

Correspondence from Community Stakeholders

From: Philip McCutcheon [CommunityWise]
Date: August 31, 2019 at 9:42:31 PM MDT
To: "McLaughlin, James"; "Le Berre, Florent"
Subject: [EXT] **Beltline Aquatic and Fitness Centre Follow up**

Hello James,

Thank you again for the effort to reach out to CommunityWise and for the time and consideration you have made in the recent tour of the Beltline Facility. We would like to follow up with you as you are preparing your report to Committee next week.

We are heartbroken and discouraged about the loss of the operational funding your business unit and others within the city of Calgary have had to deal with recently. The impact and loss of opportunity to realize some pretty amazing things is very real and likely not fully appreciated by anyone at the moment.

There are certainly a lot of question and further communication that will be needed in the proposed decommissioning of the beltline facility as a recreational centre related to CommunityWise's operations. We are physically, socially, (and to be honest) economically linked to Beltline

Our position is that the best possible solution is a reinstatement of funds to the Recreation business unit to operate the facility and re imagining the use of the Beltline Centre to include increasing and expanding the function of the Beltline Centre for public benefit.

That said, CommunityWise too recognizes the value that the Beltline Centre has as a building in an of itself and perhaps not solely as a traditional or strictly recreational place.

If all efforts or interest for the Recreation department to adapt the use and model of the Beltline centre have truly been exhausted and that this is the only available option to meet the goals of the budget cuts CommunityWise would like to reiterate that we would have an interest and desire to explore other opportunities for use and possible operation of the facility (or parts of it) and in surly in collaboration with others.

With a keen sense of caution and care, we would like to keep on the table the opportunity to have further conversations with the City of Calgary in order to develop an operating plan that prioritizes Arts, culture, community, recreational, health, and social service needs being met at the building and that could ensure some continuity of services to the area. I'm sure that you have received similar messages from others and we have been in touch with the BNA and the OPA since we last met at Beltline as well.

If you would like to chat further before delivering your report or presenting on the 11th please let us know. We plan on being in attendance at the Committee meeting. See you on the 6th.

All the best and have a great weekend,

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September 3, 2019

James McLaughlin
Acting Director, Calgary Recreation
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Re: September 11, 2019 SPC on Community and Protective Services Meeting Agenda Item:
Closure Of Beltline and Inglewood Swimming Aquatic Centres

Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

Thank you for the discussions with Calgary Outdoor Swimming Pool Association representatives on the potential closure of the Beltline Aquatic and Fitness Centre and Inglewood Aquatic Centre. As noted, we are an existing Civic Partner and have successfully provided swimming pool services for the community and citizens of Calgary since 2005.

In this role, our Board has identified that there may be a strategic synergy in combining the operation of the Inglewood and Beltline facilities with our existing successful outdoor pool service mandate.

For this reason, the Calgary Outdoor Swimming Pools Association would like to be considered as an alternative operating model to closing Beltline Aquatic and Fitness Centre and Inglewood Aquatic Centre if such an option were discussed.

If there may be questions as to the form and potential of such an arrangement, we are at your disposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenny Jensen", is written over a light blue curved line that spans across the bottom of the page.

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