



2018 Pelham Youth Forum

Thursday, March 1st, 2018

Old Pelham Town Hall

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council organized Pelham's 2018 Youth Forum, where approximately 50 students from grades 7 through 12, representing all of the elementary schools and two high schools serving Pelham residents, attended. Students gave their valuable opinions on how to make Pelham more "youth friendly" and identified important program needs for our community.

Youth worked in small groups discussing a series of questions, ranging from how they would describe the youth atmosphere of the Pelham community; what they would keep or change to make Pelham better and what they would like to see Pelham like in the future. A summary of common themes and a breakdown of the responses received are detailed in this report.

To better inform youth about the community centre, Mayor Dave gave a special presentation about the design and layout of the new centre. Examples of programs and events that could take place were also discussed. Students were then given the opportunity to discuss within their own groups what they would like to see at the community centre for youth.

From the Department of



**Recreation, Culture
& Wellness**

Summary of Themes/Trends

Youth feel that the Town of Pelham is:

- Friendly
- Safe
- Family oriented
- Welcoming
- Happy place to live

Youth would like to see:

- More youth friendly spaces
- Places for teens to hang out
- Keep the small town feel
- Green spaces
- Advertise transit
- More volunteer and job opportunities for youth – better advertise these opportunities

Summerfest:

- Teen Zone close to the action
- Better advertise Teen Zone
- Carnival activities
- Food
- Good music

Community Centre:

- Offer different kinds of sports
- Pick-up or drop-in sports
- Small costs for participation
- 3 on 3 drop-in sports or fundraising tournaments
- Courses offered (Ex. Babysitters Course)
- Fitness classes
- Dances (glow in the dark)



Participants from the 2018 Youth Forum

NUMBER AFTER INDICATES # OF GROUPS WITH THE SAME RESPONSE

1. How would you describe the youth atmosphere of the Pelham community?

Friendly - 5

Open to ideas and change

Safe - 3

Neighorly - 2

Happy place - 2

Talkative - 2

Family - 2

Welcoming - 2

Child friendly

Dated/older - 3

No youth atmosphere

Not anything for teens – 2

Need public basketball courts

Fix tennis courts at arena

More baseball diamonds

Only activities for little kids

Seems youth friendly

7.5/10

McDonalds needs to change

Senior community

Lots of new development

Lots of sporting activities

Need walk-in clinic

More activities for ages 12-19

Downtown Fonthill



2. What would you change/keep the same to make Pelham better?

Better advertisement transit	Better bands
Keep small community feel - 3	More teen based library programs
Surveillance at skate park	Dirt bike trails
More communication about events	Keep forests
Parks and fields at arena - 2	Teen space
Better sports areas	Keep parks and soccer field at arena - 2
Kindness and safety	Better advertise transit system – better routes and more clear – 2
Atmosphere	Better bands @ Bandshell
More youth events	More teen library activities
More green space	

3. What would you like to see Pelham like in the future?

Small town, sense of community - 3	Current (with the times)
More stores and restaurant options	Increase multicultural activities
More green space - 2	Community outside of Fonthill
Less traffic	New transportation
Upstairs lounge at old arena	More art and culture
Teen hang out area	Advertise bus
More eco friendly	More youth focused events
Listen to entire community	See community getting together more
Somewhat developed	More tech and robotics clubs
Outdoor ball hockey arena	Better bike routes on main roads
Public Wifi extended	Arcade place for teens to hang out

4. Would you start a business in Pelham? Why or why not?

Yes - 3

No - 5

Depends - 2

Businesses constantly change - 3

Small businesses die out - 2

Not a big population - 2

Economics (not stable)

Easy to get to (walking)

Growing community

Community support

Competition - 2

No parking/transportation

Restaurants increase job opportunities for youth

Limited parking/ability to access businesses on South Pelham

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5. What type of business would you start?

Rollerblading area	Office (accounting)
Ice cream truck/shop - 2	Teen hangout area
Study café (lounge) - 2	Movie theatre
Walk in clinic - 2	Family owned restaurants
Multicultural restaurant	Shopping Centre (Outlet Mall)
Book store	Family owned restaurant (different) - 2
Construction	Music store
Thrift shop	Gardening (in country)
Tech business	
Landscaping	

6. Are there job opportunities in Pelham?

Yes - 6

No - 2

There are newspaper routes and fast food places

Only a few options – Sobeys and Tim Hortons

More advertised - 2

More youth jobs below 14 - 4

More jobs other than in the food industry

More full time jobs

Limited and competitive

Only seasonal and summer jobs

Volunteer (more) advertised

Not in Fenwick

7. What kinds of sports are youth involved in? What kinds of sports would you like to see more of in Pelham?

Already Have:

Hockey - 7

Soccer - 5

Basketball - 4

Baseball - 4

Swimming - 2

Tennis - 2

Need more:

More sports for girls – hockey, soccer, pick up leagues

No lacrosse - 2

No gymnastics

Need different sports

Volleyball (beach) - 4

Badminton - 2

Softball - 2

Track - 2

Redone pool

Curling – 2

Winter sports

Karate

Football

Pick up leagues

Fencing

Rugby

Cheerleading



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8. How can the Town of Pelham be more eco-friendly?

Plant more trees - 2

Eco spaces

Clean up trails

More garbage cans

Public Transit - 2

Emphasize recycling - 2

Eco initiatives

Community garden - 2

School initiatives

More recycling bins around town - 3

Electric cars

Preserve farmland

Community cleanups

More parks

Less houses

Bikes for rent (bike trails)

Composting - 2

Solar panels and geothermal heating



Pelham Transit and Bus Stop

9. Where would you like to see more green space?

Subdivisions (East Fenwick) - 2

New Community Centre

Schools

Everywhere - 2

Like St. Johns

Steve Bauer Trail

The arena

Harold Black Park

Instead of building

By Mossimos

Downtown (sides of streets)

Gardens in the town

Where new development is



Pelham Playground

10. How could youth art be more present in Pelham?

Contests art displayed - 2

Art shop (pop up)

Scavenger hunt (art)

Sidewalks

Mural - 4

Arts program - 2

Youth music nights

Monthly school art shows

Light show

Graffiti wall - 2

Community painting

Sculptures

Youth art show

In Community Centre

Youth art charity events

Website to display youth art

Display during the market

Sidewalk Art

11. How can we make Pelham a more accepting and well-rounded community? Ex. different interests, religions, cultures etc.

More cultural restaurants get people more active in town

More ethnic festivals – 4

Programs in the community centre

Multicultural nights/events

Mental health support

Suggestion box

Keep town small

Religious meeting places

Town tours

Fixing up churches

Multicultural clubs

Aboriginal art

Cultural bands at Bandshell

12. Do you get involved or volunteer in town events? If so, which ones?

Food drive – 3

Rose city kids

Bingo (old)

Christmas dinner

Not advertised - 4

Myac

Summerfest - 2

Sports

Animal shelter

Lifeguard

Hope centre

Not old enough

Parades

Camps

Pelham Cares

St. Vincent de Paul

Salvation army



MYAC at the Christmas
Parade and Easter Egg Hunt

13. What did you like about Summerfest? Did you visit the Teen Zone?

No – 7

Didn't know - 6

Liked:

Lots of different foods available

Lots of little shops

Always music playing

Lots of activities

Need:

Teen Zone was not advertised - 2

More affordable vendors

Make Teen Zone closer to Summerfest

Over packed

Need Dancing on the Street

Obstacle course

Colour run

Carnival

Bubble soccer

Better music



MYAC walking in the Canada Day Parade

14. What would make events more appealing to teens?

Paintball or laser tag	Teen skate
Carnival games	Pickup leagues
Gaming days	Ice cream trucks fairs
Spring parade	Indoor ropes course
Sports game night	Volleyball (outdoor)
Home film festival	Better music
Obstacle course	More teen targeted events
Colour run	Dancing on the street
Home business festival	Bubble soccer
Motivational speakers	Food eating contest
Promote events on social media	Free food

15. What would attract you to a community event like Summerfest?

Contest	50 50 draw
Teen events - 2	Games
Cooperative games	Good music - 2
Bubble soccer	Ice cream truck
Photo booth - 2	Light show
Library display teen books	Lounge area
Cupcake and cookie decorating	Teen zone at night (glow in the dark)
Animals	Colour run
Dunk tank	Prize winning activities
Candy bar	Fireworks

16. What events/programs would you like to see in the community centre?

Sports camp

Lacrosse

Art and community events

Music

Fitness room

Green screen room

Movie nights - 2

Chute ball

Handball

Paint night

Youth group - 2

Cooking and art classes

Graduation

Book club

Motivational speakers

Circus

Music acts

Dance, Zumba, Yoga

Roller skating

Garden

Daycare

Dances - 2

Ping pong

Day programs

3 on 3 sports

Courses and classes (babysitting)



Meridian Community Centre

17. Would you be interested in attending pick up sports at the community centre?

Yes - 4

No

Small cost

Make friends

Hockey - 3

Ball hockey

Basketball - 4

Lacrosse - 2

Volleyball - 2

Soccer

International games

Tournament (weekend)

Darts

Canned food as admission

Intramurals

Pick up hockey, ball hockey, volleyball and lacrosse

Different sports that you don't play everyday

Pick up sports – you don't have to be fully committed

3 on 3 tournaments for fundraising



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18. What platform would you prefer to receive your information from? Ex. Instagram, Facebook, etc.

Snapchat - 8

(Filter, Geo Tag)

Instagram - 5

Facebook - 4

Newspaper

Website

Twitter - 2

Remind - 2

Vsco - 2

i-Message - 2

app - 2

Skywriting - 2

School - 3

Google plus - 2



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