



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: November 24, 2025

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## FREE PUBLIC SWIM INITIATIVE 2026

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### **DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:**

The Saturday Free Public Swim Initiative was initially created by the Claresholm Healthy Community Coalition in 2009, with assistance from PCN (Primary Care Network), and other sponsors which included the Town of Claresholm. The Free Swim was disrupted by Covid restrictions in 2020 and resurrected in 2024.

Stavely BPOE #112 Elks, Claresholm & District FCSS, Claresholm Kinsmen Club and Claresholm Kinettes have all confirmed their support of the Free Swim Initiative for 2026. Covering 45 swims for 2026, totaling \$8550.

In 2026 there are 2 Saturday Swims remaining to be sponsored in late December. These are during the Christmas Holidays, December 19 & 26, and would be an excellent way for the Town of Claresholm to show support of the program, and to give back to the community.

2009 - 2014 - the Town of Claresholm sponsored 16 hours yearly (8 Saturdays), along with other community sponsors.

2015 - The Town sponsored 24 hours per year, (12 Saturdays), along with other community sponsors.

2016 - 2019 the Town sponsored 26 hours yearly, (13 Saturdays)

2024 - Claresholm FCSS sponsored Sunday Free Swims from July to scheduled Annual Shutdown November 12.

Claresholm Kinsman 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 Kinette Club, Claresholm FCSS and Stavely BPOE #112 Elks each agreed to sponsor 1 quarter of 45 swims. That is from January to Shutdown (November 12, 2025). The 2 remaining swims, (4 hours in total), the Town of Claresholm agreed to sponsor for 2025.

Town Sponsorship during the Christmas Holidays is a gesture of goodwill which will ensure the Saturday Free Swim initiative from 2-4pm 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.

### **DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:**

The charge for one hour of pool rental for the Free Swim Initiative is \$95  
2:00 to 4:00 p.m. is \$190 of revenue each Saturday

There are 45 swims in 2026 that are fully sponsored.  
1 to 2 dates in December are available for sponsorship.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to sponsor December 19, 2026 & December 26, 2026, Saturday  
Free Public Swims from 2-4pm.

PREPARED BY: Denise Spencer, Recreation Manager

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APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: November 20, 2025

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