Strathcona County

Women's Only Swim Pilot Council Meeting October 25, 2022

Enclosure 1





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Council motion

- THAT Administration prepare a report for Council's consideration by the end of the fourth quarter of 2022 on the feasibility of a six-month pilot project for a women's only swim program at the Kinsmen Leisure Centre, based on the following conditions:
 - Swim time to take place once a month, during the weekend;
 - Windows must be covered, and an all-female staff be present;
 - Children under the age of eight can be included in the swim time.

April 26, 2022, Council Meeting



Current options available

- Strathcona County has supported private women's only swim bookings at the Kinsmen Leisure Centre.
- For groups that would prefer to book their own time for dedicated or private use, we will continue to support these private group bookings and special requests.





Defining the jargon









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Supporting diversity and inclusion

The pilot project supports and is aligned with Strathcona County's **Diversity and Inclusion Policy:**

"The County is committed to effectively serving a diverse community of residents and working towards ensuring they have the opportunity to participate in all aspects of community life."

- Alignment with Strathcona County's **Social Framework** outcomes:
 - Access to programs and services
 - Safety

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- Connectedness and inclusion
- "Together, we create a supported, safe, and connected community."
- Alignment with the **Strathcona County Strategic Plan:** •
 - Goal 2: Healthy and Safe Community





Supporting diversity and inclusion

Alignment with the **Recreation and Culture Strategy**:

- Overarching goal: Relevant recreation and culture opportunities are available to all, making Strathcona County Canada's most livable community.
- Inclusion is one of five key areas of focus
- Shared principle: Access for all In order to achieve the greatest benefits from recreation and culture, we strive to be accessible for all regardless of age, ability, ethnicity, self-identity, financial circumstance or geography.







Proposed pilot program

- Six-month pilot for a women's only swim beginning in February 2023.
- 1.5-hour swim at the Kinsmen Leisure Centre 3rd Saturday each month from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Windows will be covered, upstairs viewing area will be closed, and women only staff present.
- Children under the age of eight can attend.









- Six-month pilot to begin in February 2023
- Ongoing pilot evaluation and user feedback
- Report back to Council in Q4 2023

