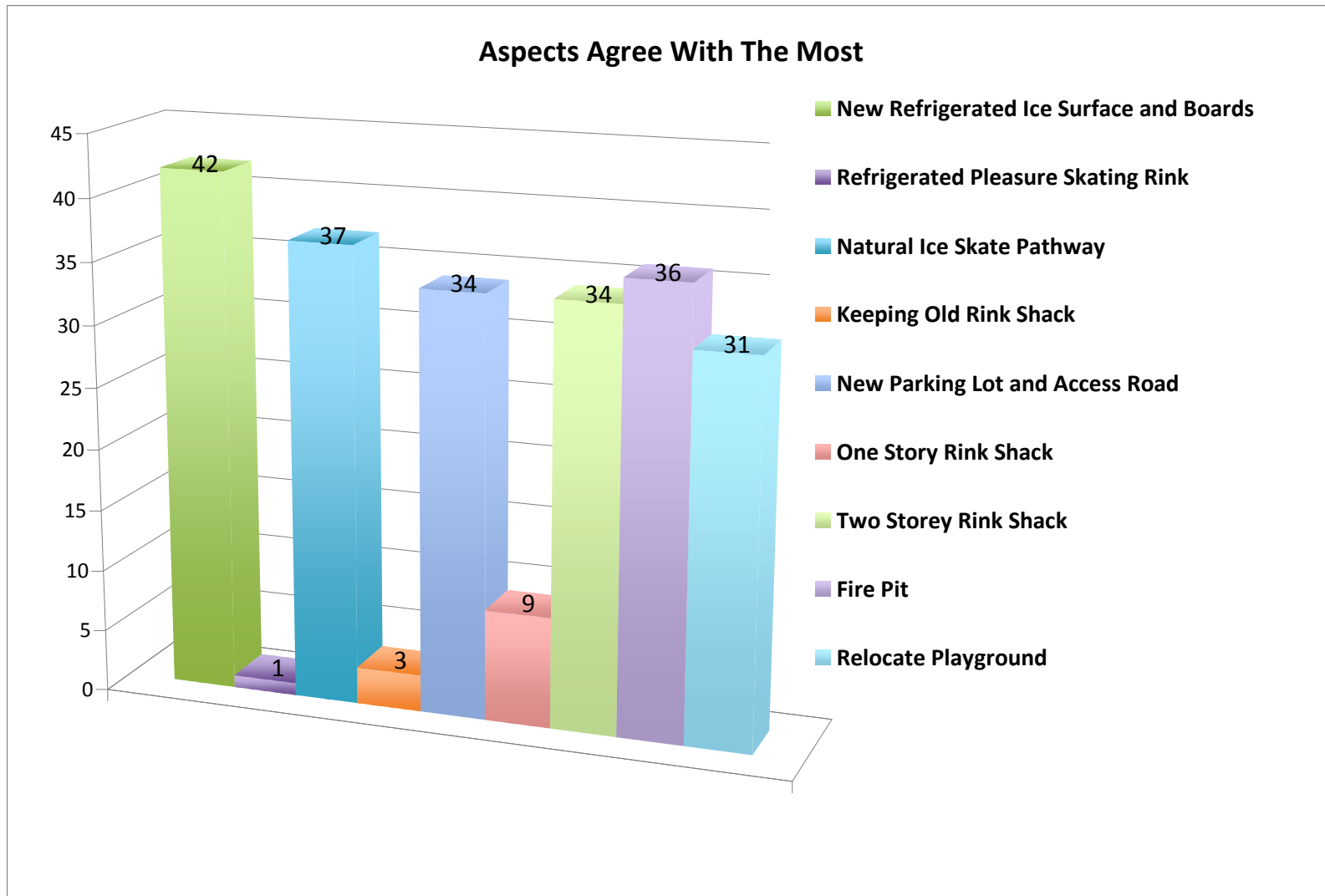


Sports News – Redevelopment Update

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The Rink & Rec Area Redevelopment Open House was held on March 19 & 21 and attended by approximately 98 people. The information sessions were another opportunity (first in Nov/Dec) for Ramsay residents to view the proposed three-phase project, ask questions and provide feedback.

We've reviewed the feedback forms and tallied the responses. We are very pleased and excited to report strong community support for the proposed redevelopment plans.



Total forms completed (Open House)	61
Total forms completed (Nov/Dec)	28
Support (Open House)	54
Support (Nov/Dec)	22
Against (Open House)	5
Against (Nov/Dec)	6
Undecided (Open House)	2

There is strong support for the new refrigerated ice surface and boards, natural ice skate pathway, new parking lot and access road, two-storey rink shack, fire pit and relocating the playground.

People indicate they wanted to see the old rink shack removed, and were less supportive of the one-storey concept. There was less support of the refrigerated pleasure skating rink and this surprised us because it's a very popular feature at other rinks. We also noted some questions with relocation of the parking lot and access road.

At the Open House Q&A session, most questions were answered (posted at ramsaycommunity.ab.ca). However, the volunteer committee is providing additional information on the following:

1. Business Plan – finalizing details and will present the revised business plan to the Ramsay Community Association and City of Calgary mid-May. We will post it online.
2. Traffic – collecting additional traffic count information. For details, refer to the Traffic Committee Report by Taras Semeniuk in this newsletter.

The volunteer committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete a form. Your feedback has been so valuable to the planning process because voicing your opinion ensures we have a public sports amenity that benefits our community.

You can view the proposed redevelopment plans at ramsaycommunity.ab.ca or call Dave at 403-264-9233 for more information.