

The City of Windom Pool Survey Results
317 RESPONSES

1. Which of the following choices would you like to see for the City of Windom Pool?
- a. Renovation/ improvements of existing facility-
 - b. New outdoor aquatic center
 - c. Indoor family aquatic center
 - d. Continue to maintain existing facility

Responses

A 36

AB 4

ABC 2

AC 1

AD 2

B 68

BC 10

C 139

CD 1

D 48

2. If a new facility or renovation would take place, what fixtures would you like to see in the new facility? (Circle All that Apply)
- a. New water slide
 - b. Climbing wall
 - c. Water geysers for wading pool or zero depth
 - d. Spray fountains
 - e. Sun shelter cabana
 - f. Zero depth entry with NO wading pool
 - g. Other (Please list below)

Responses

A	183
B	31
C	54
D	118
E	125
F	110
G	39

Responses Other (G)

- 5 - Indoor & Outdoor Pool
 - Climbing Net with Toad Stools controlled by kids, Lazy River, 2 Man tube slide, Pirate Ship to play on with Water Cannon
- 2 -Lawn Chairs, Snack Bar with Hot /Cold Items
 - Music, After Dark Swim Times, Underwater Lites
 - Diving Boards, Large Water Slide for Older Kids
- 3 -Small Slide for Little Kids
 - Several Pools for Different Features but Tied Together
- 7 - High and Low Diving Boards
 - Splash Pad, Lap Lane, Steam Room
 - Enough Space just for Swimming
 - Nets for Water Volleyball
- 2 - Wading Pool and Zero Entry, Stairway into Large Pool
- 2 -Lounge Chairs
 - Good Sound System
 - Lap Pool, Exercise Therapy
 - Dumping Buckets, Lily Pad
 - Play Area for Small Children, At Least 2 Water Slides
 - Shaded Area/Patio for People
- 4 - Lap Pool
- 5 - Zero Depth and Wading Pool
 - Outdoor Shallow /Wading Pool, Cabana, Snack Bar

- Saltwater System
- Lazy River
- Lift Chair for Elderly, Jacuzzi
- Locker Rooms, Sauna, Water BB Hoops
- Space for Exercise Classes and Lessons
- Handicap Accessible

3. Should the City of Windom enter a partnership with a private entity, such as a motel, in the construction of an aquatic center.

- YES -118
- NO -157
- MAYBE- 3
- ONLY IF INDOOR- 3
- PRIVATE BUILT AND PUBLIC USE -1
- WITH SCHOOL-1

4. Should the current site be reused or should a different location be considered?

- a. Current site
- b. Different location (Please list below)
- A -176
- A & B -15
- B -60

SITE LOCATIONS

- 22 -COMMUNITY CENTER
- 19 -SCHOOL
- 15 - WINDOM RECREATION AREA
- 4 -COTTONWOOD LAKE
- 2 -EITHER
- 3 -OUT OF FLOOD PLANE
- 3 -NOT CLOSE TO EXISTING MOTELS if PARTNERSHIP

- ARENA
- OUTDOOR LOCATION
- NORTH HIWAY 60
- INDUSTRIAL PARK BY FAST
- WITHIN TOWN

5. How should a new pool be financed?

- a. Sale of Bonds repaid over a number of years with property taxes
- b. City Sales Tax to repay bonds or loan
- c. Combination of public donations, grants, and/or Sale of Bonds or Loans

A -9

A C -4

ABC -7

B -12

BC -7

C -222

NO -1

PRIVATE -1

6. How much should be spent on renovation or new construction

- a. \$1,000,000- \$2,000,000
- b. \$2,000,000- \$3,500,000
- c. \$3,500,000- \$4,000,000

A -50

B -94

BC -4

C -79

NO TAXPAYER MONEY- 1

7. Other comments on renovation or new construction of Windom Pool.

-too many residents go out of town for swimming, need something here

-indoor/outdoor lap pool, indoor pool nice winter option

- POOL IMPORTANT FOR EXERCISE, CHILD ACTIVITIES AND SENIORS - PARTNER WITH GOOD SAM

- HAPPY WITH RENOVATION OLD POOL, WOULD SUPPORT INDOOR POOL, YR. LONG, SENIORS, LINKED WITH HOTEL
- WOULD DRAW PEOPLE TO WINDOM WITH EVENTS
- TRY TO BUY PRODUCTS IN USA
- how will it affect tax payers, \$\$\$ on what needs to be fixed, would love aquatic center, fixing old facility and adding shade sounds more feasible financially. How can we afford everything Windom needs to needs, arena, school, pool. Will be a hardship on families to raise taxes.
- indoor/outdoor, lap pool, indoor pool nice winter option. Aerobics, walking area, swim team, pool parties, PE class & swimming lessons yr round.
- AS MUCH AS IT TAKES TO MAKE A NICE SAFE FACILITY
- INDOOR OPEN YEAR ROUND
- whatever needs to be spent. We need new recreation pool area to attract young families. We travel to Lakefield to use pool much more accommodating. Please make a change!
- SOONER THE BETTER
- LIKE OUTDOOR FACILITY. LOTS OF SLIDES & WATERPARK FEATURES. SPEND LESS THEN 2.5M
- whatever amount is needed to do it well and stay competitive with neighboring communities
- part of school a lifelong activity better than basket b. foot b. & base b.
- compare Lakefield's pool they have a great pool & Fairmont & great hours. Our hours are limited.

We need a new pool

- It should be on the west side of the hwy
- If aquatic center needs a regular pool with no extras should be part of the center.
- Include 1st yr operating expense /budget in funding
- needs to be inside/outside open for more than a couple months, built into hotel would be best.
- as little as possible
- Indoor would provide families with more options/activities. Would buy pool pass
- Need pool to draw young people back to town

- Build arena, pool into one complex to host tournaments
- Indoor could be used year-round by all age groups
- User fees, you use it you pay for it
- Partner with school, take out of flood plain
- 50/50 split start to finish with private entity, not hampered (swim tourneys)
- PRIVATE/PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP
- HOW WOULD PARTNERSHIP BENEFIT CITY?
- WATER SAFETY BUILT INTO SCHOOL CURRICULUM. RURAL POOL PATRONS PAY HIGHER FEES IF FUNDED BY PROPERTY TAXES
- INDOOR POOL WILL BRING PEOPLE YEAR-ROUND & MOVE TO WINDOM
- NEED SOMETHING TO DRAW IN PEOPLE TO TOWN
- ONLY BUILD AFTER FIRE HALL COMPLETED
- WHY PUT TAX \$ INTO SOMETHING THAT WONT LAST, OTHER TOWNS HAVE POOLS THAT CAN'T MAKE ENDS MEET
- VISIT OUTDOOR AQUATIC POOLS IN AREA BEFORE MAKING PLAN
- WHAT COMMUNITY CAN AFFORD
- LOOK AT FAIRMONT, LAKEFIELD, WILD WATER WEST FOR IDEAS
- GOOD POOLS BRING IN PEOPLE, BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY
- MORE TIME IT'S USABLE THE BETTER
- LAP POOL FOR SENIORS/ADULTS/ATHLETES WANTING EXERCISE
- WASTE OF MONEY, FILL IT IN & PLANT GRASS
- RENOVATE COTTONWOOD LAKE BEACH INSTEAD
- CLOSE POOL, NEED NEW HOCKEY RINK
- INDOOR/OUTDOOR TO USE YEAR ROUND & ENJOY SUNSHINE ON NICE DAYS
- POOL MORE IMPORTANT THAN ICE ARENA, ALL INCOMES CAN USE POOL NOT CASE WITH HOCKEY

- BRING MORE PEOPLE TO WINDOM, USE YEAR ROUND FOR SWIMMING LESSONS
- NO NEW SWIMMING POOL
- DON'T HAVE FUNDS TO DO THIS WHEN HAVE OTHER PRIORITIES (FIRE HALL)
- \$ WOULD BE BETTER SPENT TO CLEANUP COTTONWOOD LAKE. IF BUILD NEW, NEED TO USE YEAR ROUND
- CAN'T AFFORD NEW CONSTRUCTION OR EVEN FIXING THE OLD
- IF DIFFERENT SITE IS CONSIDERED, PUT BY SCHOOL SO ALL CHILDREN CAN USE IT
- TAKE OUT PRESENT WADING POOL, SLANT PRESENT POOL TOWARDS OLD WADING POOL TO GET ZERO ENTRY, WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET A NICE POOL
- JACKSON POOL BARELY ABLE TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT ITSELF, WOULD RATHER SEE NEW HOTEL WITH WATERPARK
- OLD POOL NEEDS TOO MUCH WORK TO PUT ANY \$ INTO
- OUTDOOR AQUATIC CENTER WOULD BE GREAT "EYE CANDY" COMING THROUGH TOWN
- ADD IN WALKING TRAILS BY COTTONWOOD LAKE, MAKE MORE DESTINATION AREA WITH STUFF FOR FAMILIES
- FAMILIES WOULDN'T HAVE TO LEAVE TOWN FOR GREAT AQUATIC CENTER
- NEEDS TO REMAIN OUTDOORS
- CAN'T JUSTIFY SPENDING LOT OF \$ ON SOMETHING USED 2 1/2 MONTHS OF YEAR
- OPEN YEAR ROUND COULD HAVE CLASSES & BDAY PARTIES, WOULD BE GOOD MONEY MAKER IF RUN RIGHT, MORE THAN JUST CANDY IN SNACK BAR
- SHOULD BE PART OF SCHOOL & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
- COST TO GO TO POOL IS TOO HIGH CURRENTLY
- MAKE IT A COPY OF ESTERVILLE, IA INDOOR POOL
- LOOK AT LAKEFIELD. DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE BUILT FOR SEASONAL USE
- SHOULD PAY DAILY FEE INSTEAD OF SEASONAL FEE. NEED GRANDMA POOL TIME
- FACILITIES ARE REALLY EXPENSIVE. COTTONWOOD LAKE IS A CHEAPER OPTION.
- OUR CLIMATE NEEDS INDOOR POOL TO USE ALL YEAR

- FILL IN POOL & FORGET IT
- MAKE IT WORTHWHILE
- KEEP OPEN LONGER THAN JUST AUGUST, KIDS WOULD USE THROUGH SEPTEMBER
- HOST FUNDRAISER @ POOL THIS SUMMER. NEED TO FOCUS ON BENEFIT & HEALTH OF COMMUNITY/CITIZENS
- LIKE REDWOOD FALLS. CRITICAL TO ATTRACT/RETAIN YOUNG FAMILIES & WORK FORCE
- STAY OPEN WITHOUT A MINIMUM # OF PEOPLE. MORE HOURS DURING SUMMER THAN CURRENT.
- GET RID OF
- ATTACH TO SCHOOL IF INDOOR. MAKE IT LIKE REDWOOD FALLS
- MAKE IT AFFORDABLE TO BE THERE
- MUCH LESS THAN \$1 MILLION, MORE LIKE \$100,000
- NEEDS TO BE AFFORDABLE, TOO EXPENSIVE NOW
- KIDS DON'T DO ACTIVITIES LIKE THEY USED TO. DRIVE KIDS TO JACKSON, MT LAKE, OR LAKEFIELD
- GET MORE USE IF INDOORS. PEOPLE GO OUT OF TOWN TO USE INDOOR POOL SO SHOULD HAVE ONE HERE
- PEOPLE WHO USE IT SHOULD PAY FOR IT (CHARGES NEED TO PAY FOR COSTS). HAVE BIG STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO PLEASANTVIEW FOR EVERYONE
- LOOK AT LAKEFIELD & REDWOOD FALLS. GET PEOPLE TO DRIVE HERE.
- FORGET UNTIL FIRE HALL IS DONE. USE COTTONWOOD LAKE FOR SWIMMING.
- ONLY COVER OUR NEEDS
- NEED POOL/GOOD REC FACILITIES TO ATTRACT PEOPLE OR TOWN WILL NOT PROSPER
- \$900,000 FOR RENOVATION, LESS KIDS
- CITY COULD PAY FOR POOL BY CUTTING DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES
- \$900,000 TO \$1.3 MIL
- YEAR ROUND USE BY EVERYONE. PARTNERSHIP IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES TO GET INDOOR FACILITY
- 2004 SURVEY - NO MN INDOOR POOL MAKING MONEY
- USED YEAR ROUND. OLDER FOLKS WOULDN'T HAVE TO DRIVE TO OTHER TOWNS FOR WATER EXERCISE.

- DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO MAKE PROFIT
- BENEFIT COMMUNITY/LOCAL BUSINESSES
- ACQUIRE LARGER PROPERTY FOR LOCATION OF NEW FACILITY
- BUS KIDS TO LAKEFIELD TO PAY FOR THEIRS. THEN WINDOM WONT HAVE ONE WE CANT AFFORD
- SWIM FEES SHOULD COVER COST
- NEED TO SUPPORT THIS MUCH NEEDED PROJECT
- YOUNG KID FRIENDLY, STUFF FOR OLDER KIDS, PARENTS SPOT TO SIT & LOUNGE
- \$500,000. PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE HALL MORE IMPORTANT THAN POOL & HOCKEY ARENA
- FIRE HALL IS PRIORITY. LOOK AT OTHER FACILITY IN AREA TO SEE WHAT WORKS/WHAT THEY'D DO DIFFERENTLY
- GET ESTIMATES. SPOILED GENERATION WONT BE HERE TO PAY TAXES
- INDOORS/BUILD MOTEL WITH IT. FIRE HALL IS PRIORITY
- NO TIN BUILDINGS
- NEED PLACE ADULTS CAN GO & HAVE TIME TO EXERCISE. COMM CENTER TO BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE EVERYDAY
- FIRE HALL IS PRIORITY
- WARM WATER, SLIDES THAT DON'T HURT YOU, FAMILY PRICING ON NIGHTS
- SPEND WHATEVER IT TAKES TO DO IT RIGHT
- SEEK DONATIONS FROM MN OLYMPIANS/OTHER OLYMPIC SWIMMING MEDALISTS
- BUILD LEGACY FOR FUTURE, HAPPY TO HELP PAY FOR A BETTER WINDOM
- NEW POOL BEFORE FIRE HALL. TOO MANY LEAVING TO LAKEFIELD POOL
- LONG TERM INVESTMENT, DON'T CUT TO SAVE \$
- DRIVE ELSEWHERE TO SWIM, WOULD BE NICE TO STAY IN TOWN
- MAKE IT SOMETHING WINDOM CAN BE PROUD OF
- BRICK/STONE BUILDING
- SPEND WHATEVER IT TAKES
- ITS TIME FOR A NEW POOL

- ITS GREAT TO HAVE POOL IN TOWN, LOTS OF PEOPLE ENJOY IT
- OUTDOOR DOESN'T GET ENOUGH USE WITH SHORT SUMMERS/LONG WINTERS
- A LOT OF ADULTS WOULD LIKE POOL, NOT JUST KIDS. THINK WE'D HAVE TO PAY HEFTY MEMBERSHIP FEE TO USE POOL INDOORS
- NEW BATHROOMS
- ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH HOTEL OR MT LAKE SCHOOL, THEIR POOL IS IN TERRIBLE CONDITION.