


**Ontario's Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Challenge**

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**ABOUT THE SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY PROJECT**

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**MULTIPLE PHASED PROJECT**

- Major municipal facilities
  - Collect and analyze data
  - Determine capital cost implications
- Other municipal facilities
- Facilities in other sectors
- Operating and use trends

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**PROJECT ADVISORS**

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- Steering Committee
  - PRO, ORFA, OPA, OTC
- Working Group
  - MTR, YMCA, OFC, Private Sector

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**PROJECT SCOPE**

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- Major Facilities
  - arenas
  - pools (indoor and outdoor)
  - community centres
- Other Facilities
  - gymnasia
  - curling rinks
  - fitness centres
  - outdoor rinks
  - parks/trails

• splash pads
• wading pools
• golf courses
• school facilities
• down hill skiing

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**RESPONSE RATE**

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- 96% - 409 of 428 municipalities
- Non-respondents – mostly counties, townships and districts
- Sample represents 99% of provincial population

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**ANALYSIS CATEGORIES**

- Location
- Municipal population
- Facility age

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**MAJOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES**

Community Centres	1,370
Arenas	677
Indoor Pools	234
Outdoor Pools	279

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**LIFE CYCLE STATUS - ALL MAJOR FACILITIES**

Chart 1  
Life Cycle Status of Major Facilities

Facility Type	1 - 10 year	11 - 24 year	25 - 49 year	50+ years
Community Centres	25%	20%	15%	40%
Arenas	15%	10%	15%	60%
Indoor Pools	10%	15%	25%	50%
Outdoor Pools	15%	10%	15%	60%

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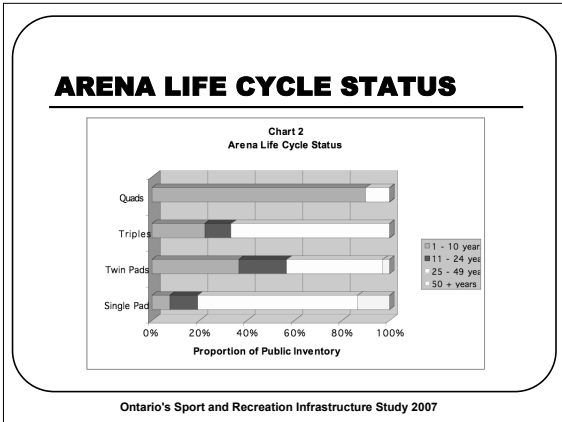
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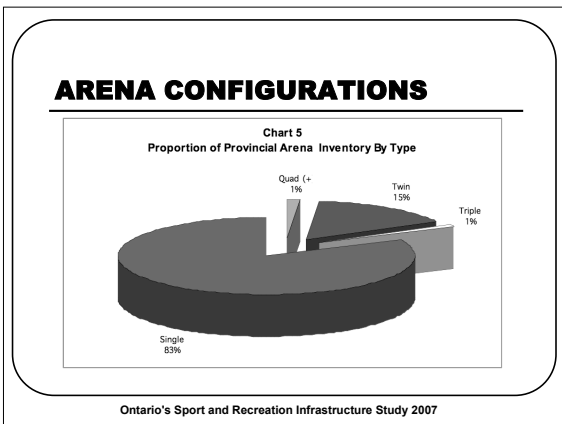
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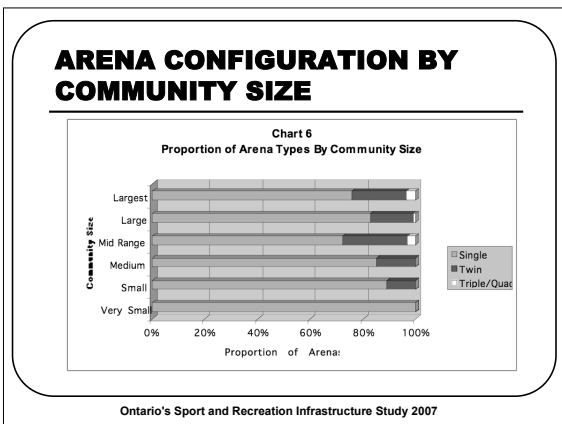
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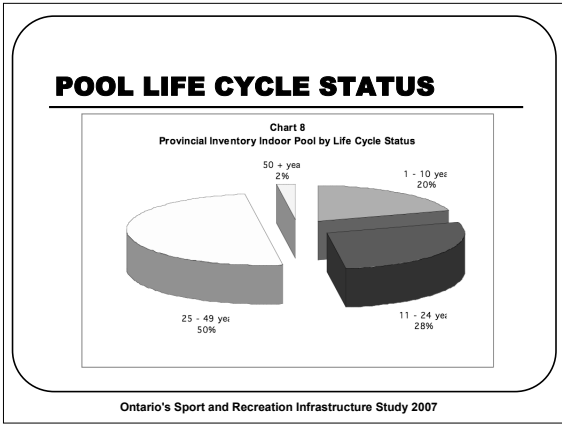
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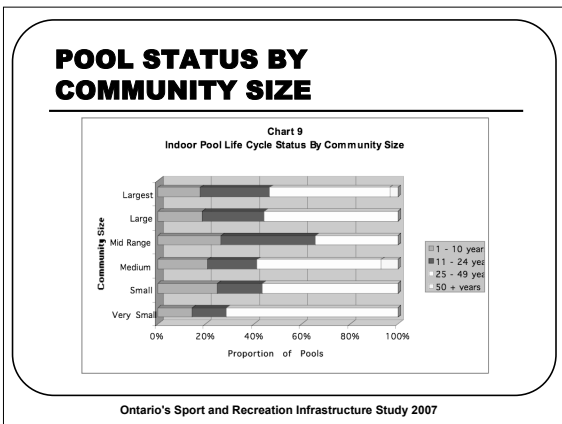
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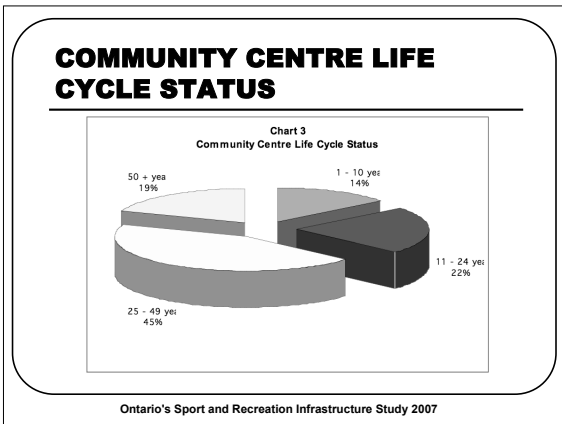
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**SUMMARY OF INVENTORY FINDINGS**

- Average Age
  - Pools 27 years
  - Arenas 33 years
  - Community Centres 32 years
- 30% - 50% of stock nearing end of life
- Small communities have immediate crisis

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**OTHER MUNICIPAL FACILITIES**

Curling	58	Fitness	152
Gyms	237	Splash Pads	328
Outdoor Rinks	973	Wading Pools	359
Ski Hills	11	Golf Courses	43
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**FACILITEIS IN OTHER SECTORS**

- Pool 1,560
- Gyms 67 (no schools)
- Fitness 1,975

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**APPROACH TO COST ESTIMATE**

- Establish facility parameters
- Determine capital repair and replacement assumptions
- Apply assumptions to facility data

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**COST THRESHOLDS (2005 \$)**

- Arenas
  - single \$7.5 M
  - twin \$13.2 M
  - Quad \$21 M
- Pool \$5.6 M
- Community Centre \$1.5 M

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**FACILITY CAPITAL FUNDING FORMULA**

Percentage of 2005 Capital Construction Cost

Age of Facility	Percentage of 2005 Capital Construction Cost
0 Years	5%
10 Years	40%
25 Years	50%
49 Years	130%
50+ Years	130%

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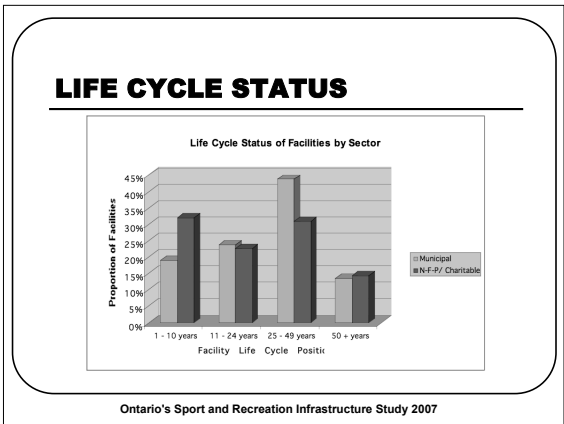
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- ### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
- Municipalities are significant facility providers
  - Inventories are critically old
  - Small communities have oldest arenas
  - Improvements needed beyond age related requirements
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- ### POTENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STRATEGIES
- Collaboration with community partners
  - Partnerships with outside interests
  - Alternative funding models – internal and external
  - Fundraising
  - Commitment to ongoing capital reserve contributions
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**BENEFITS OF WELL A FINANCED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

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- Facilities constantly maintained
- Lower operating costs
- More cost certainty
- Less bandages
- Fewer major surprises

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**DEDICATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDING SUGGESTIONS**

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- Ideally a three-level program
- Balance recreation, physical activity, leisure and sport facilities
- Multi-year program
- Consult with sector
- Complement existing F/P-T programs

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**A DEDICATED INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PROGRAM SHOULD RECOGNIZE:**

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- Competing municipal capital priorities
- Operating cost – part of local contribution
- Assistance required for new and existing facilities
- Life cycle maintenance program is required

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**NEXT STEPS**

- Collect Parks data
- Perform standards work
- Develop mechanism to:
  - Update inventory
  - Trends monitor
  - Life cycle maintenance approach

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**Quality Infrastructure Supports**

- Youth Engagement
  - Playworks Youth Friendly Community Recognition
- Community Mobilization Strategies
  - SummerActive and WinterActive
  - June is Recreation and Parks Month
- Quality Assurance in Program Delivery for Parents
  - HIGH FIVE® Healthy Child Development Standard
- Access to Recreation and Sport for Low-Income Families

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**HIGH FIVE® Accreditation Process**

Quality Framework MODULE	Training and Development	Program Assessments	Policies and Procedures	Awareness (Internal/External)
<b>Achieve!</b> Level 5 Quality Assurance	<b>Accreditation</b> Recognition for your continuous delivery of quality programs for children.			
<b>Improve!</b> Level 4 Quality Accountability and Preparation for Verification	Train 85% of staff in PHCD.*	Achieve 70% in QUEST 2 in: • 25% of general interest/camp programs and • 10% of aquatic programs.**	Achieve 70% on QUEST 1.	Promote involvement in HIGH FIVE® to the community.
<b>Measure!</b> Level 3 Quality Improvement	Train 80% of staff in PHCD.*	Conduct QUEST 2 assessments on 5% of all programs.	Complete QUEST 1 and enter results into database.	Display HIGH FIVE® literature and signage in facilities.
<b>Learn!</b> Level 2 Quality Awareness	Train 30% of staff in PHCD.*	Train and certify staff in QUEST 2.	Attend QUEST 1 Workshop.	Promote HIGH FIVE® to staff and volunteers.
Participate in the Implementation Planning Workshop.				
<b>Join Us!</b> Level 1 - Become a Registered HIGH FIVE® Organization				

\* PHCD - Principles of Health Child Development    \*\* In accordance with Aquatic Specific Criteria

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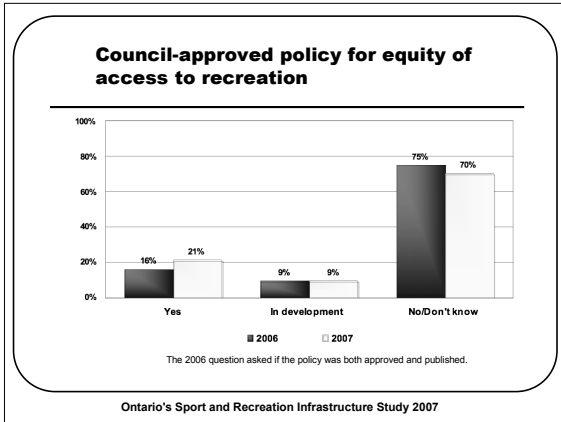
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**THANK YOU  
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