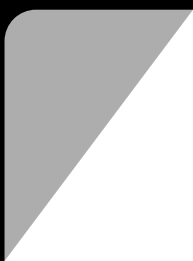


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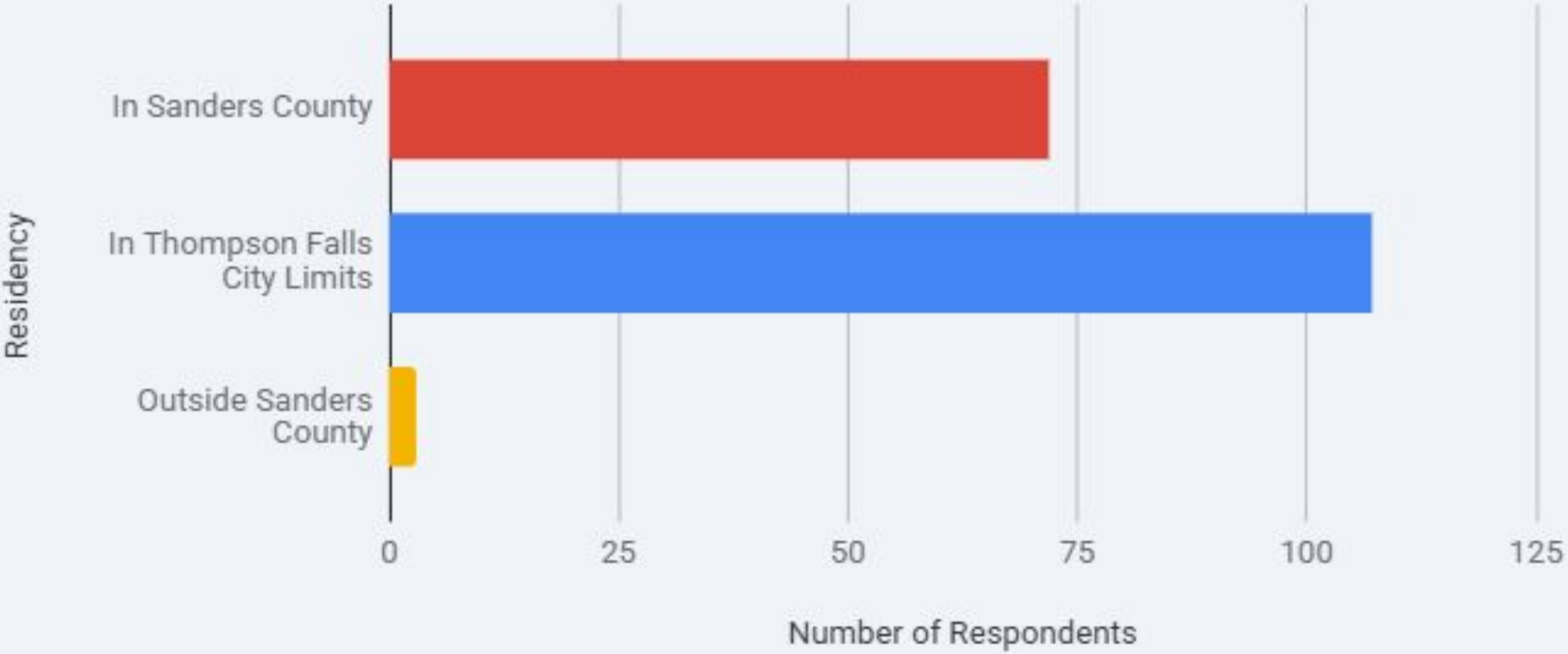
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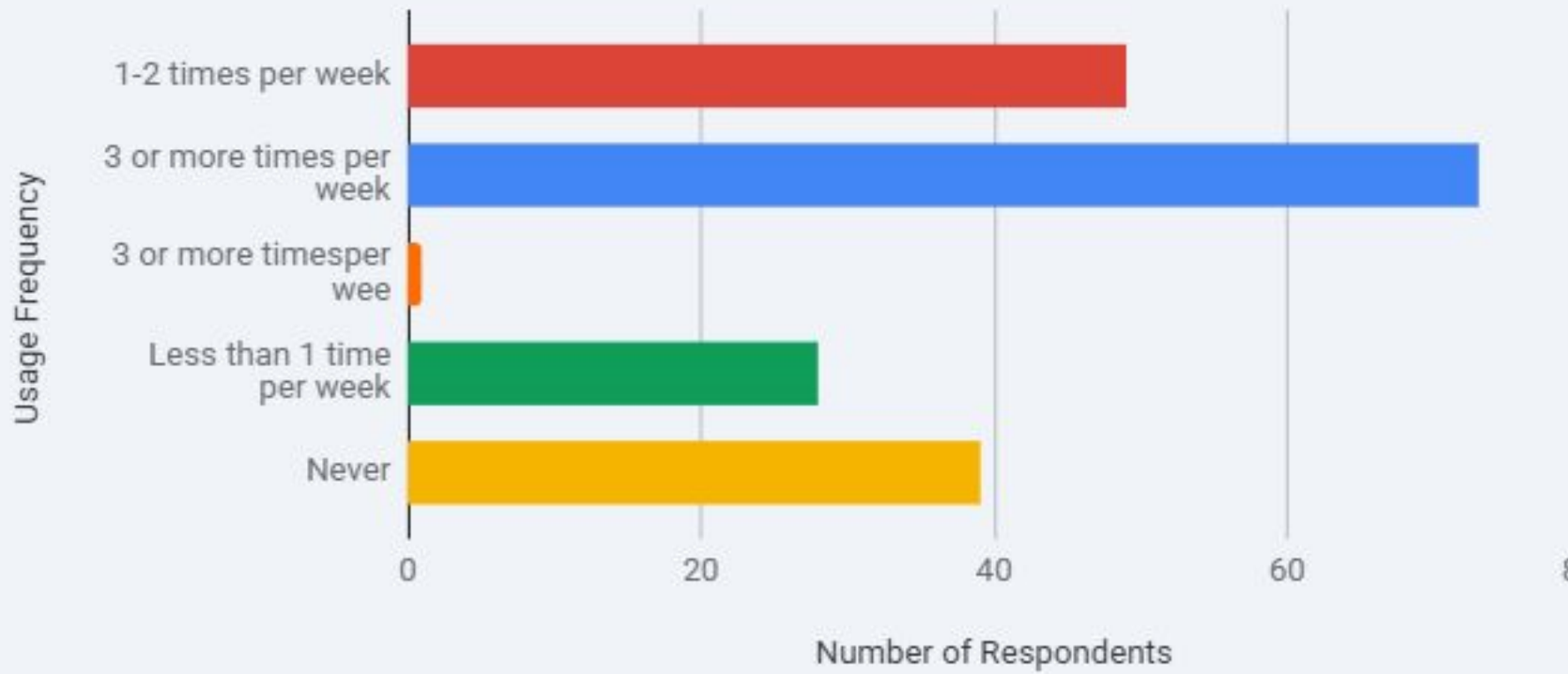
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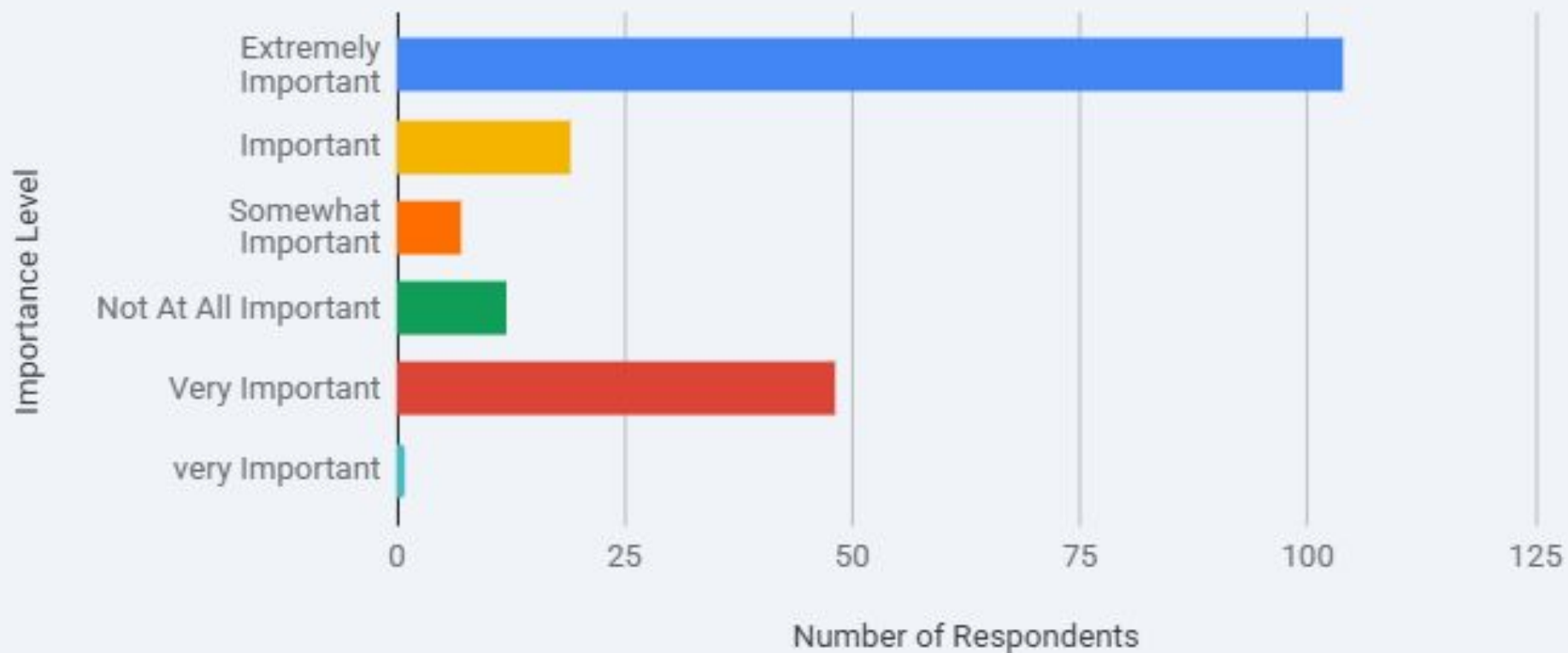
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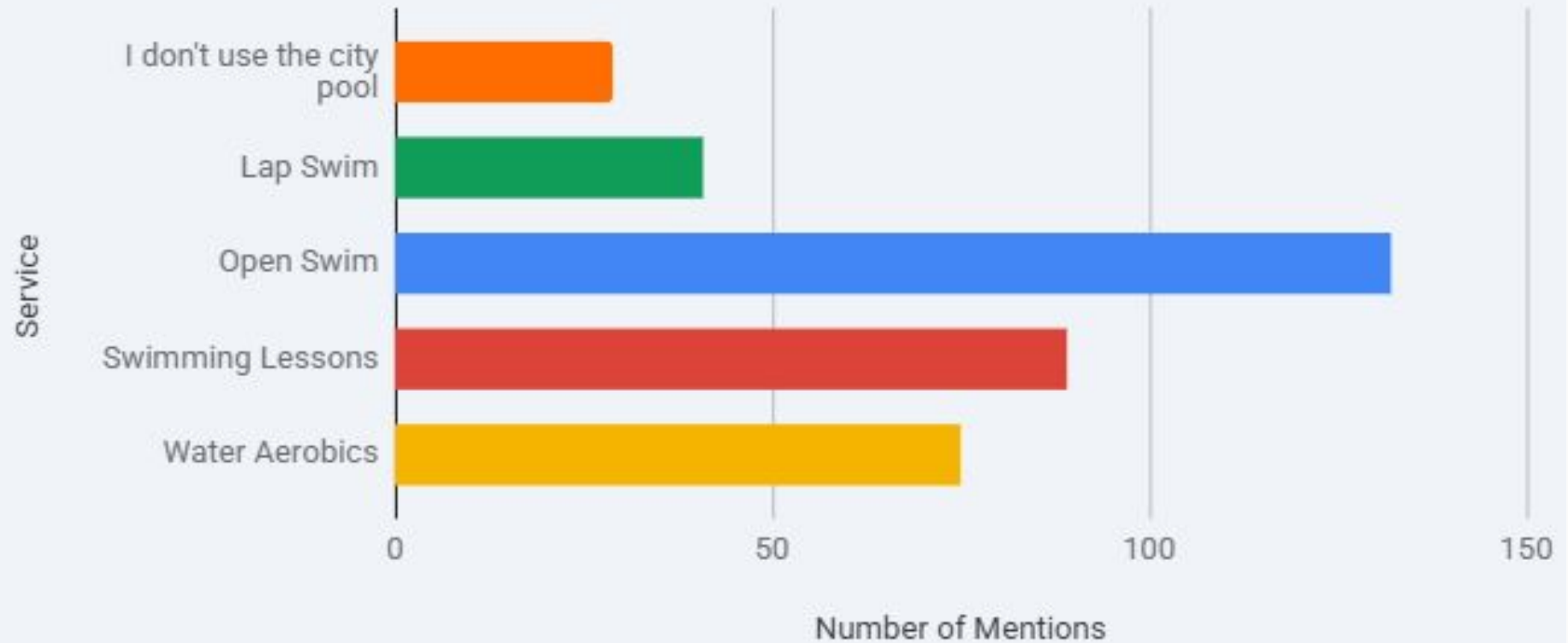
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- Not At All Important
- Somewhat Important
- Important
- Very Important
- Extremely Important

Importance of Pool Being Open



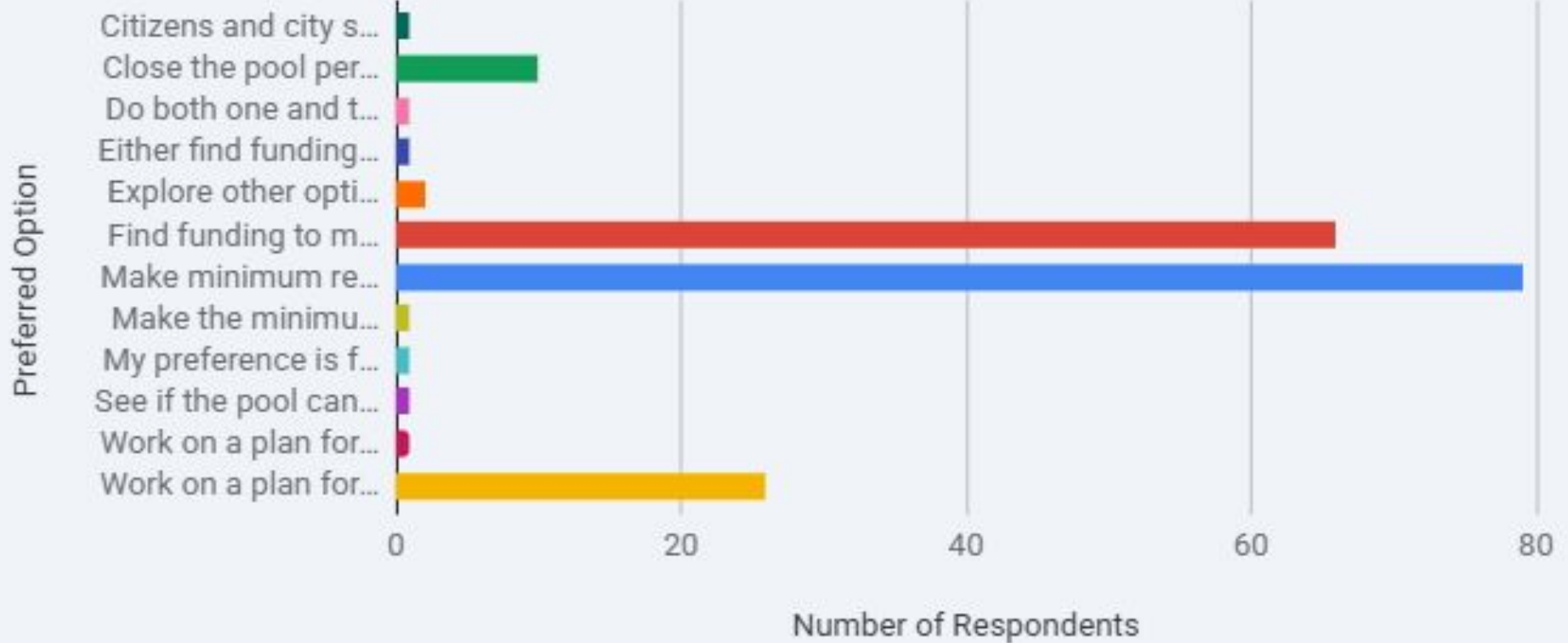
Services Used at Thompson Falls City Pool



What option would you prefer for the 2026 pool season?

- Make minimum required repairs to open this year.
- Find funding to make all necessary repairs.
- Work on a plan for a new pool.
- Explore other options for the city property besides a pool.
- Close the pool permanently.
- Other

Preferred Option for the 2026 Pool Season



Wish List

Ranking

Covered Pool Open Year-Round

-Select-



Splash Pad

-Select-



Water Slide

-Select-



Therapy pool with quiet hours / sensory-friendly swim times

-Select-



More lap lanes

-Select-



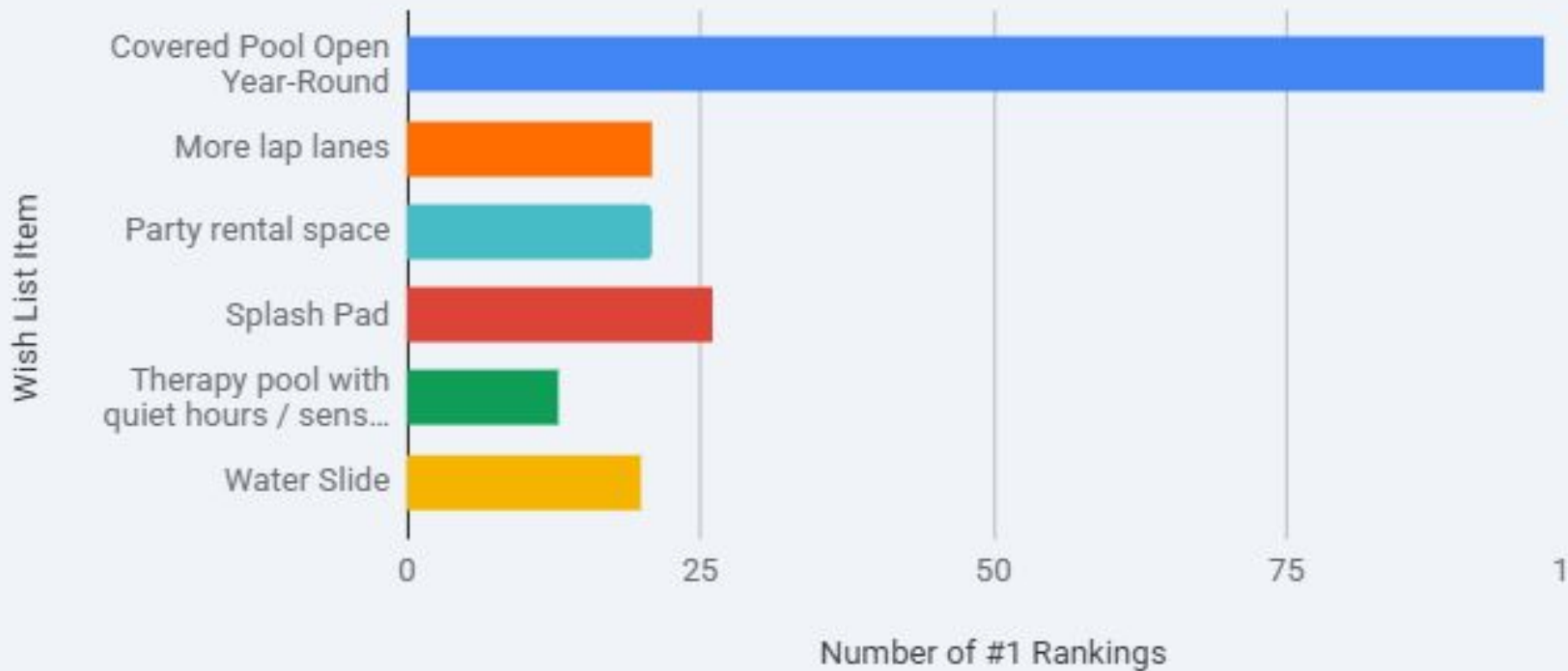
Party rental space

-Select-



Rank the items 1-6 (1 being your favorite, 6 being your least favorite) of what you would like to see at the Thompson Falls City Pool.

Top Ranked Wish List Items (#1 Choice)



Average Rankings of Wish List Items

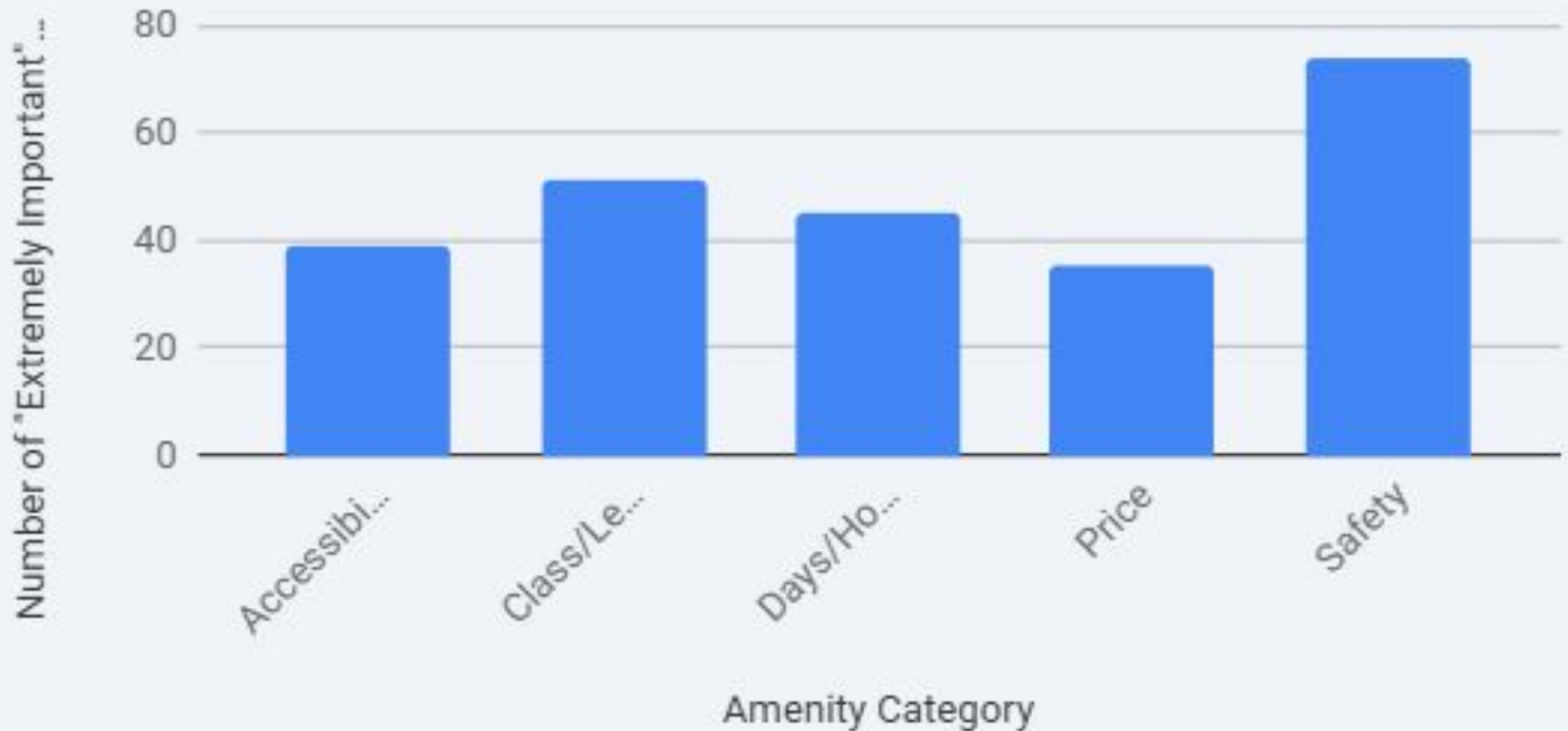


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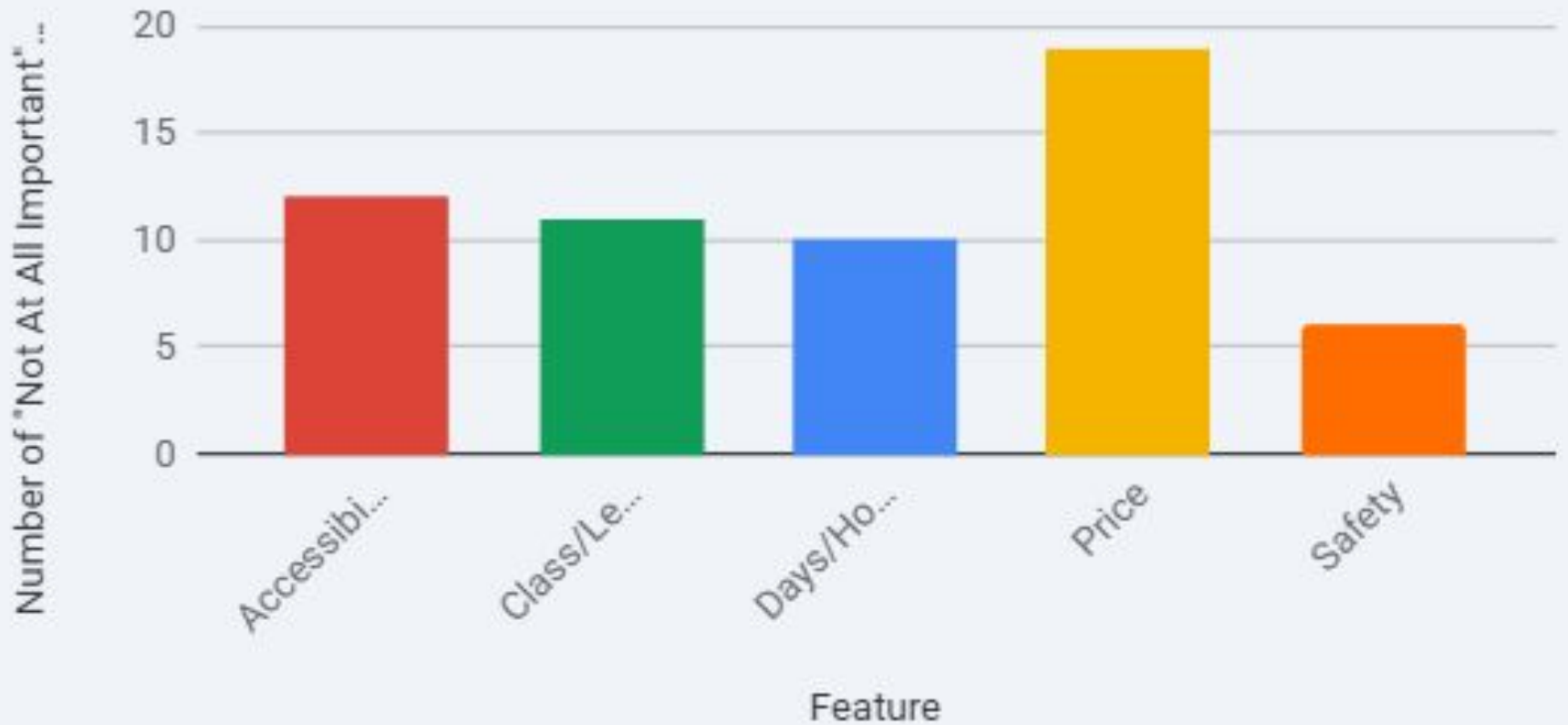
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Rank the importance of each amenity in regard to the Thompson Falls City Pool.

Top "Extremely Important" Amenities at Thompson Falls City Pool



Frequency of "Not At All Important" Responses by Feature



Other Wish List Items

- Funding for what the people really want like this pool to be prioritized over what we don't want a recreation district.
- Those above wish list items are not important to me. Here are the things I think are important for the kids in this community: 1. Swim lessons since we all live by a RIVER; 2. Open Swim for children to have a place to go in the summer!; 3. A decent wage for the people who work at the pool.
- Keep and maintain the easy access stairs as an entrance into the pool.
- Safety is my number one concern and making sure all lifeguards are qualified.
- Solar heat only.
- Earlier morning lap swim so people who work an 8-5 shift can still use the pool.
- That the City of Thompson make consistent effort to maintain the pool instead of "Growth" policies geared toward tourism.
- Designated areas where regular guests aren't pushing swimmers out of the way for aerobics even though we all pay to use the same pool.
- Make the prices a little bit lower.
- Keep our Pool open for Community benefit.
- Keep our pool open for community use!
- Walking track around the pool if it was covered and open year round.
- School could use for PE class.
- SCUBA class, water safety courses (kayak, rafting, etc).
- Swimming lessons for the kids!!!
- I would love a year round pool, however I recognize that would be very expensive and would require a reliable revenue source. Having the pool operational is so essential for so many of our kids who live in town, as well as families in the area.
- Year round use/lessons, therefore strengthening the swimming skills of youth in our area.
- More seating for parents.
- Good, people friendly manager.

Other Wish List Items

- I don't know what a splash pad is.
- More days open a year. If the pool got covered that would cut down on the yearly maintenance would it not? keeping it from the weather? How come the city hasn't taken care of this before now? Where did the money go to fix it? Boy I sure don't trust the city at the moment with our finances.
- Handicapped for the elderly.
- Private shower.
- Cover the pool for all year use. Recall those that allowed this pool to be neglected. Hire local contractors.
- The pool is already great the way it is!!
- Recreation center.
- Covered pool so it can be open year round.
- This really helps the older people and young children.
- Make a sports complex.
- Open swim due to medical condition where swimming helps.
- Cover the pool, and also have a gym and possible daycare, creates multiple uses, streams of income and larger appeal to the public, kinda like a smaller YMCA.
- To have the pool open this summer.
- The items above are a waste.. waterside really? Ask legit questions for wish list. Like wheel chair accessible entry. Solar power to save money on heating the pool. Electric pool covers for safety. More lap lanes?
- Save the pool please!
- New covered pool with walking laps. Secure the pool, but have the lap lanes open 24/7 with door access for those that have paid.
- A family changing room so family doesn't have to separate and let young kid go by themselves to change.
- Water aerobics class should happen close to noon not early in the am.
- Make the minimum repairs to open it this year and apply for grants to get everything fixed for the following year.
- I wish the city council would get a clue. They signed checks to GWE that equal total repair cost of pool this month alone.
- If asking for wish list items: have the pool be open into late August or September. Hot tub.

Other Wish List Items

- More shaded seating on the main pool deck outside of the baby pool area.
- A hot tub would be nice.
- Multi-purpose center for mixed recreation, pool, theatre, music performances.
- Funding for what the people really want like this pool to be prioritized over what we don't want: a recreation district.
- Those above wish list items are not important to me. Here are the things I think are important for the kids in this community: 1. Swim lessons since we all live by a RIVER. 2. Open Swim for children to have a place to go in the summer! 3. A decent wage for the people who work at the pool.
- Keep and maintain the easy access stairs as an entrance into the pool.
- Safety is my number one concern and making sure all lifeguards are qualified.
- Solar heat only.

Other Feedback

- Hubba hubba its already may, respectfully
- explain to the community why we have gotten to this state of disrepair with the pool
- The annual costs of maintaining the pool year around and operating the pool have always been way higher than what is brought in by useage fees , especially since the pool is only open for a very short period during summer.. City property owners have been paing for all of that even if they dont use the pool. It's been a "black hole" of taxpayers dollars. Having a City pool is a good thing but the costs of it's operations need to be funded in such a way as not to be a tax burden on propert owners.
- I have enjoyed using the pool personally for years and believe it is highly important that children in our community have a safe supervised pool to enjoy and to learn to swim in. The adults in our community, need and look forward to using the pool during lap swim and aquasize classes . Please don't close the pool as it's needed in our community.
- It's critical to have a all-round pool available to the community
- We moved here before there was a pool (after the small pool on Preston had been closed and filled in). Kids "swimming" in the river was a concern, especially since there were no swimming lessons.
- Please open the pool this summer. It is a vital public safety service (swim lessons) as well as an important exercise option (water aerobics class).
- Cleaning routine needs improvement; it wasn't very clean last year, and we became ill with water-borne bacteria several times. Finely had to stop going as a result.
- This is a SERVICE to the community! It should never be expected to be a money maker. All ages of people use this service. You owe it to the children! It's a better option than a skate park!
- Continuing my comments on fees as I ran out of room above, if you wish to charge more fees, the pool must meet amenities that meet the fees. So if the amenities match the fees I see no reason not to increase the fees but keep in mind much of our community is elderly fixed income or low income families and thats the people that use the pool the most so if the fees are raised too high it won't be used. So make the pool useable, desirable, and fixed but don't make it out of the entire county's price range if you reprice the fees..... Because then you'll lose the ability to pay off all the awesome improvements and we won't get to utilize them and trust me we are all desperate to utilize them!
- The pool is a vital part of the community and should be maintained and improved.
- It is a great asset for the community and provides a safe place for kids to learn to swim.

Other Feedback

- The pool needs to be open for the kids in the summer.
- We need to find a way to keep the pool open.
- The pool is very important for the community.
- It's a great place for kids to spend their summer.
- The pool is a wonderful resource for our town.
- I support any efforts to keep the pool open and improve it.
- The pool is essential for teaching kids how to swim.
- We need to invest in our pool for the future of our community.
- The pool is a great place for exercise and recreation.
- I hope the city can find the funds to make the necessary repairs.
- The pool is a valuable asset to Thompson Falls.
- It's important to have a safe place for children to swim.
- The pool provides a great service to the community.
- I would like to see the pool open year-round if possible.
- The pool is a great place for families to spend time together.
- We need to make sure the pool is safe and well-maintained.
- The pool is an important part of our community's history.
- I support a recreation district to help fund the pool.
- The pool is a great place for kids to learn life-saving skills.
- It's important to have a public pool in our town.
- The pool is a great place for seniors to exercise.
- I hope the pool can be repaired and opened soon.
- The pool is a vital resource for our community's health and well-being.
- We need to find a sustainable way to fund the pool.
- The pool is a great place for community events.
- I support any efforts to improve the pool's facilities.

Other Feedback

- The pool is an important part of our community's identity.
- It's important to have a pool that is accessible to everyone.
- The pool is a great place for kids to make friends.
- I hope the city can find a way to keep the pool open for many years to come.
- The pool is a valuable asset to our community and should be preserved.
- It's important to have a pool that is safe and clean.
- The pool provides a great service to the people of Thompson Falls.
- I support any efforts to make the pool more energy-efficient.
- The pool is a great place for kids to stay active in the summer.
- I hope the pool can be a source of pride for our community.
- The pool is a vital part of our community's infrastructure.
- It's important to have a pool that is affordable for everyone.
- The pool is a great place for people of all ages to enjoy.
- I support any efforts to increase the pool's usage.
- The pool is an important part of our community's quality of life.
- It's important to have a pool that is well-managed and maintained.
- The pool provides a great opportunity for kids to learn to swim.
- I hope the pool can be a place where everyone feels welcome.
- The pool is a valuable resource for our community and should be supported.
- It's important to have a pool that is open during the summer months.
- The pool is a great place for kids to have fun and stay safe.
- I support any efforts to find new sources of funding for the pool.
- The pool is an important part of our community's future.
- It's important to have a pool that is a positive asset to our town.
- The pool provides a great service to the children and families of Thompson Falls.

Pool Fees

Key Takeaways

- **Preference for \$50–\$100 Range:** Among respondents who provided a single numeric suggestion (53 people), the most common values were \$100, \$75, and \$50. The median suggested fee was **\$75**, with a mean of approximately **\$91**.
- **Emphasis on Tiered Pricing:** A significant number of respondents suggested tiered structures to ensure accessibility. Common suggestions included:
 - **Family Passes:** Frequently suggested in the \$100–\$200 range (e.g., "\$50 individual, \$100 family").
 - **Student/Senior Discounts:** Many advocated for lower rates for students (e.g., \$25–\$45) and seniors to keep the pool accessible for all ages.
 - **Day Passes vs. Season Passes:** Some suggested maintaining low daily rates (e.g., \$3–\$7) while offering season passes for regular users.
- **Community Affordability and Safety:** A recurring theme in the descriptive feedback is the importance of keeping the pool affordable so that children can learn to swim safely, especially given the proximity to the river. Several respondents mentioned that fees should only increase slightly to account for inflation or to cover necessary repairs.

Summary of Numeric Suggestions

For the 53 responses that specified a single amount:

- **Median:** \$75
- **Most Common (Mode):** \$100 (7 responses), \$50 (5 responses), and \$75 (4 responses).
- **Range:** Suggestions varied widely from \$3 to \$500, reflecting different interpretations of whether the fee was for a day pass, an individual season pass, or a family pass.