



September 2, 2020

Mayor Tom Mrakas
Town of Aurora

Dear Mayor Mrakas,

Canada Artistic Swimming is pleased to lend its voice of support for the proposed expansion of Aurora's current Aquatics facilities.

The impact of a 50m pool to the Town of Aurora and surrounding area would add great value and service to the residents of the town and to the greater York Region and other Ontario communities, but also to National Sport Organizations like ours. Swimming and aquatic activities are essential for a healthy, growing and vibrant community like the Town of Aurora. Canada Artistic Swimming believes that aquatic literacy helps promote life-long engagement in physical activity. We promote sport for life and we know along with our sport and recreation partners, the importance of facilities to sustain aquatic sport participation from tots to seniors.

A 50 metre pool in the northern York Region is a priority for Canada Artistic Swimming given approximately 800,000 people live in the communities of Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, Stouffville, Uxbridge, Richmond Hill, Vaughn and King City who would reap the benefits of a facility such as this. This area has not traditionally been a strong recruitment area for artistic swimming, but one where a new facility within easy driving distances to many communities will assist the sustainability of one or more local artistic swimming clubs.

A 50 metre event facility with easy highway access that is a reasonably close driving distance from Toronto Pearson International Airport would be an attractive location for national level championships and potentially international events, if the pool is 3 metres in depth for a section of 25m x 25m.

As we understand, shovel-ready projects have the support of the Government of Canada in partnership with provincial and municipal infrastructure opportunities as part of the healing process post COVID. Canada Artistic swimming sees the potential for the Town of Aurora as an aquatic recreation and sport destination with the corresponding positive impacts experienced by the growing community.

Canada Artistic Swimming is excited about the prospect of this facility proposal to help continue to grow the sport of artistic swimming as well grow the economic impact to the Aurora community. Please let us know how we can assist the project moving forward.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Buckingham".

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