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First name [required] Cynthia

Last name [required] Corbett

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Inglewood community pool closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

The Inglewood pool is a necessity for Inglewood and many communities surrounding it, it is always busy when I am there! Please save the Inglewood pool for so many of us need it, many of us don't want to go to a big leisure centre. ????



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Save the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

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Please rethink the decision to close the Inglewood Pool. Two million to doze it and leave it a vacant lot which will definitely not enhance the neighbourhood. The greenling has changed or halted, so the space can still be used. The costs to keep operational are minor. Further, if the pool is not on the property, the City loses it, no? Perhaps more public information is needed.  
The argument to use MNP is a lame one. Even for able bodied citizens to drive/transit pay for parking, MNP rates for participation, wait for their availability. Those are all barriers. We need accessibility, we need learn to swim programs for our children, we need fitness programs for our older community members, we need a recreation facility.



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First name [required] Timothy

Last name [required] Stephure

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Reconsideration motion to stop the closure of Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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I urge council to pass the reconsideration motion to stop the scheduled closure of the Inglewood Pool.

The inner city has grown exponentially and city council continues to cut essential services. The pool may not be viable as it is in the long term, but can safely continue to operate until a better long term solution is in place. The MNP upgrades are not a suitable substitution and even if they were, will not be ready until 2027. There should be no rush to close the facility (unless an eager developer wants access to the land ;)

Do the right thing and do your job to represent the will of the community that has spoken out very vocally.



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First name [required] Anne

Last name [required] Farrell

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Closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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We need to keep our inner city pools operational. I do not see a need for the closure of this pool and it is being used and does not need repairs at this time to my understanding. A lot of money has been spent on other neighbourhoods.





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Last name [required] **Tschritter**

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Inglewood Pool Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

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It's unethical and classist to close basic public facilities in low income areas while supporting expensive semi private recreation complexes in affluent areas.



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Last name [required] **Tomlinson**

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Closure of Inglewood pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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I am opposed to the closure of Inglewood community pool. There are currently an inadequate number of public pools for a city of our size. The city has not built any new community pools in many years despite significant population growth. There are certainly new high end private pools but the cost for an average citizen is prohibitive. I often have trouble finding a swim time so that I can get some exercise and many aquatic sports clubs have trouble finding pool time.  
The recommendation to close the pool is supposedly a cost saving but the costs to close the pool are unclear. If the pool is closed the land it sits on will have to be returned to the new owner of the former brewery as that land was gifted to the city for use as a community pool. If the pool goes the land gets returned to the new owner of the brewery and the city is on the hook to return the land to original condition. How much more will it cost to demolish the pool s opposed to doing needed repairs and keeping it open to provide a needed service. If the city want to build a new pool in the future then it will have to purchase new land at an addition cost.  
The closure of the pool is a bad idea and its services are needed please reconsider and invest in repairs for a badly needed community resource.



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First name [required] **Colleen**

Last name [required] **Lewis**

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Permanent closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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The Inglewood Pool is more than just a swimming facility—it's a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection. With the potential closure of Inglewood Pool and other city pools, for extensive repairs in 2025, it's essential that we act now to ensure this resource remains available for everyone.

Since October 8, 2024, the City administration has failed to provide a clear estimate for the repairs needed to keep Inglewood Pool operational. This lack of transparency only adds to the uncertainty surrounding the pool's future and makes it harder for the community to advocate for its survival. Without clear information about the repairs, we're left in the dark, unable to plan or make a strong case for continued funding. The situation becomes even more urgent when we consider the upcoming closures of Renfrew Pool, Glenmore Pool, and Southland Leisure Center and MNP Pool for repairs in 2025. These closures will already displace thousands of swimmers and limit access to essential fitness facilities. With fewer options available, demand on remaining pools like Inglewood will rise, leading to overcrowding and longer wait times. Families, seniors, competitive swimmers, and those relying on aquatic therapy will be disproportionately affected.

For many in the community, Inglewood Pool is the only accessible, low-impact option for exercise. It plays a critical role in maintaining physical and mental health, especially for seniors and those recovering from injuries. The pool is not even close but its already affecting the Canadian Council of the Blind, their booking is moved to further facility and changed times. Half of them cant get to that location at that new schedule. Losing access to this pool would not only hurt individual health but would also impact community programs like swimming lessons, water aerobics, and rehabilitation therapy.

The City's failure to provide an accurate estimate for repairs and the upcoming closures of other pools highlight the need for immediate action. We must continue to fight for the future of Inglewood Pool and ensure it remains a resource for generations to come. We cannot afford to lose this community asset, especially when we are facing a shortage of swimming facilities in Calgary.

We need to make our voices heard- demand that the City provides transparency, invests in repairs, and keep Inglewood Pool open. Our community's health and well-being depend on it!



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First name [required] **Debbie**

Last name [required] **Bennett**

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Permanent Closure of Inglewood Aquatic Center

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In opposition

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I can not believe how short sighted you are being given the closures especially of Ren-frew for two months next Spring. I find it highly questionable that Glenmore Pool which is similar to Inglewood in its offerings is being funded but inner city pools (not MNP) are not. I have been swimming at Inglewood for over 35 years and have watched my access to lane swimming be reduced more and more as the City has chosen to deliberately deprive access to manipulate usage.

The Inglewood Pool is more than just a swimming facility—it's a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection. Since October 8, 2024, the City administration has failed to provide a clear estimate for the repairs needed to keep Inglewood Pool operational. What's more at the last meeting the City spokesperson admitted to making up numbers as well as comparing a facility with 'wave pools' to Inglewood. This lack of transparency and obfuscation certainly leaves me wondering where the truth really lies.

With the push for multiple developments in Inglewood and close by communities I feel it's actually irresponsible to close this pool. The survey recently sent out regarding the cities plan to look at pools etc for Calgarys future covered a list of people but significantly ignored seniors and those with disabilities. The closure of Inglewood certainly confirms the Cities focus is not on helping All Residents of Calgary.

The closure of Inglewood and other facilities for repairs will already displace thousands of swimmers and limit access to essential fitness facilities. With fewer options available, demand will lead to overcrowding and longer wait times. Families, seniors, competitive swimmers, and those relying on aquatic therapy will be disproportionately affected.

We keep being told to use the MNP which advertises it is focussed on its membership. This will severely limit access for non members. Yet the city is investing millions. Not counting the fact the MNP is unsuitable for those with mobility, financial, visual, and auditory issues (it is very large and loud).

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First name [required] Keith

Last name [required] Leong

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This pool is important to this growing community. Neighbourhood schools are at capacity and use it for life-essential swimming lessons. The pool should remain open for a couple of years with extended hours as other nearby neighbourhood pools are also closing.



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First name [required] Valarie

Last name [required] Olafson

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Permanent closure of the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

The City of Calgary has been promoting accessible health and walkable communities. The closure of the pool goes against both of those ideas. The alternative facility, the MNP that is being promoted, poses significant challenges. It is more than double the cost, putting it out of the reach of many community members. It also doesn't have the same programs available as the community pools do. It is also difficult to get to by transit. Considering the city has talked many times about the importance of walkable communities, it seems odd to make things less available. If the goal of the city is to have vibrant communities, which I have read in many city documents, it needs to start thinking about what that means. What is it that makes the communities vibrant? Do vibrant communities not require affordable activities for people to do?



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First name [required] Ethne

Last name [required] Dickinson

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Permanent closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

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I am writing to ask you to reverse your decision to close the Inglewood Aquatic Centre.

Our family have used the Inglewood pool since coming to Calgary/Canada in 1981. We knew nothing about the community but were thrilled when we discovered a pool within walking distance. In 1981 there were very few children in the area. What a difference now. With all of the new developments in Inglewood and more on the way there are many new families in the area. Is this the time to close the pool? The pool provides a place for all ages to enjoy and build community relationships. The pool provides a place to assist with physical and mental health. The pool is a place to invest in people not just buildings. The pool is a place where young people can enjoy a few hours with no social media. The closure of the pool would make it more difficult for those, like me, with physical disabilities. The closure would eliminate an affordable recreation option in a time when household budgets are strained. It would mean one less pool for those who struggle to find space in swim classes, aquasize at times that can fit varying schedules and those looking for a more sensory friendly, less chaotic recreation experience.

The pool continues to benefit people in the same way it has benefited my family for 43 years, from swim lessons for my children, to playdates at the pool, to swim lessons for my grandkids to lane swims with my husband, to aquasize that I rely on for my physical health as I await hip surgery.

Surely these are all good reasons to reverse your decision to close the Inglewood Aquatic Centre.

Thank you,  
Ethne Dickinson



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First name [required] Jamie

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Inglewood pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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I am writing to save the inglewood pool - I am in opposition of the decision to close the pool. We talk often how lucky inglewood is to have such a small town community feel and be inner city. The pool is important to our family and our community and so many people are trying to save it. It is a cheap option to do something as a family, spend time with friends and get exercise. Closing it would impact the community and could be prolonged with the MNP construction. Please reconsider delaying until MNP is done and is more accessible for all.



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Last name [required] Kohli

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Inglewood pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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would love to see the pool supported. If it's poorly attended, it's because the hours make it hard for school aged kids & parents to go. Would love to see weeknight swimming lessons open up - there's demand (which is why the booking system crashes every time swimming lessons open).



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Inglewood Pool Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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My children have been going to this pool for many years. We literally live a stones throw away from the pool. We see how busy the pool is at weekends - for swim meets and birthday parties. We know families that come all over from the surrounding areas to swim in the pool. It will be such a blow to the community to lose this pivotal piece of infrastructure. So many neighborhoods are being gentrified and made over in Calgary so much so that they contain nothing but chain franchise restaurants, banks and non-local goods and services. The pool employs local community members and is loved by the community. There are so many other local community pools that were built around the same era as this one that are not being closed down - this is just another strategy on behalf of the city of Calgary to make Inglewood into some kind of mass-appeal cookie cutter neighborhood which means local residents now have less access to fitness and leisure. This closure will promote the fact that the City doesn't care about the mental and physical health of the local community as much as it does making money from external investors.



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Last name [required] Brunsdale

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Notice of motion for reconsideration re: closure of Inglewood pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

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I am a resident of Sunnyside and have used the Inglewood pool regularly for 20 years, first with my son and his friends, and later for lane swimming to maintain my fitness level as I age. The Inglewood pool provides an easily accessible and human-scaled facility, unlike MNP which is more challenging to access and to pay for. The closure, and transition to private health club, of the Eau Claire YMCA pool, and the closure of the SAIT and Beltline pools leaves few choices for central swimming facilities. The Inglewood pool allows seniors and lower income residents to benefit from swimming. The character of our neighbourhoods can be lost when we lose focus of the details that create vibrant and appealing cities. We can't live with density alone! The pool provides another reason for people to choose to live in central Calgary, and to continue to rate Inglewood as one of our most appealing communities. Our higher property taxes should reflect in the services that are provided to us. Thank you for your consideration.



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First name [required]                      paddy

Last name [required]                      kamen

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Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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Dear Madam Mayor and Council,

The Inglewood Pool is more than just a swimming facility—it's a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection. With the potential closure of Inglewood Pool and other city pools, for extensive repairs in 2025, it's essential that we act now to ensure this resource remains available for everyone.

Since October 8, 2024, the City administration has failed to provide a clear estimate for the repairs needed to keep Inglewood Pool operational. This lack of transparency only adds to the uncertainty surrounding the pool's future and makes it harder for the community to advocate for its survival. Without clear information about the repairs, we're left in the dark, unable to plan or make a strong case for continued funding.

The situation becomes even more urgent when we consider the upcoming closures of Renfrew Pool, Glenmore Pool, and Southland Leisure Centre and MNP Pool for repairs in 2025. These closures will already displace thousands of swimmers and limit access to essential fitness facilities. With fewer options available, demand on remaining pools like Inglewood will rise, leading to overcrowding and longer wait times. Families, seniors, competitive swimmers, and those relying on aquatic therapy will be disproportionately affected.

For many in the community, Inglewood Pool is the only accessible, low-impact option for exercise. It plays a critical role in maintaining physical and mental health, especially for seniors and those recovering from injuries. The pool is not even close but its already affecting the Canadian Council of the Blind, their booking is moved to further facility and changed times. Half of them cant get to that location at that new schedule. Losing access to this pool would not only hurt individual health but would also impact community programs like swimming lessons, water aerobics, and rehabilitation therapy.

The City's failure to provide an accurate estimate for repairs and the upcoming closures of other pools highlight the need for immediate action. We must continue to fight for the future of Inglewood Pool and ensure it remains a resource for generations to come. We cannot afford to lose this community asset, especially when we are facing a shortage of swimming facilities in Calgary.

I request that the City provide transparency, invest in repairs, and keep the Inglewood Pool open.



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First name [required] Lynsey

Last name [required] Bechert

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Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

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This is a vital part of the community, and the costs to create this building and pool have already occurred. More creative ideas are needed to increase usage or have the facility be multi-use to bring in venue, rather than closing it.



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Last name [required]                      Sosa

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Closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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The Inglewood neighborhood is rapidly growing, and relying solely on the MNP Centre for recreation is unrealistic. While it may be suitable for high-performance activities, even with renovations, it won't be able to accommodate the large number of visitors the community needs. Additionally, vulnerable users may struggle to commute there, as it's not easily accessible for everyone. Children and families also won't experience the same enjoyment from public or family swim times as they would at local city pools.

Another concern is the high entrance fees at the MNP Centre. For many families, especially those with multiple children, these costs can be prohibitive, making it harder for people to access swimming facilities. The closure of local pools would only add to the financial burden, limiting affordable recreational options for the community.

Moreover, by closing the local pools, the city is encouraging more car usage, which increases our carbon footprint. This seems to go against the city's environmental goals and efforts to reduce emissions, especially when more people would have been able to walk or bike to nearby facilities.

Who exactly benefits from this closure? It seems like the community is losing more than it's gaining. What's the real reason behind closing the pools? While other cities and countries are prioritizing active living, Inglewood appears to be moving in the opposite direction. We need to rethink this decision and consider the long-term impact on the health, accessibility, and well-being of our residents.



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Stop the closure of the Inglewood pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Dear Madam Mayor and Council,  
The Inglewood Pool is more than just a swimming facility—it's a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection.

The proposed closure is even more unacceptable when you consider the upcoming closures of Renfrew and Glenmore Pool, Southland Leisure Centre and MNP Pool for repairs in 2025. These closures will already displace thousands of swimmers and limit access to essential facilities. With fewer options available, demand on remaining pools will rise, leading to overcrowding and longer wait times. Families, seniors, competitive swimmers, and those relying on aquatic therapy will be disproportionately affected.

For many in the community, Inglewood Pool is the only accessible, low-impact option for exercise. It plays a critical role in maintaining physical and mental health, especially for seniors and those recovering from injuries. Losing this pool will severely impact affordable access to community programs like swimming lessons, water aerobics, and rehabilitation therapy.

The City's failure to provide an accurate estimate for repairs and the upcoming closures of other pools highlight the need for immediate action. We cannot afford to lose this community asset, especially when we are facing a shortage of swimming facilities in Calgary.



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Permanent closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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The Inglewood Aquatic Center is an important recreational facility for myself and my family. I would ask that the Inglewood Aquatic Center be kept open as long as possible. There are so few recreational facilities actually in Inglewood it would be great if we could at least have the pool for as long as possible.



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I would like to see the Inglewood Aquatic Centre funded and operational as it is providing much needed services to the community. It is a disservice to Inglewood and surrounding communities to suggest that everyone can use MNP Centre. That facility is already overcrowded and is not easily accessible from Inglewood due to 1. a lack of parking in the area 2. The new wing will be under construction 3. A lack of one on one programs that disabled and disadvantaged Inglewood residents rely on. Keep the Inglewood community vital by keeping the pool open. Thank you



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Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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We know that there will be a lot of tangible benefits to keep the pool open and increasing opening hours. One which is very important to our family is swimming lessons. There is such a difficulty to enrol into city swimming lessons I know we would sign up for lessons at Inglewood year round if more classes opened up.



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Inglewood Pool Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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The Inglewood pool is a necessary piece of infrastructure in our inner city. Inglewood is home to more and more families every year - just look at how busy Pearce Estate Park is on a weekend now! We used to be one of few families there and now it's nearly impossible to find an empty picnic table. Both of my now teenagers attended Piitoayis Community School in their younger years and were some of the only CBE students able to participate in swimming lessons - because of the Inglewood Pool! Hundreds of Indigenous children will miss out on that amazing opportunity if you are to continue with the closure of this public recreation space. Our children already face so many barriers to recreation, why is this council intent on creating more? Aside from families and children, I understand this space is utilized by many elder residents as well! Council needs to consider the impacts this would have on multiple generations in and around Inglewood and do better by the residents. We need MORE access to public recreation, not less.



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Inglewood pool closure

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In opposition

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I wish to add my name to those who are questioning the need to not funding the continuation of the Inglewood Pool. Due to the nature of the numerous issues and costs to not continuing to fund the pool I question the council choosing to decommission the use of the pool



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The City claiming that MNP center is a replacement of service for Inglewood Pool is not accurate. We, as a family of 4, had membership and tried using MNP pools before, being kicked out as all aquatic facilities are always booked for lessons except for public holidays. In fact, I went to the extent of checking all public pools in the City of Calgary, not including leisure centers, and there is NOT a single public pool with open public swim after 4 pm on a business day. All public swim is before 4 pm when children are at school and adults are at work.  
If the city needs more "usage" for the public pools, I do encourage the city opening pools for public usage, including children on Fri, Sat and Sunday evenings when most pools are closed and no lessons are in session. The swimming lessons are impossible to get into; there is far more demand for lessons than supply of pool facilities. Booking a lesson at 5 in the morning is not a reasonable means of lesson accessibility. Leisure centers are not a comparable alternative to community pools as they are \$18 vs \$8 entrance fee, and too busy to accommodate general public, children and people with reduced mobility. I encourage the City Council to try to go swimming to MNP Center in the evening and try to succeed.  
Understandably, the maintenance costs are high and public facilities are not profit centers; however, this is what population pays taxes for. Certainly, Inglewood land would bring more value in property taxes as commercial or residential development but that only increases the population while decreasing the quality of life for the existing community residents. Maybe it is better to follow the example of Switzerland where land is protected for public use and vineyards and not available for further residential development thus maintaining the highest levels of living in the world.  
Thank you for your consideration.



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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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I write to express my strong support for keeping the Aquatic Centre open. In addition to general arguments you have heard, I would like to add some comments on my own experience. I attend Inglewood pool for lane swimming. I returned to swimming following a running injury a few years ago, and was hooked. I drive from Sunnyside on Saturday mornings: it's a lovely drive down Memorial, past the zoo and an often spectacular view of sunrise on the downtown skyline (from the 12th street bridge), down 9th Ave through Inglewood, and I pull up beside the old brewery to the pool, with its welcoming lights shining through the windows. I enjoy a pleasant morning with a community of swimmers, usually familiar faces. Most weeks I watch the kids and adult learners, often newcomers, taking swimming lessons for a few minutes after my swim. Then I drive back through Inglewood and through Bridgeland to get a coffee, before heading back up Memorial towards the Peace Bridge and home. I pass by people out walking their dogs, getting coffees, jogging, generally enjoying a peaceful morning. This whole experience provides me with a healthy start to the day, healing exercise, a sense of community and a sense of connection with historical and present-day Calgary. This is exactly what I want from my city, and the City should consider it enough of a priority to allot the modest amount of money to preserve. Inglewood is the most convenient pool to me in Sunnyside. The Eau Claire YMCA is closed. SAIT is rebuilding their fitness facility without a pool, public or not. The shuttered downtown YWCA also used to have a pool. I do not enjoy attending MNP nor is it convenient. I don't know what I will do when they close Inglewood, and fear any option will be overcrowded for my actual use, and of course I will lose my pleasant Saturday routine. Please vote to keep the Inglewood Pool open. This is a great opportunity for the City to do something to benefit its citizens.

I support the comments of the group who have organized to fight the closure decision, and reproduce their words below:

"Dear Madam Mayor and Council, The Inglewood Pool is more than just a swimming facility—it's a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection. With the potential closure of Inglewood Pool and other city pools, for extensive repairs in 2025, it's essential that we act now to ensure this resource remains available for everyone. [...]"



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First name [required] Kaitlyn

Last name [required] Hatch

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Permanent closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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The Inglewood Aquatic centre is one of very few public swimming facilities left in the inner-city. Why would the city put so much effort into putting in bike lanes and advocating for Inglewood to be a walkable community, only to remove one of the publicly available fitness spaces? This is an absurd choice that will impact the many families in the neighbourhood who are able to go to this pool. This is a particularly egregious decision to make when global warming is getting worse and again, this is an indoor facility where people can go to cool off and get some physical activity in.



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First name [required] Janet

Last name [required] Valois

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Inglewood pool closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

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I am a banker and as such I do not understand the numbers involved with the Inglewood pool. The first and most important fact is that it will take 2 million to tear down the Inglewood Pool in order to return the land to the donar corporation. These numbers have been bandied about .. but there are no estimates etc to support these claims. So we are destroying a well loved and necessary pool for 2 million. Again, with no hard estimates we could repair the existing structure for about \$650,000 and keep the land with the city. This is to me like saying we have this painting which would cost 2 million to destroy but \$650,000 to restore so everyone can continue to enjoy it. It may not be a good investment but it will preserve it for future generations.

I understand you want to see the budget reduced..but in the real scope of things.. this is literally a small amount. We keep adding new bike lanes that can only be used for a short season and also require maintenance. I understand bike lanes in Europe but not in Canada with our increment weather. The design of these bike lanes have been a disaster. The bike lanes in the SE ( 36 street & 34 ave) are along walking paths that are now impeded by cement barriers. In some cases a home owner has to shovel from their house, across a sidewalk, across a bike lane to get to their vehicle ( and they cant shovel snow onto the bike lane). Please consider taking money from this pot. Also I hear consideration of a river front beach. Again we are in Calgary..the useage would be limited to a very short season. Direct the pot of money to the city pools. I understand that this would not be a sexy decision.. but you are representing Calgarians and using our tax money.

I would like to close by saying how much I depend on the smaller pools. I am 70 and not an athlete. Swimming is the only activity that doesnt cause me pain and reduces pain for that day. I meet like-minded people and enjoy the social aspect as well. Taking away Inglewood will leave a big hole in my life that cannot be replaced by the big pools like MNP. It is not accessible to me. Perhaps consider greatly improving and expanding the programs at these pools. To book into classes you need to book at 5am the week prior to the class. This is not ok. Last week the pool was closed for Remembrance day and then classes were again closed on the Tuesday. At least once a month..classes are closed because of lack of teachers.

Please consider my plea.

Regards

Janet Valois



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2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets (Inglewood Pool Closure)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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I am a long-time Inglewood resident, having firmly established this wonderful community as home for me and my family, including my young son (9) and daughter (5). I write to request that Council consider keeping the Inglewood Pool open.

My family has experienced firsthand the deficit of water recreation program for young people in Calgary. For years, we have set alarms and awoken early to compete for limited swim lesson spots for our children. Some seasons we've gotten spots, others, we haven't. On balance our children have received great training and found swimming lessons challenging and rewarding. It is clear that Calgary needs more pool venues, not less, and that associated investments in children's swimming skill development provide long-term community safety and wellbeing benefits.

Water recreation is also ideal for older adults providing low impact physical fitness options. Inglewood, Ramsay and surrounding communities have a wealth of venerable residents also in need of local, quality water recreation. Use by older adults helps to balance facility demand outside of school hours. At times when the Inglewood Pool might otherwise be underutilized, the venue could serve as a training location for new lifeguards, helping to alleviate the need for trained staff city-wide.

While there are several modernization budget considerations specific to the Inglewood Pool, what is clear is that renovating the facility is more cost-effective for tax payers as compared to building an entirely new facility. Renovating the Inglewood Pool is also an ideal opportunity to include clean energy technologies in alignment with the City's climate goals.

I have heard from neighbors. There is broad consensus. I emphatically request that Council consider keeping the Inglewood pool open.



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Permanent closure of the inglewood aquatic centre

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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My family has used this facility several times and it is a great one. We'd be very sad if it shut down.



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Inglewood Pool is important to the community for fitness and recreation. It is often very difficult to book a class or lessons at City facilities, and the closure of this Pool would only exacerbate the shortage. The reasons cited by the City for the proposed closure do not make sense and requests for further particulars are met, rather inexplicably, with a requirement for a FOIP request at a considerable cost. Overall, the process has been opaque.



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I have recently discovered the Inglewood Pool and it has become a key part of my week.

I will be most disappointed if you decide to close it as it is a valuable community asset



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[required] - max 75 characters      The Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]      In opposition

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ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME      Restrictive Covenant.pdf

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Dear Madam Mayor and Council,

The Inglewood Pool is more than just a swimming facility—it's a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection. With the potential closure of Inglewood Pool and other city pools, for extensive repairs in 2025, it's essential that we act now to ensure this resource remains available for everyone.

Since October 8, 2024, the City administration has failed to provide a clear estimate for the repairs needed to keep Inglewood Pool operational. Further information indicates that the Administration did not bother to measure and provide data set out to determine the viability of the pool. For over 3 years, the pool was neglected, hours cut, and further decisions were made to close via a Briefing on May 28, 2024.

The situation becomes even more urgent when we consider the upcoming closures of Renfrew Pool, Glenmore Pool, and Southland Leisure Center and MNP Pool for repairs in 2025. These closures will already displace thousands of swimmers and limit access to essential fitness facilities. With fewer options available, demand on remaining pools like Inglewood will rise, leading to overcrowding and longer wait times. Families, seniors, competitive swimmers, and those relying on aquatic therapy will be disproportionately affected.

For many in the community, Inglewood Pool is the only accessible, low-impact option for exercise. It plays a critical role in maintaining physical and mental health, especially for seniors and those recovering from injuries. The pool is not even closed but its already affecting the Canadian Council of the Blind, their booking is moved to further facility and changed times. Half of them cant get to that location at that new schedule. Losing access to this pool would not only hurt individual health but would also impact community programs like swimming lessons, water aerobics, and rehabilitation therapy.

The City's failure to provide an accurate estimate for repairs and the upcoming closures of other pools highlight the need for immediate action. The city does own the land, still. If you don't want to run it , let a 3 party operator assume the role, as indicated in the Restrictive Covenant. We cannot afford to lose this community asset, especially when we are facing a shortage of swimming facilities.

We need to make our voices heard and demand that the City provide transparency, invest in repairs, and keep Inglewood Pool open.



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RESTRICTIVE COVENANT

WHEREAS THE CITY OF CALGARY is, or is entitled to become, the registered owner of an estate in fee simple of and in:

Lot Three (3) in Block E of  
Plan 2079 J.K.

Excepting thereout all mines and minerals, and

WHEREAS CALGARY BREWING & MALTING CO. LIMITED has transferred the above described lands to The City of Calgary for the development of a swimming pool only,

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS DEED WITNESSETH that The City of Calgary covenants as follows:

1. The City of Calgary shall not erect, or permit any person to erect, in and upon Lot Three (3) in Block E of Plan 2079 J.K. any building or any construction of any kind save only a public swimming pool for the use and enjoyment of the citizens of Calgary and of dressing-rooms, ticket offices and other such ancillary installations for the operation and embellishment of such swimming pool.

2. If at anytime The City of Calgary or any voluntary association operating the said pool ceases to operate the development on the said Lot Three (3) as a swimming pool, then The City of Calgary shall upon written request of Calgary Brewing & Malting Co. Limited deliver up a registerable

*Restrictive Covenant with Calgary Brewing & Malting Co. Limited*

DESCRIPTION APPROVED

DATE AUG 20 1964

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PER [Signature]

*[Handwritten Signature]*



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transfer of the said Lot Three (3) for the same price and consideration as that on which the said Lot Three (3) was transferred to The City of Calgary.

3. The City of Calgary hereby further covenants that it shall not erect or permit any person to erect on the most southerly ten (10) feet throughout of the said Lot Three any building or structure and shall not plant or permit any person to plant on the said most southerly ten (10) feet any tree or shrub which would hinder or prevent Calgary Brewing & Malting Co. Limited or any assignee or transferee of the said company who has a registrable interest in Lot Four (4) and in Lot Two (2) of the said Block E of Plan 2079 J.K. from the free and unhampered use of the said southerly ten (10) feet of the said Lot Three.

4. The covenants herein shall be deemed to be covenant running with the said Lot Three as servient tenement and shall enure to the benefit of the dominant tenement comprised of Lot Four and Lot Two.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The City of Calgary has hereunto caused its Corporate Seal, attested by the signatures of its proper officers, to be affixed this 23 day of July A.D. 196<sup>th</sup><sub>4</sub>.

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THE CITY OF CALGARY  
by:

*Grant MacEwan*  
Mayor

*J. Sales*  
City Clerk

CALGARY BREWING AND MALTING COMPANY  
LIMITED.

*[Signature]*  
President

*[Signature]*  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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THE CITY OF CALGARY

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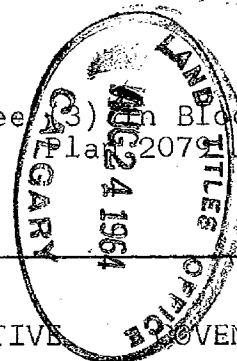
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RESTRICTIVE COVENANT

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I certify that the within instrument is duly filed and registered in the Land Titles Office for the South Alberta Land Registry at Calgary on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1964 at 10:25 o'clock A.M. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1964 as number 829 U.K. 500

Folio 829 U.K. 500

*S. MacWilliams* Registrar  
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First name [required] **Kristine**

Last name [required] **Almazan**

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save inglewood pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Please save Inglewood Pool. since buying our house 3 years ago we use the pool weekly. My family will miss this pool tremendously.



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Last name [required] Kearney

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Permanent closure of Inglewood Aquatic Centre

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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The Inglewood Pool provides an important and meaningful service to many inner city families and individuals. Quality of life of Inglewoodians and Ramsay residents alike will be compromised due to this closure. The pool is an important outlet for families (recreationally and for swim lessons), senior citizens, and other individuals who's health and wellness is supported in part via use of the pool. The Inglewood pool is also an attractive feature, among many, that will enable support for densification and to protect Inglewood as a vibrant community. It may be challenging for several Inglewood and Ramsay residents to access other pools due to transport concerns or secondary to competitiveness associated with swim registrations at city pools. Please protect our neighbours and quality of life by keeping the pool open.





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Do NOT close Inglewood Pool SE

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

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Please KEEP Inglewood Pool OPEN



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Last name [required]                      Mazuryk

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Permanent Closure of Ingelwood Community Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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To whom it mat concern,  
I am writing to express my opposition to the permanent closure of the Inglewood pool. I lived in Inglewood for over a decade and even though I moved a few neighbourhoods away I see the need for a facility such as this for the city, not only the neighbourhood. This pool has for decades played a vital role in fostering community engagement, promoting health and wellness, and enhancing the overall quality of life for people of all ages in our area.

It is such an asset to the neighbourhood and will continue to support the long term residents of the area but be an important resource for physical activity, and social connection for the great number of people and families that will be coming to the area. Inglewood is experiencing exponential growth and there has been so much work with the developers to enrich the community that it seems like a huge oversight to demolish something that can significantly contribute to this vision.

I urge the council to not vote for this closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre. A pool such as this one is an asset to the neighbourhood and the city that enriches the lives of its residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I truly hope for a positive outcome for this community facility.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Mazuryk



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First name [required]                      **Jean**

Last name [required]                        **Blackstock**

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Closure of the Inglewood Public Swimming Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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I am writing in opposition of the closure of the Inglewood and Beltline Public Swimming Pools. I am a born and raised Calgarian of 67 years who swims a lot. I live in an inner city community where services and infrastructure seems to be always taken away in favour of the newer Communities. Swimming is an activity that people of any age can take part in and do take part in in Inglewood and the Beltline. Other swimming pools are not nearby. The Eau Claire Y has closed and the YWCA Pool Closed many years ago. I swam at all of these pools. When I worked in the Beltline I swam there. When I worked downtown I belonged to the Eau Claire Y. I also swam at the YWCA Pool. I took my children to the Inglewood Pool. Now you are proposing to take away all the downtown Pools. Those pools would be packed at noon and before and after work. This is very disappointing and very poor public health planning. People use these pools and they are not extravagant. Neither one of these pools are an extravagant facility. People just go there do their workout and don't complain. Children go there and have fun and don't complain that it isn't some fancy facility. It is also very concerning how rundown Village Square Leisure Centre is as well. It is very sad that the city is willing to put massive amounts of Money into Hockey infrastructure that very few people can afford to utilize when a pool that MANY PEOPLE UTILIZE DAILY will be done away with. I do not agree that the Beltline or the Inglewood Pools should be closed.



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Last name [required] Gale

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Inglewood Pool Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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Please reconsider the closure of this pool. It is not 'a bag of bricks'. If maintained properly it should last for years to come. Also there is proposed development around this facility and the City of Calgary should be working with the developers to improve this facility.





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Last name [required]	Colantonio

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]      In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

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Dear Madam Mayor and Council,

The Inglewood Pool is more than just a swimming facility—it's a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection. With the potential closure of Inglewood Pool and other city pools, for extensive repairs in 2025, it's essential that we act now to ensure this resource remains available for everyone.

Since October 8, 2024, the City administration has failed to provide a clear estimate for the repairs needed to keep Inglewood Pool operational. This lack of transparency only adds to the uncertainty surrounding the pool's future and makes it harder for the community to advocate for its survival. Without clear information about the repairs, we're left in the dark, unable to plan or make a strong case for continued funding.

The situation becomes even more urgent when we consider the upcoming closures of Renfrew Pool, Glenmore Pool, and Southland Leisure Centre and MNP Pool for repairs in 2025. These closures will already displace thousands of swimmers and limit access to essential fitness facilities. With fewer options available, demand on remaining pools like Inglewood will rise, leading to overcrowding and longer wait times. Families, seniors, competitive swimmers, and those relying on aquatic therapy will be disproportionately affected.

For many in the community, Inglewood Pool is the only accessible, low-impact option for exercise. It plays a critical role in maintaining physical and mental health, especially for seniors and those recovering from injuries. The pool is not even close but its already affecting the Canadian Council of the Blind, their booking is moved to further facility and changed times. Half of them cant get to that location at that new schedule. Losing access to this pool would not only hurt individual health but would also impact community programs like swimming lessons, water aerobics, and rehabilitation therapy.

The City's failure to provide an accurate estimate for repairs and the upcoming closures of other pools highlight the need for immediate action. We must continue to fight for the future of Inglewood Pool and ensure it remains a resource for generations to come. We cannot afford to lose this community asset, especially when we are facing a shortage of swimming facilities in Calgary.

My submission is this: we need to make our voices heard and demand that the City provide transparency, invest in repairs, and keep the pool open.



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First name [required] David

Last name [required] de Vlieger

How do you wish to attend? In-person

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Reconsideration of Inglewood Pool Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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David H. de Vlieger

November 18, 2024

Re: Planned Closure of Inglewood Pool

Dear Council,

Please accept this letter as my strong support to reconsider the planned closure of Inglewood Pool. I have a long history in sports and in particular aquatic sports, and will draw on those in this letter. I have use point form where possible to streamline.

While I would love the pool to stay open for the longer term, I understand the constraints that may make that infeasible. That does not mean it should close imminently, and I hope Council can agree to keep the pool open, without major upgrades and at reasonable cost, at least until MNP expansion is complete and that facility is operating at full capacity.

Firstly, I am currently the co-founder of Calgary Nomads Masters Swimming, a masters (adults only) swim group. This is a small business that currently operates out of the Inglewood Pool – two nights per week. Closure of the pool likely means the end of the club.

- We have ~ 40 registered members; most are recreational/fitness, a few of us compete.
- We use Inglewood because our prior pool, the Eau Claire YMCA, shut down.
- Closure of Inglewood literally puts us out of a home, and likely puts us out of business entirely:
  - No other reasonable options available: MNP offered 5:15 am as only weekday time available;
  - Other City pools either full or not willing to expand hours/staffing to accommodate anything close to our current 6:30-7:30 pm timeslot.
  - Most of our members are central Calgary – commuting to Seton or Rocky View is not feasible

While the City is providing almost \$60 million to MNP for expansion (though the expansion pool is smaller than Inglewood (4 lanes to our current 6 lanes), the City is apparently unwilling to find \$750,000 to keep Inglewood open for another year (or slightly more than \$1 million for two) – even though MNP expansion will not be complete until 2027 – AND EVEN MORE PROBLEMATIC – even though MNP will have to close one of its pools during renovations placing much greater pressure on pool space around the City.

The City (and others) have been closing pools and athletic facilities in the inner city (YMCA, YWCA, Beltline, etc...) – and they are not being replaced... While urban densification makes sense – one of the premises of that densification is the ready availability of amenities and services. If one lives in the inner city but must still commute out of the core for services, not only are we impacting the draw of inner city living, but we are also contributing to increased traffic, increased costs and loss of time and efficiency.

Swimming is also the only sport that can save your life. As a city founded at juncture of two rivers, we ought to be leaders in water safety at a young age. Approximately 500 people drown every year in Canada – and this risk is even greater for immigrants to Canada. Likely this reflects both the lack of swimming lessons in their country of origin and the relative inaccessibility (or even cost) of swimming pools and swimming lessons. Basic proficiency in the water – and even simply a comfort level that may lessen panic – can save lives.

I also have a long involvement in high performance sport, and currently sit on the boards of the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian Sport Institute Alberta. While high performance sport is largely funded at the national level – these high-performance athletes don't get to that level without starting somewhere. They start in municipal facilities, whether as rink rats, minnows, etc.... Sporting facilities – at least for entry level athletes – are by and far municipal jurisdiction. The vast majority of kids who join organized sport do not get to the national team, or high-performance level. Instead, they develop and hone essential skills (teamwork, dedication, perseverance, to name a few) while also increasing their health, and hopefully developing a life-long fitness habit. Organized sport can save lives and create good citizens. Fewer places to start a sport will lead to fewer athletes.

Finally, and by no means least, facilities like pools can operate as community hubs. They are places people can meet others in the neighbourhood, places to learn new skill, and places to become Calgarian. Whether you have moved to Calgary from another city, province, country or continent, places like Inglewood pool give you an opportunity to become enmeshed in our great city.

Regardless of the hat I wear – I urge you to reconsider the closure and grant Inglewood pool a temporary reprieve. At the very least, please keep the pool open until some of the loss can be accommodated at MNP, which while not a perfect solution in any way, is better than a simple closure without any replacement.

I thank you in advance for considering this plea – and hope that I can speak to Council on November 26.

David de Vlieger



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First name [required] Trevor

Last name [required] Textor

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Motion to Reconsider the Early Closure of the Inglewood Pool

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In favour

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Letter to Calgary City Council regarding Inglewood Pool Early Closure.pdf

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November 17, 2024

Mayor Gondek and City Council  
City of Calgary  
P.O. Box 2100, Stn. M  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 2M5

Dear Mayor Gondek:

**RE: Motion to Reconsider Early Closure of the Inglewood Pool**

I respectfully ask that Council reconsider the October 8, 2024, motion to close the Inglewood Pool early. The reasons are:

1. Operating funds had already been approved as part of the five-year budget.
2. Attendance (usage) of the pool has been negatively impacted since COVID and in particular by a significant reduction in the number of operating hours the pool is open. This results in skewed attendance figures.
3. It is my understanding that several pools will be shut down for maintenance over the coming 12-24 months. Keeping the Inglewood Pool open during that time will provide a resource for those patrons from the closed locations to use.
4. As stated by the Director of Recreation and Social Programs at the October 8, 2024, Council meeting, "There's **no safety risk to customers or staff**, but there is potential for a full electrical systems failure, ...".
5. With the closure of the Beltline pool and the downtown YMCA, inner city residents do not have an easily accessible swim option. **NOTE:** *The YMCA has re-opened as a private facility and membership fees are outside of the reach of most residents. The MNP facility may offer some level of subsidy, but many users of the Inglewood Facility would not qualify. In addition, transportation from Inglewood to MNP would create a new barrier to access for many local residents.*

Pending a catastrophic mechanical/electrical failure, the pool should continue to be funded and operate until late 2026, when MNP renovations are expected to be completed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

Chris Cvik  
Proud Inglewood Resident



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The Inglewood pool closure is a short-sighted decision. In a year when there are already several anticipated pool closures for renovations, it will be even more difficult to register children for swim lessons. The pool has in the past served also as a valuable community resource with an Afterschool program (which my daughter attended) and could still be developed into something amazing, particularly given the number of low-income folks in the 'hood (e.g., YWCA housing, youth housing program, Alice Bissett CMHA subsidized housing). I believe even the existing pool schedule with limited accessibility is only serving to doom it and it is hard not to be a cynical about why these decision were made (e.g., public swim time 3-4pm when school ends at at 3:20pm! how silly! still only 1 hour public swim times on school days off over fall break. and no apparent scheduling between 4-6pm, so why now let the surrounding neighbourhood pay to use it?). The city argues that the pool is not "profitable" -- but is this really the purpose of a community resource, to be profitable? The same could be said about road maintenance, environmental movements, and the like! The pool is a resource, and the investment put in by the city should be in peoples' quality of life, not eventual profit. There is actually a lot to be said about providing children/at-risk youth/adults a place to be healthy at, with gains in connection and mental health, and even gang diversion, so perhaps the gains are just less evident than immediate dollars. Finally, I have been to MNP and it is NOT a substitute for a community pool -- expensive, busy, and difficult to get to (the opposite of what one wants/needs for a walkable neighbourhood). MNP is ok for the occasional "treat" outing, but for day-to-day needs for children and neighbourhood residents, the Inglewood pool will be sorely missed if the city allows this closure to happen.



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Save the Inglewood pool

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Please consider when you are voting that we need community pools, not just large recreational centres. Let our community's growing density have a fair chance to support the Inglewood Aquatic Centre to stay open, for a minimum of 2 more years. Please put some promised effort into promoting, marketing, maintenance and extending the pool hours and the pool might very well support generations, for years to come. This land was a gift to the city and it is the city's responsibility to honour that legacy.

Dear Mayor Gondek and council,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider the closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre and to keep it open until at least the end of 2026, when the MNP Community & Sport Centre's new expansion is completed. It is crucial to recognize that the City has not fulfilled its commitments to promote, market, perform regular maintenance, and extend the pool's hours—factors that have contributed to the inaccurate portrayal of underuse.

The Inglewood Aquatic Centre holds untapped potential as a vibrant community hub. With strategic promotion, it could become a convenient stop for commuters seeking lap swimming before and after work, while also serving seniors and fitness enthusiasts. On November 13, I witnessed 30 people attending a deep water aerobics class at the Inglewood pool, underscoring the pool's value to the community. Not to mention users that come from other communities, due to over crowding of other city pools.

The City frequently cites lifeguard shortages as a challenge. However, the Inglewood Aquatic Centre could serve as an ideal training ground for future lifeguards, fostering local talent and addressing this issue. Unfortunately, the City's decisions have undermined the pool's growth—reducing its hours and claiming underutilization. For instance, in the summer of 2023, lifeguards were reassigned from Inglewood to Village Square Leisure Centre, leaving Inglewood with limited hours on just Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Such decisions fail to encourage regular use and instead contribute to declining attendance, rather than promoting the pool as promised.

It is also unfair to compare the Inglewood Aquatic Centre's revenue and usage statistics to those of facilities like Village Square Leisure Centre—a large complex with vastly different amenities. Similarly, comparisons to Renfrew Pool overlook significant differences in operating hours and facilities. The Renfrew Pool operates from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm and includes a hot tub and steam room, whereas Inglewood's restricted hours (opening at 11:00 am and closing as early as 7:30 pm on weekdays and 3:30 pm on weekends) limit accessibility and usage.

The main reason cited for the Inglewood pool's closure is \$600,000 in mechanical repairs. Yet, despite repeated requests, no detailed quote has been provided. We appreciate Councillors Sharp and Chabot's confirmation with city administration, that a temporary repair would cost \$350,000. It would be more fiscally responsible to reintegrate the Inglewood Aquatic Centre into the operating budget than to spend a minimum of \$2 million on demolition, only to leave an empty parking lot.

Additionally, the MNP Community & Sport Centre plans to close one of its pools during its construction. Renfrew, Glenmore, and Southland pools are also expected to close for mechanical repairs—where will people swim? Keeping the Inglewood Aquatic Centre open until the MNP expansion is completed is the only sensible option. Inglewood's population density is increasing more rapidly than any other community in the city, highlighting the need for more local pools. Centralized recreational centres cannot meet the unique needs of every community. Years ago, parents successfully fought to keep Inglewood's elementary school open, proving that when invested in, these facilities thrive. Today, with even more families in Inglewood and surrounding neighbourhoods, closing the pool is shortsighted.

At the October 8 council meeting, it was suggested that low-income earners could apply for a fair entry program to use MNP. However, how can a new immigrant mother with three children staying at the Sheriff King shelter, who doesn't speak English fluently, navigate this process? What about families that do not qualify but cannot afford the higher entrance fees at MNP? Our communities Ward 9 councillor suggested "that I buy an electric scooter to travel to MNP," I ask you, how is a senior awaiting hip surgery or a single mother of three supposed to manage this 34 minute trek in -30°C weather? These barriers will leave many without options.

Flat-water community pools provide essential services. Swimming is a critical life skill, especially in a neighbourhood so close to the river. Closing the Inglewood Aquatic Centre sends a message that increased taxes and higher density come at the expense of public services. Our campaign to save the pool has included successful rallies, a well-attended event at the



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Please honour the gift that was given to the city of Calgary, that this land is to be used as a pool for the citizens of Calgary. We need recreation, that are accessible and affordable for all, not just large recreational centres, that are best suited for athletes and people with money. Please keep your promise to keep the Inglewood Aquatic Centre open, at very least until MNP's new expansion is complete. Please stop sabotaging the pool, by reducing the hours and saying it does not generate revenue like Renfrew pool. The decision to cut recreation was not well thought out, as Mayor Gondek stated, this is an opportunity to role that back. Support inner city living, walkability, accessibility and affordability, by voting to save the Inglewood pool. This is not political posturing as the ward 9 councillor stated, it's caring for children, families, seniors and people with disabilities, that voted you in.  
Thank you for not turning this vital service into a parking lot!  
Fiona McKenzie



## Drop in Swimming & Aquatic Fitness Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Lane Swim 6 - 9 a.m.	Lane Swim 6 - 9 a.m.	Lane Swim 6 - 9 a.m.	Lane Swim 6 - 9 a.m.	Lane Swim 6 - 9 a.m.		Lane Swim Shared 7:30 - 9 a.m.
	Self -Led Dive Tank 8 - 8:55 a.m.	Deep Water Workout 8 - 8:55 a.m. Cindy Ends Nov 13	Deep Water Workout 8 - 8:55 a.m. Cori Ann			
					Deep Water Workout 9 - 9:50 a.m. Navin	
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Deep Water Workout 12:05 - 12:55 p.m. Julie H		Deep Water Workout 12:05 - 12:55 p.m. Matthew		Deep Water Workout 12:05 - 12:55 p.m. Mary Lou	Aqua Fitness 10 - 10:55 a.m. Navin	
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# Renfrew Aquatic & Recreation Centre

810 13 Avenue N.E.


Sept. 23 - Dec. 23, 2024

## Dry Land Fitness & Mind Body Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Total Body Workout</b> 6:15 - 7:10 a.m. Sherry	<b>Cardio &amp; Strength Intervals</b> 6:15 - 7:10 a.m. Sherry	<b>Total Body Workout</b> 6:15 - 7:10 a.m. Cindy*	<b>Strength &amp; Restore</b> 6:15 - 7:10 a.m. Cindy*	<b>Total Body Strength</b> 6:15 - 7:10 a.m. Sherry		
	<b>Total Body Workout</b> 8:30 - 9:20 a.m. Rahmi		<b>Total Body Workout</b> 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. Cindy*			<b>Mind Body Flow *</b> 8:30 - 9:25 a.m. Rahmi
<b>Mind Body Flow *</b> 9 - 10:15 a.m. Dianne	<b>Zumba Gold® (Gentle 3)</b> 9:25 - 10:25 a.m. Rahmi			<b>Mind Body Flow *</b> 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Aimee	<b>Cardio &amp; Strength Intervals</b> 9 - 10 a.m. Sherry	<b>Mind Body Flow *</b> 9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Rahmi
<b>Sit Fit (Gentle 1)</b> 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Elise		<b>Pure Cycle</b> 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Dave		<b>Sit Fit (Gentle 1)</b> 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Aimee	<b>Pure Cycle</b> 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Shona / Kordi	<b>Zumba®</b> 10:30 - 11:25 a.m. Rahmi
<b>Ever Active (Gentle 3)</b> 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Elise	<b>Pound ©</b> 12 - 12:50 p.m. Shona	<b>Strength &amp; Restore</b> 12 - 12:50 p.m. Shona		<b>Ever Active (Gentle 3)</b> 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Aimee		<b>Total Body Workout</b> 11:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. Rahmi
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	<b>Step</b> 5 - 5:50 p.m. Nicole	<b>Zumba Gold® (Gentle 3)</b> 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Rahmi		<b>Core Conditioning</b> 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Rahmi		
	<b>Total Body Strength</b> 6 - 7 p.m. Nicole		<b>Cardio &amp; Strength Intervals</b> 6 - 7 p.m. Nicole	<b>Zumba®</b> 6:20 - 7:20 p.m. Rahmi		



**Drop-in Swimming & Aquatic Fitness Schedule**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
				<b>Lane Swim</b> 8 - 9 a.m.  <b>Deep Water Workout</b> 9:05 - 10 a.m. Lisa Marie  <b>Self-Led Shallow</b> 9:05 - 10 a.m.  <b>Aqua Fitness</b> 10:05 - 11 a.m. Lisa Marie	<b>Lane Swim</b> 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Lane Swim</b> 7:30 - 9 a.m.	
				<b>Self-Led Deep</b> 10:05 - 11 a.m.			<b>Family Swim</b> 9 - 10:30 a.m.
<b>Lane Swim</b> 11 a.m. - 1p.m.	<b>Lane Swim</b> 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<b>Lane Swim</b> 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	<b>Lane Swim</b> 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>Family Swim</b> 11 a.m. - 12 p. m.	<b>Public Swim</b> 2 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>Public Swim</b> 2 - 3:30 p.m.	
<b>Deep Water Workout</b> 1:05 - 2 p.m. Caitlin	<b>Deep Water Workout</b> 1:05 - 2 p.m. Izabela	<b>New Tethered Deep Water Workout</b> 12:05 - 12:50p.m. Julie		<b>Lane Swim</b> 12 - 2 p.m.			
<b>Self-Led Shallow</b> 1:05 - 2 p.m.	<b>Self-Led Shallow</b> 1:05 - 2 p.m.	<b>Self-Led Shallow</b> 12:05 - 12:50p.m.		<b>Schedule Subject to Change</b>			
<b>Aqua Fitness</b> 2:05 - 3 p.m. Caitlin	<b>Aqua Fitness</b> 2:05 - 3 p.m. Izabela	<b>Aqua Fitness</b> 1:05 - 2 p.m. Julie	<b>Public Swim</b> 2 - 4 p.m.	<b>Public Swim</b> 2 - 4:30 p.m.			
<b>Self-Led Deep</b> 2:05 - 3 p.m.	<b>Self-Led Deep</b> 2:05 - 3 p.m.	<b>Self-Led Deep</b> 2:05 - 3 p.m.					
<b>Public Swim</b> 3 - 4 p.m.	<b>Public Swim</b> 3 - 4 p.m.	<b>Public Swim</b> 3 - 4 p.m.					
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<b>Lane Swim - Shared</b> 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Lane Swim - Shared</b> 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.		<b>Self-Led Deep</b> 6:05 - 6:55 p.m. Julie				



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First name [required]                      Salla

Last name [required]                      Carson

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Inglewood Pool closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Hello,

My name is Salla Carson and I have a serious concern regarding the closure of the Inglewood pool. I have had this concern since the announcement this May. I think it is very short sighted to close this well-established and well-utilized facility, in the heart of a growing community. The pool is loved by Inglewood and the greater Calgary. It provides access to groups who would not otherwise get to go to a pool; people with disabilities, people who don't own a car or have a drivers licence, elderly people, people with sensory issues, people who don't have enough money (or can't justify the spending) to have a membership at bigger facilities, etc. It is an important gathering spot for local families (the pool is full on Saturday and Sunday mornings) and it's very important for local seniors for its lane swim and aquasize classes. The pool has everything it needs; three slides of different sizes, toys for kids, flippers, pool noodles, life vests, a sauna and a climbing wall. The drop in fee is only \$8.70. Kids 5yrs and under are free.

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I personally go to the pool with my 5.5 yo son every Sunday for a Family Swim from 9:00 - 10:30 am. Since having our twins 1.5 years earlier, I've found it hard to get out to do things with my older son. Going to the pool has been an important routine for us that we do together, just the two of us. We live only 5 minutes away from the pool, so it's fast and easy to go there and back. My son's kindergarten classmates also go there for Family Swim, which is so nice because my son and his friends get to play together and I get to chat with the other parents.

My son knows about the future closure of the pool, which will actually happen after his birthday party at the pool on December 22, and he is sad about it, which makes me sad about it. He says things like: "Why are they closing the pool?" "I'm so sad the pool is closing right when I'm learning to swim" "I love going to the pool with my friends" "Where are we going to swim after they close the pool" "I love going to the pool with you" etc. It's hard to hear that and try to answer the questions when it doesn't even make sense to myself. Also, it's hard to establish routines in the first place and I don't know where we will go after the closure. We don't have a plan B.

One of the City's responsibilities is to provide services to the citizens for which we pay taxes. The City cannot act like a business when it comes to providing life-enhancing services to citizen.



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First name [required] **Monica**

Last name [required] **Wolcott**

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Closure of the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Deam Madam Mayor and Council,

Thank you for taking the time to review this comment. As you are no doubt aware, the Inglewood Pool is a vital third space - a hub for health, recreation and community building. While its proposed closure has its roots in the decisions made by a past Council, we humbly ask you to reconsider and vote against its imminent closure on December 22nd.

As it has been shown, the funds required to keep the facility open pale in comparison to the funds required for its demolition and the existing facility poses no threat to the safety of its patrons. Further, the demand for this aquatic facility can only increase, particularly in the short term, as Renfrew Pool, Glenmore Pool and Southland Leisure Centre are now slated for temporary closures. This will place additional burdens on surrounding facilities, especially given that MNP's upgrades are still years away from completion.

Indeed, demolishing this facility appears short-sighted considering the uptick in young families that have moved into the community since 2019 and the entirely new population of Inglewood citizens that will be joining the community as part of the Brewery Lands development. It further flies in the face of Council's investment in the Ramsay-Inglewood Public Realm Improvement project, by removing a key destination that might otherwise draw Calgarians to this area.

While this is an emotional plea, certainly, it is also a practical one. As a community, we hope that you will take these factors into consideration and defer the closure until such time as a broader strategy is in place.

Thank you for your dedication to our city.

Sincerely,  
Monica Wolcott



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First name [required] Zarina

Last name [required] Mackie

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First name [required] **Betty**

Last name [required] **Rice**

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The Permanent Closure of the Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Letter to Council from Betty Rice.pdf

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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I am writing to you today as a senior citizen who has enjoyed the benefits of our community pool for many years. Please do not close our pool. Make the right decision. It is needed and used where it is. Please reinstate the operating hours and add few more services. You will see this pool thriving. I thank you for your time and consideration.

November 19, 2024

Dear Madam Worship,  
Members of Council

My name is Betty Rice, I am a resident of the Inglewood and a dedicated pool patron. am writing to you today as a senior citizen who has enjoyed the benefits of our community pool for many years. It has come to my attention that the Council is considering the closure of this facility, and I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision. I would like to share my thoughts and concerns regarding the impact this will have on myself and other senior citizens who rely on this vital resource for their physical and emotional well-being.

As we age, maintaining an active lifestyle becomes more important than ever. Regular exercise is critical for seniors, not only to maintain physical health but also to ensure mental and emotional stability. The pool has provided an invaluable resource for exercise, rehabilitation, and social interaction, all of which are essential elements for seniors. The closure of the pool would eliminate a key outlet for physical activity, and as we know, a lack of exercise can lead to a variety of health issues, including cardiovascular problems, decreased mobility, and increased risk of falls.

For many seniors, swimming and water-based exercise are among the safest and most effective ways to stay active. The buoyancy of water reduces the strain on joints, making it easier to exercise without causing further harm. This is particularly important for seniors who suffer from arthritis, osteoporosis, or other conditions

that make weight-bearing activities difficult or painful. For me personally, the pool has been a place where I can manage my joint pain and maintain my mobility. Losing access to such a facility would significantly impact my ability to stay healthy and independent.

Beyond the physical benefits, the pool has also been a space for social connection. As we grow older, the opportunity to engage with others and combat social isolation becomes increasingly important. Many of us do not have the same level of family support, and the pool has been a place where friendships are forged, and a sense of community is fostered. The closure of the pool would deprive us of this essential social outlet, which could lead to a greater sense of isolation and loneliness.

Furthermore, I would like to emphasize the long-term cost implications of such a closure. The cost of caring for an aging population with chronic health conditions that could be exacerbated by inactivity will likely increase. Preventative care, such as regular exercise, is not only beneficial for the individual but can also reduce the long-term strain on healthcare systems and services. The pool serves as a preventive measure, allowing seniors to maintain their health and independence, which in turn can reduce the need for more costly interventions later.

I understand that financial considerations may be driving this decision, but I urge you to consider the broader impact on our community, particularly its senior citizens. The pool is not just a luxury; it is a vital service that contributes to our overall well-being. I respectfully ask that you explore alternative solutions—perhaps increased funding, partnerships, or community-driven initiatives—that would allow this important facility to remain open.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective. I hope that, as you make your decision, you will remember the significant part the pool plays in the lives of seniors in our community.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Betty Rice.



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First name [required] Tara  
 Last name [required] Rodrigues

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Inglewood Pool notice of reconsideration

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I am a former Inglewood resident, and now live in Ramsay. My home is between the Inglewood Pool and the new Scotia Place. I have a toddler who loves to swim and uses the Inglewood Pool on a weekly basis with his grandmother. I just can't understand how my property taxes can be funnelled to a new arena that will benefit a billionaire, but those same property taxes can't be used to keep a pool that currently has no issues, open for another year. It's ridiculous. This city's priorities are completely out of line with the actual needs of its citizen's. My toddler doesn't need a new hockey arena for a professional sports team, he needs a local and affordable pool where we can swim for half an hour once a week.





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First name [required] Robin

Last name [required] Wylie

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Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

Inglewood Pool Closure - Robin Wylie.pdf

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Dear Calgary Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of our local pool in Inglewood/Ramsay. I believe closing this facility would be shortsighted, particularly given several critical factors that deserve your consideration.

First, the alternative facility at MNP has not yet completed their promised expansion that was meant to precede our pool's closure. Even when operational, MNP frequently restricts access to members during peak times and charges significantly higher fees, making it an inadequate replacement for our community pool. This creates a significant gap in accessible aquatic services for our residents.

The financial aspect also requires careful examination. The projected costs to demolish the pool actually exceed the maintenance costs - making closure a more expensive option that eliminates a valuable community asset. This decision becomes even more concerning when considering the increasing population density in Inglewood and Ramsay. As our neighborhoods grow, we need more community facilities, not fewer, to support our expanding population.

The pool's current usage statistics don't reflect its true potential or community value. Since COVID-19, the facility has operated on reduced hours and irregular schedules, including closures during peak summer months. This inconsistency has artificially suppressed attendance figures. With regular, extended hours and proper programming, this facility could serve as a hub for:

- Swimming lessons to promote water safety
- Lifeguard training programs
- Senior fitness classes during daytime hours
- Rehabilitation and therapy services

Speaking personally, this pool has been instrumental in my recovery from back injuries, providing a low-impact environment for rehabilitation. It has also been a cornerstone of our family's recreational activities in the neighborhood, fostering a sense of community connection that's increasingly rare in urban settings.

We have a unique opportunity to revitalize this facility rather than remove it. The pool could offer expanded programming to serve our growing community while providing affordable access to aquatic activities. This is particularly important given that non-city run alternatives like MNP are often cost-prohibitive for many families.

I urge you to consider these factors and explore solutions to keep this valuable community resource operational. The decision to close this pool would have long-lasting negative impacts on our neighborhood's accessibility to affordable recreation and health services.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important community matter.

Sincerely,  
Robin Wylie



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First name [required]                      Shane

Last name [required]                      Stamp

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The Closure of the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

Letter to Coucil Nov 18.pdf

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Please reconsider the closure and keep this pool open. We need this facility!!!!  
Please do the right thing.

November 19, 2024

Dear Madam Worship,  
Members of Council

My name is Shane Stamp, and I am a resident of Inglewood. I am writing to you as a concerned husband, deeply troubled by the potential closure of our community swimming pool. My wife, suffers from degenerating C6 and C7 discs in her back, a condition that causes her severe pain and limits her mobility. For her, swimming is not a luxury—it is a critical part of her health management, and I fear that losing access to this facility will have devastating consequences for her well-being.

Over the past several years, my wife has found significant relief and physical improvement through swimming. The buoyancy of the water allows her to exercise without the harsh impact on her joints and spine that would result from other forms of exercise. This low-impact environment is crucial for her as she works to manage her chronic pain and maintain the strength needed to cope with her condition. Her doctors have recommended regular swimming as one of the few activities that can help her preserve mobility and delay further deterioration of her discs.

Unfortunately, her condition is degenerative, meaning that as time passes, it will only get worse without proper care. Without access to the pool, I fear my wife's physical health will deteriorate more quickly, leading to increased pain, reduced mobility, and a greater reliance on medications and treatments. She is already dealing with chronic pain, and the ability to swim has been her lifeline.

The pool also provides a sense of normalcy and hope that she otherwise struggles to find. It is one of the few places where she can feel somewhat free from the pain that dominates her daily life. Losing access to this facility would not only hinder her physical recovery but could also take away an important psychological benefit.

Additionally, my wife is not alone in relying on the pool for therapeutic exercise. There are many others in our community, particularly seniors, visually impaired, amputees, and those with chronic conditions, who rely on it for their well-being. The closure of this pool would affect not only my wife but many others who depend on it for vital health management.

I ask that you please reconsider the decision to close the pool and explore alternatives, such as finding funding, expand hours and services, that would allow those of us with medical needs to continue using it. We would like the hours be as in Renfrew. The benefits to my wife and others in our community are immeasurable. Without this facility, the long-term health costs for our area will only rise, as people will face worsening health conditions and increased dependence on medical interventions.

I urge you to keep this vital resource open for the sake of my wife's health and the health of many others in our community. Thank you for your time and attention to this deeply personal matter.

Sincerely,

Shane Stamp





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Last name [required] Wylie

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Save the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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I am writing to express my concern regarding the closure of Inglewood Pool, which I believe would be a short-sighted decision. The pool serves an important role in our community, and closing it would be detrimental, especially when there are fixable issues impacting its usage.

While I understand staffing shortages have contributed to the pool's limited hours, these closures—often to reassign lifeguards to other locations—have led to inconsistent access, making it difficult for residents to rely on the facility. The unpredictable schedule, where the pool is frequently closed or open only during limited hours, has understandably deterred many users.

Additionally, the pool's programming schedule has not meet the needs of local families. For years, I tried to enroll my child in swim lessons, but the lesson times conflicted with school or work hours, leaving little to no evening or weekend options. We eventually went to MNP, but MNP, while excellent for lane swimmers, is not designed for young families. The kids' area is often full with lessons, leaving little room for recreational swimmers. MNP is not a suitable space for families looking for a more relaxed swim experience.

The city had committed to assessing the pool's hours and programming, but no evidence has been presented that this has been completed. Meanwhile, planned renovations at MNP to accommodate more users have been delayed. As a result, many residents have limited alternatives for swimming, particularly those who rely on Inglewood Pool for recreation and physical health.

I am also concerned about the land's long-term future. The land on which Inglewood Pool sits was a gift to the city with the condition that it must always have a public pool. If the pool is closed, the land will revert to developers, who have no plans for a public facility. This would be a major loss for inner city communities.

As the city densifies, the need for accessible, community-centered amenities like Inglewood Pool only increases. Closing this pool would ignore its original purpose and further reduce inner-city amenities in favor of suburban developments. We cannot afford to lose local resources, especially as the population grows.

Inglewood Pool is a vital community asset. Maintaining and improving it is far more cost-effective than closing it and returning the land to developers. The estimated repair costs are far less than the \$600,000 initially suggested, and the cost of returning the land could be as high as \$2



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First name [required] Rosalia

Last name [required] Nastasi

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Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Dear Councillors and Mayor Gondek.docx

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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Please see my attached letter about Inglewood Pool.

Dear Councillors and Mayor Gondek,

I am writing to ask you to keep operating Inglewood Pool.

I have been a resident of Inglewood for 6 years and lived in Ramsay for 14 years prior to that. It has been a vital place for me, first on my own, then as a mom raising a family, to be able to swim and see others in my community. Both my daughters, now ages 14 and 16, took their swim lessons at the pool and we enjoyed many family swims there on weekends when they were younger. It is the perfect sized pool for families to swim in and meet up with other families and friends in the community.

As my girls grew older, they were able to go to the pool to swim on their own. And I think that is one of the most valuable parts of a community swimming pool.

A local pool gives children independence. It also fosters activity in a safe space. It was the first place my girls walked to and from on their own (other than a park!). They could spend weekend afternoons meeting up with friends and playing in the pool. As a parent you know they are both safe and being active in your community.

The local pool is also inexpensive compared to other activities in our city. I want other families and children in Inglewood and surrounding areas to have that opportunity.

The experience for children and families is not the same at a big recreation centre like MNP. It is not walkable, nor is it as affordable. It does not have the same sense of security and community.

I feel that places like pools and libraries are some of most important services that our city provides. Tax money well spent.

Please keep the Inglewood pool open.

Thank you for your time,

Rosalia Nastasi

Inglewood Resident



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First name [required] **Shirley-anne**

Last name [required] **Reuben**

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Inglewood Pool Closure Reconsideration

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Inglewood Pool.pdf

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## **RE: Reconsideration Proposed Inglewood Pool Closure**

Dear Mayor Gondek and Members of City Council

Please accept this appeal in the spirit in which it is intended. It is consistent with The City's expressed objectives of building strong, socially sustainable, walkable, and age-friendly and inclusive communities. The City's plans to densify communities especially in established neighbourhoods give even more weight to this position.

The above makes maintaining existing infrastructure such as educational, and recreational facilities, a prudent choice. The Inglewood Pool fits both those categories including being a community social hub, especially when community pool access was more dependable. It is my understanding (from pool users) that in recent times Inglewood Pool hours have not been conducive to regular and dependable use; it is quite possible that the stated "low use" of the pool is a direct result of a slow and measured decrease in operational schedules. Many of you and City Administration know, that community life cycle and associated demographic changes are predictable contributors to ebb and flow of infrastructure usage. It would be short sighted to base community infrastructure plans on community lifecycle. Regardless, Inglewood continues to undergo significant redevelopment since the 90's, with an increase in its housing base and increase in young families. Effective planning for periods of lower use would be better mitigated with interim uses and programming, not destruction of existing infrastructure.

The Inglewood Pool is also an asset to neighbouring communities including Ramsay. Both community's demographics include a significant number of seniors on low income as well as families living in subsidized housing. Both Inglewood and Ramsay Schools have a high proportion of modest to low income families including the Piitoayis Family School, a CBE First Nations School. A local swimming pool offers opportunities for physical education programming for students, summer camps, vital low impact exercise classes for seniors, and lane swimming. All of these were provided at the Inglewood Pool. In addition the Pool provided training space for swim clubs. In short the Inglewood Pool serves many purposes, when its hours are not shortened.

The Inglewood Pool is one of the many community resources gifted to community residents local noteworthy families, in this case the Cross Family. Others include the Inglewood Lawn Bowling Club, and the Baseball Diamonds. The community invested time and its Neighbourhood Improvement dollars on these. It would be a pity for Inglewood to lose the pool as it did its Baseball Diamonds.

City Administration has now revealed that the cost of repairs to the pool range from \$125,000 to \$150,000. It seems a relatively small investment versus demolition of vital community infrastructure. It is hard to believe that this investment in Inglewood and neighbouring communities is not worthwhile. If The City deems this community investment too high, it is plausible that these funds could be raised in partnership between the development industry and investors, who are highly motivated to develop in the area.

In closing, I implore Council Members to support reconsideration of the Inglewood Pool Closure and champion your expressed values and objectives for strong, sustainable, age-friendly, healthy communities. This community itself was long-sighted in championing inclusion and protection of its more fragile and less fortunate members, in the face of gentrification. This also prevented Inglewood's phase out as a residential community and its turnover to industrial lands; which in fact still existed in The City's plans in the early 90's. The significant community engagement on the pool demonstrates Inglewood's commitment to working with The City to preserve its social fabric, and ensure a truly inclusive community. Please help us to do so; together we can make a difference.

Respectfully,  
Shirley-anne Reuben  
[REDACTED] SE, Calgary



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First name [required] Maryanne

Last name [required] McDonald

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Inglewood Pool closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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A few important comments on the upcoming closure of the Inglewood pool:

- MNPcentre is only open to members during peak times of 4 - 8 pm, thus as a potential user, I would only be able to use the drop in times after 8 pm; not ideal and especially not an option if you have children
- The usership of the Inglewood pool may appear low, however, the lack of lane swim or family swim in the early evenings makes it difficult to use; many public swim times are 1 to 1.5 hour time slots. A 1 hour time slot does not give any flexibility for families trying to attend.
- Inglewood pool is the only city pool that offers private pool parties. The bookings for these pool parties are regularly full and highly desired not only from Inglewood and Ramsay users
- COST - it is SIGNIFICANTLY more to swim at MNP centre or a YMCA pool
- Atmosphere - MNP centre is loud, big, overwhelming; not an option for a portion of the population. Inglewood pool has provided a safe, convenient place for youth in Inglewood to expand their independence and autonomy in a non-threatening environment. The previous Calgary Afterschool Program that was housed out of the pool was a vital program for youth aged 10 - 15 who benefitted from a semi-structured program to keep these kids engaged and socializing.
- The cost to tear down the pool has been estimated at \$2 million. To at least temporarily keep the pool open, the cost is less than half. With improved availability of swim times, the usership could actually increase.
- Big rec complexes are nice, but not affordable for everyone. Flatwater pools are still an important and vital element in a recreation "game plan"



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Inglewood Pool Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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I hereby submit the following statement to the Mayor and City Council regarding the destruction of the Inglewood Aquatic Center.  
The Inglewood Aquatic Center has been one of the long standing hubs of the Community of Inglewood for people to meet and gather for the purpose of the recreation of all things Aquatic.  
This Community Aquatic Center is showing ongoing business which justifies it's financial continuance, yet this Mayor and Council has deemed it necessary to spend so much more to destruct this Center rather than the maintenance and upgrades to keep the Inglewood Aquatic Center open.  
The Community of Inglewood has been increasing in population and has undergone a major transformation over the past years to attract more families that will need a place N ow for Aquatic recreation!  
To represent my voice, vote 'No' to destroy the Inglewood Aquatic Center.Thank you for your time and consideration of this submission.  
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First name [required]                      Fiona

Last name [required]                      McKenzie

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Save community pools-Inglewood

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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I can't even fathom any council member or the major, voting to demolish the Inglewood pool, in light of finding out from city administration yesterday, that the cost of fixing the mechanical issues on the Inglewood pool, is now only between \$125,000 to \$150,000! This is a drop in the bucket for a council that has spent large sums of money on renovating their chambers, the arena deal, re-branding the city logo, seasonal pickle ball courts, \$57 million on MNP & now possibly a \$10 million man made wave! There has been a lack of transparency when we have asked multiple times for the quote, for the mechanical repairs. What we received instead was made up numbers and being compared to such places as the Village Square Leisure Centre. The frustrating thing for many inner city dwellers, is that we have paid such high taxes over the years, to support development and infrastructure in the suburbs. Unfortunately I was not able to share at the public forum yesterday, due to the reverb that my very own taxes have gone up \$130 a month. This is mostly due to the over priced infills that have replaced the affordable bungalows. The city wants us to reside in the inner city, as what is a city without density in the core & yet you in the same breath decided to cut recreation. You are pushing density in Inglewood, yes to 16 condo's in one lot and yet you are going to close down the community pool. MNP is not a one size fit's all, we keep community pools, to keep people healthy and safe in the water. Raising taxes while cutting our recreational amenities, is surely not a well thought out plan. Please re-considering rolling back this decision and making the right decision! I hope that our submissions actually do get read.

Thank you  
Fiona McKenzie





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First name [required] **David**

Last name [required] **Kavanagh**

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Reconsideration of Inglewood Pool Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Letter to Council - David Kavanagh.pdf

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**DAVID KAVANAGH**

**November 19, 2024**

Re Closure of Inglewood Aquatic Centre

Dear Council

I am writing to you to express my support of council's decision to reconsider the impending closure of the Inglewood aquatic centre.

I am a member of the Calgary Nomads masters swim team that swims out of the Inglewood aquatic centre twice a week. We relocated to the Inglewood pool 3 years ago following the closure of the YMCA pool in Eau Claire. I have been swimming with this team now for almost 8 years. Our team will likely disband if Inglewood aquatic centre closes. Like many of the other user groups of this facility the communities that are built will be broken up as a result of the closure. We were fortunate to find the Inglewood pool after the Eau Claire pool closed but we're now sadly faced with same fate that we did a number of years ago.

Whilst I acknowledge swimming pools are expensive facilities to run what's always impressed me is people of all ages, abilities, disabilities can use them at ease. In Q2 of 2023 I was able to take my 8 week old son to a swimming pool whilst around the same time I witnessed a 98 year old woman swim in the Canadian Masters championship here in Calgary. Swimming facilities are truly unique in how accessible they are to everyone in the community. The health, rehabilitation from injuries, wellness benefits are unmatched by any other facility the city offers.

It's extremely disappointing that inner city facilities appear to keep closing whilst there's such an emphasis on densification. I urge council to align its 2024 priorities whilst making these decisions to close such facilities and not the previous priorities that led council to initiate the closure of the pool.

I urge you to vote in favour of keeping the pool open but at the very least until the MNP renovations are complete. I also urge you to explore the possibility of incorporating the pool into the development that is proposed there. Maybe this could be a template for aging city facilities to incorporate new uses whilst acknowledging past use.

Thank you in advance

Sincerely,



**David Kavanagh**



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The closing of the Inglwood pool.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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I am opposed to closing the Inglwood swimming pool. The pool serves the local community and closing the pool would force seniors and the handicapped to travel further. This is not easy to do for most seniors. It would also put a strain on other pools that would have to schedule for any increases in usage that closing Inglwood pool would cause. Older communities need these types of services do not close this pool.



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First name [required] **Robert**

Last name [required] **Dickinson**

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Permanent closure of Inglewood Aquatic Centre

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Inglewood Aquatic Centre

Mayor and Council, please reconsider the closure of Inglewood Pool. I am asking that you look for ways to keep it open, even after work is completed at MNP but at the minimum that the pool continues to operate until the MNP work completes.

The closure of Inglewood Pool would promote inequity by reducing access to an affordable recreation option. MNP is less accessible financially as it costs significantly more than going to Inglewood Pool. It is also less accessible, due to parking constraints and longer walks to access the pool. When people are told to park near the casino and walk, or to take two buses to get there, one questions whether accessible, equitable and inclusive recreation opportunities are truly a priority for Council, the City, or Recreation.

The system is already strained, with people struggling to find swim lessons without booking weeks in advance and often having to travel across the city to access them. With planned closures at other pools, due to scheduled maintenance, reducing the number of pools seems short-sighted and will further strain an already strained system.

The city continues to grow and will need access to a variety of amenities, including local community amenities. Inglewood has experienced growth at a greater rate than the city average and will continue to grow. Building complete communities that allow people to age in place and be active throughout their life should be a priority. From swim lessons for children and grandchildren to lane swims, to birthday parties, to aqua-size and more, Inglewood pool provides opportunities to people at all stages of life.

It is vital that Inglewood Pool and similar recreation opportunities are invested in long-term.

Thank you,  
Robert Dickinson



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Save the Inglewood pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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I am in favour of SAVING and keeping open the Inglewood pool. I believe in the importance the pool provides to Inglewood and the surrounding communities. The benefit of keeping it open far outweighs the minimal cost to maintain operation of it. Any monetary cost to it, is an investment for the communities. It offers opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds for affordable access to exercise/recreation. The importance of access of this promotes positive mental health and physical well being. It assists as well in preventative health promotion. It promotes a healthy sense of community which is vital in promoting a healthy city.

The MNP offer is not always an affordable and accessible option to the community and surrounding ones. MNP access, with the population increase and lack of more nearby amenities access, has been and may continue to become more busier. This will discourage potential accessibility. Having more possible options benefits people in communities.

A facility whether new or old, will always require maintenance. The Inglewood pool maintenance is an expected part.

The impact of unnecessarily closing pool will have a negative impact to the well being of the communities near it. The prior concern, of low attendance numbers in the past, has been mentioned by community members. This appeared due to not having enough flexible hours to access the pool. This attributed to lower attendance numbers. Involving the community to creatively add feedback to improve the hours open for accessibility is suggested.

With all due respect, please save the Inglewood pool. Thank you for your consideration.



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Save the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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For 17 years, I had the privilege of calling Inglewood home, raising my family in a community that embraced and supported us at every turn. My son grew up surrounded by the incredible resources this neighbourhood offers, from daycare to Colonel Walker School—and the Inglewood Pool. More than just a place to swim, the pool was a cornerstone of our community. It served as a hub for children to learn essential life skills, for families to connect, and for residents of all ages to stay active and healthy. The Inglewood Pool has always been a vital space to teach kids the life-saving skill of swimming that could one day make all the difference. It's a place where children not only learn to swim but also building confidence, discipline, and the understanding of teamwork. The after-school programs supported by the pool provide an essential lifeline for working parents, giving their children a safe, structured environment to grow and develop.

Beyond youth programs, the pool serves people of all ages. Mental and physical activity are foundational to our well-being, and the Inglewood Pool has provided an outlet for physical fitness, stress relief, and social interaction for seniors, adults, and children alike. It is a place where people of all generations can engage in low-impact exercise that's critical for maintaining mobility and health, especially as we age. This is crucial for those looking to age in place, a goal that is often overlooked in urban planning but one that needs to be supported by accessible community resources.

Closing the Inglewood Pool would be a tremendous loss—not just for families like mine who have used and loved it, but for the entire community that relies on it. The pool isn't just a building with water; it's a space that supports the mental and physical health of residents, fosters community connection, and ensures that important services remain within reach for those who need them most. Inglewood is a vibrant, diverse neighbourhood, and to close the pool would be to ignore the needs of the people who live there. This pool is a gem—well-loved, well-used, and incredibly important. The foresight to maintain and improve such a resource is vital for the long-term health of this inner-city community. We must keep the Inglewood Pool open. Not just a facility; it is a lifeline, and closing it would be a disservice to the generations that depend on it. Let's ensure that this invaluable community resource continues to thrive for years to come.



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Permanent closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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**November 19, 2024**

**Re: Planned Closure of Inglewood Aquatic Center**

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued operation of the Inglewood Aquatic Center. As a member of the Nomads Swim Club, I train at the Inglewood pool twice a week, and I have greatly benefited from my ability to access to the pool - not only for my physical health but also for the sense of community it provides. The Nomads Swim Club would likely not be able to continue if the Inglewood pool is closed, as there is insufficient pool space available at other central Calgary locations.

As someone who grew up in competitive swimming, I understand the value of aquatics to the community. Swimming is an activity enjoyed by many Calgarians, whether through lessons, recreational swims, or for fitness. The Inglewood pool serves a broad range of users and is a vital resource in our city.

Outside of my personal connection to the pool, I believe the loss of a local facility like this would be really unfortunate. Central to good urban development are the concepts of walkability and livability—the ease with which residents can access essential services and amenities. I choose to live in central Calgary to be near these conveniences, and the Inglewood Aquatic Center plays a key role in my quality of life, I know it is the same for many others. In response to the concerns of Inglewood pool users, MNP has been suggested as a suitable alternative for pool access. Unfortunately, MNP is just not a comparable option for centrally located residents who currently rely on Inglewood.

For example, my commute to Inglewood is just 10 minutes by car or 20 minutes by bike. In contrast, traveling to MNP would take double the time by car (requiring a commute through downtown) and is outside a reasonable biking distance. Additionally, MNP's drop-in rate is \$18, more than twice the \$8.70 rate at Inglewood. Evening lane swim times at MNP are also severely limited, with only 2-4 lanes available between 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM on weekdays—far from sufficient to accommodate the needs of central Calgary swimmers.

While I understand that the Inglewood pool may not be able to remain open indefinitely, I urge you to consider the immense value it provides to the community. It offers affordable, centrally located access to aquatic facilities, making it an essential resource for many Calgarians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Louise Neave





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First name [required] Andrea

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Inglewood Pool Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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I do not support the closure of Inglewood Pool. We need inner city pools for swimming lessons, recreation & health. My kids attend the pool during public swimming and we have also had lessons.



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Inglewood Pool Permanent Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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The loss of the Inglewood pool would be an immense loss to the community. Public low cost recreational facilities, particularly pools are becoming extremely hard to access. As someone who used to pool twice a week, I know the importance this pool has to people in south east Calgary and beyond. The closure would leave no other public pool in the area.

I am lucky enough to use the pool as a member of the Nomads Swim Club. Should the pool close, the club will be forced to end due to the lack of affordable inner city options. The club has existed for 25 years.

As a Calgarian who loves to swim, the Inglewood pool has been part of my entire life. I've attended birthday parties there as a child, gone with my parents for drop in family events and now use the pool as an adult.

The closure of this pool would create a deficit of pool space in Calgary. Particularly publicly funded and affordable pool space that can be used by all citizens from different walks of life.

I am disappointed in my city council for choosing the interests of developers over those of community.

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First name [required]                      Rebecca

Last name [required]                      O'Brien

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Inglewood Aquatic Centre closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Please see Calgary Herald Opinion piece <https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-sink-or-swim-a-metaphor-for-citys-pool-policies>  
A few Sundays ago I met "J" ( I wont use her name without her permission) and her 4 sibilings on their way to the Inglewood Aquatic Centre. J is 21, and was looking after 4 sibilings ranging from 8-15. We talked about their options to swim once the pool is closed. They have none. They will not be able to afford the bus and entrance to MNP, not to mention the process of getting there with a complicated transit connection. She explained that she was taking her sibilings out to get exercise and improve their water skills to " break the cycle" . For those in the broader area who do not have the financial or other capacity to get to other Aquatic Centres, the loss of the pool means that unless they have access to institutional; supports, they will not learn to swim, or use the pool top advance a healthier community life. I no longer use the pool; I am not advocating to keep it open from a personal benefit perspective, but I recognize that learning to swim is an essential life skill. The pool provides an amenity for families and individuals who may not have the funds to access often expensive winter activities. If the City is going to 'walk the talk' on affordability, inclusivity, public health, walkability and densification, keeping the Inglewood Aquatic Centre open is a an important tool in the toolbox.



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First name [required] Glen

Last name [required] Lewis

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Save the Inglewood pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Inglewood/Ramsay to urge you to preserve the Inglewood Community Pool. This facility is more than just a pool; it is a vital community hub that brings together people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Its closure would be a devastating loss to our neighborhood.

The Inglewood Community Pool has been a cherished space for families, seniors, and individuals of all walks of life. It serves as an affordable and accessible resource for fitness, recreation, and social connection. Many of us rely on it for swimming lessons, fitness programs, and simply a safe place to gather and stay active. Its closure would disproportionately impact those who are most vulnerable in our community, particularly lower-income families and seniors who may not have the means to access private or commercial pools.

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I fully understand that budgetary concerns and development plans are driving these discussions, but I ask that you explore alternative solutions to keep this important community asset open. Other cities have successfully maintained public pools through creative funding strategies, public-private partnerships, and community-driven initiatives. There must be a way to ensure the Inglewood Community Pool can remain operational while balancing the city's budget needs.

This pool is not just a place to swim—it is an important part of what makes our neighborhood special. I am proud to call Inglewood/Ramsay home, and the pool is one of the key reasons our community feels connected and vibrant. I respectfully ask that you consider the long-term benefits this facility brings to public health, wellness, and community spirit when making your decision.

Please take this opportunity to listen to the voices of Inglewood/Ramsay residents who value this pool, and I urge you to find a way to preserve it for future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Glen Lewis



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First name [required] Chris

Last name [required] Torres

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Permanent closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

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Dear Madam Mayor and Council,

The Inglewood Pool is more than just a swimming facility—it's a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection. With the potential closure of Inglewood Pool and other city pools, for extensive repairs in 2025, it's essential that we act now to ensure this resource remains available for everyone.

Since October 8, 2024, the City administration has failed to provide a clear estimate for the repairs needed to keep Inglewood Pool operational. This lack of transparency only adds to the uncertainty surrounding the pool's future and makes it harder for the community to advocate for its survival. Without clear information about the repairs, we're left in the dark, unable to plan or make a strong case for continued funding.

The situation becomes even more urgent when we consider the upcoming closures of Renfrew Pool, Glenmore Pool, and Southland Leisure Centre and MNP Pool for repairs in 2025. These closures will already displace thousands of swimmers and limit access to essential fitness facilities. With fewer options available, demand on remaining pools like Inglewood will rise, leading to overcrowding and longer wait times. Families, seniors, competitive swimmers, and those relying on aquatic therapy will be disproportionately affected.

For many in the community, Inglewood Pool is the only accessible, low-impact option for exercise. It plays a critical role in maintaining physical and mental health, especially for seniors and those recovering from injuries. The pool is not even close but its already affecting the Canadian Council of the Blind, their booking is moved to further facility and changed times. Half of them cant get to that location at that new schedule. Losing access to this pool would not only hurt individual health but would also impact community programs like swimming lessons, water aerobics, and rehabilitation therapy.

The City's failure to provide an accurate estimate for repairs and the upcoming closures of other pools highlight the need for immediate action. We must continue to fight for the future of Inglewood Pool and ensure it remains a resource for generations to come. We cannot afford to lose this community asset, especially when we are facing a shortage of swimming facilities in Calgary.

We need to make our voices heard and demand that the City provide transparency & invest in repairs.



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Last name [required]                      Lewis

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Save Inglewood pool

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In opposition

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I am writing to express my strong support for the continued operation of our community pool. As a resident of the Inglewood /Ramsey area I understand the financial and logistical challenges our city faces, but I believe that the community pool plays a vital role in the health, well-being, and unity of our residents.

The pool is more than just a recreational facility. It serves as a gathering place for families, children, and seniors, providing a safe and affordable outlet for exercise, relaxation, and socialization. It is a resource that many of our residents rely on, particularly during the hot summer months, and its closure would leave a significant void in our community's offerings.

I understand that budget constraints and maintenance costs are real concerns, but I urge the city council to consider the long-term value the pool brings to our community. The pool encourages healthy lifestyles, promotes social interaction among diverse groups, and serves as a positive community asset that contributes to our city's overall quality of life.

I respectfully request that the city explore all possible options to preserve the pool, whether through budget reallocations, community fundraising efforts, or partnerships with local organizations. We, the residents, are more than willing to support efforts to sustain this important resource.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to working with the council and fellow community members to ensure that our pool remains a valuable part of our community for years to come.

Sincerely,

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Last name [required] Cobb

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Cutting budget for and closing the Inglewood Pool.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

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Please do not cut the budget for and close the Inglewood Aquatic Centre. I strongly believe this facility is critical for Inglewood and inner city residents of all ages in their efforts to be healthy and fit and to build community. It is especially important for seniors, children, families and people with disabilities. I do not believe many of these residents would go to or benefit from larger facilities such as NMP. NMP is too far, too big, too expensive and too difficult to navigate for those with mobility issues and disabilities. I believe that with better programming and marketing, improvements to expand basic services, use of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre will increase and demonstrate that this facility is key to quality of life in our community. Thank you.



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Last name [required] Brown

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Inner city residents deserve to be supported equally as our suburban neighbours. Our taxes are much higher inner city, but our infrastructure is failing. Spend the money needed to maintain the Inglewood pool! We pay taxes to support community building facilities like the pool.



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First name [required] Nathan

Last name [required] White

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Save the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Well, what more can be said it seems minds have already been made up. No real discussion with the public, just a blanket statement that we can't afford it. The fact is if you wanted to, you could keep it open. If the real reason is to get more real estate in order to increase population density by building condos so that more taxes can be taken then just say that. You don't have to punch an entire neighborhood in the gut in order to do what you want. I can list all the reasons why keeping the pool is beneficial to the community, you've probably heard all the reasons already. The reason that it's important to me is my daughter. She's learning to swim there. Every Sunday we go to family swim, her and I. We meet people from our community, that we say hi to on the street now. What a beautiful thing to create with a simple pool, quality family time, connection to neighbors, life saving skills, and the list goes on. If the pool closes the chances of us going to a mega facility, paying more for entry and transportation are pretty slim. It just won't be economical to go swimming how sad is that. So here I am trying to plead with you to keep it open. If that doesn't work then council can go back to it's corporate socialism and let the community and plebs dry up. None of you have to look my daughter in the eyes and explain to her why the pool is closing, but I wish you would so you can actually see the real impact your decision has.



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First name [required] Rhelle

Last name [required] Mackie

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Inglewood pool permanent closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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I would like to express both my concern and dismay about the closure of the Inglewood Pool. The city of Calgary is in need of public infrastructure. Pools, libraries, arenas, and other public places make Calgary a vibrant city with a great quality of life. Over the past decade the City has been closing needed infrastructure in and around the Calgary city centre while also attempting to densify the area. The Calgary core is at a choking point with more people and little recreation options. Inglewood is one of Calgary's oldest neighbourhoods and the Inglewood pool has been a staple of it for decades. It is where people meet their friends, clubs organize, and people get exercise. There are no other pools in the area except MNP, which the city has endowed significant funding for an expansion but is unable to offer the Inglewood pool even a fraction of the funding? MNP while being a great space is costly, busy, and for many inaccessible. The Inglewood pool is a community staple. The city should be improving it, not shutting it down. Why is council putting costs and developers' interests over those of Calgarians? City council seems out of touch with what Calgarians want and need. Inglewood is the pulse of Calgary, with many long time residents and long time Calgarians and the Inglewood community is letting you know they don't want their pool to close. Budgeting should go to the things Calgarians want and need. Council should consider the long term implications of closing this pool. Public recreation infrastructure is more important than fancy arenas, big blue rings, and a lazy river expansion at MNP. Those are not the things that make Calgary great. The things that make Calgary great are the parks, the people, and the places for people to enjoy.



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First name [required] **Monica**

Last name [required] **Iwanika**

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Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Dear Madam Mayor and Council,  
I am writing to ask you to reconsider the closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre. Over the past few months the community has spoken loud and clear about the importance of this facility to our community.

The City administration has failed to make a solid case as to why we cannot continue to use the facility at least for the next few years. They have clearly stated it is safe to use. The amount and cost of repairs remains unclear as the estimates have changed and vary widely. In conversation with Heather Johnson, the Director of Recreational and Social Programs, she stated that the pool was safe to use and would continue to be so until a major electrical fault closed the facility. She also stated that it "didn't feel good to run an asset until it stops working". This is not a good reason to close the pool, the needs of the community must come before the perception of the 'optimal asset management strategy' - we are a community not a collection of buildings. At a bare minimum the community should be given the opportunity to use the pool until a catastrophic repair is needed. The demolition costs far outweigh any costs that must be incurred now to keep the pool operational and allow the city continue to provide this essential service.

We pay property taxes to have access to essential services like the Pool. Our community deserves access to this facility not to have our tax dollars going towards early demolition.

This pool is important on so many levels, it's a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy and social connection. Many of its users will find themselves unable to continue to maintain healthy fitness and recreation without it, lower income families rely upon it, people with mobility challenges facing an hour or more on the bus to get to the next available facility rely on it. Seniors whose social connections center around this facility and its convenient and calm nature rely on it. My children love this pool and the unique things it offers, a calmer, fun and playful environment. The slides, the climbing wall, a shallow end and a deep end in the same pool. It's a place I can take both my kids at the same time by myself despite their different swimming abilities and know that we will all have fun and all be safe.

I ask that we get support from council to keep the pool open, restore reasonable operating hours and prioritize our tax dollars to support the health and wellbeing of our residents as this facility does.



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First name [required] Whitney

Last name [required] Lynch

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Closure of the pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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We have lived in Inglewood for the past three years and would be so sad to see this pool close. My son has taken lessons here over the years and it's been so convenient for our family. I have tried using another pool I, however, it takes us double the amount of time. This is a great pool with so much to add to the community.



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First name [required] **Gwen**

Last name [required] **Johnston**

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Save the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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I am in favour of SAVING the Inglewood Pool!  
I do NOT want the city to close this pool! We need affordable, accessible community recreation Centres in Calgary and the Inglewood Pool is an excellent example of this. We need this pool to support our current neighboring communities and the huge influx of people who are moving to this part of the city. It will not cost very much money to keep this pool open but it will cost close to 20x as much to tear it down! Regardless of any needed maintenance and repairs, they are a small price to pay for the health and welfare of our citizens! Recreational activity is required for physical and mental health - City of Calgary pools are invaluable resources to promote health and well-being for the citizens of Calgary. The Inglewood Pool is the type of facility that services people of all ages and abilities and socio-economic status in our city. It will be a severe blow and a true shame if this pool is not maintained by council. It is difficult to imagine why we have to fight against this closure!?!



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Last name [required]                      Matthews

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Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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Mayor Gondek and Council,

I would like you to reconsider the closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre and keep it open until it fails without putting serious dollars into it (ie. anything over say \$250K). It makes little sense to shut down a functional facility (potentially) years before it requires that serious investment.

Inglewood's population will be increasing at a shocking rate in the coming years and those people will have families that want and expect local services. Inglewood has so few services now. Keeping Inglewood open until the MNP expansion is complete is what was discussed in the past and, to me, the only sensible option.

Thanks



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First name [required] Danielle

Last name [required] Kim

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Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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I strongly oppose the closure of the Inglewood Pool. I regularly patronize this facility and every time I do so, I see many others using the facility as well. It is disappointing that the City is prioritizing the needs of developers over the needs of regular citizens. If the community of Inglewood loses this facility, many will be impacted.



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Last name [required] Garcia

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Save the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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The Inglewood Pool is more than a swimming facility—it's a vital community resource, serving as a hub for fitness, therapy, recreation, and social connection. Its potential closure, along with other city pools for repairs in 2025, poses a significant threat to our community's well-being and demands urgent action.

Since October 8, 2024, the City has failed to provide clear repair estimates for Inglewood Pool, leaving residents in the dark about its future. This lack of transparency undermines community efforts to advocate for the pool and secure its survival. Without accurate information, planning and advocacy become impossible.

The issue is exacerbated by the planned closures of Renfrew Pool, Glenmore Pool, Southland Leisure Centre, and MNP Community & Sport Centre in 2025, which will displace thousands of swimmers. The resulting strain on remaining pools like Inglewood will lead to overcrowding, longer wait times, and reduced access for families, seniors, and individuals reliant on aquatic therapy.

Inglewood Pool is particularly vital for those needing low-impact exercise to maintain physical and mental health, including seniors and those recovering from injuries. For example, members of the Canadian Council of the Blind have already been forced to move their bookings to more distant facilities at inconvenient times, leaving many unable to participate. The permanent closure of Inglewood Pool would amplify these challenges, jeopardizing essential community programs such as swimming lessons, water aerobics, and rehabilitation therapy.

The lack of clarity around repairs and the broader shortage of swimming facilities in Calgary highlight the need for immediate action. Inglewood Pool is a cornerstone of our community, and we cannot afford to lose it.

We urge the City to prioritize transparency, provide clear repair estimates, and commit to investing in Inglewood Pool's future. Our community's health and well-being depend on preserving this critical resource.



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Last name [required] Svecova

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Saving Inglewood aquatic pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Saving Inglewood aquatic pool



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First name [required] Ted

Last name [required] Jones

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Closing Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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The City of Calgary has a forward looking approach to building community. The closure of facilities such as this one goes contrary to the long term goal for building a city worth living in.

As a senior, I routinely walk within the community and use my bus pass in preference to driving whenever I can. I do understand that in most parts of the city residents may not be able to do this. However, it should be the goal to bring this opportunity to all areas and hence maintaining current facilities is a necessary first step. The pool has a heritage within the city alongside the brewery lands and should be retained as part of the future development.

For myself, if the pool is closed, I know that I will not continue to lane swim on a weekly basis which is an important means of maintaining my health as I choose not to drive unless totally necessary.

I urge Council to keep the pool open for the benefit of all Calgarians.



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First name [required] Mathew

Last name [required] Bradley

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Inglewood Pool Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

ATTACHMENT\_01\_FILENAME

ATTACHMENT\_02\_FILENAME

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I am strongly opposed to the closure of the Inglewood Pool.

Knowing that the imaginary quote for repair costs was a made up inflated number of \$600k to keep the facility in operation but that the actual costs are only somewhere in the rage of 125-150k is insulting.

It's come to my attention that the boxing gym that shares the same land has renewed a rather lengthy lease indicating that no development is planned for the area for several years which makes the minimal expense to keep the pool open even more of a worth-while investment. Gian-Carlo Carra's desire to please his developer friends at the expense of the community he's responsible for is disgusting and suggesting that MNP which is a corporate recreational facility will provide the same level of access for seniors or other low income residents is a pipe dream.

If the City cannot justify keeping a CITY OWNED RECREATION FACILITY that is being used by the entire community open for 150k you all deserve to be voted out as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

It's pretty wild to sit there and listen to everyone preach about community, accessabil-ity, supporting our kids and seniors etc while you continue to do the exact opposite. Anyone who votes in favour of that pool closure should be ashmed.



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Inglewood Aquatic Centre Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Dear Madam Mayor and Council,  
The Inglewood Pool is a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection. Closing the Inglewood Pool on Dec 22 seems short-sighted when one considers the planned 2025 maintenance closures of Renfrew, Glenmore, Southland, and MNP Pools. These closures will displace thousands of swimmers and limit access to essential fitness facilities. With fewer options like Inglewood being available, demands on remaining pools will, rise leading to overcrowding and longer wait times.

For that reason alone, Inglewood Pool should at the very least be funded until ALL MNP construction and the pool maintenance has been completed and all pools are fully operational.

That said, for many in the Inglewood, Ramsay and surrounding communities, the Inglewood Pool is the only accessible, low-impact option for exercise. It plays a critical role in maintaining physical and mental health, especially for seniors and those recovering from injuries. The pending closure is already affecting the Canadian Council of the Blind. Their booking is moved to further away facility and changed schedule. Half of them cannot get to that location at that new schedule. Losing access to this pool not only hurts individual health but would also impact community programs like swimming lessons, water aerobics, and rehabilitation therapy.

One of the justifications for closing Inglewood is the GamePLAN proposal. Not every recreation facility needs to be a multifaceted mega facility as those proposed by GamePLAN. The city already owns the land the Inglewood Pool is located on. What is the value of that property? Taken along with the estimated demolition costs of \$2,000,000 dollars does not make fiscal sense to close this pool and give up the land. I submit the city should partner with MATCO to keep the pool open and viable. I submit, smaller single use facilities be a part of GamePLAN. I submit Inglewood Pool must remain open.

Thank you.



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First name [required] **Marina**

Last name [required] **Ortman**

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The Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Please reconsider the CLOSURE OF THE INGLEWOOD POOL. This closure is a rushed and unsupported. Please do the right thing and fund the pool. Allow people to continue to invest in their physical and mental well being. Allow kids to learn essential swimming skills. Allow families to continue building bond. Please do not destroy what is not broken. The Director of Recreational and Social Services justified closure with "This funds that we are saving will go somewhere else". Our questions is where are "few million dollars" for demolishing will come from. From which facility these funds will be taken from. It is just unthinkable to waste few million dollars on demolishing, while 10% of that amount can be used to run the very much needed and used swimming facility. Please do the right thing. Keep the pool open. You will see you were making the right decision. Thank you. Sincerely, Marina Ortman

November 19, 2024

Dear Madam Worship,  
Members of Council

I am writing to express my strong concern regarding the recent decision to close the community swimming pool. While I understand that difficult financial and operational decisions sometimes need to be made, I firmly believe that the decision to close the pool has been rushed and lacks the necessary data, proper community consultation, and long-term planning. These oversights not only undermine the decision's legitimacy but also risk overlooking the significant negative impact on our community's health, particularly for those who rely on the pool for exercise rather than leisure.

First and foremost, it appears the decision to close the pool was made without presenting comprehensive data to the public about its usage, financial viability, and the long-term consequences of closure. A decision of this magnitude requires clear, transparent information, such as detailed user statistics, maintenance and operational costs, and analysis of the social, health, and economic impacts of the closure. Without this data, the public cannot fully understand the rationale behind the decision, nor can we offer informed feedback. More importantly, it raises serious concerns about whether this decision has been based on short-term cost-saving measures rather than a well-considered, long-term strategy for the community's well-being. Furthermore, it seems that the voices of those who rely on the pool for vital health and fitness purposes have not been sufficiently taken into account.

The pool serves as a crucial resource for seniors, people with disabilities, individuals recovering from injury, and those with

chronic conditions who need low-impact exercise. Swimming and water-based exercises are often recommended by healthcare professionals as the most effective form of physical activity for people with conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, and degenerative spinal issues, because water provides support to the body and reduces strain on joints. The closure of this pool would significantly disrupt the ability of these individuals to maintain their health, independence, and quality of life.

It is also important to note that the type of pool we have is essential for rehabilitation and exercise. Many people rely on flat-water pools specifically designed for low-impact, therapeutic exercise—this is not the same as the recreational or leisure swimming found in other types of facilities. For those of us with medical needs, the pool's calm, steady water is an environment where we can safely engage in structured exercise routines that are impossible to replicate in a leisure pool or a non-specialized facility. The closure of this flat-water pool will take away a critical space for safe and effective exercise, which can lead to long-term health issues, higher healthcare costs, and greater dependency on medical treatments.

Additionally, the failure to consult with these user groups—those who depend on the pool for health and rehabilitation—is a significant oversight. The lack of community engagement in the decision-making process has left many individuals in the dark about why such an important service is being taken away. For many, this pool is not just a luxury, it is a lifeline to maintaining their mobility, independence, and overall health. The decision to close it without sufficient community input, particularly from those most affected, is deeply troubling.

Finally, I believe the Council has not fully explored alternative solutions. There are many potential ways to reduce costs or improve efficiency without closing the facility entirely. These could include

adjusting hours, seeking community partnerships, or exploring other revenue-generating opportunities. Closing the pool outright, without exhausting all other options, feels premature and hasty. The consequences for public health—particularly for vulnerable groups—must be given equal weight in this decision-making process. I urge the Council to pause and reconsider this decision. There is no question that we must look for ways to balance financial responsibility with the needs of our community, but it is essential that we make these decisions with careful thought, proper data, and full community consultation. I implore you to listen to the voices of those who rely on this pool for their physical health and quality of life and to explore every possible alternative to closure before making a final decision.

Thank you for your time and attention. I hope the Council will reconsider and take the necessary steps to ensure this valuable resource remains available to those who need it most.

Sincerely,

SIGNED  
Marina Ortman

# Current Support for the Inglewood Pool

2,435 on Online Petition

576 on FB group and page combines

413 live signatures

Totalling: **3,424** people are in support of keeping Inglewood Pool Open



## Stop the Closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center



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68 people signed today

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Sue C. 1 month ago  
I use this pool with my family and it is a community facility that supports our entire family. From swimming lessons to birthday parties to lane swims, it is valued and affordable.

4 · Report

Stacey S. 1 month ago  
The city is no longer taking care of its own facilities. Listen to the constituents and give the people that voted for you what they need instead of pandering to developers.

4 · Report

Sharon W. 1 month ago  
Small communities need these facilities. Most people going to MNP are flashy and make me uncomfortable.

4 · Report

Trish L. 1 month ago  
Inglewood is becoming a very popular place to live, work and enjoy life. A community pool does just that, creates community. What a huge loss to close this pool.

4 · Report

Alyson M. 1 month ago  
It is important to have community based facilities.

4 · Report

Kory J. 1 month ago  
I love the pool

4 · Report

Bernadette W. 1 month ago  
I am a carer who is moving there in a few months hopefully. Swimming really helps people with disabilities strengthen their muscles, swimming is not only helpful for people who have disabilities, it also helps the elderly, not only in body but in mind. Also, this is a social activity. Council should encourage people with disabilities and the elderly... [Read more](#)

3 · Report

Don't 1 month ago  
3 reasons:  
1) The decision was based on 5 year old data and I do not think was made following a proper and transparent process.  
2) The City did not follow through on the commitments it... [Read more](#)

6 · Share · Tweet

Farkle B. 1 month ago  
Parks, libraries, bike paths, sidewalks and POOLS are important to have accessible to each community. Sure, the City is a business, but it's a business that is supposed to be supporting it's communities, which costs nearly one billion in excess taxes each year!! Those living in inner-city communities are (usually) paying higher taxes to the city... [Read more](#)

5 · Share · Tweet

Willow A. 1 month ago  
It seemed to me that there was a lack of communication between the city and community members about the status of the pool, whether it was closing and the hours of operation, it should have been open more in the evening and there are not too many places where seniors on fixed incomes can go for a swim and not pay huge entry fees... [Read more](#)

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First name [required] **Marieve**

Last name [required] **McDonald**

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Inglewood Pool closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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As a 12 year old inglewood resident, Inglewood pool is where i learned to swim. My family would go to family swim on a regular basis when I was young. Yes, the pool was colder than other pools, but I was brave and I loved it! We frequently ran into other families we knew at the pool. Now, I am able to walk there with my friends and swim on our own without needing to find a ride or an adult to come with us. MNP centre is too far to walk. MNP is also only open to members from 4-8 pm so I will not be able to go.  
My favorite part about the inglewood pool is the climbing wall and private birthday parties where we have the pool to ourselves! The pool has been a big part of my family's life in Inglewood. I don't want it to close.



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First name [required] **Gretchen**

Last name [required] **Thompson**

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Permanent closure of ng Lewis pool

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In opposition

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INGLEWOOD AQUATICS FACILITY

November 18, 2024 Attention:

Mayor Gondek

City of Calgary Councillors

We are writing to express our support for the preservation and continued operation of the Inglewood pool in Calgary's oldest continuous community. The Cross family has proud roots in this historic area and believes that community-based gathering places are essential to thriving municipalities. The donation of land through the Calgary Brewing and Malting company in 1963, enabled the first public indoor pool to be built in Calgary. This rich history has provided all Calgarians, including numerous aquatics organizations, affordable access over the years.

The City's continued support of this facility would demonstrate a commitment to the community's heritage, ensuring that it remains for future generations of families, children and seniors to enjoy. The promotion of affordable, inclusive recreational facilities resonates with us all. As you consider the proposal to extend the life of the pool, we hope that you will honour the history and continue to invest in this vibrant growing community.

Respectfully,

Gretchen Cross Thompson Jill Cross



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First name [required] **Connie**

Last name [required] **Thurrott**

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]      In opposition

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The Inglewood Pool is more than just a swimming facility—it's a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection. With the potential closure of Inglewood Pool and other city pools, for extensive repairs in 2025, it's essential that we act now to ensure this resource remains available for everyone.  
Bigger is not always better. I invite you to view the situation through a different lens—not one of a younger person/family with sufficient means and mobility but to perhaps of your older self with a limited fixed income, poorer mobility and the need of therapeutic swimming to maintain health/recover from injury, or the lens of a younger family struggling financially looking for recreational opportunities they can afford.  
Please do not take away a great facility in a great community that we can walk to and use - that fits our budget. MNP is not a viable option for myself and many others - it is too far away and double the price, plus other practical detractions (see attachments from MNP website Nov 18/24).  
I first heard of Inglewood Pool over 30 years ago, long before I lived in Inglewood - a colleague regularly attended to lane swim here, my Doctor also lane swims here. Neither live in the community. This pool is a resource for all Calgarians, playing a vital role in health and well-being. Please do not take this away. For many in the community, Inglewood Pool is the only accessible, low-impact option for exercise.  
  
Knowing now the City estimate to repair is \$125K , and estimate to demolish \$2 million , the economic case is clear.  
  
For those of you who have supported this motion to keep the pool open, my deep gratitude. I invite the rest of council to please consider how important this facility is to so many. Not everyone takes the time to write or email, so please understand with the tight deadlines and human nature you are not hearing from all who depend upon the pool.  
  
Thank you for your consideration- please keep Inglewood Pool OPEN!

# Annual Memberships & Drop-in Costs

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS*	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS*	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS*	LIMITED MEMBERSHIPS	DROP-IN ADMISSION
	Annual Monthly*	Annual Full Pay*	30 Day Card or 10 Pass Card **	Single Admission
Adult (18+)	\$82	\$895	\$148	\$18.00
Adult Corporate (18+)	\$73.80	\$805.50	N/A	N/A
Senior (65+)	\$54	\$570	\$89	\$10.75
Youth (13-17)	N/A	\$500	\$81	\$10.50
Child (2-12)	N/A	\$195	\$55	\$7
Family Max – 2 adults & up to 4 kids (under 18) all living at same address	\$134	\$1,534	N/A	\$33
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Last name [required] Starling

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We would like to submit to NOT close the Inglewood Aquatic Centre

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Since October 8, 2024, the City administration has failed to provide a clear estimate for the repairs needed to keep Inglewood Pool operational. This lack of transparency only adds to the uncertainty surrounding the pool's future and makes it harder for the community to advocate for its survival. Without clear information about the repairs, we're left in the dark, unable to plan or make a strong case for continued funding. The situation becomes even more urgent when we consider the upcoming closures of Renfrew Pool, Glenmore Pool, and Southland Leisure Center and MNP Pool for repairs in 2025. These closures will already displace thousands of swimmers and limit access to essential fitness facilities. With fewer options available, demand on remaining pools like Inglewood will rise, leading to overcrowding and longer wait times. Families, seniors, competitive swimmers, and those relying on aquatic therapy will be disproportionately affected.

For many in the community, Inglewood Pool is the only accessible, low-impact option for exercise. It plays a critical role in maintaining physical and mental health, especially for seniors and those recovering from injuries. The pool is not even close but its already affecting the Canadian Council of the Blind, their booking is moved to further facility and changed times. Half of them cant get to that location at that new schedule. Losing access to this pool would not only hurt individual health but would also impact community programs like swimming lessons, water aerobics, and rehabilitation therapy.

The City's failure to provide an accurate estimate for repairs and the upcoming closures of other pools highlight the need for immediate action. We must continue to fight for the future of Inglewood Pool and ensure it remains a resource for generations to come. We cannot afford to lose this community asset, especially when we are facing a shortage of swimming facilities in Calgary.

My submission is this: we need to make our voices heard and demand that the City provide transparency, invest in repairs, and keep Inglewood Pool



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First name [required] Rachel

Last name [required] Nicol

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Reconsideration of Inglewood Pool Closure

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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Rachel E. E. Nicol

November 19, 2024

**Re: Closure of the Inglewood Pool**

Dear Council,

I am writing to you today as a recently retire Olympian, Canadian Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission member and an Inglewood Pool community member with the Calgary Nomads Masters Swimming Club. From these various perspectives, as I will highlight below, I strongly urge the council to reconsider the closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre.

**Retired Olympian**

I retired a 26-year long career in competitive swimming this past January 2024, during which I represented Canada on the world stage at many events including the inaugural Youth Olympics in 2010, the Olympic Games in 2016 and most recently the Pan American Games in 2023 as champion of the 100m breaststroke and 4x100m medley relay. All this to say that the roots of my swimming success began in Lethbridge, Alberta. Being from a smaller community and thus participating in grass-root swimming clubs, I cannot express enough the importance of these communities – similar to the Inglewood pool community. These facilities go beyond being just pools, they are the lifeblood of so many incredible possibilities. Of course, not everyone goes on to become an Olympian, but I have seen first-hand innumerable examples of the positive impact local pools have on the diverse clientele that attend, which often goes unnoticed. The lessons that learned at facilities like the Inglewood pool give rise to skills that serve people for the rest of their lives. Not only do pools provide water safety proficiencies, the skills learned by being involved in the local clubs and recreational activities run out of these facilities aid in creating happy, healthy and contributing citizens of the city. Leadership, cooperation, communication, dedication and perseverance are just a small few of the qualities one picks up from participating in pool activities, whether they are organized programs or not. By eliminating access to an integral part of the Inglewood community at the intended date of December 22nd, the city would be depriving this area the immeasurable benefits gained by groups and individuals that are patrons of the aquatic centre.

**Canadian Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission**

As a member of the Canadian Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission (COC-AC) we look at and discuss sporting matters on a national and international scale. Matters ranging from athletes rights to safe sport to sporting policies and more. We have currently been discussing and researching the structure of sport in Canada and how it compares to other countries.

Unfortunately, while Canada does see great sporting success at the high performance level, we see sport and recreation struggling at the city and provincial level. A contributing factor to this

(amongst others) is accessibility. This includes cost and facility availability in that today the cost of participating in exercise and the barriers in convenient to access facilities is a major issue in Canada when assessed beside comparable countries. I understand that it may not be feasible to keep the Inglewood pool running for the long-term, but closing it alongside the anticipated closure of MNP would be at a huge detriment to community engagement in exercise and in turn overall health. Additionally, the entry cost for a family to MNP (\$33) compared to the Inglewood pool (\$17.75) let alone the additional cost one may have to incur to travel to MNP or another pool less convenience should be enough to make one reconsider the hardship closing the pool will have on families and individuals (MNP single adult drop-in \$18/Inglewood pool single adult drop-in \$8.70). Personally, my belief is the relatively small amount (in the grand scheme of a city budget) of funds needed to keep the Inglewood pool open long-term should be provided, but realistically I understand there may be barriers to this. At the very least, however, the Inglewood pool should remain open while the MNP pool undergoes its construction, as families and other aquatic enthusiasts will have nowhere to go – negatively impacting many citizens of Calgary.

### **Inglewood Pool community member with the Calgary Nomads Masters Swimming Club**

As indicated earlier in my letter, I recently retired from competitive swimming. For mental health reasons, it took me a long time to be able to come back to a pool. Having competed at the University of Calgary Aquatic Centre, MNP and the Brookfield Residential YMCA at Seaton, I knew attending these pools were not an option for my continued wellness. I found the Calgary Nomads Masters Swimming Club through word-of-mouth and the club is just the right fit for a retired competitive athlete. One of the major contributing factors to my continued training with the Club is the Inglewood pool. Needless to say, I have swum in countless pools in Calgary, Canada and the world. Unlike most pools, you can tell that the Inglewood pool and the community it fosters is special and I wouldn't be able to put it to justice with words – you would have to see for yourself! The welcoming kindness that you are met with, not only from club members, but from lifeguards and all patrons is something that is hard to find and even harder to create. The positive mental-health impact that this pool has had on me, and I have no doubt many others, is something I will always be grateful for. Sometimes you don't need a massive, world-class complex. Sometimes what you need is a grassroots, cozy, holistic-centred facility and at the Inglewood pool patrons are always met with just that. Facilities are not a one-size-fits-all and having smaller community pools like Inglewood's catered to a diverse range of people and populations. I know I wouldn't be swimming today if it were not for this pool and I am sure that I can say same for countless other individuals.

Therefore, I close by restating that I strongly support the council in to reconsider the closing of the Inglewood pool. If not to find a solution in keeping the pool open indefinitely – at least to extend its closure date to after the MNP renovations are complete.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rachel Nicol



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Last name [required] O'Neill Sanger

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Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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I write to express concern and opposition to the proposal to close the Inglewood pool. The pool is an important piece of our community and the estimated costs of its repair are modest when weighed against the benefits the pool provides. Families, seniors and youth can walk or cycle a short distance to this indoor recreation space. I understand that the estimated cost of repairs needed for the pool are just \$600,000, and that the land on which the pool is located will pass to the owner of the surrounding lands if the pool is closed. Choosing to make this modest investment in a central neighbourhood of a growing city seems like a no-brainer. By closing the pool, Council would be giving away valuable land rights to the detriment of Calgarians. Housing density is visibly increasing in Inglewood with the addition of multiple condo developments and infills over the past few years and more in the works. Inglewood has also recently welcomed the YWCA crisis shelter, transitional housing and affordable housing developments, which have brought more kids, youth and single-parent families into our community. As the community grows, walkable public spaces like the Inglewood pool become even more important. As the City approves housing development projects in our neighbourhood, it should be increasing its investment in existing public infrastructure, and finding innovative ways to make them more useful - not pulling the plug. If there is concern that the pool is under-used, we should think about how to get more people in the door. Options might include adding a library space or fitness room. We love our community because of the easy accessibility to most things, including recreation spaces. These spaces allow us to encounter our neighbours and to come together as a community. A multi-plex recreation centre across town cannot replace what the Inglewood pool provides us. Stripping central neighbourhoods of essential amenities while increasing housing density will only lead to higher costs and problems down the road. I would like to see council act in the best interest of Calgarians and maintain our existing services that promote healthy and connected lives in our neighbourhoods. Sincerely, Maeve O'Neill Sanger



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Last name [required] Chartier

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Bob Chartier

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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As an Inglewood resident and the founder of the local Music Mile, I am strong views on what we keep and what we scrap as we try to create vibrant inner city communities. This is a huge misstep as it is a clear takeaway from the next generations we attempt to rightly add density. More young people coming here will not be attracted by another hole in the ground. But a hole full of cleaning swimming water attracts density, not repels it



**Pooling our resources...***the mayor of the Music Mile and Inglewood elder at large reflects on the pool closing...*

Many of us made an interesting decision in our choice to live in the inner city. If you made that choice more than twenty years ago it was certainly a sketchy decision.

If many of our leaders and developers in those days had their way there would now be massive destruction of historic buildings and a four-lane freeway running through my neighborhood. It would be much like the CPR, still running ugly through the hood without any community contribution.

However, community warriors stepped up and the oil tanks were replaced by deer herds and slowly we became funky and popular. Artists and musicians were the new settlers. Even in this change, the voices of urban progress still wanted to tear down institutions like our old school.

So, the warriors made babies.

The babies needed to learn to swim and so they lobbied for a pool.

The babies grew and learned to swim and get along. Remarkably, our inner city, instead of slipping into the American style ghetto model, began to emerge from a sketchy cocoon into the much-desired butterfly of cool.

There was always music, art and funky commerce here and now more and more of our suburban neighbours are realizing they love artisan beer to mall beer and are bringing their dogs into Cold Garden

I spent my working life trying to save public institutions. In my early years I wanted to get rid of them but some hard work and elder sense made me realize that like an old Ford truck, we need to consider repairing our cherished and vintage institutions, not call for their demise.

We live in times where anger, mistrust, fear and bad information lead many to believe our institutions need to be taken out.

Public service, public safety, public education, public health and even public democracy, has some folks believing they are so broken we might need our own commercial real estate mogul and a slick car salesman to create a better new world.

I need convincing.

My old heart just wants to help fix the vintage.

The Music Mile is neither an organization or an institution. It is simply a place. There was always music here living, dancing and breathing life in old theatres, brick buildings and Quonset

huts. All we did when we started the Music Mile was shine a light and hook up some metaphorical speakers to what always existed.

It worked for the last ten years and so did the pool.

But funky quickly folds to finance, doesn't it? Commercial real estate now worth a few million dollars can easily crush a Quonset.

And a swimming pool.

Just pull the plug and bring in the dozers and say good bye to soul and laps.

It's always heartbreaking to see any community that thrives on music, art, dogs, kids, parks and good food fight for its life. But all those things do not really have high profit margins, do they?

It's not a fair fight as we see when a swimming hole or a music venue is worth millions.

To end more positive, we have seen hybrid victories in our hood, where vintage met contemporary and survived. The King Eddy was classic vintage with dirty blues, Export A smoke and Saturday afternoon harmony. The numbers guys saw it as a teardown, but I would love to shake the hands of those folks who convinced the developers to hand bomb the vintage Eddy brick by brick and load it back up with fine music once again running through its veins.

Excuse me, the pool is also vintage.

The pool is community.

However, the pool is sitting on millions of dollars worth of commercial real estate.

It will either go down like a vintage Quonset or be integrated back into the community like the treasure it is.

I can swim under water pretty good but I am not holding my breath.



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Closure of Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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As a resident of Inglewood since 2001 I have seen the community change and evolve. A beautiful constant is how much this neighborhood values its neighbors. We care for one another and we've spoken loudly we have a need for amenities for growing families, our senior and those living with a disability. We strongly oppose the closure of the Inglewood Pool. There will be many stories shared by my neighbors today.

This is my family's story. My son was a miracle as we were given the odds of 1% chance of conceiving. We had the miracle of watching all his swim lessons and lifelong friendships formed with other neighborhood families! My son is currently taking Swimmer 5/6 lessons at the Inglewood Pool. We were fortunate to register for the last spot. However, we wait online at 530 am to get into a wait room to register so you can't tell me there isn't a demand! Plans have been presented that are both sustainable and economical to maintain the pool. Walking or bussing to amenities are of the utmost importance to Inglewood neighbors who on average pay higher property taxes. So we'd like those taxes to serve our needs in our neighborhood. Please save our pool.  
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The Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Madam Worship and Members of Council, please read my letter. Please vote to reconsider the Oct 8 vote and please vote to keep the Inglewood Pool open. Thank you. James Stone

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From Dr. James A. Stone, BPHE, BA, MSc, MD, PhD, FRCPC, FAACVPR, FACC

Clinical Professor of Medicine, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary

RE: Closure of Inglewood Swimming Pool

To: Her Worship The Mayor, City Council, and City Administration of Calgary

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Thank you for your time.

SIGNED

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Last name [required] Killam

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Inglewood Pool

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In opposition

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I an in opposition to close the Inglewood Pool.



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First name [required] Dan

Last name [required] Allard

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Inglewood pool closure

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In opposition

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We oppose the closure of the Inglewood pool. Generally, our opinion hinges on the area being much more marketable with a community rec centre which directly benefits us as a hospitality business in the area. We'd love to see the building operated with the ambition of being profitable instead of reducing its programming as a cost-cutting race to the bottom. Instead of a costly demolition plan, we'd love to pivot those funds to profitable endeavours and treat this asset like a business. If there's no money for the longterm overhaul of electrical, etc. at the moment; maintain the building as-is and build out programming. If catastrophic electrical failure happens down the road, it can be addressed then when the cost of repair will be justifiable with an active asset. I'll share two quick thoughts from the lens of creating a vibrant and profitable space.

Bouldering is one of the most popular and growing sports in the city, especially within Inglewood. Bouldering with a pool below you is such a cool experience but the wall isn't currently long enough and the hours too restricted for practical use among enthusiasts. This is a low-cost improvement that immediately caters to a growing trend.

Hot tub. We have a group of staff who swim at the Renfrew rec centre specifically due to the hot tub and don't want to pay MNP prices. While this is a specific example of one group, it's reasonable to assume anyone reading this would agree a hot tub after a workout makes this facility worth going to.

The above are two quick examples of opportunities where I'm sure there are lots more that would make this a vibrant space for people to attend. And if they attend this building, they'll attend the bars and restaurants after, adding to the vibrancy of the neighbourhood.

Thanks for your time and deliberation.

Dan



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Inglewood pool

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Please do not get ride of the Inglewood pool. With the city growing and major housing developments planned for the Inglewood community we need more affordable recreation , not less.  
The womans shelter and houseing is near by , it's great for seniors and right by the #1 bus line. It is so easy to get to for those that need it. And can not afford to visit the larger recreational centers.



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As an inner city Inglewood resident, I oppose the closure of a small aquatic facility for multiple reasons. Why? We have a rapidly expanding community and need services now and into the future, and closing services is exactly the opposite of supporting Calgaey's long term recreation plan, with the Inglewood Pool meeting several of the long term recreation goals. Personally, as a disabled individual small facilities make it possible for me to attend, large facilities such as MNP, YW Seton, etc. are a significant barrier and, really, are inaccessible for me (from lack of parking (theres never enough nor a guarantee of accessible stalls), to the physical effort just to get to the pool, too large of distances to navigate such as change rooms, and higher admission prices). Leaving the pool open allows for the oppurtunity to have local swim classes for children enrolled at the Colonel Walker and Piitoaysis School, a crucial life saving skill, and removing the barriers to classes for students, as there are not nearly enough city run swim classes, and its very difficult, if not often impossible, to enroll children in the the classes, and makes it easy for parents to have their children attend swim classes - I had this experience when, in Grade 7, I would walk to the Renfrew pool for swim classes during school hours, a fond memory. By not investing in the pool, the city has created a situation where the pool is not as busy as it could be. Upgrades such as a hot tub would significatly increase the user experience, especially in my case as I get very cold quickly, alongside children or other adults or seniors like me that need a body of warm water to offset the cooler water. Its a classic defund model, short sighted, and indicates lack of leadership for smaller, accesssible recreation facilities in the city. Thank you for your time.



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Closure of the Inglewood Pool

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In opposition

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I am strongly opposed to the closing Inglewood Pool. We have lived in the community for over 37 years, and never is the need for the pool greater than it is now. The community is growing, with more children, lots of families, social agencies, day cares, etc. The ability to swim is a critical life skill, that is essential to both good fitness, and a healthy lifestyle. It also provides an important connection for people both in and around our community. During our years here, we have seen many businesses come and go. Keeping the flow and traffic to slow down and enjoy amenities in the community has essential spillover benefits to local businesses. Please Do Not Close the Pool!!



# Important Testimonials

## Letter from Dr. James S [REDACTED]

BPHE, BA, MSc, MD, PhD, FRCPC, FAACVPR, FACC

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Attention:

# Important Testimonials

Mayor Gondek

City of Calgary Councillors

We are writing to express our support for the preservation and continued operation of the Inglewood pool in Calgary's oldest continuous community. The Cross family has proud roots in this historic area and believes that community-based gathering places are essential to thriving municipalities. The donation of land through the Calgary Brewing and Malting company in 1963, enabled the first public indoor pool to be built in Calgary. This rich history has provided all Calgarians, including numerous aquatics organizations, affordable access over the years.

The City's continued support of this facility would demonstrate a commitment to the community's heritage, ensuring that it remains for future generations of families, children and seniors to enjoy. The promotion of affordable, inclusive recreational facilities resonates with us all. As you consider the proposal to extend the life of the pool, we hope that you will honour the history and continue to invest in this vibrant growing community.

Respectfully,

Gretchen C [REDACTED]

Jill C [REDACTED]

## Conversation with Lois [REDACTED]

One of her greatest regrets in life is that she never learned how to swim – as a child nor later in life. She was always paranoid of water and embarrassed that she could not swim.

Her own brother drowned in Rosebud Creek when he was trying to fix a pump. He was 65 years old at the time while Mrs. Haskayne was on her honeymoon.

She is glad that all of her grandchildren/great grandchildren have learned to swim . Swimming is an essential Lifetime skill, that should be available to everyone.



# Economic Benefits to the Community

- There are currently groups and individuals that come to the pool from outside of Inglewood and Ramsay
- One group talked to has had after swim social events at Cold Garden, Dandy Brewing, Ol' Beautiful, HighLine Brewing, Hose and Hound, Dirty Duck, etc.
- People stop for coffees, spices, flowers, many businesses in the area
- Expanding hours to have morning and afternoon swim and fitness and later evening hours will significantly increase the economic spillover benefits of the pool.

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# Important Testimonials

The City of Calgary  
Calgary, Alberta

**Subject: Support for Inglewood Aquatic Centre**

Dear Madam Mayor and Council,

The Inglewood BIA is supportive of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre in maintaining operations as a vital community asset in creating cultural, social, and economic benefits within Inglewood.

There is an economic value in repeated visitation to the business community from both residents and visitors. The facility drives traffic to nearby businesses, such as cafes, restaurants, and shops, as families, seniors, and others, frequent these establishments before or after their pool visits. The closure may result in decreased patronage for these businesses, particularly during peak swimming months.

The Inglewood Aquatic Centre plays a key role in attracting families, professionals, and retirees who value access to quality recreational facilities. An open pool signals that the community invests in its residents' well-being, making it more appealing for prospective residents and businesses. Conversely, closing the pool could diminish our community's competitive advantage and overall desirability. In addition, the Inglewood Aquatic Centre supports local employment opportunities supporting the economy. With a closure, it would result in job losses that disproportionately affect young workers and seasonal employees.

Civic infrastructure provides the foundational building blocks within community development as hubs. The Inglewood Aquatic Centre closure will create multiplied, ripple effects that benefit the wider community. Investing in the pool sustains its role as an economic engine, bolstering local businesses, supporting jobs, and enhancing Inglewood's vibrancy and attractiveness.

I recommend Council prioritize the economic value of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre in providing its continued operation, expanding programming and continuing conversations towards supporting civic infrastructure in Inglewood. The City of Calgary can demonstrate a commitment to fostering a thriving local economy while maintaining a vital resource for our residents and visitors. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kristen Shima  
Executive Director  
Inglewood BIA



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Inglewood Pool

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In opposition

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The Inglewood pool is essential to community health - physical, mental, and community spirit. The cost to do the repairs is nothing (especially when you compare it to investments like the Flames hockey rink), but means much to many adults, children and many, many seniors. Let's keep the city diversified - large, new pools aren't always best for a community.



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Last name [required] **Clarke**

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Permanent Closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Center

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"Dear Madam Mayor and Council,  
The Inglewood Pool is more than just a swimming facility—it's a vital part of our community and the city. It serves as a hub for fitness, recreation, therapy, and social connection. With the potential closure of Inglewood Pool and other city pools, for extensive repairs in 2025, it's essential that we act now to ensure this resource remains available for everyone.

Since October 8, 2024, the City administration has failed to provide a clear estimate for the repairs needed to keep Inglewood Pool operational. This lack of transparency only adds to the uncertainty surrounding the pool's future and makes it harder for the community to advocate for its survival. Without clear information about the repairs, we're left in the dark, unable to plan or make a strong case for continued funding. The situation becomes even more urgent when we consider the upcoming closures of Renfrew Pool, Glenmore Pool, and Southland Leisure Centre and MNP Pool for repairs in 2025. These closures will already displace thousands of swimmers and limit access to essential fitness facilities. With fewer options available, demand on remaining pools like Inglewood will rise, leading to overcrowding and longer wait times. Families, seniors, competitive swimmers, and those relying on aquatic therapy will be disproportionately affected.

For many in the community, Inglewood Pool is the only accessible, low-impact option for exercise. It plays a critical role in maintaining physical and mental health, especially for seniors and those recovering from injuries. The pool is not even close but its already affecting the Canadian Council of the Blind, their booking is moved to further facility and changed times. Half of them cant get to that location at that new schedule. Losing access to this pool would not only hurt individual health but would also impact community programs like swimming lessons, water aerobics, and rehabilitation therapy.

The City's failure to provide an accurate estimate for repairs and the upcoming closures of other pools highlight the need for immediate action. We must continue to fight for the future of Inglewood Pool and ensure it remains a resource for generations to come. We cannot afford to lose this community asset, especially when we are facing a shortage of swimming facili

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**Vittorio Spoldi**

**November 18, 2024**

**Re: Planned Closure of Inglewood Pool**

Dear Council,

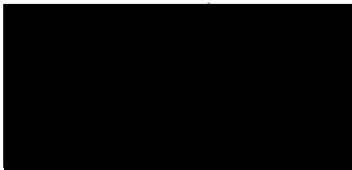
I am writing to express my strong support for reconsidering the planned closure of Inglewood Pool. With a long history in aquatic sports, I understand the importance of such facilities. While I acknowledge the constraints that may make keeping the pool open long-term infeasible, I urge the Council to keep it open at least until the MNP expansion is complete and fully operational.

As a member of the Calgary Nomads Masters Swimming, a club operating out of Inglewood Pool, the closure would likely mean the end of our club. We have around 40 members, and no other reasonable options are available for our current timeslot. The City is investing heavily in the MNP expansion but is unwilling to allocate a relatively small amount to keep Inglewood open temporarily.

The closure of inner-city pools and athletic facilities without replacements impacts urban densification and increases traffic and costs. Swimming is a life-saving skill, especially in a city like Calgary, and the lack of accessible swimming lessons poses a risk. High-performance athletes start in municipal facilities, and fewer places to start a sport will lead to fewer athletes.

Facilities like Inglewood Pool serve as community hubs, helping people integrate into the city. I urge the Council to reconsider the closure and grant Inglewood Pool a temporary reprieve until the MNP expansion can accommodate the loss.

Thank you for considering this plea.



Vittorio Spoldi

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The Inglewood pool is vital to the community. It provides recreational services to seniors, children, and the vision impaired among just a few. If we shut down the Inglewood pool those services will become inaccessible to those groups and to the other patrons. Not only is mobility a big barrier (it's challenging to take a bus to several neighborhoods over, let alone the lane time matching up with the bus schedule)- but the other pools are over capacity making pool times inaccessible (for a senior, battling 6 people per lane can be so stressful it is not worth it to go at all). I recognize the Inglewood pool is less busy than other city gyms, and this could be remedied with increased lane time options and pool promotion, however having it less busy actually makes it a much more accessible pool. I firmly believe that we should not only optimize to cost per person, but also optimize towards the quality of experience and how accessible an activity is, to equitably serve all Calgarians. **SAVE THE INGLEWOOD POOL!!**