10PM on Weekends
- 43.) 6-10PM on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 44.) 4-10PM on Weekdays, Before 10PM on Weekends
- 45.) 4-10PM on Weekdays, All Weekends

- 46.) 4-11PM on Weekdays, All Weekends
- 47.) 4PM-Midnight on Weekdays, 8AM-Midnight on Weekends
- 48.) 3PM-Midnight on Weekdays, 8AM-10PM on Saturdays, 10AM-Midnight on Sundays
- 49.) 4PM-Midnight on Weekdays, 9AM-Midnight on Weekends
- 50.) 4-10PM on Weekdays, 8AM-10PM on Weekends
- 51.) 4PM-Midnight on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 52.) Does not distinguish between Prime and Non Prime Time
- 53.) All hours except for School Skating (8 hours per week during the day)
- 54.) After 4:30PM on Weekdays, 12-11PM on weekends.
- 55.) All time sold to non military members
- 56.) 4PM-Midnight on Weekdays, 7AM-Midnight on Weekends
- 57.) 4PM-Midnight on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 58.) 6-11PM on Weekdays, 8AM-11PM on Weekends
- 59.) 5-10PM on Weekdays, all Weekends
- 60.) 5-10PM on Weekdays, all Weekends

Question 4: What hours are considered to be non-prime time?

- 1.) Before 5PM and after 8PM on Weekdays
- 2.) Before 4PM on Weekdays, Before 9AM on Weekends
- 3.) 8AM-4PM on Weekdays, 10AM-12PM on Weekends
- 4.) Before 10AM on Weekdays
- 5.) Before 5PM on Weekdays
- 6.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 7.) Before 7PM on Weekdays
- 8.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 9.) All hours except for major games.
- 10.) 8AM-3PM on Weekdays
- 11.) Before 3PM on Weekdays
- 12.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 13.) Before 3PM on Weekdays
- 14.) Before 3PM on Weekdays
- 15.) Before 5pm on Weekdays
- 16.) After 7PM on Weekdays, Before 12PM on Sunday.
- 17.) Before 5PM on Weekdays
- 18.) Before 3PM on Weekdays, Before 8:30AM on Weekends
- 19.) Before 5PM on Weekends
- 20.) Before 5PM on Weekends (Rentals are for 90 minutes)
- 21.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 22.) Before 6PM on Weekdays

- 23.) All hours are considered Prime Time
- 24.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 25.) Before 6PM on Weekdays
- 26.) Before 6PM on Weekdays
- 27.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 28.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 29.) Before 12PM on Weekdays, Before 8AM on Weekends
- 30.) Before 4PM on Weekdays, Before 10AM on Weekends
- 31.) Before 6PM on Weekdays
- 32.) Before 6PM on Weekdays
- 33.) Before 5PM on Weekdays
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- 36.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 37.) Doesn't distinguish between Prime and Non Prime Time.
- 38.) Before 5PM on Weekdays
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- 49.) Before 4PM on Weekdays, Before 9AM on Weekends
- 50.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 51.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 52.) Doesn't distinguish between Prime and Non Prime Time.
- 53.) Everything is Prime except for School Skating
- 54.) Before 4:30PM on Weekdays, Before 12PM on Weekends
- 55.) Distinguishes between Military and Non-Military (Military Members get a reduced rate compared to the General Public)
- 56.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 57.) Before 4PM on Weekdays
- 58.) Before 6PM on Weekdays
- 59.) Before 5PM and after 10PM on Weekdays
- 60.) Before 5PM on Weekdays

Question 5: What is the non-prime rate to rent the ice time by the hour?

- 1.) \$75
- 2.) \$85
- 3.) \$135
- 4.) \$90
- 5.) \$60
- 6.) \$101
- 7.) \$160
- 8.) \$135
- 9.) \$107
- 10.) \$120
- 11.) \$165
- 12.) \$110
- 13.) \$165
- 14.) \$165
- 15.) \$110
- 16.) \$90
- 17.) \$95
- 18.) \$75 Early Morning, \$85 Weekends, \$131 Later Evening
- 19.) \$80
- 20.) \$145 (Rentals are for 90 minutes)
- 21.) \$110
- 22.) \$75

- 23.) \$152.90 (Same as Prime Rate)
- 24.) \$106
- 25.) \$75
- 26.) \$75
- 27.) \$100
- 29.) \$100 before 8AM, \$128 8AM-12PM Weekdays
- 30.) \$111
- 31.) \$80-\$125
- 32.) \$125
- 33.) \$84
- 34.) \$75
- 35.) \$82
- 36.) \$80
- 37.) \$82 (Same as Prime Rate)
- 38.) \$55
- 39.) \$60
- 40.) \$120
- 41.) \$110
- 42.) \$85
- 43.) \$90
- 44.) \$60 Daytime, \$68 Nighttime
- 45.) \$80.50
- 46.) \$70

- 47.) \$85
- 48.) \$110
- 49.) \$108
- 50.) \$75-95
- 51.) \$105
- 52.) \$70 Minor Hockey, \$85 Senior
- 53.) \$60 for School Skating only
- 54.) \$65
- 55.) \$44 to Military Members
- 56.) \$80.75
- 57.) \$88
- 58.) \$100 for Weekly Games, \$85 after 11PM
- 59.) \$102 after 10PM on Weekdays, \$77 before 5PM on Weekdays
- 60.) \$75

(Prices may or may not be including taxes.)

Question 6 & 7: How much free of cost time per week do you offer the general public? In other words can the public ever access the arena free of charge? What are the exact times offered throughout the week for free time to the general public?

- 1.) Five hours on Friday afternoon and evening.
- 2.) None
- 3.) Four hours per week during the mid-afternoon on certain weekdays.
- 4.) Free adult skate Wednesday's from 230-330PM, Parents and Tots 1:00-2:00PM on Tuesday and Thursday. Mornings Monday-Friday school kids can come in for free to try Broomball or Curling. Approximately 20 free hours per week.
- 5.) Five hours per week, in the mornings during the weekdays.
- 6.) Four hours per week, moms and tots and adult skate on Monday and Wednesday.
- 7.) Amount of free time per week varies due to school holidays. In the mornings from 9:30-11 anytime kids are off school for both kids and parents.
- 8.) None
- 9.) Offer cheap Annual Skating Passes (\$70 for families, \$30 for individuals) but no free of cost time.
- 10.) Gives two free hours per year over spring break in early March.
- 11.) None
- 12.) Monday and Thursday 10AM-12PM free senior skate. Additional 3 hours per year over Christmas and Spring Break.
- 13.) None
- 14.) None
- 15.) Five hours per week to the University Students, none to the general public.
- 16.) Approximately five hours per week. Times vary; people can come in when ice isn't being used and skate (Non Prime Hours)

17.) Two hours per week. There is a Pre-School skate on Wednesday mornings from 11AM-12PM, and an adult skate on Friday nights from 7-8PM.

18.) None

19.) Nine hours per week. Free time is available to staff, students, and YMCA members. Monday-Wednesday-Friday 11:30AM-1PM, Tuesday-Thursday 10-1130AM.

20.) None

21.) None

22.) Approximately 35 hours per week for HRM School Board Students. Arena is available free of charge to HRM students from 9AM-4PM Monday-Friday.

23.) Free time is only available once in awhile to Dalhousie Students. Nothing free available to the public.

24.) Approximately 35 hours per week for HRM School Board Students. Arena is available free of charge to HRM students from 9AM-4PM Monday-Friday.

25.) Approximately 35 hours per week for HRM School Board Students. Arena is available free of charge to HRM students from 9AM-4PM Monday-Friday.

26.) Approximately 35 hours per week for HRM School Board Students. Arena is available free of charge to HRM students from 9AM-4PM Monday-Friday.

27.) Two hours per week, Special Olympics Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

28.) None

29.) None

30.) None

31.) Four hours per week, Senior Skating 10AM-12PM Tuesday and Thursday. The only stipulation is that the seniors have to pay \$1 but they get free coffee.

32.) None

33.) Three hours per week for the school students in and around Amherst.

34.) Five hours per week to the high school students so they can use the curling rink and arena during the school day.

35.) A couple of times over Christmas.

- 36.)** 1.5 hours per week, every Sunday from 1-2:30.
- 37.)** The Schools in the area have free access to the arena 24 hours per year. Works out to approximately one hour per week.
- 38.)** None
- 39.)** Three hours per year are given to local charities and the hospital.
- 40.)** Approximately 20 hours per week. Free senior skate 830-930 in the morning Monday-Friday, free tots skate 930-1030 Monday-Friday, free adult skate 12-1 Monday-Friday, free old timers hockey on Thursdays 2-330, twice per month free use for the elementary school 10 hours per month, also offer 5 hours a month for high school students.
- 41.)** 11 hours per week. Free time is offered Monday-Wednesday-Friday 12PM-2PM for Shiny Hockey, and open skate Monday-Friday from 2-3PM.
- 42.)** Eight hours per week. Adult skating is available Monday-Thursday 12-1PM, Parents and Tots Monday-Thursday from 11AM-12PM.
- 43.)** Two hours per week. Free Skate offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-1PM.
- 44.)** None
- 45.)** 8.5 hours per week. Free skate offered Mondays from 3-4PM, Wednesdays 9-1130AM, 1-3PM for adults on Wednesday, 3-4PM after school on Tuesdays for Students, and one hour for the middle school on Fridays from 12-1PM.
- 46.)** One hour per week. Free public skate Mondays from 330-430PM
- 47.)** None
- 48.)** None
- 49.)** 1.5 hours per week. Offered to Parents and Tots 130-3 on Thursday afternoons.
- 50.)** One hour per week to pre school children on Thursday morning from 9-10AM.
- 51.)** None
- 52.)** Gives 15 hours per year to the general public (if you broke it down to per week it would be approximately 30 minutes per week, however when free time is given it is in longer time periods).
- 53.)** Four hours per year to the schools.

54.) 20 hours per year over Christmas and Spring Break.

55.) If you are military or a member of the facility you have access to ten free hours per week. Anyone in the public can become a member of the facility but there is a charge.

56.) None

57.) None

58.) One hour per week, Monday mornings from 10:30-11:30AM for parents and preschoolers.

59.) 4.5 hours per week, Monday-Wednesday-Friday Parents and Tots 1-145, seniors 145-230.

60.) None

Question 8: What is the cost to access Public Skate Time?

- 1.) \$5 for Adults, \$2 for Children, \$2 per Family Member
- 2.) \$3 per Person
- 3.) \$3 per Person
- 4.) \$3 per Person
- 5.) \$3 per Person, \$10 per Family
- 6.) \$2.50 for Children, \$3.50 per Family Member, \$4 Adults in the morning, \$5 Adults in the Evening
- 7.) \$2 Under 12 Years Old, \$3 Over 12 Years Old
- 8.) \$2 per Person
- 9.) \$3 per Person, \$10 per Family
- 10.) \$2.50 for Adults, \$1.50 for Students, \$1 for Children Under 10
- 11.) \$4 for Adults, \$3 for Students, 2\$ for Children under 12, \$2 per Adult with Preschool Kid(s) who are free, \$6 for a Family of Four
- 12.) \$2 per Person
- 14.) \$4 for Adults, \$3 for Students, 2\$ for Children under 12, \$2 per Adult with Preschool Kid(s) who are free, \$6 for a Family of Four
- 15.) \$4 per Adult
- 16.) \$2 per Person
- 17.) \$1 for Students, \$2 for Adults, \$5 per Family, Pre-Schoolers are Free
- 18.) Free for Members, \$3 Adults, \$2 Children, \$25 for 10 Passes for Adults
- 19.) No Public Skating
- 20.) \$4 for Adults, \$3.50 for Children and Seniors, \$8 for Families
- 21.) \$3 per Person
- 22.) \$2 for Adults, \$1 for Youth, \$.50 for Children Under 5

- 23.) \$3.50 for adults (90 Minutes), \$2.50 for Adults (1 hour), Dalplex Members skate free all skate times.
- 24.) \$2 for Adults, \$1 for Youth, \$.50 for Children Under 5
- 25.) \$2 for Adults, \$1 for Youth, \$.50 for Children Under 5
- 26.) \$2 for Adults, \$1 for Youth, \$.50 for Children Under 5
- 27.) \$2.50 for Adults, \$2 for Seniors, \$2 per Family with Pre-Schoolers
- 28.) \$3 per Person
- 29.) \$3 per Person, \$7 per Family
- 30.) \$3 per Person, \$7 per Family
- 31.) \$2 per Person
- 32.) \$3 per Person, \$10 per Family
- 33.) \$1.25 for Kids 12 and Under, \$2.50 for Teens and Adults, \$4.50 for Families
- 34.) \$2 per Person, \$5 per Family
- 35.) \$2.75 for Under 18 and Over 60, \$3.50 for Adults, \$6 per Family
- 36.) Free of Charge
- 37.) \$2 per Person
- 38.) \$2 per Person
- 39.) \$2.50 per Person
- 40.) \$1 for Students and Children, \$2 for Adults, \$5 per Family
- 41.) \$2 per Person
- 43.) \$2 per Person, \$5 per Family
- 44.) \$2.50 per Person
- 45.) Free of Charge

- 46.) Free of Charge
- 47.) \$2 per Person, \$6 per Family of 4
- 48.) \$2.25 for Children, \$2.50 for Adults
- 49.) \$2 for Children, \$2.50 for Adults
- 50.) \$2 per Person
- 51.) \$3.75 per Adult, \$3 for Seniors and Children
- 52.) \$2 per Person, Pre-Schoolers are Free
- 53.) \$2 per Person, \$5 per Family
- 54.) \$2 per Person, \$5 per Family
- 55.) \$4 per Person for General Public, Members Free
- 56.) \$2 per Person
- 57.) \$2 per Adult, \$1 per Student, \$5 per Family
- 58.) \$1 per Person
- 59.) \$2 per Person
- 60.) \$5 per Person

Question 9: What population do you feel that you serve the most?

1.) Adults and Minor Hockey

2.) Minor Hockey

3.) Youth in General

4.) Youth in General

5.) Mostly Children

6.) Minor Hockey

7.) General Mixture

8.) Minor Hockey

9.) General Mixture

10.) Minor Hockey

11.) General Mixture

12.) General Mixture

13.) General Mixture

14.) General Mixture

15.) General Mixture

16.) Mostly Children

17.) Minor Hockey

18.) Minor Hockey

19.) 50% Minor Hockey

20.) Huge Mixture

21.) Mostly Youth

22.) Mostly Youth

- 23.) Mostly Youth
- 24.) Mostly Youth
- 25.) Mostly Youth
- 26.) Mostly Youth
- 27.) General Mixture
- 28.) General Mixture
- 29.) Minor Hockey, then Adults and Old Timers Hockey
- 30.) General Mixture
- 31.) 60% Minor Hockey
- 32.) Youth in General
- 33.) General Mixture
- 34.) Minor Hockey
- 35.) General Mixture
- 36.) General Mixture
- 37.) Minor Hockey
- 38.) Minor Hockey
- 39.) 50% Minor Hockey
- 40.) Minor Hockey
- 41.) Minor Hockey
- 42.) Youth in General
- 43.) General Mixture
- 44.) Minor Hockey
- 45.) Minor Hockey

- 46.) Minor Hockey
- 47.) Minor Hockey
- 48.) Minor Hockey
- 49.) Minor Hockey
- 50.) Youth in General
- 51.) Minor Hockey
- 52.) Minor Hockey
- 53.) General Mixture
- 54.) Minor Hockey
- 55.) Military Members
- 56.) Youth in General
- 57.) Minor Hockey
- 58.) Minor Hockey
- 59.) Minor Hockey
- 60.) General Mixture

Question 10: Who if anyone sponsors the free time in your arena (ex. Tim Horton's)?

- 1.) Tim Horton's (3 hours over Christmas), Fred Hillier (1 hour over Christmas)
- 2.) Kinsmen Club (2 hours over Christmas)
- 3.) Tim Horton's (3 hours over Christmas)
- 4.) Kinsmen Club (3 hours over Christmas), Church Groups occasionally sponsor free ice time.
- 5.) East Coat Credit Union (Once a month for 1.5 hours)
- 6.) Tim Horton's (1.5 hours over Christmas)
- 7.) Northside Businesses, Funeral Home, Osprey Fisheries, Macdonald Trucking, Sobeys, Shoppers Drug Mart
- 8.) Tim Horton's (2 hours over Christmas)
- 10.) Credit Union
- 11.) Tim Horton's (3 hours over Christmas)
- 12.) Tim Horton's (1.5 hours over Christmas)
- 13.) Tim Horton's (1.5 hours over Christmas)
- 14.) Tim Horton's (3 hours over Christmas)
- 16.) Tim Horton's, Robins Donuts, The Rink, and Whitman Funeral Home
- 18.) Tim Horton's (1.5 hours over Christmas), Coal Harbour Drug Awareness (1.5 hours once a year).
- 20.) Tim Horton's (2.5 hours over Christmas)
- 21.) Tim Horton's (2 hours over Christmas)
- 22.),24.),25.),26.) Tim Horton's
- 27.) Tim Horton's (4 hours over Christmas)
- 28.) Tim Horton's (1.5 hours over Christmas), Canadian Tire (1 hour per year), Halifax Mooseheads occasionally give free ice time to season ticket holders

- 29.)** Tim Horton's (2 hours over Christmas), 2 hours a week for employees of Fossil Power
- 30.)** Tim Horton's (1 hour over Christmas)
- 31.)** Tim Horton's (1.5 hours over Christmas)
- 32.)** Lions Club and Tim Horton's (Both Give 1.5 hours over Christmas)
- 33.)** Tim Horton's stopped sponsoring free ice time 2 years ago.
- 35.)** Tim Horton's, Rush Communications Cable Company, and RT Collision
- 36.)** Lions Club, Occasionally the Fire Department, Home Hardware
- 40.)** Tim Horton's (4.5 hours over Christmas)
- 41.)** STFX University
- 42.)** Tim Horton's (2 hours over Christmas)
- 44.)** Tim Horton's (1 hour over Christmas)
- 45.)** Tim Horton's (8 hours over Christmas)
- 46.)** Tim Horton's (2 hours over Christmas), Westville Recreation (6-7 hours per year over Christmas, Halloween, March Break)
- 47.)** Tim Horton's (2 hours over Christmas)
- 48.)** Tim Horton's (4.5 hours over Christmas), Local MLA (1hour over Christmas)
- 49.)** Tim Horton's (1.5 hours over Christmas), Local MLA (1hour over Christmas)
- 51.)** Tim Horton's (6 hours over Christmas)
- 53.)** GM Canada (6 hours throughout the year)
- 54.)** Tim Horton's, Home Hardware, Aliant, Belleville Motors, Superstore, Sobeys, Canadian Tire
- 55.)** Tim Horton's (3 hours over Christmas)
- 56.)** Tim Horton's (2 hours over Christmas)

Question 11: Have you ever received funding from Nova Scotia Health Promotion or the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission?

1.) Yes \$20000 Last Year

2.) Yes

3.) Yes

4.) Currently Applying For It

5.) Yes

6.) Yes

7.) Yes

8.) Yes

9.) Yes

10.) Yes

11.) Yes 8-9 Years Ago

12.) Yes

13.) Yes 8-9 Years Ago

14.) Yes 8-9 Years Ago

15.) No

16.) Yes

17.) Yes Last Year

18.) Yes

19.) No

20.) Yes 8-9 Years Ago

21.) No

22.) No

23.) No

24.) No

25.) No

26.) No

27.) Yes 8-9 Years Ago

28.) No

29.) No

30.) No

31.) No

32.) No

33.) Yes But Not for the Arena (For other areas of the recreation facility)

34.) Yes

35.) Promised but Never Received

36.) Yes

37.) Yes

38.) Not to Their Knowledge

39.) No, but Took Advantage of the Helmet Program

40.) Applied but did not receive.

41.) Yes

42.) Yes

43.) Possibly

44.) Yes

45.) Yes

46.) Yes

47.) Not in the last Year (manager is new to the facility)

48.) Possibly but not aware of it.

49.) Yes

50.) No

51.) No

52.) No

53.) No

54.) Yes

55.) No

56.) Not Sure

57.) Not to his Knowledge

58.) No

59.) Not Sure

60.) Not Sure

Question 12: How much of your total time both billable and free time is allotted to women and girls?

Note: The following times for women and girls are not including the time used by female minor hockey players who are mixed in with the boy's teams.

- 1.) 6 Hours per Week
- 2.) 8.5 Hours per Week
- 3.) 20% of Minor Hockey Players are Girls.
- 4.) 4 Hours per Week, 50% of Minor Hockey Players are Female.
- 5.) 4.5 Hours per Week, 25% of Minor Hockey Players are Female
- 6.) 6 Hours per Week
- 7.) 2 Hours per Week
- 8.) 4 Hours per Week
- 9.) 8.5 Hours per Week
- 10.) 6.5 Hours per Week
- 11.) 2.5 Hours per Week
- 12.) 4 Hours per Week
- 13.) 2.5 Hours per Week
- 14.) 2.5 Hours per Week
- 15.) 4 Hours per Week
- 16.) 3 Hours per Week
- 17.) 1 Hour per Week
- 18.) 20 Hours per Week
- 19.) 12 Hours per Week
- 20.) Equal to whatever they want to book

- 21.) 6 Hours per Week
- 22.) 10 Hours per Week
- 23.) 10-12 Hours per week
- 24.) 3 Hours per Week
- 25.) 26 Hours per Week
- 26.) 21 Hours per Week
- 27.) Nothing outside of Minor Hockey
- 28.) 4 Hours per Week
- 29.) 8 Hours per Week
- 30.) 60 Hours per Week
- 31.) 9 Hours per Week
- 32.) 35 Hours per Week
- 33.) Wouldn't Estimate, but states that there is Equal Access
- 34.) 14 Hours per Week
- 35.) None Outside of Minor Hockey
- 36.) 4 Hours per Week
- 37.) 8.5 Hours per Week
- 38.) 3 Hours per Week
- 39.) 5 Hours per Week
- 40.) 19 Hours per Week
- 41.) 35% of Total Time Used by Women and Girls
- 42.) Wouldn't Estimate
- 43.) 5 Hours per Week

- 44.) 11.5 Hours per Week
- 45.) 3.5 Hours per Week
- 46.) 2.5 Hours per Week
- 47.) 18 Hours per Week
- 48.) 2.5 Hours per Week
- 49.) 4 Hours per Week
- 50.) 3 Hours per Week
- 51.) 5.5 Hours per Week
- 52.) 15 Hours per Week
- 53.) 8 Hours per Week
- 54.) Wouldn't Estimate but states Equal Access
- 55.) 14 Hours per Week
- 56.) 18 Hours per Week
- 57.) 7 Hours per Week
- 58.) 20 Hours per Week
- 59.) 6-8 Hours per Week
- 60.) 16.5 Hours per Week

Question 13: What percentage of women is renting the facility compared to men?

- 1.) 11%
- 2.) Under 5%
- 3.) Under 5%
- 4.) Under 5%
- 5.) 33%
- 6.) 10%
- 7.) Under 5%
- 8.) 5%
- 9.) 20%
- 10.) Under 5%
- 11.) Under 5%
- 12.) Under 5%
- 13.) Under 5%
- 14.) Under 5%
- 15.) Under 5%
- 16.) 1%
- 17.) Under 5%
- 18.) Under 5%
- 19.) Under 5%
- 20.) Under 5%
- 21.) Under 5%
- 22.) 4%

- 23.) 2%
- 24.) 4%
- 25.) 4%
- 26.) 4%
- 27.) Under 5%
- 28.) 20%
- 29.) 10%
- 30.) 25%
- 31.) 10%
- 32.) 20%
- 33.) 25%
- 34.) 15%
- 35.) Couldn't Answer
- 36.) 20%
- 37.) 40%
- 38.) Under 5%
- 39.) 10%
- 40.) 10%
- 41.) 35%
- 42.) 60% (A woman is in charge of renting ice for the men's teams)
- 43.) Under 10%
- 44.) 20%
- 45.) Under 5%

46.) Under 5%

47.) 10-15%

48.) 15%

49.) 8-10%

50.) 10%

51.) Under 5%

52.) 13%

53.) 5%

54.) 10%

55.) 10%

56.) 5%

57.) Under 5%

58.) 30%

59.) 10%

60.) 10%

Question 14: Does your arena devote any of its time to persons with disabilities? If so how many people with disabilities use the arena on a weekly basis? Approximately how many spectators are persons with disabilities?

Note: One thing to remember for the question regarding the number of spectators per hockey game that are persons with disabilities is that managers are unable to determine if some spectators have mental/cognitive disabilities. Therefore the majority of persons with disabilities noticed are persons with physical disabilities.

- 1.) Open to persons with disabilities but no programming.
- 2.) No users with disabilities, 1 spectator per hockey game.
- 3.) No users with disabilities, 2-3 spectators per hockey game.
- 4.) No one has ever approached him, but ice would be available free of cost to persons with disabilities in non-prime time, 3-4 spectators per hockey game.
- 5.) No users with disabilities, 2-3 spectators per hockey game.
- 6.) 2 Hours per week, 3-5 spectators per hockey game.
- 7.) No users with disabilities but states that ice is available to everyone that wants it, 2-3 spectators per hockey game.
- 8.) 4 hours per week through the Skating assistance program and public skating.
- 9.) No users with disabilities, 2-3 spectators per hockey game.
- 10.) One person used to, but graduated from school and now longer comes. There is 1 spectator per hockey game.
- 11.) Last year Special Olympics came in but did not return this season. There are no internal programs.
- 12.) No users with disabilities, 1 spectator per hockey game.
- 13.) Last year Special Olympics came in but did not return this season. There are no internal programs.
- 14.) Last year Special Olympics came in but did not return this season. There are no internal programs.
- 15.) 1 blind woman uses the public skate 6 hours per week.

- 16.) 3 hours per week. Arena manager offered this time free of charge but the user would not accept, refusing special treatment.
- 17.) No users with disabilities.
- 18.) No users with disabilities, 2-3 spectators per hockey game.
- 19.) No users with disabilities. Manager hasn't noticed any spectators with disabilities during the hockey games.
- 20.) A couple persons with disabilities may come in on occasion but there is nothing structured. There are approximately 15 spectators per hockey game.
- 21.) No users with disabilities, maximum of 6 spectators per hockey game.
- 22.) No users with disabilities, 1% of spectators per hockey game are persons with disabilities.
- 23.) No users with disabilities, less than 1% of spectators per hockey game are persons with disabilities.
- 24.) HRM ran sledge hockey in the past and the equipment is still available. 1% of spectators per hockey game are persons with disabilities.
- 25.) 1% of spectators per hockey game are persons with disabilities.
- 26.) 1% of spectators per hockey game are persons with disabilities.
- 27.) 2 hours per week goes free of charge to Special Olympics.
- 28.) Special Olympics comes in every Saturday for 1 hour and 2 hours per year goes to sledge hockey. Number of spectators per game/event depends on the caliber of the event. Had as many as a few hundred spectators with disabilities for events like the Nova Scotia Tattoo.
- 29.) No users with disabilities but states that it is accessible to them. There is 1 spectator per hockey game.
- 30.) Special Olympics used to use the facility but stopped coming.
- 31.) It is an older rink therefore is not accessible to persons with disabilities. Spectators with disabilities come once in awhile to the hockey games but not often.
- 32.) Once in awhile persons with disabilities come to the public skate, 3-4 spectators per hockey game.

- 33.)** No users with disabilities but states that it is accessible to them, 5-10 spectators per hockey game.
- 34.)** No users with disabilities, less than 1% of spectators per hockey game are persons with disabilities.
- 35.)** No users with disabilities, 3-5 spectators per hockey game.
- 36.)** No users with disabilities, 1 spectator per hockey game
- 37.)** No users with disabilities, 1-2 spectators per hockey game
- 38.)** No users with disabilities, 5 spectators per hockey game.
- 39.)** Canadian mental health association use 1 hour per week at the non prime rate. There is 1 spectator per hockey game.
- 40.)** Tried sledge hockey but there wasn't enough interest. The number of spectators per hockey game ranges from 1-20.
- 41.)** 1 hour per week through St. FX University. There are approximately 25 spectators per hockey game.
- 42.)** Doesn't know
- 43.)** No users with disabilities but states that the facility is wheelchair accessible.
- 44.)** Persons with disabilities come in once in awhile with the schools. States that there is too many liability issues surrounding persons with disabilities using the arena. There are 2-3 spectators per hockey game.
- 45.)** No one has ever requested, 1-2 spectators per hockey game.
- 46.)** Some persons with disabilities take advantage of the public skate once a week. There are 3-4 spectators per hockey game.
- 47.)** No one has ever requested, 3-5 spectators per hockey game.
- 48.)** No internal program but does allow wheelchairs on the ice with the parents and tots group. There are 1-2 spectators per hockey game.
- 49.)** No users with disabilities, hardly any spectators with disabilities come to the hockey games.
- 50.)** 4 hours per year offered to persons with disabilities.

- 51.)** There are no users with disabilities, approximately 8 spectators per Junior A hockey game.
- 52.)** Had persons with disabilities use the ice in the past but not this year. There are 5 spectators per hockey game.
- 53.)** It has been offered but no one has taken advantage of it, 1 spectator per hockey game.
- 54.)** No users with disabilities, 1% of spectators per hockey game are persons with disabilities.
- 55.)** No users with disabilities, 2-3 spectators per hockey game.
- 56.)** No users with disabilities, 1 spectator per hockey game.
- 57.)** No users with disabilities but states that it is accessible to them. There is on average 1 spectator per hockey game.
- 58.)** Sometimes the schools bring persons with disabilities but not too often. 2-3% of spectators are persons with disabilities.
- 59.)** Once in awhile persons with disabilities come in but not often. There are approximately 2-3 spectators per hockey game.
- 60.)** No users with disabilities, unsure of how many spectators are persons with disabilities.

Question 15: Do you have a policy on allocation of time for women and girls?

1.) No

2.) No

3.) No

4.) No

5.) No

6.) No

7.) No

8.) No

9.) No

10.) No

11.) No

12.) No

13.) No

14.) No

15.) No

16.) No

17.) No

18.) No

19.) No

20.) No

21.) No

22.) Yes (When ice time is cancelled it is offered to women's and girl's groups first.)

23.) No

24.) Yes (When ice time is cancelled it is offered to women's and girl's groups first.

25.) Yes (When ice time is cancelled it is offered to women's and girl's groups first.

26.) Yes (When ice time is cancelled it is offered to women's and girl's groups first.

27.) No

28.) No

29.) No

30.) No

31.) No

32.) No

33.) No

34.) No

35.) No

36.) No

37.) No

38.) No

39.) No

40.) No

41.) No

42.) No

43.) No

44.) No

45.) No

46.) No

47.) No

48.) No

49.) No

50.) No

51.) No

52.) No

53.) No

54.) No

55.) States that women's hockey teams get the same amount of time as any men's hockey team.

56.) No

57.) No

58.) No

59.) No

60.) No

Question 16: Have you received or developed a policy statement on a Free Time Initiative?

1.) No

2.) No

3.) No

4.) Developed his own through the board.

5.) No

6.) No

7.) No

8.) No

9.) No

10.) No

11.) No

12.) No

13.) No

14.) No

15.) No

16.) No

17.) No

18.) No

19.) No

20.) No

21.) No

22.) Yes for the School Board who can use the ice between 9AM-4PM.

23.) No

24.) No

25.) Yes for the School Board who can use the ice between 9AM-4PM.

26.) Yes for the School Board who can use the ice between 9AM-4PM.

27.) No

28.) No

29.) No

30.) No

31.) No

32.) No

33.) No

34.) No

35.) No

36.) No

37.) Yes for the school board.

38.) No

39.) No

40.) Yes they developed one.

41.) Yes they developed one.

42.) No

43.) Yes they developed one from within.

44.) No

45.) No

46.) No

47.) No

48.) No

49.) No

50.) No

51.) No

52.) No

53.) No

54.) Starting one with the school board.

55.) No

56.) No

57.) No

58.) No

59.) No

60.) No

Question 17: Are any of your change rooms dedicated to women and/or girls?

- 1.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 2.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 3.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 4.) No
- 5.) There is a separate room for women and girls
- 6.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 7.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 8.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 9.) No
- 10.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 11.) No
- 12.) 2 are dedicated to women and girls.
- 13.) No
- 14.) No
- 15.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 16.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 17.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 18.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 19.) Separate smaller room for women and girls to change in.
- 20.) 1 is dedicated to females and referees.
- 21.) No
- 22.) No

- 23.) 1 for the women's hockey team.
- 24.) No
- 25.) No
- 26.) No
- 27.) No
- 28.) No
- 29.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 30.) No
- 31.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 32.) 2 are dedicated to women and girls.
- 33.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 34.) 1 smaller room for women and girls.
- 35.) 1 smaller room for women and girls.
- 36.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 37.) 1 hospitality room is used for women and girls.
- 38.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 39.) No
- 40.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 41.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 42.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 43.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 44.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 45.) No

- 46.) 1 smaller change room with no washroom is always devoted to women.
- 47.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 48.) No
- 49.) No
- 50.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 51.) 2 are dedicated to women and girls.
- 52.) No
- 53.) 1 smaller change room is dedicated to women and girls (max 10 in the room at one time)
- 54.) 2 are dedicated to women and girls.
- 55.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 56.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 57.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 58.) 2 are dedicated to women and girls.
- 59.) 1 is dedicated to women and girls.
- 60.) 1 smaller change room is dedicated to women and girls.

Appendix IV – Arena Manager’s Comments

- 1.) We paid \$70,000 in electricity expenses. There is not enough funding from Nova Scotia Health Promotion.
- 2.) Not many persons with disabilities in the community.
- 3.) Cannot afford to give free time, lost 4 hockey teams this year to Port Hawkesbury.
- 4.) Do not believe in free time.
- 5.) Cant kick out customers who have been coming back for 15 years and replace them with new customers which may or may not be women.
- 6.) Figure Skating numbers are dropping drastically around the province due to high cost.
- 7.) Women and girls get offered ice first when ice times are cancelled.
- 8.) Special events held here interfere with regular schedules so hours of operation change when major events are held.
- 9.) I consider my rink to be the busiest in Nova Scotia.
- 10.) Very small operation doesn't have enough people for the ice time that is available.
- 11.) Since he runs a private rink he is finding it difficult to obtain funding. The three arenas around him received 165000 between them, but they are not private.
- 12.) Applied for Physical Activity Grant from NSHP but did not receive any money, was disappointed because his facility offers lots of free time to the general public.
- 13.) Municipalities are frustrating him; they wont spend money on the youth.
- 14.) 6th dressing room is for referees.

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