

Motion to Explore the Feasibility of a 50-Meter Pool in Mississauga And Seek Support from the Government of Ontario

Moved by: Councillor Tedjo

WHEREAS Council has committed to the health and wellness of its residents by funding and operating fitness centres, pools, and active programming across the City;

AND WHEREAS thousands of residents participate in learn-to-swim and competitive swimming programs, and current programs are regularly at full capacity;

AND WHEREAS Mississauga is the largest city in Canada without a 50-meter pool;

AND WHEREAS building a new or renovated aquatic facility would enhance access to programming and reduce the need for residents to use facilities in neighbouring cities;

AND WHEREAS population and housing growth in the City continues to rise, and the City should continue to explore the need for new or renovated facilities to increase capacity;

AND WHEREAS a new or renovated aquatic centre with a 50-meter pool would significantly increase the capacity and availability of learn-to-swim and competitive programming, while also increasing sport tourism to the City and have a positive economic impact;

AND WHEREAS provincial sport organizations and local municipalities need the support of the provincial government to build regionally significant sport facilities;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's swimming infrastructure is also not keeping up with its population growth and all the 50-meter pools in the West GTA are nearing the end of their lifecycles and require replacement or renovation;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has previously provided funding opportunities for municipalities to build and operate such facilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Staff report back to Council to assess capital and operating costs for a new 50-metre pool to provide information regarding the scope and feasibility of development and assess options for upgrading existing facilities;
- 2. Future indoor aquatic centres positioned for redevelopment or are nearing end-of-life, be studied regarding the benefit and possibility of developing a 50-metre pool;
- 3. That the City write a letter to the Ontario Minister of Sport requesting the provincial government to conduct a study that identifies opportunities to build regionally significant sport infrastructure, including 50M pools to allow athletes to train and compete in Ontario, and to create a funding stream for infrastructure and operations.

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