



*Town of Coronation*

Town of Coronation  
County of Paintearth No. 18

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# SWIMMING POOL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

# INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

## **\*\*Demolition Start: June 2025\*\***

### **Key Advantages of Starting Demolition in June 2025:**

- Avoids delay into winter construction months by getting groundwork done early.
- Enables pool usage in summer 2026, minimizing service interruption to the community.
- Reduces cost inflation by securing construction materials and contracts sooner.



Milestone	Target Date	Description
 Recreation Agreement Signed	March 2025	Town and County enter cost-sharing agreement.
 Design Firm Selected (Western Recreation)	April 2025	Pool consultant chosen via RFP.
 Demolition of Old Pool Begins	June 2025	Existing pool removed to prepare for new construction.
 Final Design Adjustments	June–July 2025	Designs refined based on site prep, public feedback, and layout constraints.
 Construction Start	September 2025	Site excavation, foundations, and utility installations begin.
 Construction Phase	Sept 2025 – June 2026	All pool structures, features, and mechanical systems built and installed.
 Final Testing, Landscaping, Inspections	June–July 2026	Systems tested, safety certified, final inspections completed.
 Grand Opening	July/August 2026	Public opening celebration and first day of use.

# HOW IS THE TOWN OF CORONATION PAYING FOR THEIR PORTION OF A NEW POOL?

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## A Shared Vision: 50/50 Partnership with the County

As of March 2025, the Town of Coronation and the County of Paintearth have entered into a renewed recreation agreement to equally share the capital and operational costs of recreational facilities on a 50/50 basis. This partnership reflects a joint commitment to providing safe, reliable, and accessible recreation infrastructure for the region.

Under the terms of the agreement, each municipality is responsible for determining how it will fund its respective share of the project. This overview outlines only the Town of Coronation's financial contribution and funding strategy. The County of Paintearth's funding approach is not included in this summary.

## Phase One

- Construction of the new outdoor pool, splash pad, beach entry tot pool, water slide, access tower, and hot tub. Currently proposed at **total of \$1.7 Million with all current features.**
  - *Construct a new swimming pool and associated deck features during the 2025–2026 period. The cost of the new pool will be shared equally between the Town of Coronation and the County of Paintearth. This 50/50 cost-sharing model applies to both the capital construction and the ongoing operational expenses of the completed facility.*

## Two-Phase

- The potential enclosure of the new pool facility, which is not currently included in the approved scope or budget for Phase One. Moving forward with Phase Two will be subject to future Council decisions and the availability of additional funding.
  - *However, it remains an important part of current discussions, as the new pool must be designed and constructed to accommodate a future building enclosure if pursued.*

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## **Collaboration & Grant Application**

- To help make Phase Two a reality, the Town is partnering with the Coronation & District Wellness Society to apply for a \$1,000,000.00 Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant. This is a 50/50 matching grant, meaning that if successful, the Town and its partners would be responsible for contributing the remaining \$1,000,000.00. Eligible contributions can include in-kind support such as land, volunteer hours, and donated services.
- If the application is approved for submission by June 15, 2025, deadline, the funding already committed to the current Phase One project may be eligible as part of the required 50% matching contribution. This would enable the Coronation & District Wellness Society, in partnership with both municipalities, to leverage their existing investments to help meet the grant requirements.
- If awarded, the CFEP grant funding would be directed toward enclosing the pool or constructing a new recreation building, enhancing the facility's usability year-round and replacing the existing ageing structure.

## **Total Project Cost – Phase One: Approximately \$1.698 Million**

- **Each Partner Contributes: \$849,000.00**

This amount covers all features in Phase One and does not include the cost of a new building or enclosure.

## **Provincial Support Secured**

- The Town has received a \$200,000 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant to support the design, study, and implementation of Phase One. Split equally with the County, this reduces each municipality's share by \$100,000.00
- **Adjusted Town Contribution: \$749,000.00**

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## No Increase to Local Taxes

- The Town has been saving its **Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF)** grants in preparation:
- **2024 Allocation:** \$346,676
- **2025 Allocation:** \$370,489
- **2026 Allocation:** (Pending)
- **Total Deferred LGFF Funding to Date: \$717,165.00**  
This leaves an estimated **\$34,835.00** to be covered directly by the municipality—based on the full feature set in Phase One. If fewer features are selected, this figure will decrease.
- *Depending on how Council chooses to allocate the 2026 LGFF funding once it is confirmed, the Town could be fully funded for its share of the project—without the need for local tax increases or borrowing. As well there are other avenue to cover a short fall, through surplus accounts, and possibly debentures.*



## What This Means for Residents

- Phase One is fully funded moving forward
- Phase Two will be considered based on available grants and both Councils direction at a later date
- No increase to local mill rates
- No debt service required
- Long-term improvements with smart, responsible planning

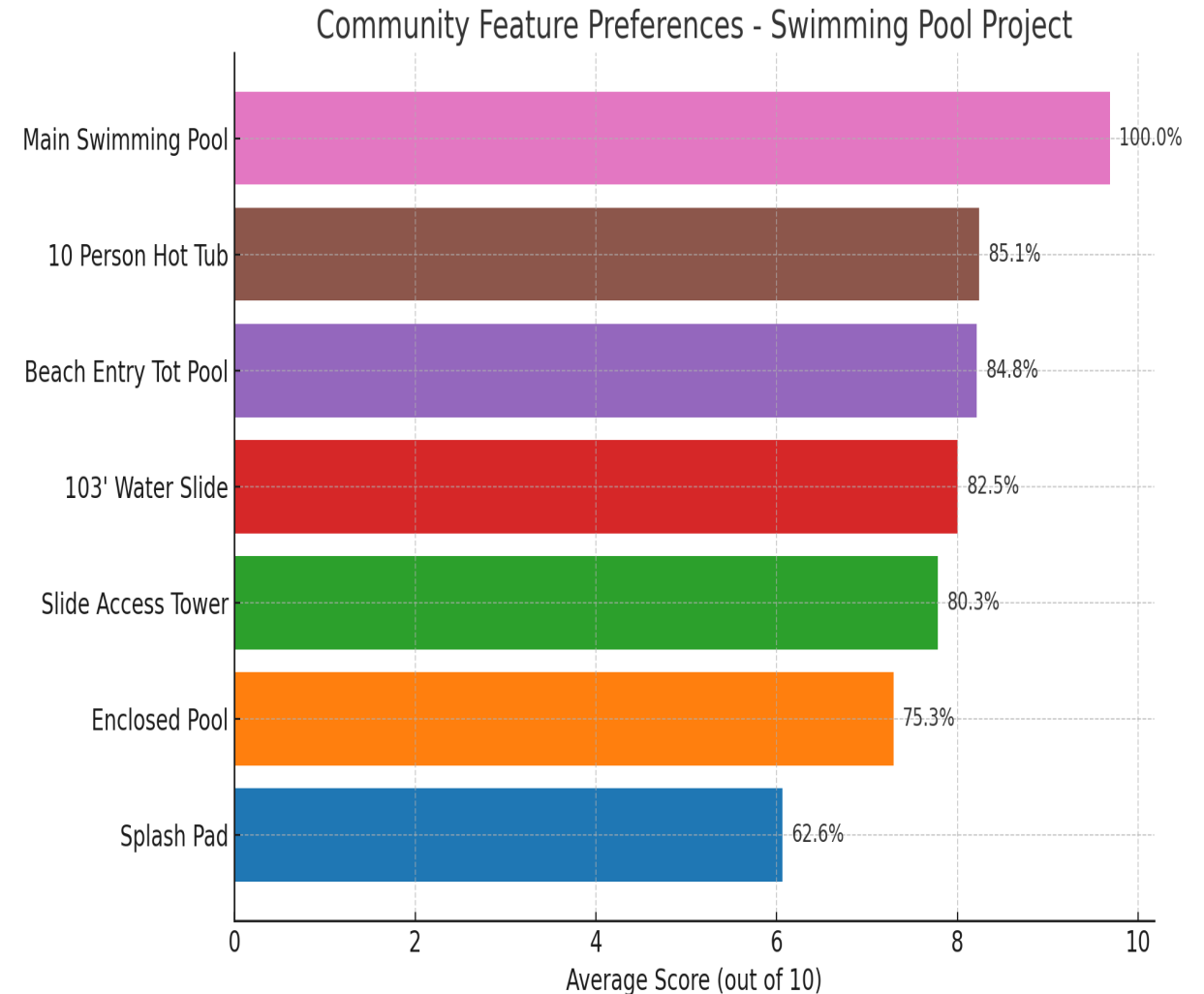
# COMMUNITY POOL FEATURE SURVEY SUMMARY

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The Town of Coronation conducted a community ranking survey to identify residents' priorities for the proposed new swimming pool facility. A total of 78 respondents participated, ranking each proposed feature on a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the most desirable). The results reflect the average preference score per feature, providing a quantifiable measure of community interest.

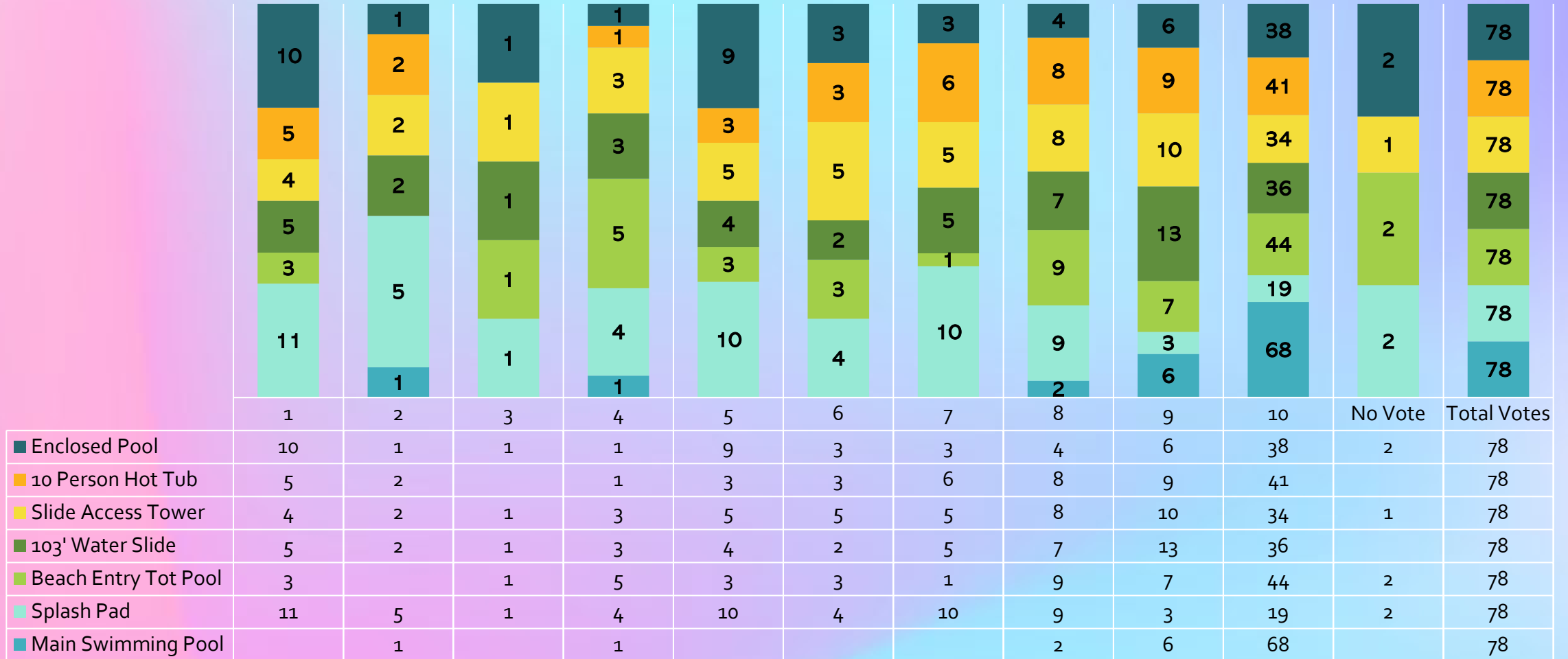
## Key Findings:

- The Main Swimming Pool emerged as the highest priority, receiving the strongest community support with an average score of 9.69, indicating near-universal agreement on its importance.
- Secondary features such as the Hot Tub, Beach Entry Tot Pool, and Water Slide were also well-supported, all scoring 8.0 or above.
- Features related to infrastructure and accessibility (e.g., Slide Access Tower and Enclosed Pool) ranked in the mid-range, reflecting moderate support.
- The Splash Pad received the lowest average score (6.06), suggesting it is seen as less essential by residents compared to other amenities.



# THE TOTAL FOR EACH QUESTION

■ Main Swimming Pool
■ Splash Pad
■ Beach Entry Tot Pool
■ 103' Water Slide
■ Slide Access Tower
■ 10 Person Hot Tub
■ Enclosed Pool







#### Features:

- 3,593 sq. ft. Ecco Pool System
- Four-lane lap pool
- Beach-entry leisure area
- Vortex lazy river
- Diving board (on deck)
- Water umbrella & geysers



**Estimated Cost (2025): \$1,165,000**



**Estimated Cost If Deferred: \$1.6–\$1.8 million**



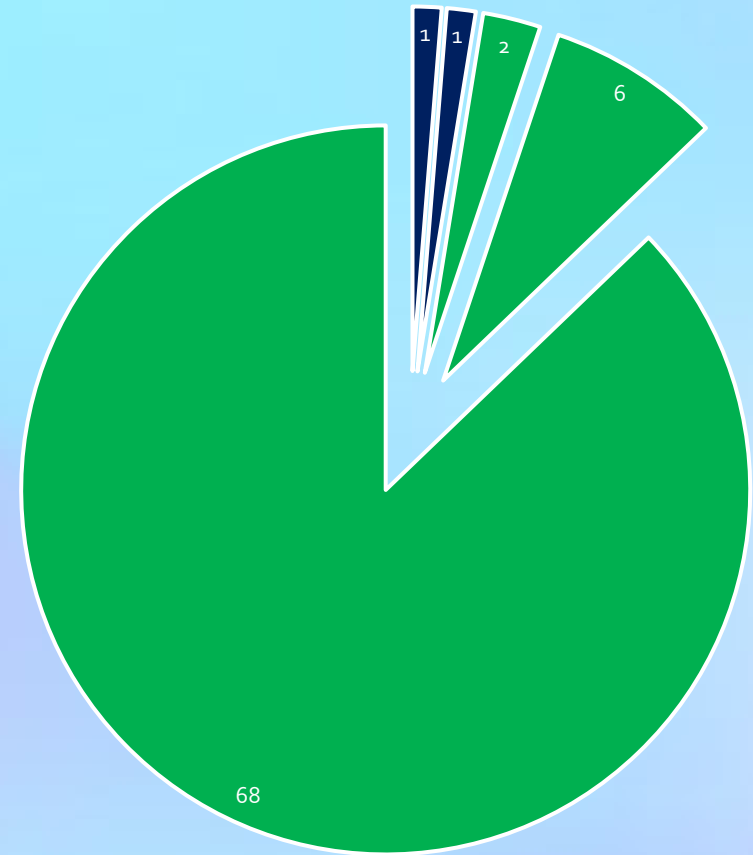
#### Pros:

- Essential core component of the aquatic facility.
- Serves multiple age groups and abilities.
- Builds the foundation for future expansion (e.g., enclosure).
- Parts of the old pool may be recycled to reduce the cost
- The new design allows easy access to the pool infrastructure allowing easy repair and maintenance, with decking to be opened up
- The pool membrane can be removed and replaced without replacing all the infrastructure and the base, allowing easy and cheaper replacement in future.
- Most of the equipment is serviceable with local parts.
- The pool has a warranty for 2 years
- Universal access (beach entry, mobility devices, inclusive amenities).



#### Cons:

- Highest individual cost feature.
- Complex installation with long construction timeline.
- Must be done first—cannot be deferred if others proceed.
- It would require the old pool to be demolished before construction.
- If not built the old pool will need to be repaired now for the 2026 Season



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## Q1- MAIN SWIMMING POOL





### Features:

- Multi-level interactive water play
- Zero-depth water play area
- Accessible for all ages and abilities



**Estimated Cost (2025): \$230,000**



**Estimated Cost If Deferred: \$400,000–\$450,000**



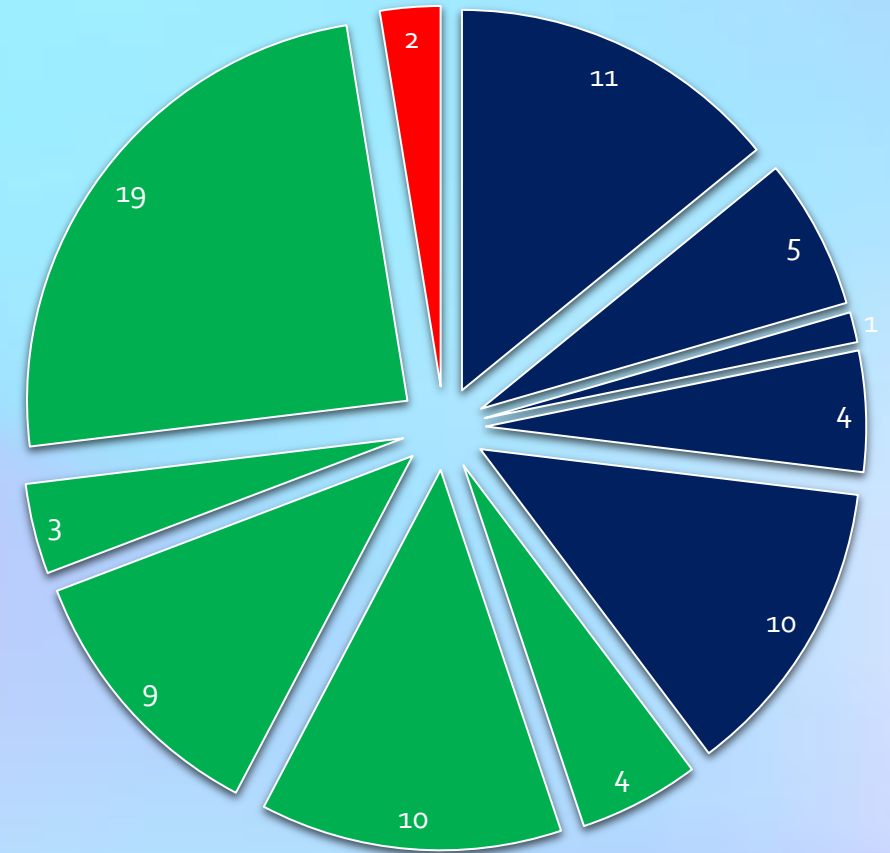
### Pros:

- Extends usable hours and season beyond pool times.
- Low operational cost and high community engagement.
- Safe water play for young children.
- Non-filtered system would cost less than the proposed filtered system



### Cons:

- It requires its own infrastructure and drainage.
- Occupies additional deck space and may require removal of a portion of the tennis courts, as it cannot be placed within the fenced pool area.
- May be underutilized during colder months.
- May be shut down if contamination is found.
- Depending on the type of system;
- **Non- Filtered System**, would cost an estimated \$20,000.00 per year in water loss and evaporation
- **Filtered System**, if water is recycled it would require separate filtration systems and require additional chemicals and staff time to maintain the system and would also require constant monitoring for any possible contaminants.



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## Q2- SPLASH PAD



#### Features:

- Shallow-depth toddler pool
- Beach-style gradual entry
- Family-oriented safe design



**Estimated Cost (2025): \$150,000**



**Estimated Cost If Deferred: \$225,000–\$275,000**



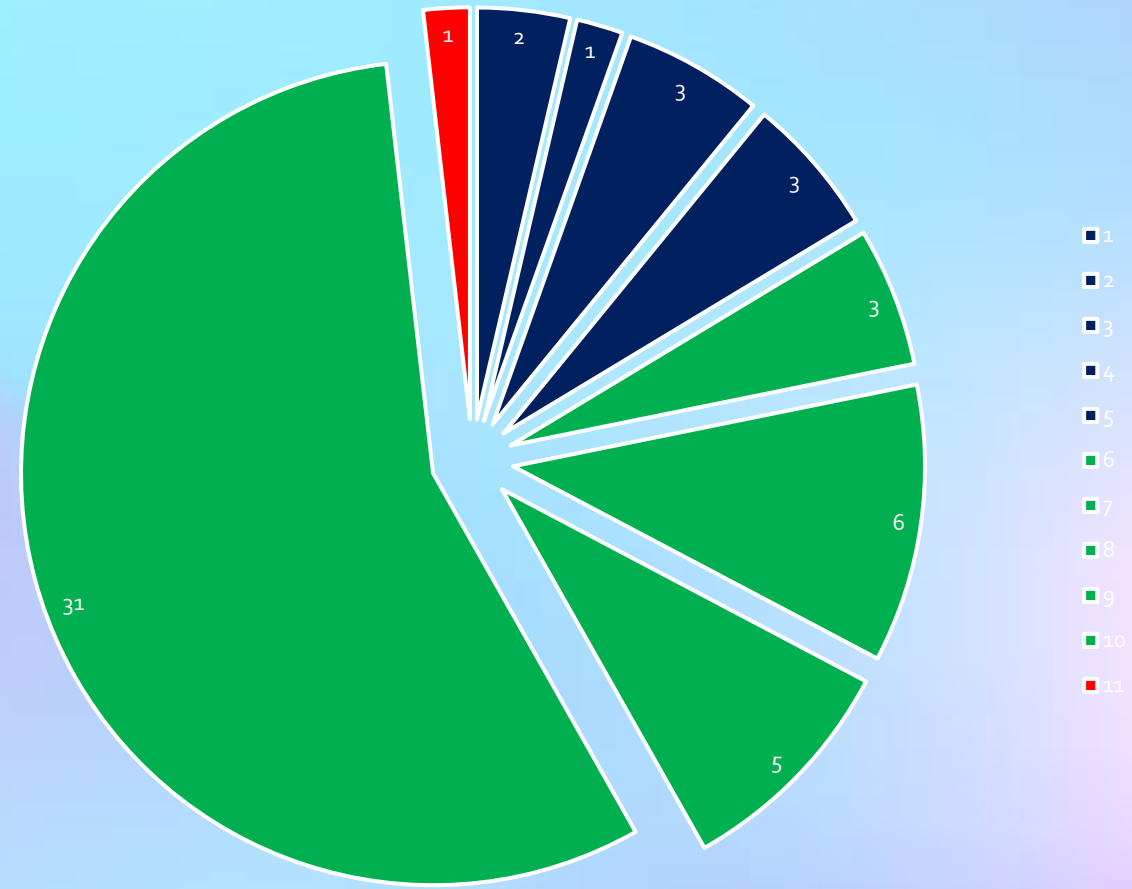
#### Pros:

- Inclusive for young children and parents.
- Improves accessibility and family participation.
- Simple to operate and maintain.
- With additional features this can act in place of a splash pad to make for a more enjoyable time, which could replace the need for a splash pad.
- Wheelchair accessible
- Easy for seniors with limited mobility to access swimming pool



#### Cons:

- Space consuming is relative to depth.



**Q3- BEACH ENTRY TOT**  
**POOL**



### Features:

- 103-foot spiraling slide
- Pool-integrated splash exit



**Estimated Cost (2025): \$120,000**



**Estimated Cost If Deferred: \$380,000–\$450,000 (Depending on length)**



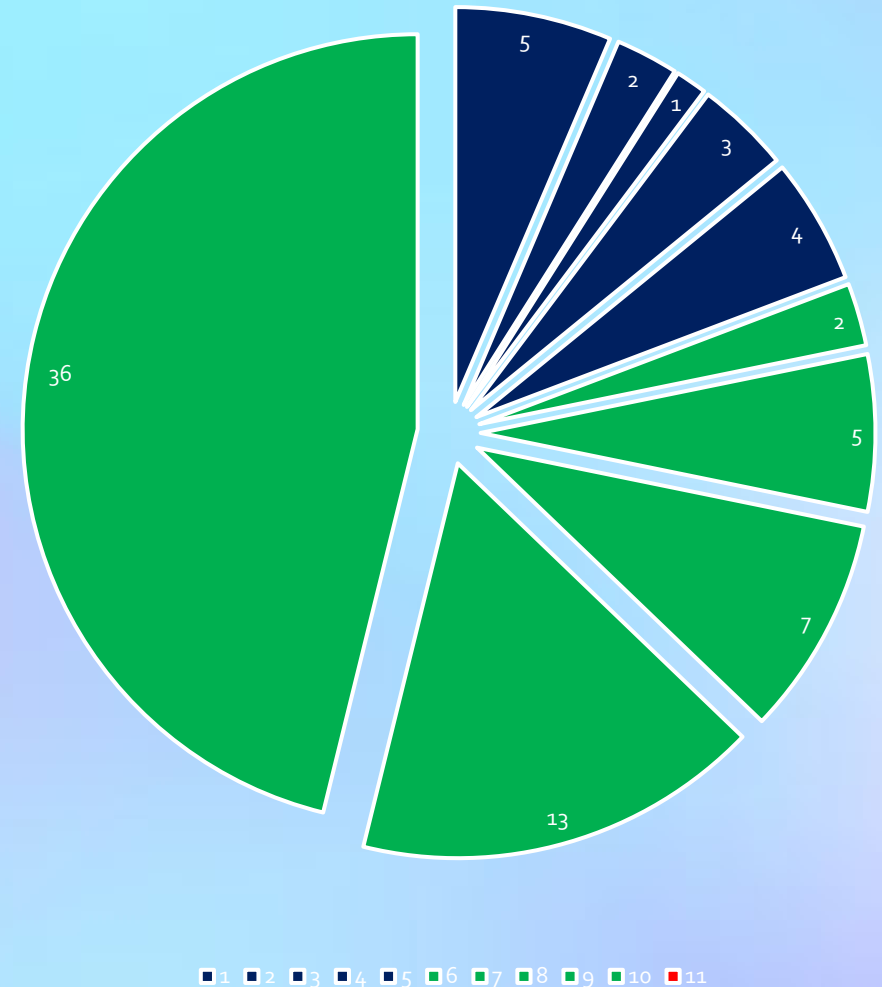
### Pros:

- Highly popular with youth and families.
- Adds fun and attraction to the facility.
- Strong potential for seasonal promotional events.
- Paying 2021- 2022 pricing for the slide



### Cons:

- Additional insurance and supervision requirements.
- Potential higher maintenance over time.
- 2025 pricing for water slides are already double in price



# Q4- 103' WATER SLIDE



### Features:

- Steel-framed access stairs
- Integrated safety railings and platform



**Estimated Cost (2025): \$85,000**



**Estimated Cost If Deferred: \$130,000–\$160,000**



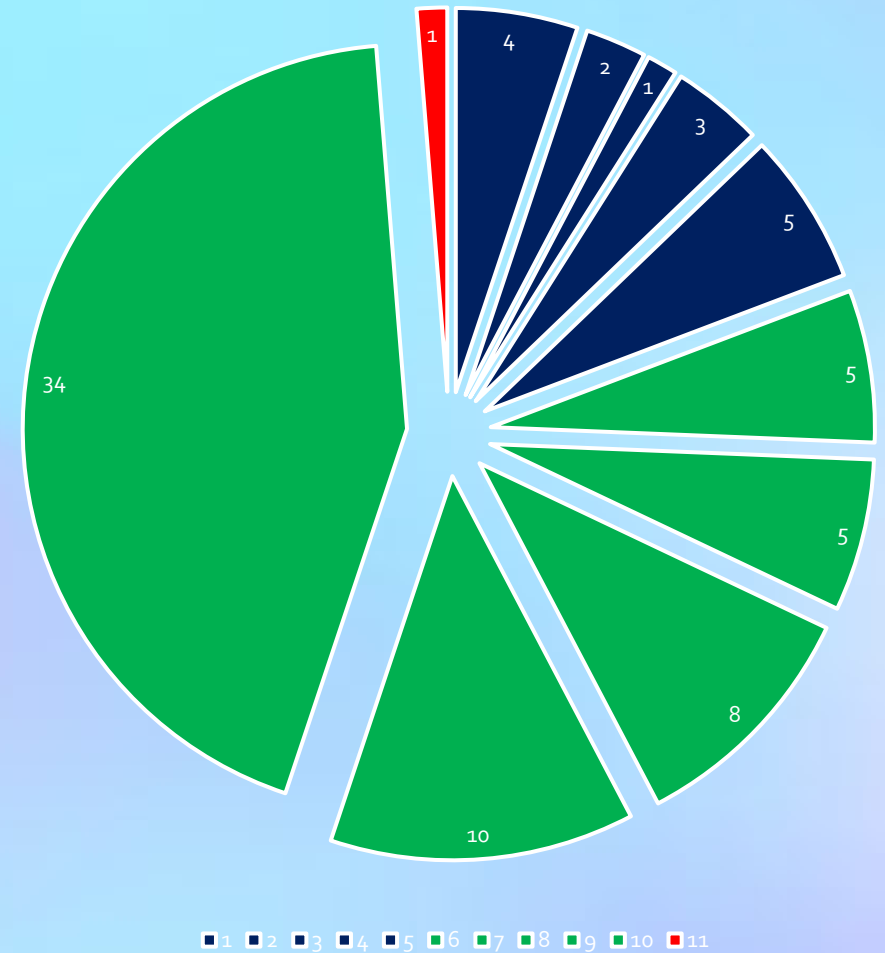
### Pros:

- Necessary structural element for water slide.
- Engineered for long-term safety and durability.
- Can be used for future slide upgrades.



### Cons:

- Must be built with a slide.
- High upfront steel and installation cost.
- Limited functions beyond supporting the slide.



## Q5- SLIDE ACCESS TOWER



### Features:

- Heated spa area for 10 people
- Therapeutic seating design



**Estimated Cost (2025): \$100,000**



**Estimated Cost If Deferred: \$140,000–\$170,000**



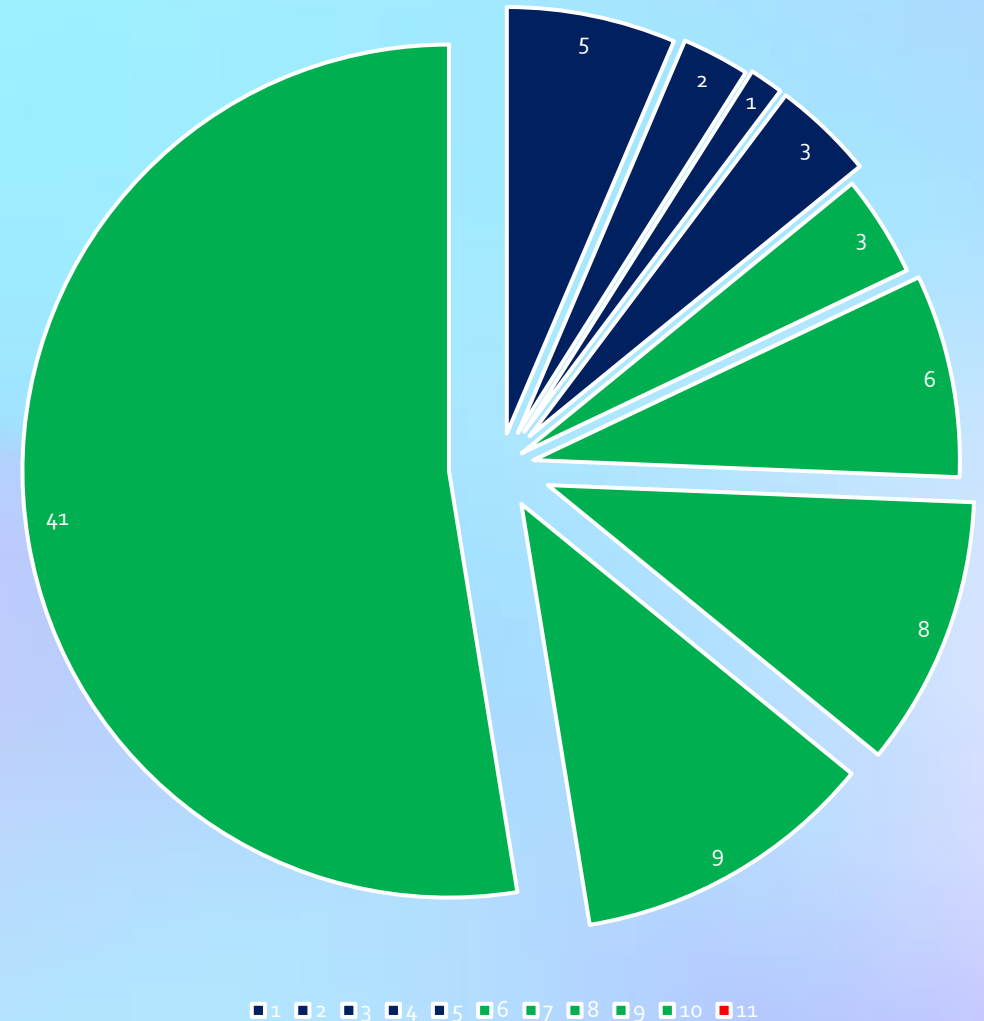
### Pros:

- Attracts adult users and seniors.
- Year-round usage potential (if enclosed).
- Therapeutic benefits for health and relaxation.



### Cons:

- Requires temperature and chemical regulation.
- Not ideal for unsupervised or younger users.
- Requires regular maintenance and cleaning in cases of contamination.



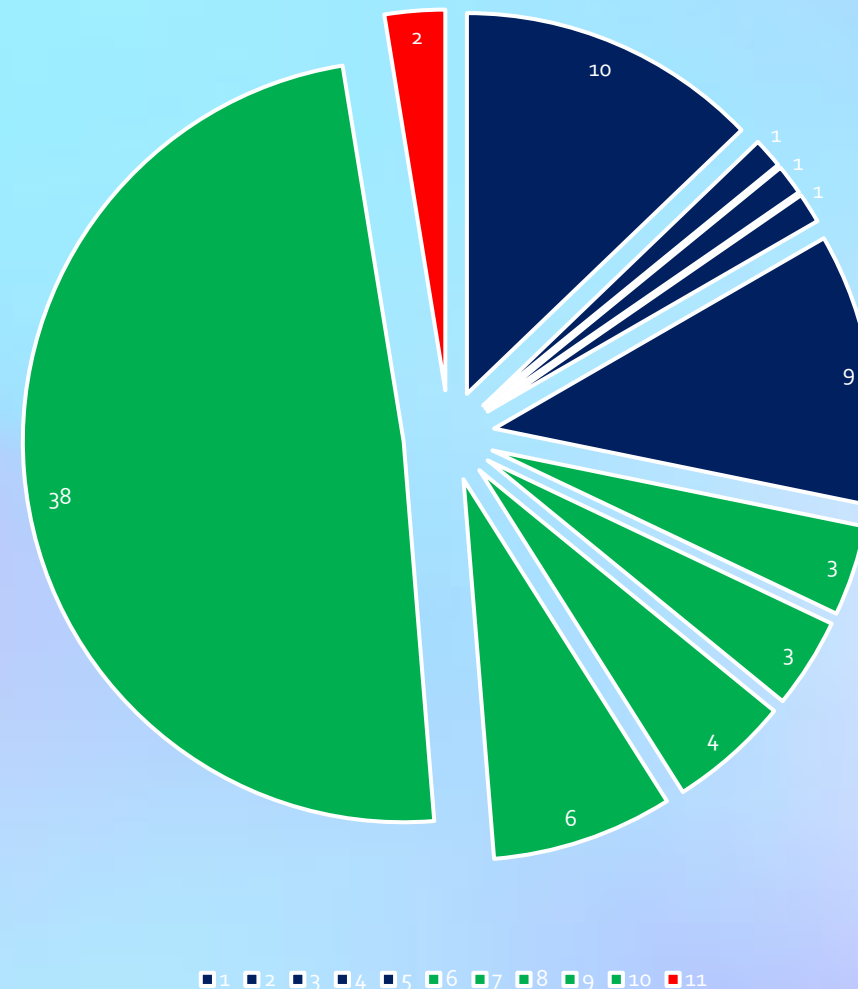
## Q5- 10 PERSON HOT TUB

## Community Direction – Enclosed Pool Option

The enclosed pool feature received **66 total responses** with a **weighted average score of approximately 7.17 out of 10**, indicating **moderate to strong support** from the community.

- A significant number of respondents (32) rated the option highly (score of 10), which shows a strong level of enthusiasm from a portion of the community.
- Only a small number of respondents (4 or fewer in each) gave it very low scores (1–3), suggesting limited opposition.
- The overall trend reflects a **positive community direction** toward pursuing an enclosed pool as part of the project.

This data suggests that while not unanimously supported, there is a clear **majority preference in favour of** including an enclosed pool in the final design considerations.



# Q5- ENCLOSED POOL

# RECOMMENDATION AND NEXT STEPS

## Prioritize Core Elements for Design & Budget:

- Secure funding and finalize design for the Main Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, and Beach Entry Tot Pool as these are highly favored.
- Incorporate the 103' Water Slide into the final design to enhance the recreational appeal.

## Secondary Tier Inclusions (Budget Permitting):

- The Slide Access Tower and Enclosed Pool Structure should be included if budget allows or if cost-sharing and grant opportunities arise.
- These features support year-round use and accessibility but are not as critical in the eyes of the public.

## Defer or Reassess Low-Ranking Features:

- The Splash Pad, though a common amenity, received the least community support and may be deferred for future phases or revisited for redesign to increase its appeal.

## Communicate Transparently:

- Share these results with the public to demonstrate responsiveness to feedback and provide rationale for project prioritization and phasing.
- Clearly indicate which features are moving forward in Phase 1 and which are conditional on funding (Phase 2 or beyond).

## Continue Exploring Enclosure Options:

- Although the enclosed pool structure scored lower, it still represents strong interest (75%). A feasibility and cost-benefit study should be conducted before final decisions are made, especially considering operational cost savings and year-round usage.



The survey results clearly demonstrate that the community places the highest value on the core functionality and versatility of the new aquatic facility, with the Main Swimming Pool, Beach Entry Tot Pool, and 10 Person Hot Tub receiving the strongest support. While additional amenities such as the Water Slide and Slide Access Tower are also well-regarded, features like the Splash Pad and Enclosed Pool received more moderate support and may be better suited for future consideration based on available funding and space. These insights will serve as a valuable guide in shaping a facility that reflects the priorities of Coronation residents and ensures long-term community satisfaction and use.

Survey Disclosure: Please note that the community survey remained open for public input until June 4, 2025, to ensure all residents had adequate time to participate and provide feedback.

# CONCLUSION

# THANK YOU

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