

Kent Street Activity Centre Study

Council Summary
Presentation

April 29, 2029

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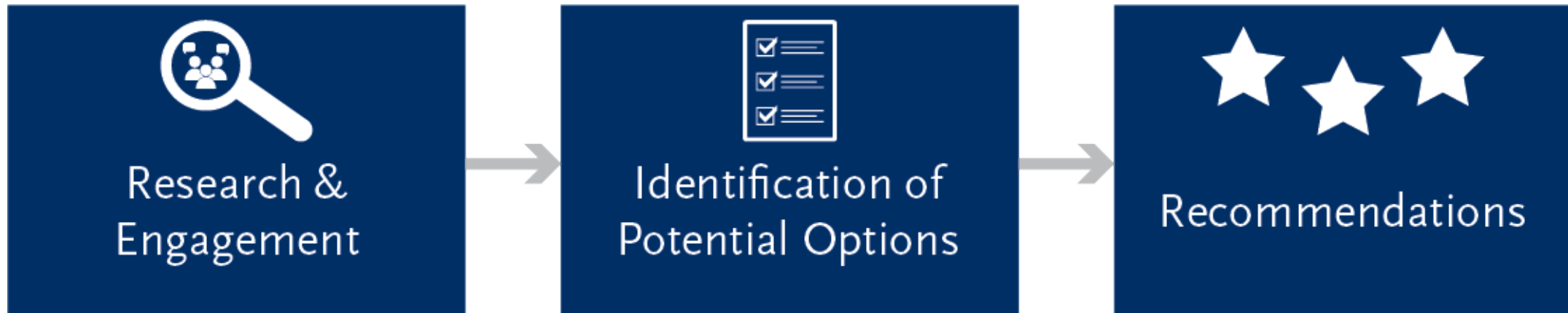
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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Review key findings from the engagement and research.
- Potential approaches.
- Recommendations.

STUDY PURPOSE & PROCESS

The following process was used to explore seniors' recreation space needs and potential options / approaches.



Engagement Overview

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engagement
touchpoints*

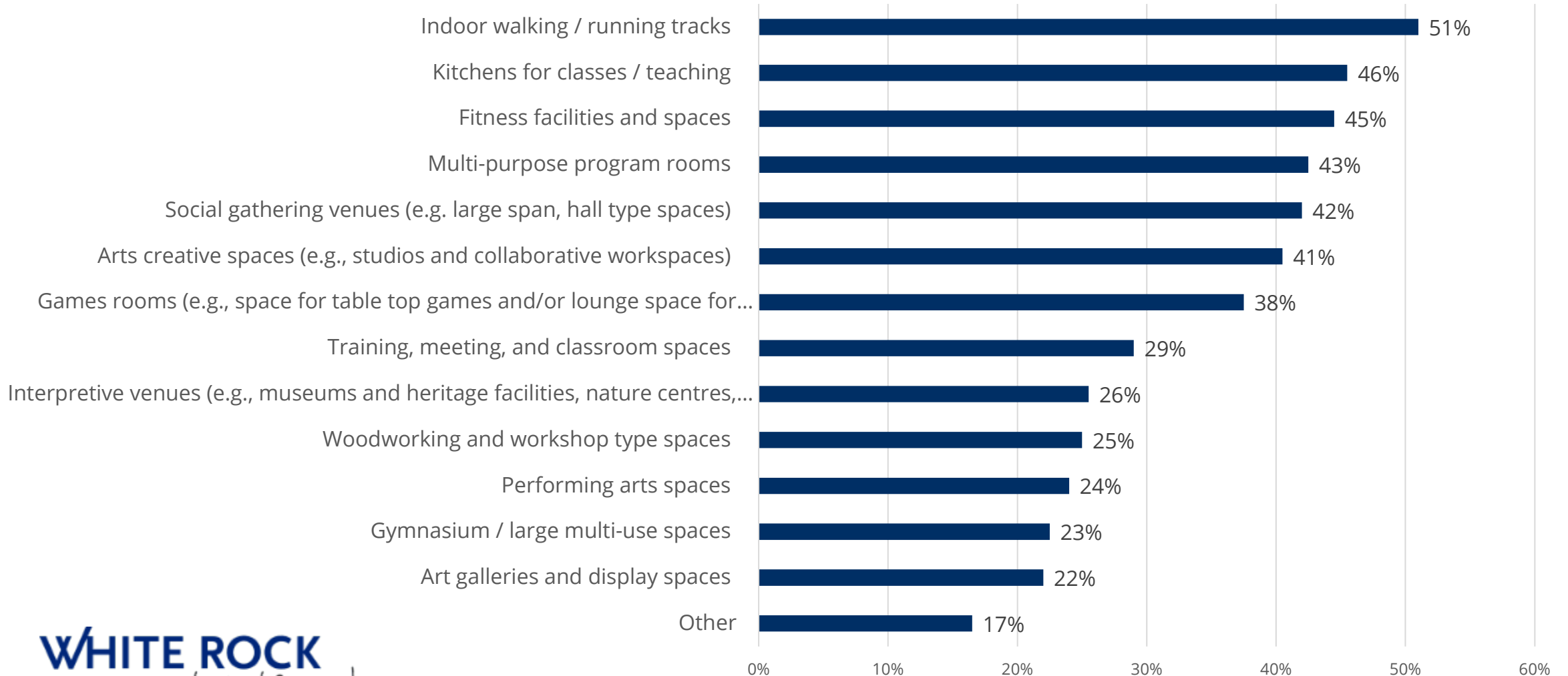
- **Community Survey:** 228 responses
- **Discussion Sessions:** 11 sessions with over 75 participants / interests
- **Comment Wall:** 61 comments

KEY FINDINGS FROM THE ENGAGEMENT

- The current KSAC facility is highly valued, however diverse viewpoints exist on the best move forward option(s).
- Activity demands for fitness, indoor walking, socialization, and learning opportunities (e.g. cooking, language skills, technology, etc.).
- The importance of facility aesthetics, design feel, and sense of place.
- Importance of balancing traditional seniors' activities with emerging ones ("seniors' are not a homogenous group).

Space Priorities

Indoor Spaces that Require Investment to Support the Needs of Older Adults (55+)



OTHER RESEARCH INPUTS

- Trends and best practices
- Jurisdictional scan (what are other jurisdictions doing?)
- Population and demographics
- Review of current programming and facility utilization

KEY FINDINGS FROM THE NON-ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH

- High level of overall facility use, especially the auditorium space (booked on average for 6 hours a day).
- Wide array of approaches used across the lower mainland to provide seniors activity space.
 - 16 municipalities have dedicated seniors' centres.
 - 11 municipalities have seniors' focused spaces within a broader recreation or community centre facility.
 - A stand-alone / solely dedicated seniors centre has not been built in the lower mainland in approximately 10 years.

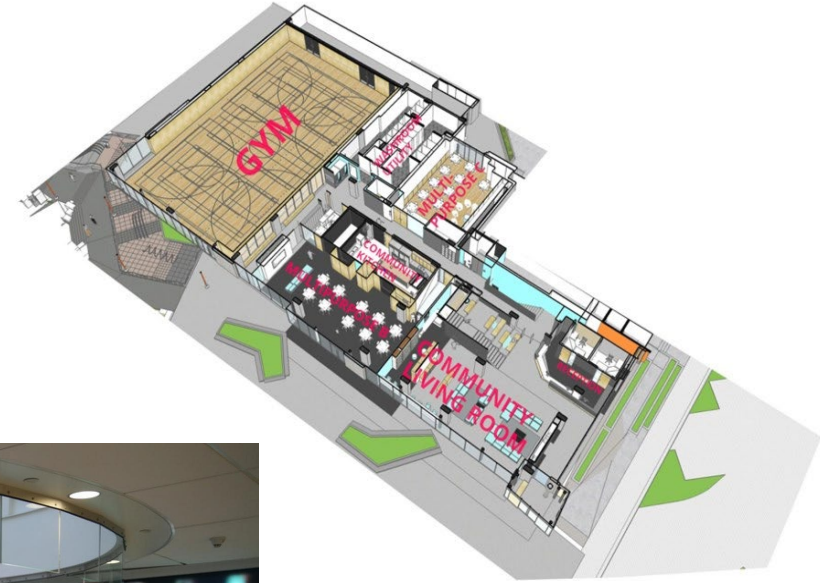
KEY FINDINGS FROM THE RESEARCH (CONT.)

- Demographics analysis suggest an increasing need for seniors' recreation and leisure opportunities.
- Key trends and leading practices:
 - Social spaces (e.g. community living room concept)
 - Emerging older adult preferences for fitness, court sports, and other more dynamic activities.
 - Flexible and adaptable spaces.

PRESENT EXAMPLES



Games room at the Timms Community Centre (Langley)



Lions Gate Community Centre (North Vancouver)



Cloverdale Recreation Centre (Surrey)

DISCUSSION SESSIONS COMMENT

“An ideal senior's centre or community centre graduates' individuals through the stages of being a senior and remains relevant along the way”.

FUTURE OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



PLANNING STEPS

Step 1: Use the research and engagement to identify **core space needs**.

Step 2: **Identify the potential approaches** that could be considered to meet these core space needs.

Step 3: **Evaluate** the potential approaches and provide a recommendation to guide future planning.

CORE SPACE NEEDS

Five core indoor space needs were identified through the research and engagement:

- Large Span Multi-Purpose Space
- Kitchen
- Community Living Room
- Multi-purpose rooms (mix of active use and classroom spaces)
- Table games area

FUTURE OPTIONS

Four potential future approaches exist to meet the core space needs:

- Replace the KSAC at the same site.
- Undertake an extensive renovation of KSAC.
- Develop a stand-alone senior's facility at a different site.
- Develop the identified core spaces as part of an integrated "hub" facility.

EVALUATING THE APPROACHES

The four approaches were **scored and ranked** using the following criteria:

- Ability to address the identified core space needs.
- Sustains current activities and programs.
- Ability to provide new / expanded services and offerings.
- Financial impacts (most efficient and effective use of City resources).
- Future trends adaptability.

KEY LIMITATIONS OF THE KSAC SITE

Several key factors **limit potential renovation of the KSAC or replacement** at the same site:

- Existing footprint
- Unclear / unknown ability to build further upwards
- Likelihood of the facility going offline for a significant amount of time and impacts on current and future use.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommended approach: City to work with its partners towards meeting the identified core space needs at an **integrated “hub” facility**.

Additional key considerations and next steps:

- Future planning and design will need to refine key characteristics (e.g. which spaces are dedicated vs shared), location, timing, etc.
- This recommendation is not suggesting an immediate decommissioning of the KSAC.
- Suggested that the City of White Rock engage in discussions with the City of Surrey.
- Seniors' activity and programming needs should continue be considered in broader City recreation and leisure planning.