

Results of Public Engagement Survey on Regulations for Playing Sports on Town Roads

The Town of Oakville's current [Traffic Control By-law](#) does not allow sports activities in the Municipal Right of Way (MRW) i.e. town-owned streets in neighbourhoods.

On [September 16, 2024](#), Council voted to lift the ban on street sports. The town is now in the process of finalizing guidelines on the type of sports to be allowed, where and when. Council's resolution was, "That the general prohibition be lifted, in a limited fashion to allow identified sports (to be determined) on only specific types of roads and at certain times of day (to be determined) at the participants own risk, through a staff report that further informs Council on best practices in other jurisdictions."

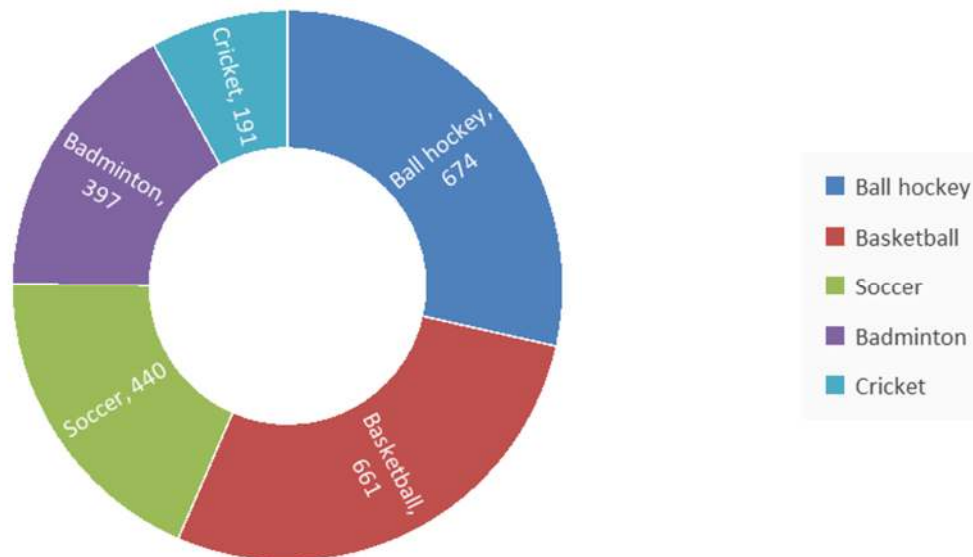
Public engagement was conducted to obtain resident's opinions regarding playing sports on town roads, and was launched with a Community Advisory on March 17, 2025. The public engagement survey was available from March 17, 2025 through April 7, 2025. Three public engagement kiosks were held at town community centres on March 24, 25 and 26, 2025. During the engagement, a total of 850 responses were received. The following is a summary of the engagement results.

Question 1: Please tell us about yourself in relationship to Oakville; and

Question 2: Please enter the first three digits of your postal code

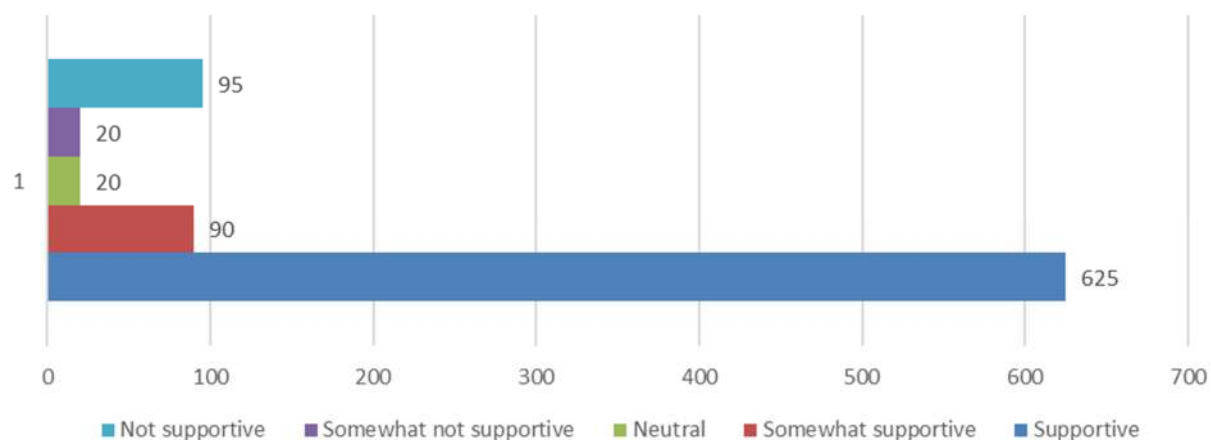
- The majority of respondents identified as a resident, business operator or member of community of Oakville.
- A negligible proportion of respondents, 0.27%, identified as non-residents of Oakville.

Question 3: The Town is considering guidelines for allowing some sports in a limited manner on town streets while balancing safety requirements. Which sport activities should be allowed on Oakville Streets



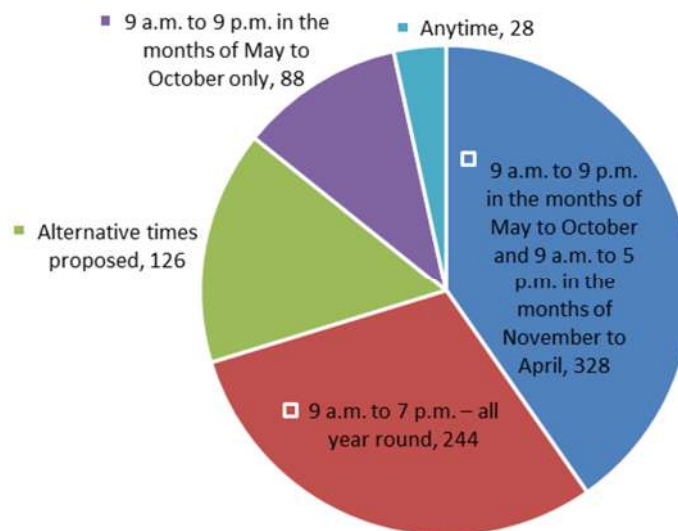
- Respondents suggested the following additional types of sports be allowed to be played on town roads: Baseball, Softball, Catch, Pickleball, Football, Tennis, Skateboarding, Frisbee, Inline Skates/Rollerblades/Roller Skates, Volleyball, Lacrosse, BMX Bicycling, Nerf and Water Guns, Scooters, Field Hockey, Spike Ball, Rugby, and Cross-Country Skiing.
- There were 74 respondents (9% of total responses) that selected none, indicating they do not support allowing playing sports on town roads.

Question 4: How do you feel about town's decision to allow sports activities on neighbourhood streets, with final guidelines still being finalized?

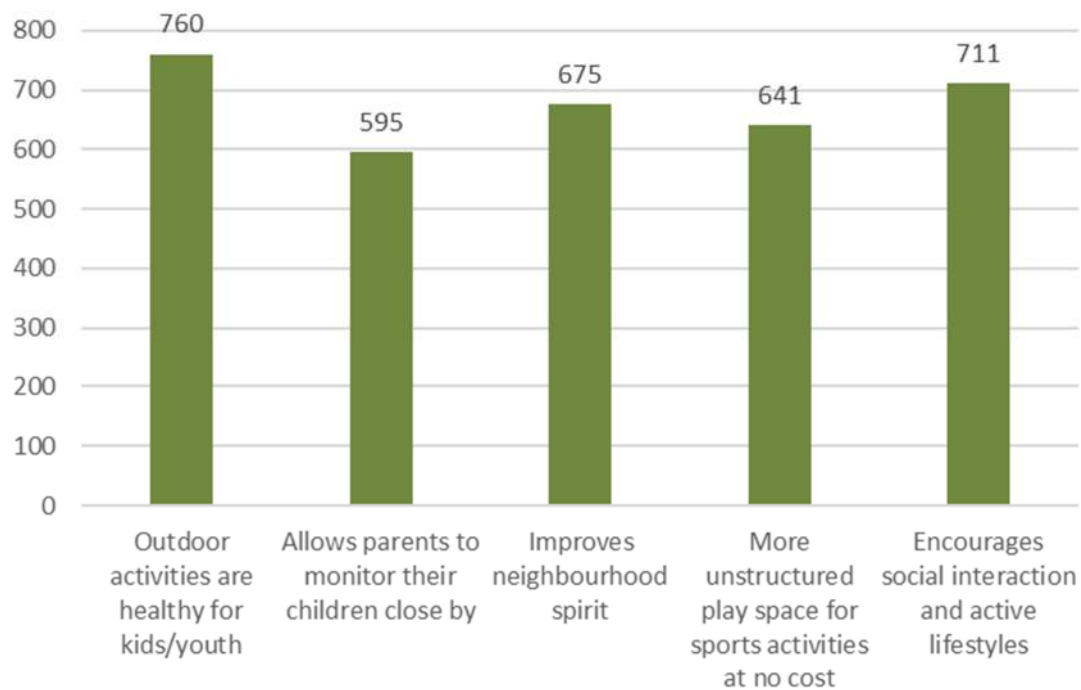


- 84% of respondents are supportive or somewhat supportive of allowing sports activities on town roads. Responses where only “Other” was selected were added to the corresponding choices based on whether the comments were not supportive, neutral or supportive.

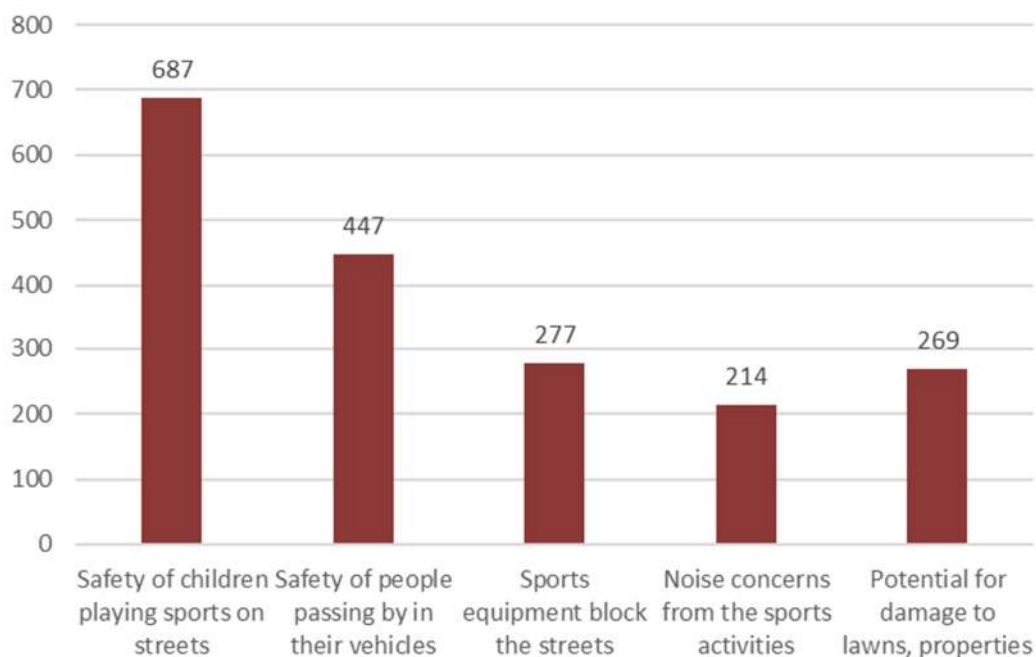
Question 5: What time of the day would be feasible for allowing sports on streets?



- There were 76 respondents (9% of total responses) that selected “Other” whose comments indicated they do not support allowing playing sports on town roads.

Question 6: Which of these do you agree with as benefits to be considered in establishing the guidelines?

- There were 75 respondents (9% of total responses) that selected “Other” whose comments indicated they do not support allowing playing sports on town roads.

Question 7: Which of these do you agree with as concerns to be considered in establishing the guidelines?

- There were 67 respondents (8% of total responses) that selected “Other” whose comments indicated they do not have any concerns allowing playing sports on town roads.

Question 8: Do you have any other comments that you would like us to consider?

- Several respondents indicated traffic calming measures should be implemented where playing sports is allowed on town roads. There were 27 respondents (3% of total responses) that indicated the town should not regulate playing sports on town roads. The majority of respondents’ comments were previously reflected in their other question answers.