

TOWN OF ECKVILLE-COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, June 23, 2025

Town Office Council Chambers Eckville, AB 6:00 pm
(Councillors may attend via electronic means)

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | 1.1 | |
| 2. DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARING | 2.1 | |
| 3. AGENDA | 3.1 | Additional Agenda Items |
| | 3.2 | Adoption of Agenda |
| 4. MINUTES | 4.1 | Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2025 pg. 1-3 |
| 5. ACTION ITEMS | 5.1 | RFD-Tax Recovery-Public Auction pg. 4-5 |
| | 5.2 | Eckville Outdoor Rink-Discussion pg. 6-35 |
| 6. BYLAWS, POLICIES | 6.1 | |
| 7. REPORTS | 7.1 | Management Report – June 23, 2025 pg. 36-38 |
| | 7.2 | Financial Report-AP Report June 9 & 11, 2025 pg. 39-40 |
| | 7.3 | Animal Control Services May 2025 pg. 41 |
| 8. COMMITTEE, BOARD REPORTS | 8.1 | |
| 9. CORRESPONDENCE, INFORMATION | 9.1 | Illumience Monthly Report for May pg. 42-46 |
| 10. CONSENT AGENDA | 10.1 | Highlights of Lacombe Regular Council Meeting pg. 47-49 |
| | 10.2 | Eckville Community Centre Financial Statement pg. 50 |
| 11. SEMINARS, MEETINGS SPECIAL EVENTS | 11.1 | Mayor's Breakfast Invitation pg. 51 |
| 12. CLOSED SESSION | 12.1 | Section 21: Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations &
Section 24: Advice from Officials |
| 13. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE | 13.1 | |
| 14. ADJOURNMENT | 14.1 | |

Mtg. Date June 23, 2025

Agenda Item 4.1

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 9th, 2025
Eckville Town Office, 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville, Alberta
(The meeting was available via electronic means)

1. Call to Order

- 1.1 Mayor Ebdon called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ebdon
Councillor Engen
Councillor Meyers
Councillor Pacholek
Councillor Palm-Fraser
Councillor See (joined by electronic means)
Councillor Thoreson (joined by electronic means)

Absent:

Present:
Staff: CAO, Jack Ramsden, Deputy CAO Darcy Webb

Press: None Present

Gallery: None

2. Delegations/Public Hearings

- 2.1 Delegation – Eckville Recreation Board Director Jodi Oslund and board members Nicola McKinnon, Lindsay Holmen and Charlie Gibson joined the meeting at 6:02pm, for a discussion about the Outdoor Rink Project.

Mayor Ebdon thanked them for attending and they left the meeting at 6:35pm

3. Agenda

- 3.1 Additional Agenda Items – None
3.2 Adoption of Agenda

Res. 160.2025

Moved by Councillor Meyers that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2025

Res. 161.2025

Moved by Councillor Engen that the minutes of the May 26, 2025 Council Meeting be approved as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

5. Action Items

- 5.1 RFD – Approval for Food Vender “Bun Appetit”

Res. 162.2025

Moved by Councillor See that Karen Henry operating as “Bun Appetit”, be authorized to set up her food vending cart/trailer in the town owned parking lot located south of 50th Avenue across from the Credit Union during the spring, summer and fall of 2025. **Carried Unanimously.**

6. Bylaws, Policies

6.1 Bylaw 802-25 Property Tax Bylaw

Res. 163.2025

Moved by Councillor See that Bylaw 802-25 be given first reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 164.2025

Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that Bylaw 802-25 be given second reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 165.2025

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that Bylaw 802-25 be presented for third and final reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 166.2025

Moved by Mayor Ebdon that Bylaw 802-25 be given third and final reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

7. Reports

7.1 Management Report June 9, 2025

Res. 167.2025

Moved by Councillor Engen that the Management report for June 9th, be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.2 Financial Report-AP Report May 28 & 29, 2025

Res. 168.2025

Moved by Councillor See that Financial Report-AP Report May 28 & 29, 2025 be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

8. Committee & Board Reports

8.1 Councillor Engen reported on the Eckville Rodeo Parade

8.2 Councillor Palm-Fraser reported on Ladies Event in Sundre and the Eckville Rodeo Parade

8.3 Mayor Ebdon reported on the Midsized Town Mayors Caucus, and the Eckville Charitable Society.

Res. 169.2025

Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

9. Correspondence, Information Items

9.1 PCPS Annual Meeting

Res. 170.2025

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

10. Consent Agenda

10.1 Highlights of Lacombe Regular Council Meeting May 22, 2025

10.2 Red Deer River Watershed Annual General Meeting

Res. 171.2025

Moved by Councillor Thoreson that the Consent Agenda items be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

11. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

11.1 Town of Rimbey Parade invite

11.2 Town of Bowden Rodeo Parade

11.3 Fortis invite to Ponoka Stampede luncheon

11.4 Central Alberta Rodeo Assn. tickets

11.5 Tagish Engineering Golf Tournament

Res. 172.2025

Moved by Councillor See that the Seminars, Meetings and special events items be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Ebdon called for a 5 minute recess. Time 7:35pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:40pm.

12. Closed Session

12.1 Section 21: Disclosure harmful to Intergovernmental Relations and Section 24: Advice from Officials.

Res. 173.2025

Moved by Councillor Engen that the meeting move into closed session, excluding all persons except Council Members, the CAO and the Deputy CAO in order to discuss an item with respect to Section 21: Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental relations and Section 24: Advice from Officials. Time 7:41.m. **Carried Unanimously**

Res. 174.2025

Moved by Councilor Palm-Fraser that the meeting revert back to open session. Time 8:45p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Ebdon called for a 5 minute recess. Time 8:46p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:51p.m.

13. Committee of the Whole

13.1 - None

14. Adjournment

14.1

Res. 175.2025

Mayor Ebdon adjourned the meeting. Time 8:52p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor

CAO

TOWN OF ECKVILLE Request to Council for Decision

Meeting:	Town Council
Meeting Date:	June 23, 2025
Originated By:	Deputy CAO/CAO
Title:	Tax Recovery – Public Auction

BACKGROUND:

Under Division 8 (starting at Sect. 410) of the M.G.A., the town must annually prepare a tax arrears list to the Registrar of the Land Titles Office not later than March 31. If the tax arrears are not paid before March 31 in the next year, the parcel must be offered for sale at a public auction before the next March 31.

Properties which will be offered for sale at the 2025 Auction are properties whose taxes are in arrears from the 2023 or prior taxation years.

Prior to offering the properties for sale, Council must set the date and time of the public auction and set a reserve bid that is as close as reasonably possible to the market value of the parcel and any conditions that apply to the sale.

The following properties are on the tax arrears list:

Lot 20, Block 3, Plan 6117AQ

Lot West Part 3, Block 18, Plan 264HW

Lot 7, Block 17, Plan 210MC

Lot 8, Block 17, Plan 6395NY

Based on the assessments by Wild Rose Assessment Services the fair market value of the parcels are as follows: Lot 20, Block 3, Plan 6117AQ - \$304,000; Lot West Part 3, Block 18, Plan 264HW - \$116,000; Lot 7, Block 17, Plan 210MC - \$65,000 and Lot 8, Block 17, Plan 6395NY - \$135,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That all land currently subject to a 2023 tax notification be offered for sale on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 commencing at 2:00 p.m. and that the properties will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid, and are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis and the Town of Eckville makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, and that the terms of payment to be cash, money order or certified cheque with 10% down, balance in 15 days. Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale. The Town may become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.

That the following motions be presented for consideration:

1. "That the date of the 2023 public auction be set for Wednesday, September 10, 2025 commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the Town of Eckville Council Chambers, located at 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville."

2. "That, for public auction purposes, a reserve bid of \$304,000 be set for the property described as Lot 20, Block 3, Plan 6117AQ

and

a reserve bid of \$116,000 be set for the property described as Lot West Part 3, Block 18, Plan 264HW

and

a reserve bid of \$65,000 be set for the property described as Lot 7, Block 17, Plan 210MC


and

a reserve bid of \$135,000 be set for the property described as Lot 8, Block 17, Plan 6395NY."

Prepared by:



Approved By:



ECKVILLE Recreation Board



OUTDOOR RINK FOR THE COMMUNITY OF ECKVILLE

JUNE 2025

INTRODUCTION

For nearly seven years, the Eckville Recreation Board has been dedicated to replacing the town's aging outdoor skating rink—a facility that, due to severe heaving of the base, has been almost unusable in recent years. This has left many residents, including youth and families, without a reliable space for skating and hockey. Community survey results confirm that a new outdoor rink is a top priority for Eckville residents, surpassing other proposed projects in local importance.

The Board is now moving forward with a modern, multi-use facility designed to be both safe and accessible. The new space will offer dependable opportunities for skating and hockey in the winter and will convert to pickleball and basketball courts in the summer. The facility will remain in its current west-side location, ensuring continued access for nearby neighbourhoods and proximity to the arena, hydrant, and town maintenance shop.

This upgraded, year-round recreation space will promote healthier lifestyles and provide a welcoming gathering place for families, youth, and neighbours. It will also expand capacity for hosting community events and serve as a lasting amenity, thanks to strong local support and a shared commitment to long-term sustainability and quality of life.

ABOUT ECKVILLE

Eckville is a rural Alberta town located 40 kilometres northwest of Red Deer, with a population of 1,015. The area was originally home to Cree, Assiniboin, Saulteaux, and Chipewyan First Nations before European

settlement began in the late 1800s. Growth accelerated with the arrival of the railways. Eckville was incorporated as a village in 1921 and became a town in 1966, named after Arthur Eckford.

The local economy is supported by agriculture, oil and gas, and forestry. Eckville's community spirit shines in annual events such as the indoor rodeo and Winter Carnival. Amenities include a Kindergarten to Grade 12 school, library, arena, and various parks and recreation facilities—all contributing to a vibrant, close-knit community. Eckville is also home to a wide variety of successful recreation programs and activities, including wrestling, dance, yoga, fitness, figure skating, hockey, and baseball, reflecting the active, youthful spirit of our residents.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will establish a new, multi-use outdoor recreation facility designed for year-round activity in Eckville. The central feature will be a durable concrete surface, selected after careful consideration of long-term benefits. While concrete represents a slightly higher initial investment compared to asphalt, it offers superior longevity and performance, helping to prevent the heaving issues that have rendered the current rink unusable. Asphalt, while more budget-friendly, would require a much stronger base and would likely need replacing sooner.

During the winter, the facility will function as a skating and hockey rink, providing residents with a reliable and safe space for ice-based recreation. The current lighting and posts will be reused where possible, with plans to add two more lights for improved visibility and safety during evening use. In the warmer months, the same surface will be converted for use as pickleball and basketball courts, as well as for floor hockey, lacrosse practice, and tennis, maximizing the utility of the space and ensuring it remains active throughout the entire year.

A dedicated rink shack will be constructed as part of the facility, offering a convenient space for users to change skates, store equipment, and take breaks. This addition will support both comfort and safety, especially for families and younger participants. The project will also include the installation of modern lighting to improve visibility and safety, making the facility accessible during evening hours and throughout the darker months.

By removing financial and physical barriers, this new amenity will be free and open to everyone in the community, allowing residents of all ages and abilities to engage in healthy, active recreation. At present, Eckville does not have a comparable public space that offers such versatility and year-round use. The facility will serve as a venue for organized sports, informal play, and community gatherings, helping to foster social inclusion, encourage active living, and support local events.

Overall, this project is a strategic investment in the long-term health and vibrancy of Eckville. It will promote active lifestyles, provide opportunities for youth engagement, strengthen community bonds, and add a valuable asset to the town's recreational infrastructure.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Accessible outdoor recreation facilities are fundamental to public health, social well-being, and community vibrancy. In Eckville, there is a clear need for versatile, year-round amenities that enable residents of all ages and abilities to participate in active living and connect with neighbours.

Currently, Eckville lacks a multi-use public facility that supports both winter and summer sports. This limits recreational options for children, youth, families, and especially for groups needing daytime access. The new facility directly addresses these gaps by providing a reliable surface for skating and hockey in the winter and for pickleball and basketball in the summer months. The inclusion of a rink shack and fire pit area enhances comfort and social connection.

The project's design removes financial and physical barriers, making the space truly accessible. Strong support from survey respondents and local organizations—including playgroup moms, daycare, figure skating, minor hockey, and the homeschool community—underscores the urgent need and broad desire for this project.

A thorough needs assessment confirms high demand and strong local backing for improved outdoor recreation infrastructure. Full details and findings from this assessment are provided in the attached documents.

By responding directly to community needs and addressing current infrastructure gaps, this project will help ensure that Eckville remains a healthy, active, and connected community. The new facility will become a cornerstone for inclusive recreation, offering lasting benefits for residents and enhancing the town's appeal as a vibrant place to live, work, and gather.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND MEASURES

This project will greatly enhance access to outdoor recreation in Eckville, ensuring all residents—including children, youth, families, seniors, and those with diverse abilities—have dependable opportunities for physical activity and social interaction all year.

The new multi-use facility is expected to increase participation in outdoor recreation, not only during traditional after-school and weekend hours, but also during daytime hours for homeschoolers, young children, and daycare groups. The fire pit gathering area will provide a valued social hub, while the maintenance-friendly location will support long-term operability.

Success will be measured by tracking visitor numbers and facility usage rates across all seasons and user groups. Particular attention will be paid to participation by young children, homeschoolers, and accessibility for all residents. Community feedback, both informal and formal, will help gauge satisfaction and guide future enhancements. Ongoing involvement from local families and organizations in maintenance and programming will further ensure the facility's impact and sustainability.

By providing high-quality, inclusive public infrastructure, this project will strengthen Eckville's appeal as a place to live, work, and play—attracting new residents, supporting community retention, and meeting the fitness and leisure needs of all.

PROJECT TIMELINE

The Eckville Recreation Board will submit an application to the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) on September 15. To support the application, we must raise \$125,000 in matching funds. Once all funding is secured, construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2026. Preparatory work and contractor arrangements are already in place to ensure a smooth start. The construction process will include site preparation, pouring the concrete slab, installation of lighting, and assembly of rink boards and supporting infrastructure. The goal is to have the new outdoor rink ready for community use by fall/winter 2026.

FINANCES

The following is an estimate of our project expenses:

Expenses

Description	Amount
Pad Removal:	
Equipment for pad removal & 2 side dumps	\$6,910
Subtotal	\$6,910
Concrete Slab:	
Installation of interior slab on grade	\$93,177
Rocky View Concrete Services discount	-\$3,000
GST	\$4,509
Subtotal	\$94,686
Outdoor Rink with Basketball/Pickleball options:	
Outdoor Dasher Board System	\$104,285
Basketball Systems	\$11,860
Pickleball Systems	\$1,980
GST	\$5,906
Subtotal	\$124,031
Rink Shack:	
2 - 8x16 shelters (each \$2,690)	\$5,380
GST	\$269
Subtotal	\$5,649
TOTAL	\$231,276
Optional Lighting System:	
LED Lighting (quote for up to 6 LED lights)	\$63,750
TOTAL with 6 LED lights	\$295,026

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Organization

Legal Name: Eckville Recreation Board

Main Contact: Jodi Oslund

Phone Number: +1 (403) 358-0240

Email: recreation_eckville@hotmail.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following information has also been included:

- Appendix A – Letters of Support
- Appendix B – Needs Assessment
- Appendix C – Site Details
- Appendix D – Project Design

APPENDIX A – LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Stephanie Carlson
President
Blindman Valley Minor Hockey Association
presidentbvmh@gmail.com
(403) 350-0915

Date: May 23, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Letter of Support – Eckville Outdoor Rink Upgrade Project

On behalf of Blindman Valley Minor Hockey Association, I am writing to express our full support for the Eckville Recreation Board's initiative to upgrade the community's outdoor rink. We commend the vision and dedication behind this project, which clearly demonstrates a strong commitment to enhancing community health, engagement, and overall quality of life.

Recreational spaces like the outdoor rink play a vital role in building vibrant and connected communities. They serve as accessible and inclusive environments where residents of all ages and backgrounds can come together, stay active, and enjoy the outdoors—particularly during our long winter months. The proposed upgrades will not only improve safety and usability, but also expand opportunities for programming and community events, benefiting families, schools, and local organizations alike.

We believe this project will be a valuable investment in the future of Eckville and will foster a stronger, healthier, and more connected community. We are pleased to lend our support and encourage others to do the same.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if further information or collaboration is needed. We look forward to seeing the success of this project and the positive impact it will have on Eckville.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Carlson
President
Blindman Valley Minor Hockey Association

To whom it may concern,

Subject: Request for Upgrade to Local Outdoor Rink in Eckville

I am writing on behalf of the Eckville Figure Skating Club, and as a proud member and president, to advocate for the much-needed upgrade of our local outdoor rink in Eckville. This facility is more than a skating surface — it is a hub for community connection, skill-building, and healthy, active living for residents of all ages.

Our rink is currently enjoyed by a wide range of community members, from toddlers just finding their balance to young adults honing their skating abilities. It provides a unique opportunity for rural families to engage in free, accessible winter activity close to home. As someone deeply committed to the sport and the development of skating skills, I see first-hand how skating not only builds physical coordination and confidence but also creates lifelong memories and friendships.

The Skating Club's core mission is to foster a love for skating in all its forms — from teaching foundational skills to encouraging growth in figure skating and beyond. An upgraded outdoor rink would serve as a vital space to continue this mission, allowing skaters more opportunities to practice, learn, and enjoy their sport outside of scheduled indoor sessions.

Beyond skill development, an enhanced rink would serve as a cornerstone of community life during the winter months. With appropriate upgrades — such as improved ice quality, lighting, boards, and seating — the rink could better accommodate families with young children, youth groups, and even informal community events, further strengthening the social fabric of our town.

This investment would have exponential returns. It would promote physical and mental wellness, strengthen community pride, and offer safe, accessible recreation for everyone — particularly important in a rural area where options can be limited.

I sincerely hope you will consider this request and recognize the lasting impact that an improved outdoor rink could have for generations of skaters and families in Eckville.

Warm regards,

Megan Kraus

President, Eckville Figure Skating Club

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of local homeschooling families to express our strong support for an improved and maintained outdoor rink in our community.

As homeschoolers, we have flexible schedules that allow us to take advantage of community resources during traditional school hours. For some families, these quieter morning and early afternoon hours will provide opportunities for children who may struggle in busy or loud environments. An outdoor rink accessible during the daytime would be a valuable addition to our physical education and social opportunities. It would provide a safe, healthy, and enjoyable space for children and families to gather, engage in physical activity, and build community. Homeschool groups often organize daytime meetups and educational activities, and a rink would serve as an ideal location for winter recreation and informal sports.

Thank you for your time and dedication to our town.

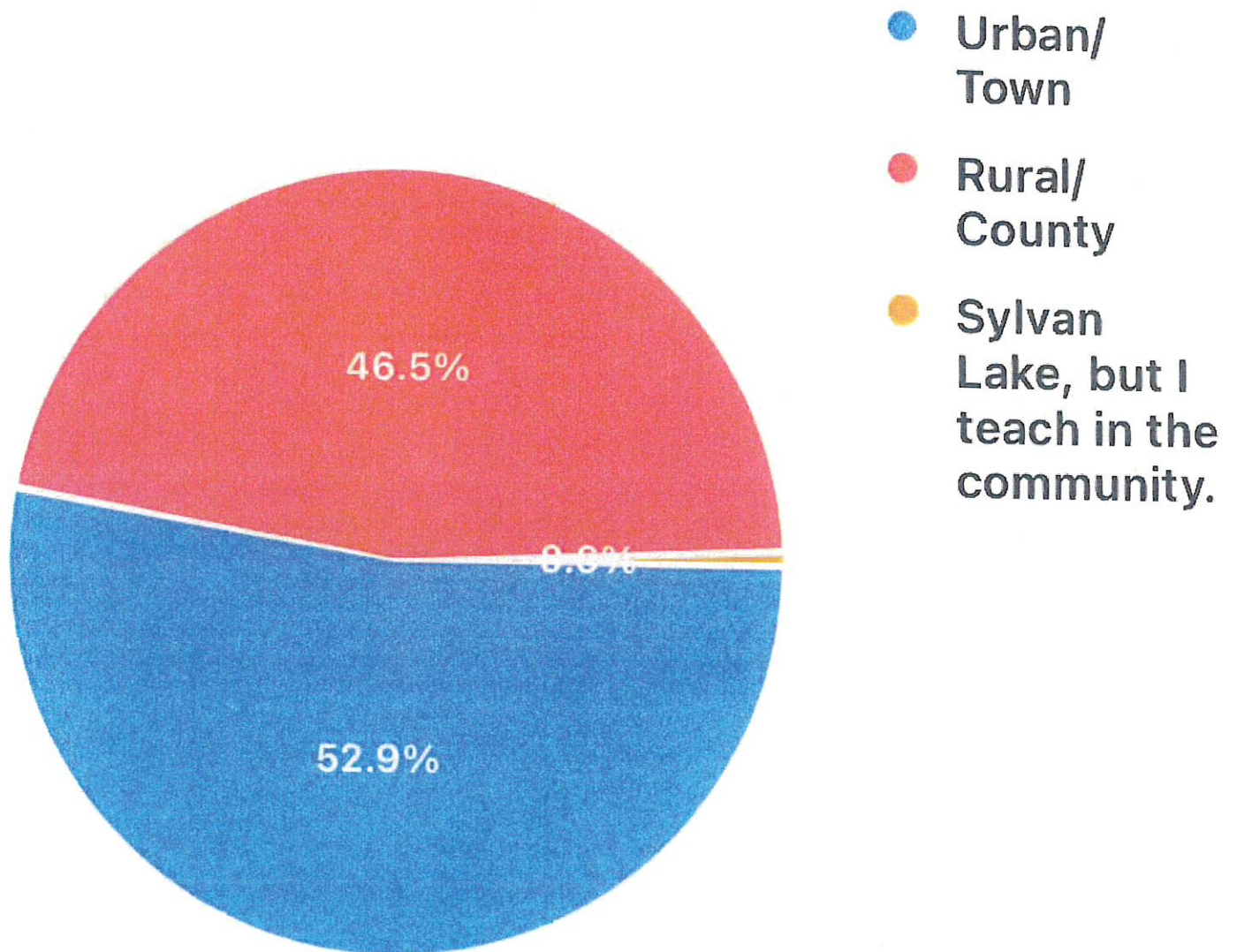
Sincerely,

Homeschool Community, Eckville

APPENDIX B – NEEDS ASSESSMENT

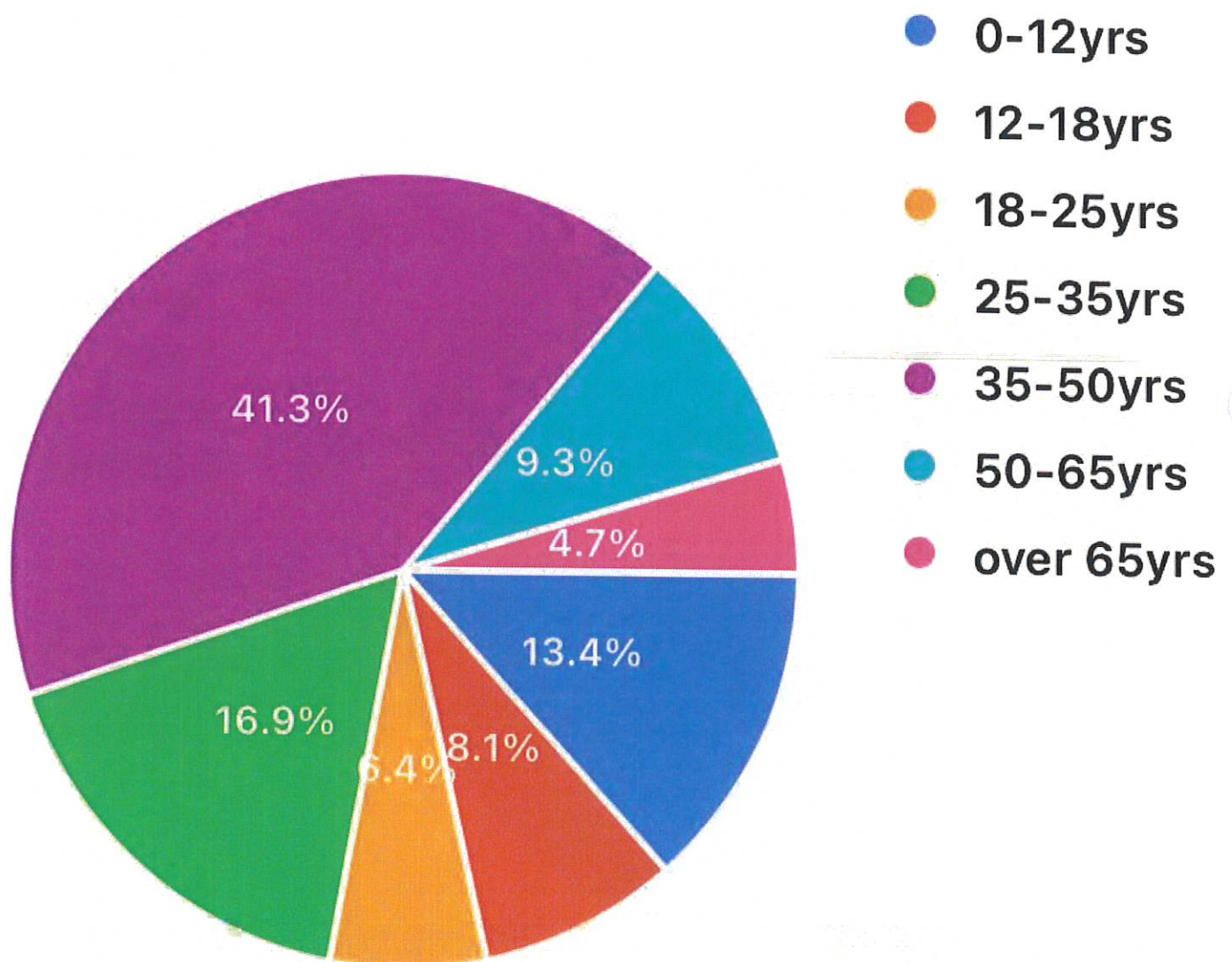
1: Do you Reside in:

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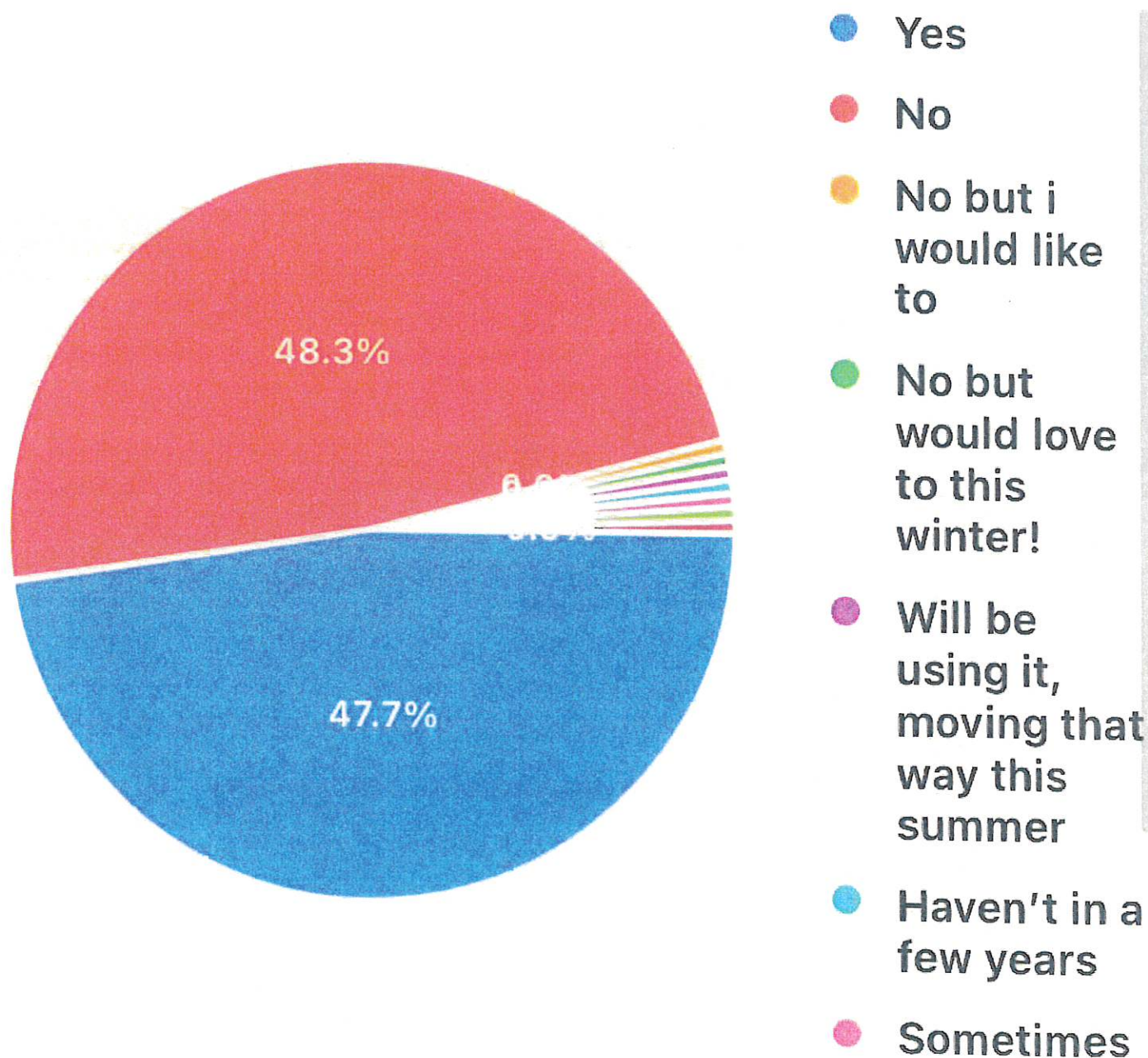
2: Select the age category that best represents you:

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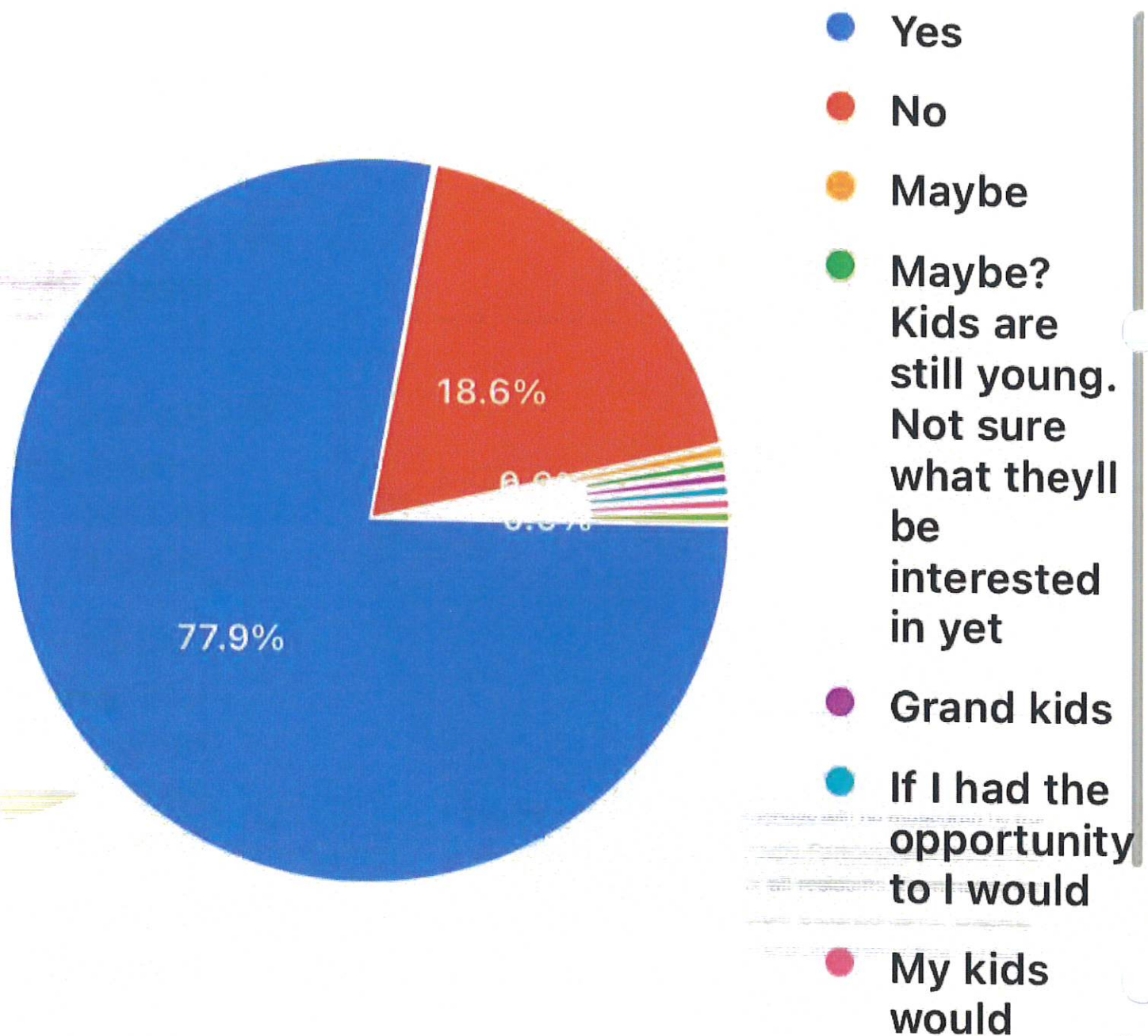
3: Do you currently use the Eckville outdoor arena skating rink, located by the town shop? (When it is maintained and able to use)

172 Responses



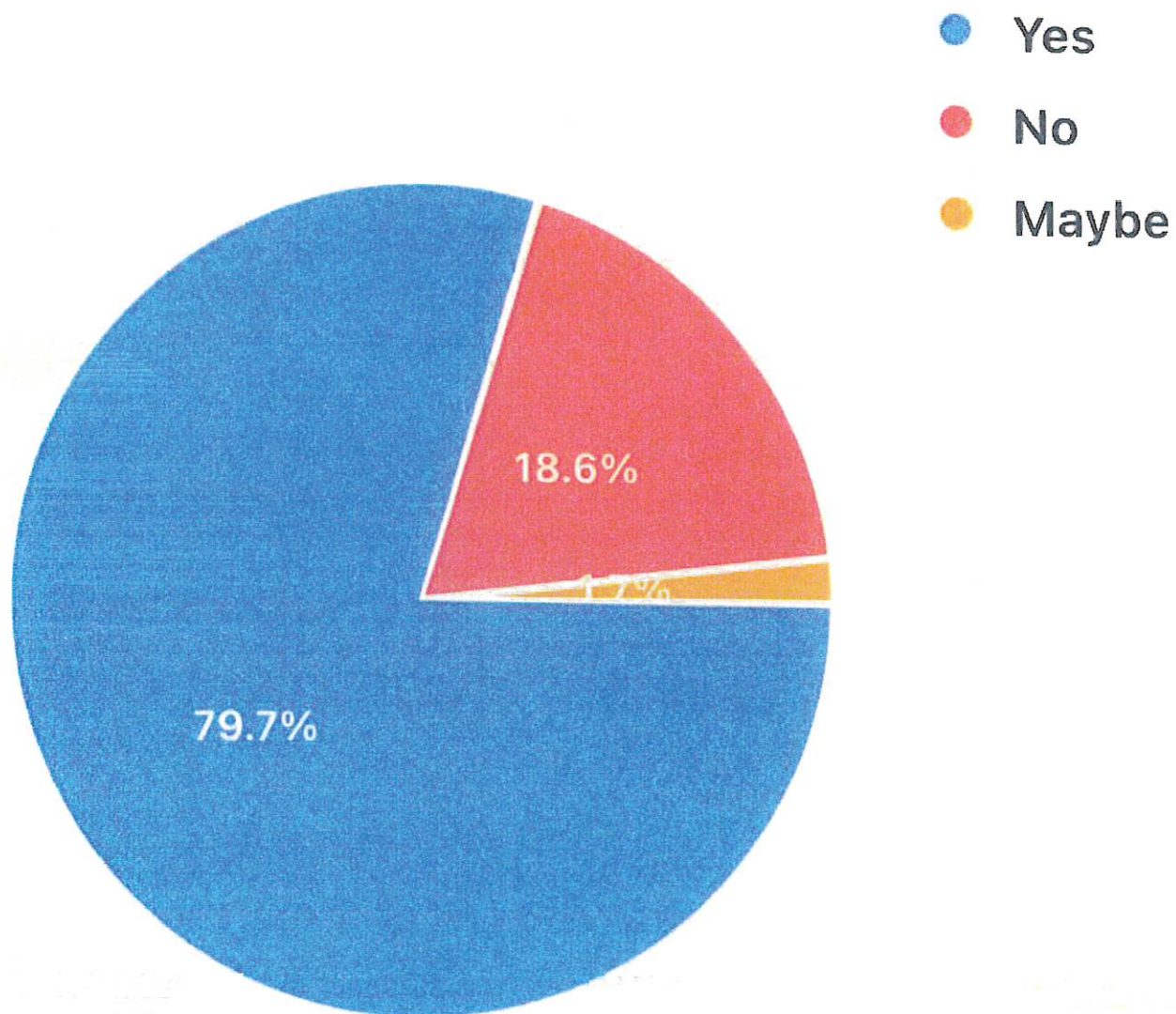
4: Would you use an outdoor skating rink, if it was replaced/updated and maintained more regularly?

172 Responses



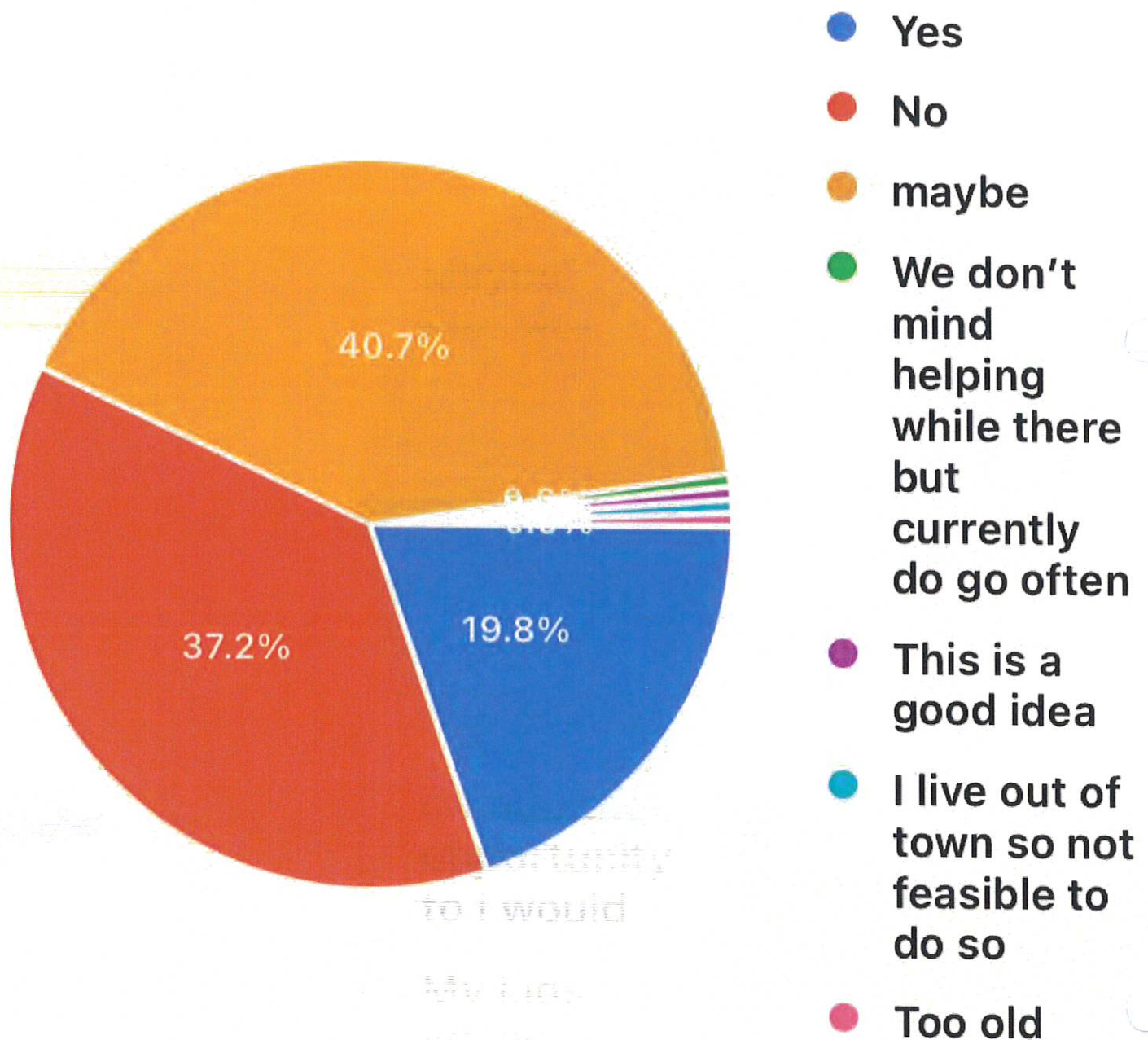
5: Would you use an upgraded fire pit gathering area by the outdoor rink?

172 Responses



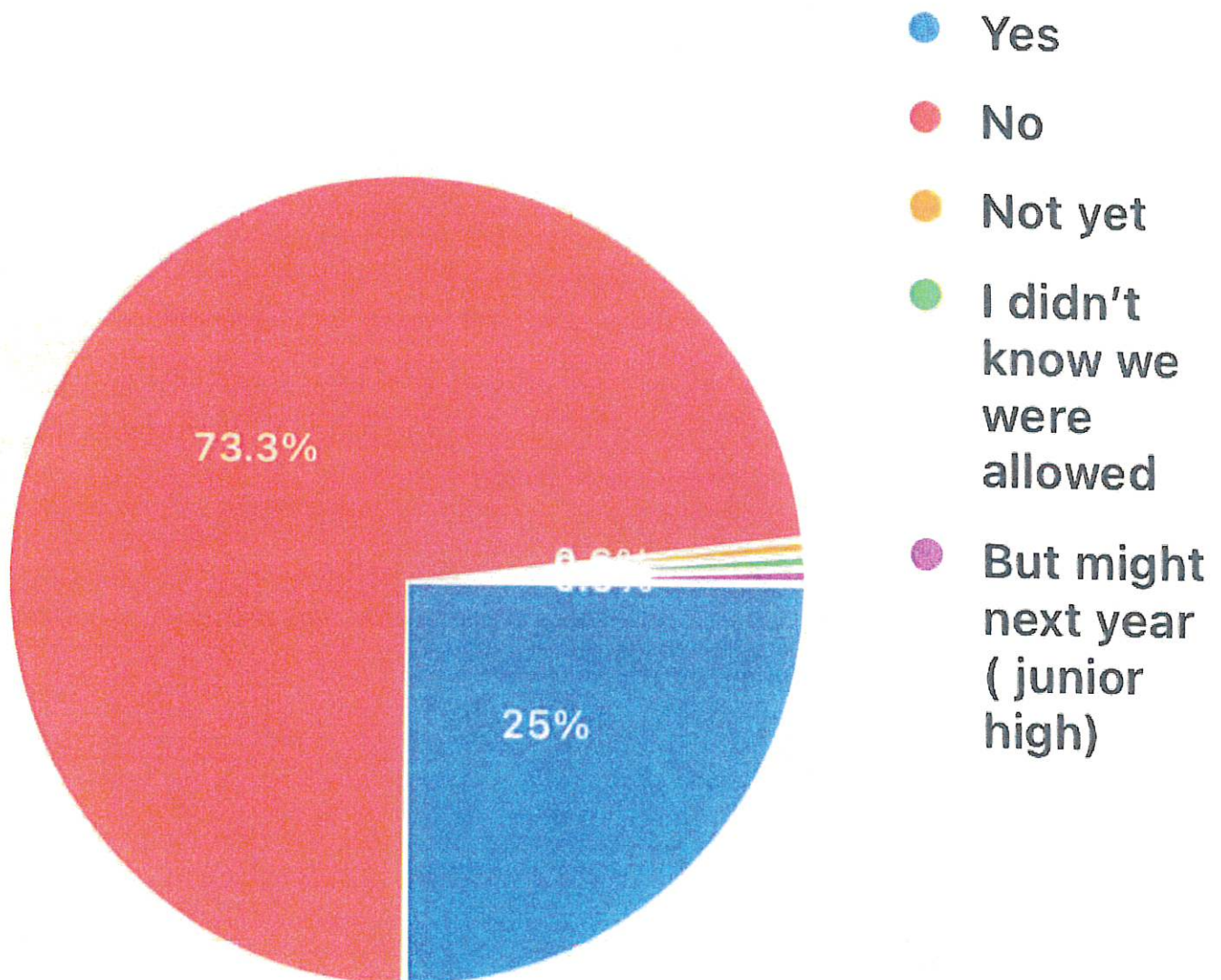
6: Would you be willing to help maintain the outdoor rink more regularly if we formed a volunteer committee?

172 Responses



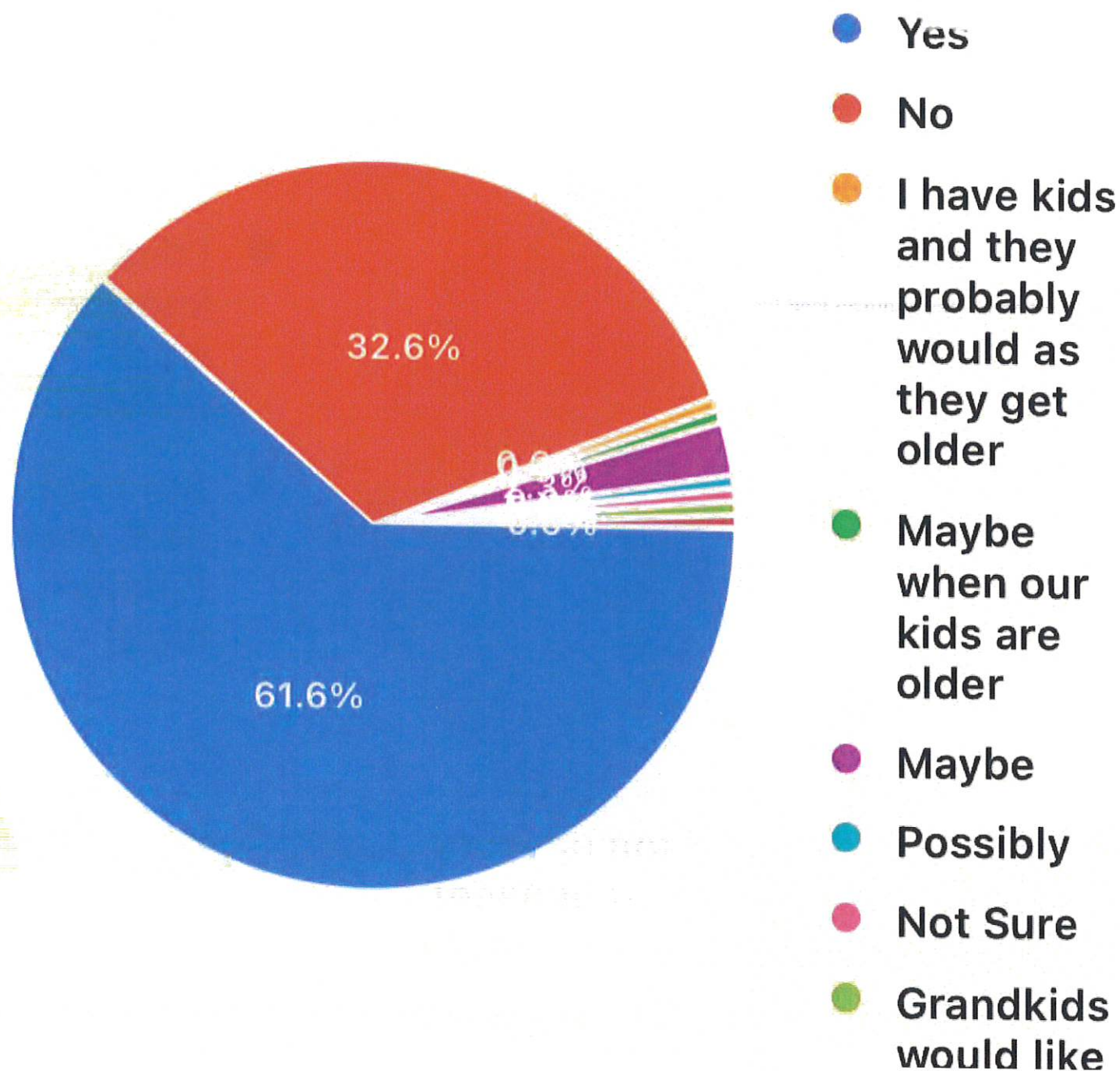
7: Do you currently use the basketball courts located at the highschool?

172 Responses



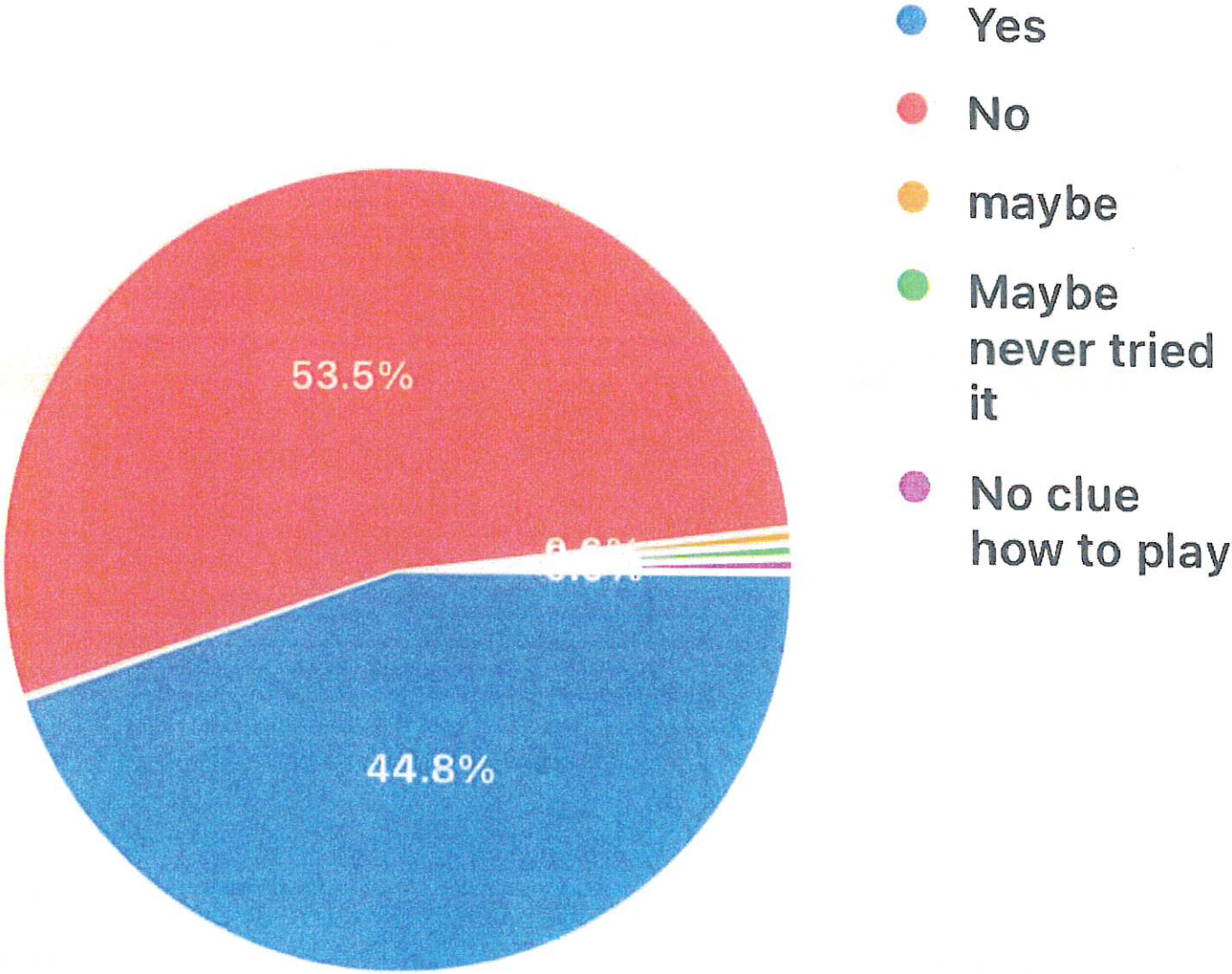
8: Would you use basketball courts if the outdoor rink was set up for basketball in the summer?

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9: Do you have any interest in pickleball?

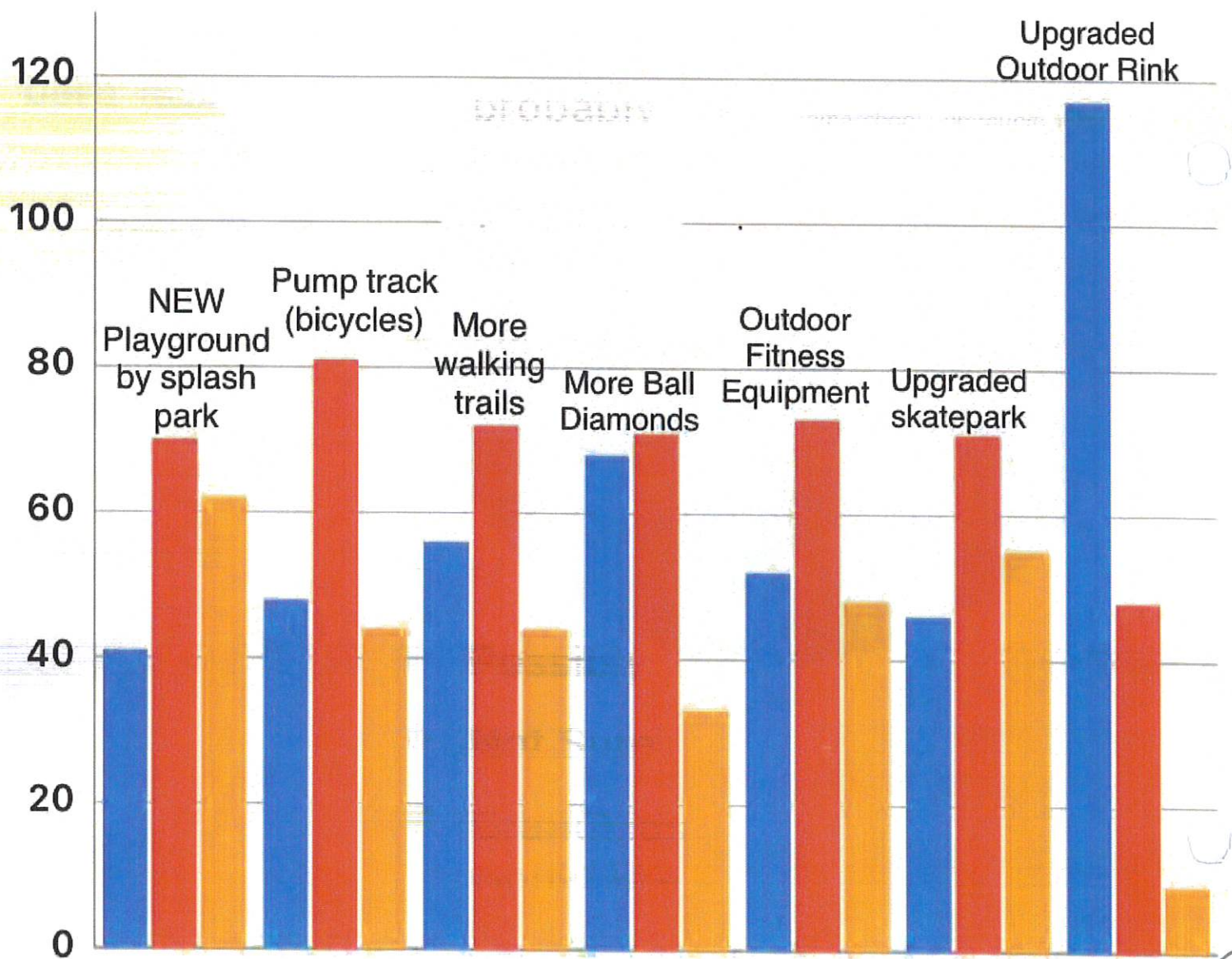
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14: Please select which facilities you think are most needed (in the appropriate column) to help determine what is most desired by the community:

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■ Most needed ■ Might be useful ■ Not needed



APPENDIX C – SITE DETAILS



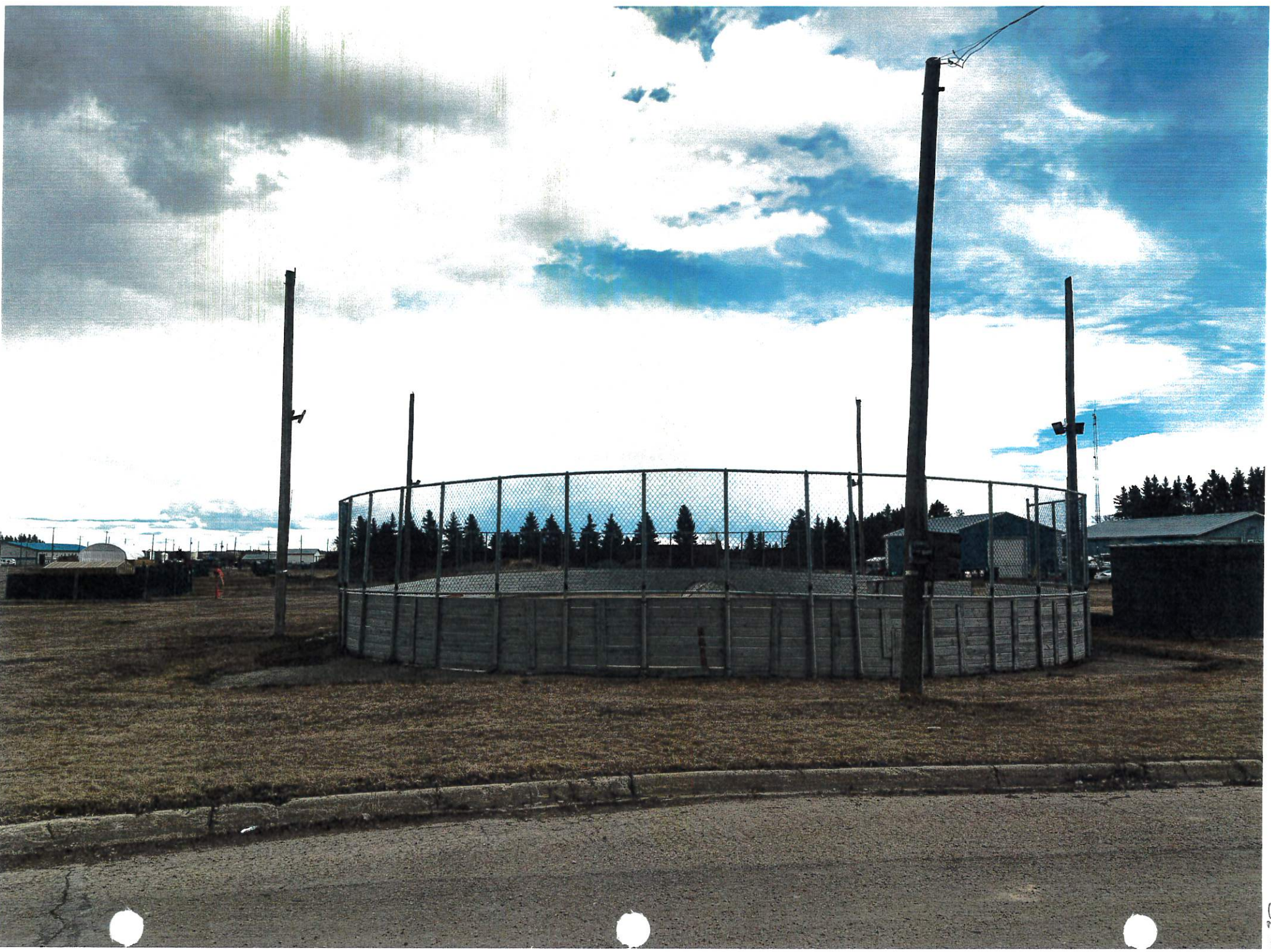
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APPENDIX D – PROJECT DESIGN



OMNI SPORT SYSTEM 240

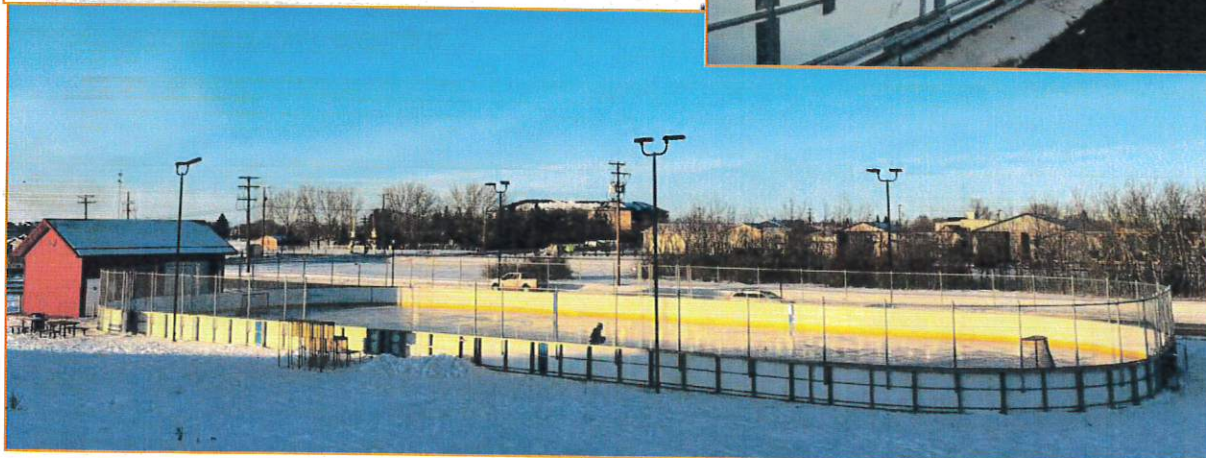
The System 240 is a time-proven and very adaptable dasher system. It has been installed with various options throughout Canada in outdoor and natural ice indoor applications. The System 240 is well suited to both new construction and renovation projects and every system is designed and built to suit the specific needs of each project.

Puck containment options include chain link for outdoor applications or shielding for indoor applications. Frames are hot-dip galvanized after production, and full complement of options including covered players boxes, machine access ramps, and more.

Give us a call today at 1-866-654-7465 to discuss which configuration and what options would be the best fit for your facility!

SYSTEM 240 PHOTOS

SYSTEMS

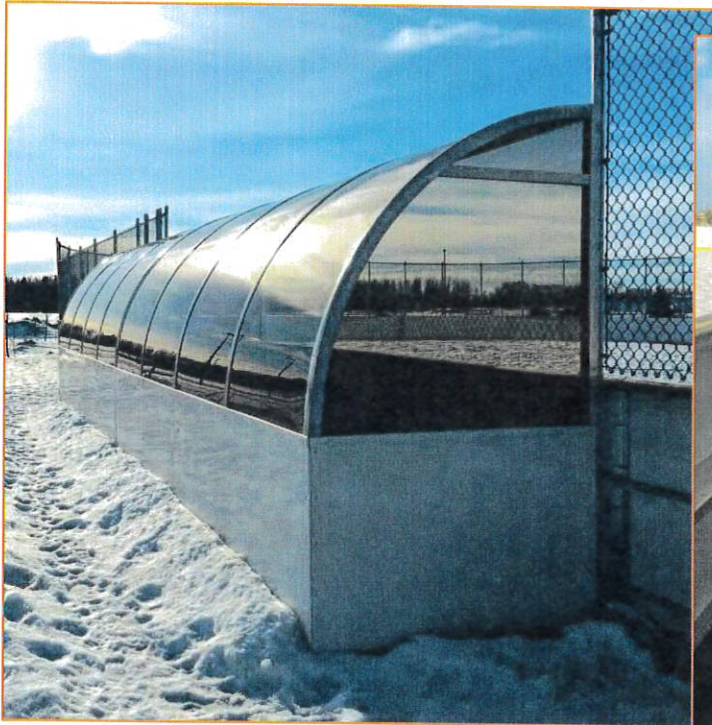


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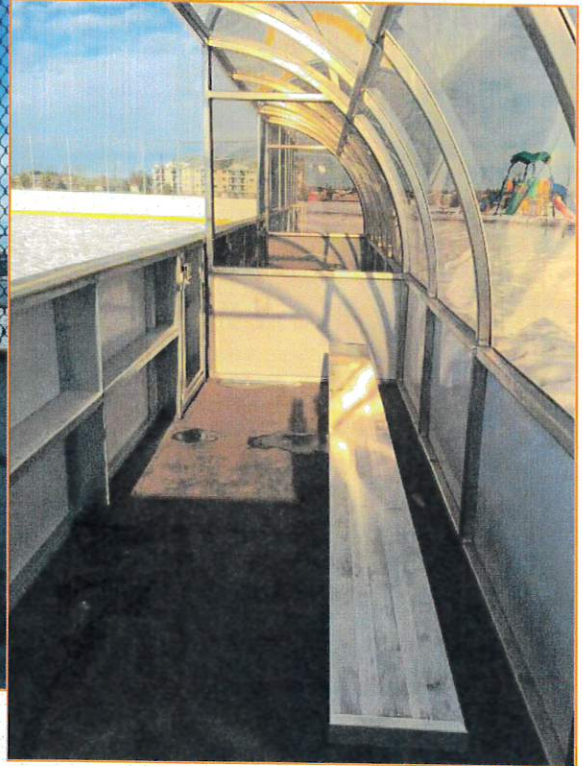
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BOX AREAS



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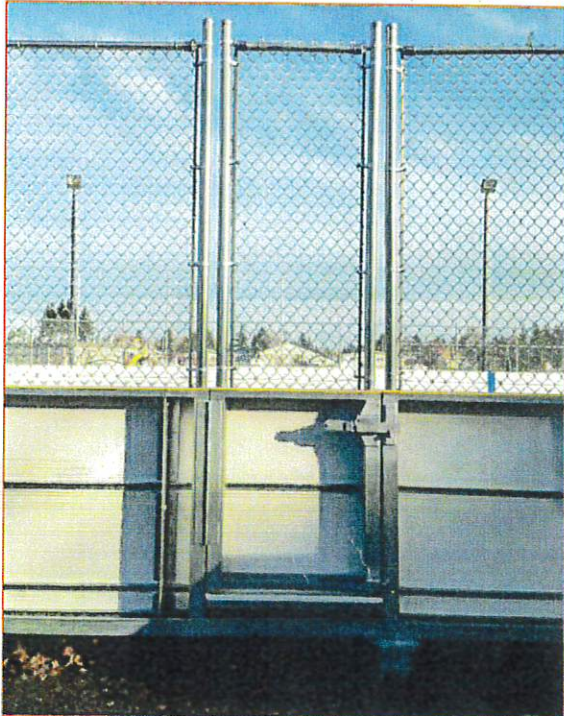
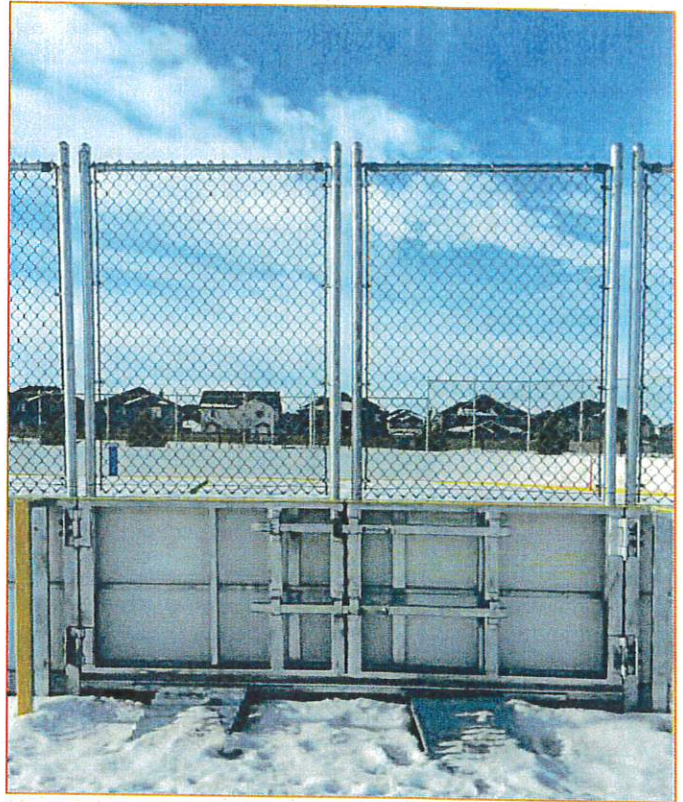
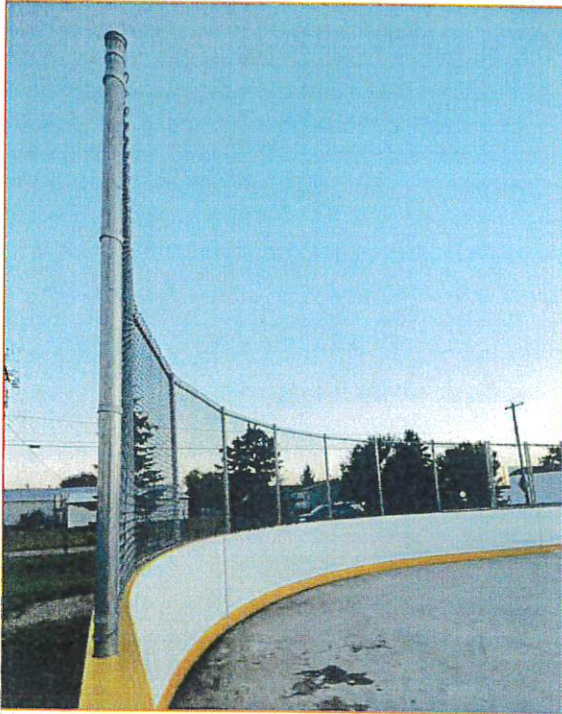


Custom covered oversized box area





SYSTEM DETAILS



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**MANAGEMENT REPORT
TO ECKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

June 23, 2025

Mtg. Date June 23, 2025
Agenda Item 7.1

Current Activities:

- **Proposed Industrial Subdivision on 57 Avenue** –Manjinder Dhillon (Eckville Estates Mobile Home Park) has now approached the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) for assistance. Jack chatted with a representative on June 5th and forwarded information to her to help bring her up to speed. We will keep you informed.
- **Lot Sales:** Lot sales activity continues to grow in Eckville.

Larchwood Homes has staked out the basements for the homes on the two lots that they have already have under agreement, and they have let us know that another investor has approached them about purchasing another two lots and possibly building homes on them too. We are still talking with two more possible buyers, but don't have signed agreements yet.

We also met with a Lady who is wanting to sell her house in Rocky Mountain House and is seriously looking at a lot in Westview Subdivision. No deposit yet, but we have talked with a Salesman from one of the Manufactured Home Sales companies in Red Deer and it does look positive.
- **Effluent Release:** Our Public Works staff took effluent samples at our Wastewater Lagoons on June 17th and Gary Heisler drove them to the lab in Edmonton for our annual Rainbow Trout LC50 Variable Concentration test. Assuming our tests results are good, we will likely start our first discharge on June 25th. We did hear back from our contact at Baytex Energy, and they tell us that they are still hoping to pump some of our effluent this fall. With this in mind, we will retain a bit more effluent than usual just to make sure we have sufficient effluent for Baytex this fall.
- **Eckville Recreation Board Presentation:** We have placed this presentation on your June 23rd meeting agenda as an action item for your consideration.
- **Fire Hydrant Inspections and Repairs:** Further the email to Council on this subject, we can report that the two fire hydrants that were out of service were repaired and back in service on June 18th. Our Inspectors also repaired two other fire hydrants and are waiting on parts for the fifth and final fire hydrants.

Our inspector noted that we have quite a few "Darling" brand fire hydrants which are older and are unique in that the nipples (threaded ports) are not replaceable and have some small pin holes that leak a bit when the hydrant in in use. This is not a problem. He did, however, identify four Darling fire hydrants that are older and should be replaced sooner than later. He is estimating a cost of \$4,000 to \$5,000 each to change out the hydrant barrel and inner piping. We are suggesting that we upgrade two hydrants this year and the other two next year.
- **Public Works Highlights:**
 - **East and West Sewer Lift Stations:** No update on the uninterrupted power supply.

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- **Flushing Sewer Mains:** Nothing new to report other than to note that we will likely bring Alberta Pipe Inspection Ltd. back to fall to do a bit of touchup on their spring work and possibly flush a few more sewer mains in the east part of town.
- **Solar Lights on the Trails:** We are still working on this.
- **Main Street Solar Streetlights:** Nothing new to report currently.
- **Line Painting:** The Public Works Team will be completing the rest of our line painting in the next few weeks. We are hoping to have the parking lot in Block 12 repainted before July 1st, weather permitting.
- **Spray Park:** The contractor who installed the spray park will hopefully be out in the next week to repair or replace the valves that were recently installed. We can discuss it a bit more detail during the meeting.
- **2025 Town of Eckville General Election** – Nomination packages are now ready, and a notice has been placed on Facebook and our website to inform those who might be interested in running for Council in the 2025 General Election.

Future / Planned Activities:

- **2025 Tax Notices:** Tax Notices were mailed out on June 16th and payment is due on or before August 31th.
- **Water Meter Replacement Project:** The RFP closure date has been moved to July 2nd. The extension was given to allow a bit more time for the interested companies to prepare their proposals.
- **Multi-year Operating and Capital Plans:** These will be discussed with Council in June and July.
- **Dog Park Improvements:** We will be securing quotes to construct an additional “leashing area” and fencing off a separate section of the main dog park for “small dogs”. New “dog park rule” signs have been ordered as the old ones were very faded. We will also be placing signs on the two leashing areas.
- **Possible Joint Project with Wolf Creek School Division:** Nothing further has happened on this possible Joint Use Partnership Agreement (JUPA) project until a decision is made on the Recreation Boards Project. We have, however, reached out the Wolf Creek School Division’s Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer as to whether or not there would be restrictions on use of the proposed joint use facility by the Public during school hours. We hope to have a response soon.

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- **Update on Eckville Medical Clinic:** We have some updates to provide you on the Eckville Medical clinic. As some of the information is negative and some of it is positive, we would prefer to discuss this with you in a closed session at the June 23rd council meeting.

Parking Lot:

- **Solar Street Lights** – Possibly moving one light and purchasing several more.
- **Commercial Cardboard Collection** – We need to look at different options going forward.
- **Signage** – Still trying to get to this item.
- **Access to the Walking Path from Railway Avenue at McDonald Heights** – We will tender with other asphalt work.
- **Fence at Millenium Park:** We will include this in a tender with other fencing work to be done at the Dog Park.
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Jack Ramsden, CAO



Darcy Webb, Deputy CAO

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ATB - GEN Penny Seiling	Cheque	EFT000000000276	6/11/2025	\$77.70
ATB - GEN Southern Irrigation	Cheque	EFT000000000277	6/11/2025	\$2,114.66
ATB - GEN Wild Rose Assessment Services	Cheque	EFT000000000278	6/11/2025	\$1,424.15
Total Transactions:		10		

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ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES o/a 327241 Alberta Ltd
BILLING SUMMARY

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MONTH OF SERVICE

May 2025

MUNICIPALITY

ECKVILLE

DATE	HOURS	TOTAL	COST	COMPLAINT	RTO	ADOPT	COST
1	11-1	2	230.00	1 Cat Trap			
2			0.00				
3			0.00				
4			0.00				
5	1-3	2	230.00				
6			0.00	4 Kittens		X	600.00
7	12-2	2	230.00				
8	4-6	2	230.00				
9			0.00				
10			0.00				
11			0.00				
12			0.00				
13			0.00				
14			0.00				
15			0.00				
16			0.00				
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18			0.00				
19			0.00				
20	12-2	2	230.00				
21			0.00				
22			0.00				
23	2-4	2	230.00				
24			0.00				
25			0.00				
26			0.00				
27			0.00				
28			0.00				
29			0.00				
30			0.00				
31	10-1 / 2-5	6	690.00	2 Dogs	X		

PATROL COSTS 18 \$2,070.00

IMPOUND FEES \$600.00

SUBTOTAL \$2,670.00

GST \$133.50

TOTAL \$2,803.50

INFORMATION

Jack Ramsden

From: do-not-reply@clearbluetechnologies.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 5:47 AM
To: Jack Ramsden
Subject: Illumience Monthly Report for May

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May System Report Town of Eckville

Sites & Systems

Site	Assigned Systems
Town of Eckville	13

Illumience Service Contract

Site	Start	End
Town of Eckville	2020-02-01	2030-01-30

Service Information

Clear Blue is monitoring and managing your systems.
Here is how they performed in May.

Monthly Performance Over 13 Systems

100%

(Based on the number of days this month with no power outages.)

Days With Disconnects
Due To Low Voltage



0

There were 0 days this month when some of your systems experienced at least 1 disconnection due to low voltage.

Days With Good Energy
Generation

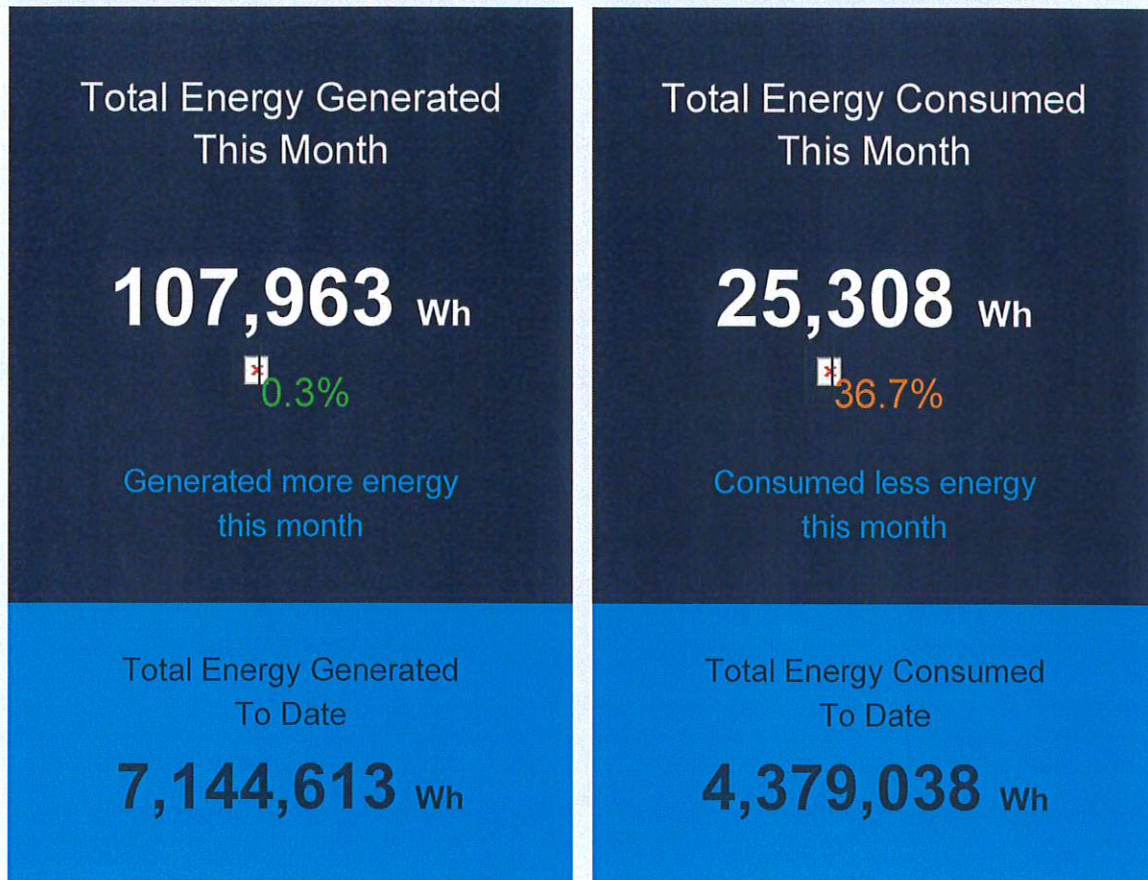


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On good energy days, the amount of energy generated exceeds the amount required. This is highly dependent on seasonality and daily weather conditions.

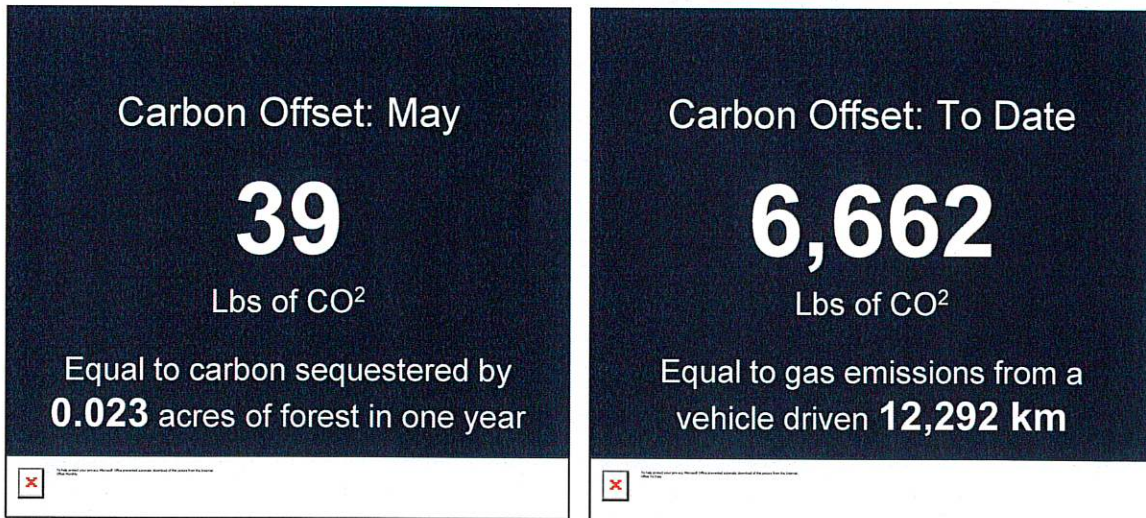
Energy Information

This is the total amount of energy generated by the solar panels/wind turbine this month, how much energy was consumed by the systems, and how each compared to the prior month.



Carbon Offset

Carbon offset is a reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide that can compensate for emissions made elsewhere. See how your use of Smart Off-Grid systems can help preserve the environment.



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System Status

This is a quick snapshot of the status of your systems as of 07:47 on 2025/06/10.

 Trouble Alerts	0	
 Maintenance	0	
 Offline	0	
 Provisioning	0	

Important Notes

Thank you for choosing Clear Blue Technologies. If you have any concerns about your systems or service, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Us



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 12, 2025

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES

The following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 3, 2024 received the approval of Council:

- That the review of Policy RC(1) – Capital Support of Approved Recreation and Capital Facilities be received for information.
- That the Year-Round Fire Permitting presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation regarding year-round fire permitting for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Policy F(1) Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation regarding fire department response fees for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Lacombe County Fire Services Manual presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation regarding revisions to the Lacombe County Fire Services Manual for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Alix Legion and Bentley Seed Cleaning Plant Scholarships presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report regarding the payment of a consistent annual amount for each scholarship for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Unauthorized Use of County Road Allowances presentation be received for information.
- That the Recreation Property Assessments presentation be received for information.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Council approved setting the annual scholarship award for the Alix Legion Scholarship and the Bentley Seed Cleaning Scholarship at \$1,000 per recipient until the endowment funds are depleted.

REGIONAL WATER OPPORTUNITIES

Council directed the County Manager to investigate the feasibility of a regional water system in the Gull Lake area.

PARALLAX ENERGY – UPDATE PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from Mr. Ryan Miller, Mr. Dustin Hoffman, Mr. Mark Lansing, and Mr. Thomas Everett of Parallax Energy Operating Inc. The presentation included an update on the company's 2025 operations, an outlook for development through the remainder of 2025 and 2026, and an overview of Parallax's commitment to the community, including the groups and activities they support.

LACOMBE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - FUNDING REQUEST

Council received a presentation from Ms. Wendy Buyar, Executive Director, and Ms. Shelby Petersen, Member Services Coordinator, both representing the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce. They presented a funding request in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2025 Executives of Alberta Summit



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conference. Council directed the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendations for consideration at a future meeting.

JENNIFER JOHNSON, MLA UPDATE PRESENTATION

Council received an update from Jennifer Johnson, MLA, on provincial government matters.

ASPELUND INDUSTRIAL AREA - BROADWAY RESERVOIR UPGRADE FUNDING AGREEMENT

Council authorized the County Manager to enter into a funding Agreement with the Town of Blackfalds for the upgrade of the Broadway Reservoir and Pumps. The upgrades will support servicing the Town of Blackfalds and the Lacombe County Joint Economic Area in the Aspelund Industrial Area.

SPONSORSHIP OF LACOMBE COUNTY AWARD

Council approved a \$1,000 sponsorship for the "Lacombe County Business of the Year Award" at the 2025 Business Awards Gala hosted by the Lacombe & District Chamber of Commerce.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Council directed the County Manager to work with the City of Lacombe and the Town of Blackfalds CAOs on a draft Terms of Reference for a Regional Collaboration Committee and refer the draft Terms of Reference to each respective Council for consideration.

CITY OF LACOMBE 2025 CEMETERY CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

Council approved contributions up to \$300,000 to the City of Lacombe's Phase 1B expansion at the Fairview Cemetery.

CITY OF LACOMBE 2025 RECREATION CAPITAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Council approved contributions up to \$289,786 toward the City of Lacombe's annual capital projects at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre, Lacombe Memorial Centre, Gary Moe Sportsplex, and the City's Ball Diamonds. The approved projects include:

- *Kinsmen Aquatic Centre:* Replacement of the pool ramp, overhead shades at the spray park, and initial funding for replacement of three HVAC units.
- *Lacombe Memorial Centre:* Replacement/upgrade of the Lacombe County Room's original dance floor.
- *Gary Moe Sportsplex & Echo Arenas:* Replacement of an ice resurfacer and HVAC system upgrades.
- *Ball Diamonds:* Facility upgrades to Diamond #6 (near City Hall) and Diamond #7 (near Lacombe Composite High School).

ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING STANDARDS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Council received an overview of the audited financial statement requirements as outlined in section 276 of the Municipal Government Act. Council approved that the County provide input through the Public Sector Accounting Board's public consultation process on proposed Public Sector Accounting Board recommendations of County concern.



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REQUEST TO MEET WITH COUNCIL REGARDING PROPOSED RECONCEPT SOLAR FACILITY

Council approved a request for a member of the public to attend an upcoming Council meeting to share concerns related to the proposed reconcept solar facility in SW 17-40-26 W4M.

OUTSTANDING FIRE RESPONSE FEES - AMENDMENTS TO FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BYLAWS

Council gave all three readings to Bylaw No. 1440/25 (Fire Protection and Emergency Response Bylaw) and Bylaw No. 1441/25 (Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw). The amendments allow the County Manager to recover outstanding fire response fees through the property tax roll.

Next Regular Council Meeting is
June 26, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is
October 7, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Lacombe County Administration Building

****For more details from Lacombe County Council meetings, please refer to the meeting minutes. All meeting minutes are posted on the website (www.lacombecounty.com) after approval.**

**ECKVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 to OCTOBER 31, 2024

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General Account Opening Balance	\$	53,292.86	
Casino Account Opening Balance	\$	12,106.06	
TOTAL BANK			\$ 65,398.92

2023 REVENUE

Rental	\$	13,810.33	
Rebates & Refunds	\$	1,165.48	
Interest	\$	12.94	
Fundraiser	\$	1,120.00	
GST Collected	\$	690.73	
Total Revenue	\$	16,799.48	\$ 16,799.48

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2023 EXPENSES

Accounting & Legal	\$	1,080.95	
Advertising & Promotion	\$	407.87	
Bank Charges	\$	10.49	
Cleaning Supplies	\$	213.35	
Insurance	\$	1,325.00	
Maintenance	\$	3,514.37	
Membership	\$	295.48	
Renovation Expense	\$	3,184.93	
Repair	\$	5,341.60	
GST Remittance	\$	114.91	
Telephone	\$	987.00	
Utilities	\$	18,758.58	
Sound System Expense	\$	5,231.71	
Supplies	\$	2,096.89	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$	553.47	
Safety Inspection Expense	\$	650.65	
Caretaker	\$	12,000.00	
Bookkeeper	\$	1,200.00	
GST Paid on Purchases	\$	1,986.16	
Total Expenses	\$	58,953.41	\$ 58,953.41 \$ 23,244.99

General Account Closing Balance	\$	21,220.77	
Casino Account Closing Balance	\$	2,024.22	
			\$ 23,244.99

I, Diana Jensen, have reviewed the books for the Eckville Community Centre Society for the period November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024 and find that there are no irregularities.

Diana Jensen

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You are invited to the
MAYOR'S
breakfast



July **12** 2025

7:30 am - 8:30 am
Anna Maria's Cafe
Lacombe Memorial Centre
5214 50 Ave., Lacombe

Mayor Grant Creasey invites you and a guest
to join him for the Mayor's Annual Lacombe
Days Breakfast and Parade.

Please RSVP by July 4 to Christina Sturgeon
csturgeon@lacombe.ca

* please include any dietary restrictions or food allergies *