



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: December 9, 2025

FREE PUBLIC SWIM INITIATIVE 2024 & 2025

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

The Town of Claresholm supported the Free Public Swim Initiative from 2009 – 2019, originally organized by the Claresholm Healthy Community Coalition. Town of Claresholm sponsored 16 hours yearly from 2009-2014, in 2015 it was increased to 24 hours per year, then from 2016 - 2019 the Town sponsored 26 hours each year.

The Free Swim was disrupted by Covid restrictions in 2020. Resurrected in summer of 2024, 4 sponsors have been found to cover Saturday Public Swims for 2025.

2024 - Claresholm FCSS sponsored Sunday Free Swims from July to the Annual Shutdown November 12. Claresholm Kinsmen Club sponsored Free Swim initiatives for Saturdays from October to November 12, 6 Swims in total.

2025 – 45 Swims Sponsored: Claresholm Kinsmen Club, the Claresholm Kinnette Club, Claresholm FCSS and Stavely Elks have each agreed to sponsor 1 quarter of 45 swims, from January to Shutdown (November 12, 2025).

In 2024 and 2025 there are 1 to 2 Saturday Swims remaining to be sponsored in late December. Town Sponsorship during the Christmas Holidays would be a gesture of goodwill which will ensure the Saturday Free Swim initiative from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. will remain consistent. The Free Swim initiative continues to be supported in Claresholm and region, with families and individuals utilizing the pool who may not have otherwise attended due to barriers of cost.

COSTS/ SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable):

\$95/ per hour is the Pool Rental Fee
2:00 to 4:00 pm is \$190 per Saturday
45 swims in 2025 are fully sponsored.
1 to 2 dates in December are available.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For 2024 - Administration requests that the Town of Claresholm sponsor December 21 & December 28, Saturday Public Swims from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This is with the understanding that reopening dates after the annual pool shutdown are unknown, there may only be 1 Saturday.

For 2025 – Administration requests that the Town of Claresholm sponsor December 20 & December 27 Saturday Public Swims from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This is with the understanding that reopening dates after the annual pool shutdown are unknown, there may only be 1 Saturday.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councilor _____ to sponsor December 21, 2024 & December 28, 2024, Saturday Public Swims from 2-4pm.

Moved by Councilor _____ to sponsor December 20, 2025 & December 27, 2025, Saturday Public Swims from 2-4pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) none

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.)

PREPARED BY: Denise Spencer, Recreation Manager

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: December 5, 2024
