



LIFESAVING SOCIETY

The Lifeguarding Experts

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Tom Mrakas
Mayor of Aurora
Town of Aurora, Ontario

Dear Mayor Mrakas,

The Lifesaving Society is pleased to support your assessment for the construction of a new 50 metre aquatic facility in the Town of Aurora. This aquatic facility would be an ideal place for the Town of Aurora to expand their Swim to Survive program for Grade 3 students to include Swim to Survive+ for Grade 7 students.

Swim to Survive is a province-wide program for elementary students learn survival swimming skills during school time, to help them learn how to survive an unexpected fall into deep water. In 2019, the Town of Aurora received funding for Grade 3 students. Pool time is always a challenge and this new pool would enable more children with the opportunity to learn these skills.

Teaching young children basic survival swimming skills can have a life-long immunization effect against drowning. Drowning is the second leading cause of preventable death in Canada for children under the age of 10. The World Health Organization's Global Drowning Report: *Preventing a Leading Killer* recommends teaching school-aged children basic swimming, water safety and rescue skills as one of 10 key actions to prevent drowning.

The Lifesaving Society works to prevent drowning and reduce water-related injury. We teach Canadians to save themselves and rescue others. Annually, over 1.2 million Canadians participate in our swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard, first aid and leadership programs.

The Lifesaving Society is pleased to support this important initiative

Kind Regards,

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