



Mayor Tom Mrakas

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Town of Aurora

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Re: Aurora Aquatic Centre - Feasibility Study/New pool

Dear Mayor Mrakas,

On behalf of Ontario Artistic Swimming, the provincial governing body for the sport of artistic swimming, this letter is to record our strong support for a new build of an Aurora Aquatic Centre that would offer a world class pool facility. The availability of such a venue would offer a much-needed complex that would support the growing population of the northern York Region, allow our sport to locally grow and flourish with adequate pool availability, as well as strategically position the Town of Aurora as a high demand sport tourism destination.

The facility in support of artistic swimming, would ideally include a 50 Metre Pool with 10 lanes and 3M depth and a significant gallery for spectator seating. This would add enormously to the region's aquatics community specifically and the sports community in general. It would also make a valuable economic contribution to the Town of Aurora through sport tourism and growth in visitors, if the plan included state of the art facilities capable of hosting a variety of regional, provincial, national and international events. Such a facility is vitally needed and would also add significantly to the capability of our athletes in the surrounding area for training and competitions.

The current shortage of pool capacity in the area, leaves our local artistic swimming club competing with all other aquatic programming, vying for sufficient pool time. Growth is stifled due to lack of sufficient rental pool availability for training and development that is needed 7 days per week. This shortage forces our members to leave the region in order to offer adequate capacity and time for the competitive teams, thereby spending their dollars in other municipalities. Hosting events is also generally not possible, due to the existing venues failing to meet the minimum requirements for competitions.



As the local population and the club membership grows, there is a dire need for greater capacity to support an active healthy lifestyle for residents as well as offer a competitive opportunity for local athletes to excel and also for the Town of Aurora to become a favored sport tourism destination for all aquatic disciplines offering economic growth for Aurora and its local businesses. If built, the design would be an attractive site for both the NSO and PSO to host National, Regional and Local artistic swimming events and offer the club the opportunity to flourish in both participation and building greater sustainability resulting from their ability to grow and host events.

Should you have any suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or directly by phone at 647-567-7962.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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