



## Public Submission

CC 968 (R2024-05)

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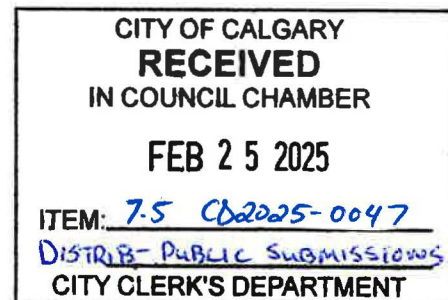
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February 23, 2025

**Re: Request to delay GamePLAN**

Dear Major and City Councillors,

As you are aware, GamePLAN was just released to the public on Feb. 6, 2025. Overall, Elbow Park Residents Association applaud the City's commitment to improve the availability of sports and recreational facilities for Calgarians, but the timeframe for consideration before the next city council meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> is insufficient. This timeline does not allow for communities and citizens to understand the goals and impact of this new strategy document. For example, there is uncertainty about GamePLAN's impact on smaller recreational facilities in communities that provide valuable programs and are often more accessible than a mega-plex.

It seems prudent that a strategic plan for recreational facilities of the magnitude of GamePLAN, both monetarily and scope of impact, should be given more time for deliberation and contemplation. This would allow for better clarity and communication on what GamePLAN's impact will be, and how it fits into the overall plan for our city going forward.

Respectfully, we request that council refers GamePlan back to administration for fulsome community dialogue on the proposed changes to Calgary's recreational offerings. Please allow more time to provide clarity on how this will be a success in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Lisa Poole  
President, Elbow Park Residents Association

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I already made a submission, but subsequently became aware that we will not be able to speak to this Consent Agenda item. I was able to speak at the Committee meeting, but the full council was not there. I believe that there are some on the Council that were not in attendance that feel that spending totalling upwards to \$6.5 Billion in the next 25 years should have some public input to the full council. I am strongly in favour of the main premise of GamePLAN - that we need to invest significantly and on an ongoing basis in recreational facilities. However, I believe that some of the parameters driving that investment are problematic - the focus on larger megafacilities, not investing in maintaining aging facilities, the assumption that many in the public will be willing to drive significant distances to participate in basic fitness, targeted investment locations not aligning with the projected growth and the expectation for fewer cars as we densify, being some of these concerns. I want assurances that as we progress over time there will be opportunities for input and investigation into different parameters for investment.



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Closing small local community pools would negatively impact the health and well-being of many residents. These pools offer affordable, accessible recreational spaces for people of all ages to exercise, socialize and relax. They foster a sense of community by bringing neighbors together, promoting physical activity, and providing a safe environment for children to learn to swim. Furthermore, local pools often serve as a vital resource for low-income families who cannot afford private or commercial facilities, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to benefit from aquatic activities. Keeping them open supports the overall health of the community.

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Dear Madam Mayor and Members of Council,

The Canadian Council of the Blind is a non-profit organization of blind adults. The Calgary Chapter has just over 60 members. The main barrier for the blind to attend public swimming is the public. Complete disorientation happens in open water where there are no tactile clues to guide you. Most people with blindness give up on swimming altogether because the public does not understand this. The Inglewood Pool has been perfect for us for several reasons. Its central location works as we have members living in all four quadrants of the city. With the blind, familiarity improves function and we have been able to learn to navigate the dressing rooms and pool deck as well as the pool. We are able to have exclusive swims with only our members in the pool and the dressing rooms, so there is no public in our way getting frustrated with us. I have heard members comments such as, "This is the most comfortable swim I have ever had." Swimming is an important life skill to have and many other activities are safer and more enjoyable if you are competent in the water. The large complexes actually diminish our independence as we would require a sighted guide even to find the dressing room. Even if they rope part of the pool for us, there is still plenty of public to avoid. We have members with multiple disabilities as well and the small Inglewood Pool works for them. The large complexes are great but not for everybody. Please think of those Calgarians for whom a smaller facility is best. Thank you for your time and attention.

Joanne Chatterton,

President of the CCB Calgary





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Local community pools are more than just places to swim—they are vital hubs that foster connection, accessibility, and inclusivity. Unlike large, out-of-the-way mega complexes, neighborhood pools allow residents to walk or bike, making them especially valuable for those without cars, including seniors and marginalized groups who may feel unwelcome or overwhelmed in massive facilities. While these pools have suffered from poor management, proper investment and utilization could transform them into thriving community assets rather than lost opportunities. Closing them forces all traffic into a single location, eliminating the natural distribution that keeps neighborhoods active and engaged. Instead of shutting them down, the city should focus on revitalizing these essential spaces to strengthen local communities.

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The smaller city operated pools around Calgary such as Killarney, Glenmore, Renfrew, Inglewood and Shouldice plan an important and critical function to Calgarian's daily lives.

As a born and raised Calgarian I have interacted with these pools my whole life. As a child I had swimming lessons in them, as a teen I participated in competitive swimming including practices at Canyon Meadows, Glenmore and Killamey pools and as an adult I use them for personal health. Now, as a parent, I also use City pools for swim lessons for my two children.

While I appreciate that new facilities are needed, and there is an appetite for multi-use facilities, the role and function the older pools play in daily Calgarian lives is being understated and undersold. New facilities do need to be constructed, but it cannot come at the expense of the existing facilities. The lengths that I have to go to in order to attempt (!!) to register my children in swim lessons, often unsuccessfully due to massive demand and chronic undersupply, is unacceptable. We need more flat water pools and pool time, not just different facilities.

If the City continues down the path of closing small, local, flat water facilities and consolidate into fewer multiuse facilities will not improve service, it will remove local access and make utilization more difficult for Calgarians. This measure needs to be rethought.

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I have been swimming recreationally and competitively since childhood. My first experiences in swimming were taking lessons at a local pool, during which I showed an aptitude for the sport and joined a local swim club. This was followed by an increased level of commitment to the sport throughout my teen years and culminated in a scholarship to the U of C, during which I captained the men's swim team and represented Canada internationally as an athlete while also obtaining a Bachelor's of Commerce in Accounting and eventually a CPA designation. I believe that the friendships and skills that I developed as a swimmer (hard work, perseverance, focus, commitment, etc.) have directly enabled me to be a productive member of my community into my adulthood. This developmental process was in turn facilitated by easy access to a small local pool in my community during my childhood. This experience would have been markedly different without that level of access - it's likely that without this easy access to a local facility my swimming career would not have progressed beyond the basic lesson phase as rides to and from a larger facility would not have fit with my parents' busy schedules. I believe that all Calgarians deserve access to these same opportunities.



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Local small pool facilities are invaluable to our communities. They provide a quiet, accessible space for families, beginners, seniors, and anyone seeking a more personal swimming experience. These pools are often stepping stones for kids learning to swim and offer low-impact exercise for older adults. Despite the challenges of maintenance, their value is undeniable.

While mega facilities are often seen as a solution, they can't replace the sense of community and accessibility that small pools provide. There's clear demand for these spaces, and instead of closing them, we should explore ways to improve their management and keep them open for all who rely on them.



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As a former swim coach to a 2x Olympic swimmer, I've seen firsthand how small, local pool facilities are crucial to developing swimmers at all levels. These pools are more than just places to swim—they are where beginners gain confidence, families bond, and seniors find low-impact exercise. They are often the first step for kids on their way to competitive swimming and, in some cases, even Olympic dreams.

While mega facilities are often viewed as a solution, they can't replicate the personal, community-focused environment that small pools offer. The demand for these spaces is real, and instead of closing them, we should be finding ways to improve their management and ensure they remain accessible to everyone who depends on them.



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Calgary families & competitive swimmers alike depend on neighborhood pools especially for our many residents that take their health seriously and wish to participate in aquatic exercise. Please reconsider this proposed closure of neighborhood pools, kids and families depend on these smaller pools. Not everyone has the financial wherewithal or access to the big downtown MNP aquatic Center. Allow people the opportunity to support this neighborhood city run pool.

My 4 competitive swimmers all benefited in early days of training from Acadia pool, Inglewood, Canyon Meadows, South Calgary, these pools are VITAL!!! Keep our kids active and we will have less childhood diabetes and obesity.

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] Neither

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Was a competitive swimmer for 16 years. Have been in and around every pool in this city since I was a child and know first hand how integral these facilities are to the city and communities within.

All I hear and see from my colleagues, friends and family is how there is not enough access to the pools being offered and there is a lack of lessons / programs for their kids. Swim safety should be part of all core curriculum in this country and yet parents can't even get their child in to swim programs because the spots are so limited.

The GamePLAN mentions how costly the upkeep is on these pools and how low the attendance is. Attendance unfortunately comes down to management issues and overall lack of planning and accessibility. Having one person in charge of open and close and the confines of the union hourly work rules leads to condensed operating hours and a lack of smart scheduling.

With health & fitness (thankfully) being on the forefront of popularity the last couple years, getting people out and active does not come from shuttering facilities that allow for year round activity and exercise.

It is not enough to close these facilities and point everyone in the community to the megaliths of MNP, or YMCA Seton/Rocky Ridge. I shouldn't have to drive 10km to take my child to swim when a pool exists in my neighborhood.

Allow for 3rd party management or collaboration with CoC and you will see how quickly and how easily lanes can be filled with public and group activity, i.e. swim lessons or swim fit groups.

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City pools are part of what keeps our communities and families thriving. They are well used, affordable, and make it possible for lower income families (and senior citizens) with opportunities to stay healthy, They also provide facilities for swim teams from young kids to 80 year olds. Closing city pools with the suggestion that people go to karge facilities outside of the city strips the sense of community, the camaraderie that I have seen for decades, and the opportunity for people to spend time with others at an affordable price. Currently, parents are having trouble finding swimming lessons or their children because lessons get filled up immediately; this reflects the need or community pools to remain open and extend operating hours. For me personally, having access to our city's pools for years has meant I have an affordable place to stay fit, meet people, and swim on a master's team. I have seen community members gather and find long lasting friendships. Closing aquatic facilities in Calgary diminishes the appeal to newcomers (I recently read that Calgary is the most liveable city in Canada) and to those living here.



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I strongly support the City significantly increasing funding as outlined in the Making Waves GamePLAN to build new recreation facilities that meet both current and future demand. The City of Calgary's facilities and programming are overcrowded, with high demand and long waitlists, particularly for swim lessons and lane space.

As a former competitive swimmer for 15 years, I have seen firsthand how pool space has been at a premium in cities across Canada for decades. Now, as a parent trying to enroll my toddler in swim lessons, it's disheartening to see such limited class availability, with spots filling up instantly—like trying to get tickets to a major concert.

Looking at pool schedules, it's clear there is a disconnect between facility hours and public needs. Most pools are open up to 16 hours on weekdays but only 8 hours on weekends, which does not align with the schedules of families—especially those with infants and toddlers who have fairly universal nap and bedtime routines.

Given the high demand for classes, how can the City consider shutting down existing pools like Inglewood and others? Is this due to a lack of lifeguards? A shortage of instructors? Or a reluctance to adapt to community needs? If pools are underutilized, the solution should be to adapt—not to let them die. If City-run programming can't keep up with demand, why not make it easier for 3rd parties such as clubs and private providers to use the space to better serve the community?

The City is presenting two conflicting narratives: on one hand, pools are supposedly underutilized and too old to maintain, yet on the other, tens of thousands of people are waiting for more access to swim programs. Which is it?

Even though GamePLAN suggests that new facilities will be more cost-effective than maintaining older ones, will two new pools be built before an old one is closed? The problem shouldn't have to get worse before it gets better.

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As a member of a local Masters Swim Club, I value the City's public swimming pools. I am concerned about the proposed plan to build large facilities at the City's fringe at the expense of older facilities in the established districts of the City.

Specifically, the Shouldice pool is used by our group 2x per week. It is conveniently located for those of us living in the 'inner city' (I live in Glendale). Its catchment area is quite large, I think.

It would be shame to have to think about driving to the outer parts of the city for recreation. We have seen this before at Beltline and Inglewood where older facilities are shuttered and patrons have to either travel a significant distance to a pool or resort to more expensive ones like MNP.

Smaller groups like ourselves can afford to go to smaller facilities whereas a mega pool would undoubtedly come with a steep rental fee. Also, with new districts being built just west of Shouldice (e.g. Paskapoo slopes), there will undoubtedly be demand for the pool due to convenient access.

I would ask Council to reconsider the proposed plan to close the smaller facilities to ensure patrons have reasonable access to recreation facilities. Citizens of Calgary should not be denied access to facilities because of where they live.





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Investing in local pools is an investment in our communities bond, swimming education, recreation, communities local economy and the wellbeing of all Calgarians. Shutting them down would leave behind a void that mega facilities cannot fill because of the accessibility and flexibility that is lost with such facilities. Many of these pools have deep roots in their communities, They've been the focal point for countless childhood memories, swimming lessons, innumerable team practices and community gatherings. Demolishing them erases a piece of local history.



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Calgary's community pools are strategic assets, boosting the city's economy, social development, and athletic success. They drive local business by attracting families and increasing foot traffic. They improve public health, leading to a more productive workforce and reduced healthcare costs. Pools enhance Calgary's image, attracting tourists and new residents. They foster social development by providing safe spaces for youth and building stronger communities. They also create jobs and, crucially, serve as training grounds for future athletes, including Olympians. Investing in these pools is a strategic investment in Calgary's future, contributing to both economic prosperity and international athletic achievement.



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As someone who has been a competitive swimmer from the age of 5 and continues to pursue a love for aquatics as a Masters swim member and a swim lesson instructor for a program for children with special needs, I believe that these smaller city pools are very much needed. As a born and raised Calgarian, I grew up swimming in pools like Foothills, Churchill, and Shouldice which provided a wonderful space for my skills to prosper and develop at such a critical age. However, in researching for more pool space for swim lessons these pools are not open on the weekends which severely limits the pool availability for all citizens. Having accessible city pools allows swim clubs and swim lesson programs to provide their community with essential water safety skills and recreational enjoyment opportunities. Furthermore, with more pool space available, that allows for more staff to be hired which in turn opens job opportunities for citizens. The demand for pool space will continue to grow, especially with the growing number of families in Calgary, and I believe that we as a city have to respond accordingly in order to foster the well-being and needs of our citizens.

Additionally, with the recent news of Vecova closing at the end of June this year, Calgarians need inner city pools to support the special needs community that mega facilities cannot provide alone. These families face not only financial challenges but also difficulties finding inclusive programming and accessible facilities in a community near them. We need these city pools so that these individuals, along with other members, are given the chance to fully participate in community life while fostering life long swim skills. These pools are also able to provide a quieter, calmer environment for those individuals with sensory/sensitivities that will only be exacerbated in larger crowds. The continued operation of these pools should be fully considered since most of these families attend the pool with privately hired aides, therefore, longer travel distances and possibly higher fees only extends the financial burden felt by these families.

The larger facilities are indeed a great addition to Calgary's list of amenities, providing a multitude level of high quality competitive aquatic opportunities. On the other hand, majority of citizens need the smaller grassroots facilities closer to home to ensure we limit the barriers in accessing aquatic activities.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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While I am fully supportive of a plan to support recreational facility development and expansion, I am concerned that this plan will seek to downgrade or close smaller, and mostly inner city, facilities. Many community groups such as swim clubs are naturally sized to use smaller spaces and could not afford to rent larger facilities and would face booking discrimination (for example trying to rent 6 out of 8 lanes).

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I strongly appose the small pools in Calgary closing. I teach a swim lesson program in Calgary to kids with neurological and developmental disabilities how to swim. WE CANNOT GET RENTAL PANE SOACE ANYWHERE IN THE CITY. First off I'm told I'm a conflict of interest but half the city pools don't even run adaptive swim lessons and second my program is very much advanced from what the city offers as swim abilities. No parent or aide has to attend the lesson with the swimmer as I've got trained instructors. I have over 70 kids on a waitlist for lessons but cannot get space anywhere including the YMCA's. I strongly oppose closing these small facilities as I was also a competitive swimmer starting st the grassroots level these facilities are extremely important for teaching young ones to swim and learn to love the water. The large facilities are entirely overstimulating and distracting. Not to mention cold and always busy. Continuing to foster community in the small facilities is very important. There is not a shortage of lifeguards as I know 4 personally who can't get enough hours at the city pools so are looking for work elsewhere. It would be a great disservice to the public to close the city pools.



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Dear Mayor Gondek and Members of Council

I am a senior who regularly uses the pool in my community and wish to express my thoughts on the GamePLAN - Agenda Item 7.5 for City Council Meeting to be held Feb. 25/25.

The goal of creating better recreational facilities is good, however, they do not have to be megafacilities. Small community-based facilities need to be included and if they need to be modernized, then do it. Both types of facilities are needed to accommodate the needs of all people.

The Calgary Plan was delayed until 2026. The GamePLAN should be postponed as well.

These 2 plans need to be developed in conjunction with one another as the results of both plans will have long lasting effects on the City of Calgary.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments

Sincerely  
Elizabeth Leinweber

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Last name [required] Block

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



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I have heard that it is the city's position that smaller city pools need to be closed due to high cost of operation and lack of public use. I strongly oppose this position. As a born and raised Calgarian Olympic swimmer who participated in the 2016 Games I can tell you that small city pools were pretty much my second home growing up. It is there where I learned most of the valuable lessons in life and hopefully it will be there that my daughter now learns the same lessons. I cannot express to you the important roles that city pools and other sporting facilities played in my life and countless lives of others. I don't think I was ever part of a small club that didn't struggle to find enough pool space. If anything this city is already severely underserved when it comes to aquatic facilities. I would strongly encourage you to rethink the city's position and invest in the city's pools.

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Karen

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Russell

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Reimagining Public Recreation February 2025 CD2025-0047

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Neither

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It was brought to my attention that tomorrow in the council agenda there will be a discussion on Reimagining Public Recreation

I am a native calgarian. For the last 20 years I have been a swimmer and mainly have swam at Shouldice Pool. I am also currently in the Rocky Mountain Masters Swim Club and have been with them for 2 years. Prior to covid I swam at least three times a week and mainly at Shouldice Pool. Since Covid there has been a drastic change of hours at that pool, only limited hours on Tuesday through Friday. The attendance has decreased, but part of the reason is the lack of available hours to swim. Prior to Covid the pool was often busy and of course a greater attendance on the weekend due to people being off work during the weekend and having time to swim. It saddens me that there is talk of closing the small pools.. I am a proud Calgarian, and also a nurse. Fitness is an integral part of well being, and important for the health of all Calgarians. I have witnessed the available hours to swim even in the evening has decreased. Now many of the lane swims are at 9-10 pm which is not feasible for many individuals who work the next day. The adults have now been limited to fewer available times which of course is going to reduce the amount of swimmers that can utilize the facilities. It is extremely sad to hear the lack of priority the small pools are getting. Thank you for listening,

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Greg

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Rolfe

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In opposition



## Public Submission

CC 968 (R2024-05)

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I am in opposition to shutting this pool down. There are not enough pools in Calgary as it is and this one should not be torn down. Swimming pools are the same as church's, community halls, small businesses in that they tie community together. This community is getting younger and this facility is much needed within the community