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From: E_mayor
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:05 AM
To: E_Clerks
Subject: Fwd: [External] Re: [External] Cambridge Recreation Complex

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Amy Duggan [REDACTED]
Date: May 4, 2023 at 8:48:18 AM EDT
To: E_mayor <mayor@cambridge.ca>
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That would be great.
Thank you.

Amy Duggan

On Thu, May 4, 2023, 6:34 a.m. E_mayor <mayor@cambridge.ca> wrote:

Good morning Amy and thank you for your email. Please let me know if you would like your email to be added to the meeting records.

Karen Pepper
Director- Operations and Initiatives
Mayor and Council Office
Cambridge Ontario

> On May 3, 2023, at 9:36 PM, Amy Duggan [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Mayor Liggett and Cambridge City Council,

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> I am reaching out to you today in regards to the future Cambridge Recreation Complex. As someone who was born, raised and currently resides in Cambridge, I am asking you to consider the plan for the recreation complex that includes the 10 lane pool. This is something that is near and dear to my heart as I am a former member of the Cambridge AquaJets who swam for the team from the ages 8 to 16.

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> As a former swimmer who was coached by Ron Campbell (who is being inducted to the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame this coming weekend) I can tell you first hand the success of our local swimmers

would increase tremendously if they were able to train and compete in a 10 lane pool.

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> Swimming is an all round team sport that focuses on the ideal of personal best in individual swims. Canada has an in depth swimming culture and structure to support competitive swimmers. The success of our Canadian Olympic swimmers (especially our women's team) in the last two Olympic games shows that our sport is reaching unmeasurable new heights. Having a proper facility to train in will allow our local swimmers to reach their full potential so we can continue to see success in the sport at Olympic levels.

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> The current proposed 8 lane pool would be copying the current John Dolson facility. This facility attracts very few swim clubs and is not able to host elite level swim meets. A 10 lane pool would be more practical and versatile for swim meets as well as the community. As a mom of two children, who participate in swimming lessons, I would love to see a larger pool to accommodate more swimming lesson days/times, parent and baby groups, and masters swim programs. My children currently attend lessons at the YMCA because it is next to impossible to get one of the limited spots for swim lessons offered by the city. Having a larger pool with more options for lessons would benefit our community's families.

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> This pool will bring untold benefits to the hotel and restaurant community and revenue for the city. As a more competitive pool our local swim club The Cambridge Aquajets would be able to host swim meets attracting swim clubs across the province. This would greatly heighten the appeal of Cambridge as a stellar city and bring in untold revenue.

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> Please support the 10 lane pool. Please have a vision for how our community will benefit. I also support the inclusion of a restaurant or café facility at the complex as more visitors will need this option while watching their children swim.

> Please envision the possibilities.

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> Thank you in advance for your consideration of this email.

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> Amy Duggan

> Cambridge, ON resident, parent and former Cambridge AquaJets swimmer