

Report to the Aquatics Working Group: Jarvis Collegiate Institute

August 20, 2009

Target: 1400 Permit Hours \$ 70000 Operating Costs
Actual to date: 160 Permit hours \$ 63100 Operating costs (Confirmed and pledged)

- CMT has submitted permit applications totaling 160 hours. Appendix I. To reach the targeted permit hours we are working with the YMCA, Toronto Swim Club, Cabbagetown Youth Centre, St. James Town Youth Initiative, and the Wellesley Community Centre
- CMT has submitted an application to Canadian Tire Jumpstart for the cost of our programs which is presently being considered,
- We have received an unofficial pledge from an, at present, anonymous donor for \$35000. We receive confirmation later this week.
- We have developed a financial model setting budget targets to meet operating costs including: 1) Permit fees 2) Lifeguard costs, 3) Swimming Lessons, 4) Administration Appendix II

Activity since the last AWG meeting:

- Four community working group meetings have been held to raise awareness of the issue. Appendix III
 - Key Information:
 - The majority of residents as well as community groups were unaware of the existence of the pool in their neighbourhood
 - The majority were unaware that the pool was available for community use through a permitting process
 - To support this drive to keep the pool open the community needs to be assured of equity of access
 - Two 12 year old residents made presentation to group on the importance of keeping the pool open. Appendix IV
- A meeting was held with our city Counselor Pam McConnell who has promised to coordinate her activities with Counselor Kyle Rae as the location of this pool spans across two ridings
- A web page has been set up to increase the awareness of this issue in the community. Appendix V
- An campaign page was set up to gauge interest in saving the pool and secure registration for swimming lessons. Appendix VI
 - Key Information from the survey
 - Respondents were primarily new comers to the community
 - As a group we had to spend time with most respondents explaining the issue and answering any questions
 - Jarvis CI Students have been actively involved in increasing awareness of the survey.
 - Elizabeth Addo, the Jarvis CI Principal has set up an automated telephone message to each Jarvis CI family encouraging them to complete the survey. (These results are not yet included in the information gathered to date and outlined below)
 - Over 400 people have participated in the survey. Please see the attached results
- Article published in community newspaper to raise awareness Appendix VII
- Plans for a "Dunk Tank" at the Cabbagetown Festival to raise awareness. David Crombie to be asked to make the first toss.

Working Group Meeting for Pool Project Minutes Tuesday, July 28, 2009

In Attendance:

- Chris
- Sorabhi
- Shabana
- Fauzia
- Suad
- Bridget
- Janet
- Margaret
- Amina
- Chelva
- Ali
- Elias? (Has a website)
- Alex
- Melody
- Golbon
- Shalini

Notes:

- **Coalitions explored:**
 - People for Education were contacted. They cannot get involved in lobbying at a local level but they connected us to 'Let's Make Waves'.
 - 'Let's Make Waves' is an organization partnered with AWG
 - City of Toronto commissioned a report in April 2004 on how to improve use and accessibility to indoor pools:
 - 71 indoor pools, 40 of which are in TDSB schools
 - Report found that barriers to use of indoor pools:
 - Are not cultural background of people; Pools are widely used by new immigrant families.
 - People travel to make more use of large pools in the city, rather than the smaller pools.
 - Use of pools is dependent on maintenance of the facility.
 - After speaking with Janet, through AWG's communications with the City, the City is not able to support financially, and it has been difficult to partner with them to apply for federal funds.
 - We may want to look into the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant, for which CMT has received some money for tutoring but we need to think about other uses for the grant (something related to the pool programs) and apply again.
 - Sofia did some outreach to Toronto Community Housing, and will follow up with them to see what funds they can contribute for pool use.
- **Responses to Date:**
 - 87 people have responded online, 118 forms have been collected, Total of 205 responses
 - Responses indicated that 60% are willing to pay a small fee and 60% are willing to volunteer or help the program.

- People don't know that a pool exists at Jarvis
- We'll stop counting responses on August 18th
- **Why we need this pool:**
 - Health and Safety
 - Incident in Kingston of an immigrant family drowning in a pool.
 - Evidence of literacy (Ali to share this article with us)
 - Articles from Toronto Star & Globe & Mail (From Amina, could someone who has access to these share them?)
- **Outreach:**
 - Have flyers available at libraries
 - We can get others outside of the neighbourhood to sign up
 - Alex will create a poster of 2 paragraphs about reasons for why we need this pool
 - How can we engage High School Students? Facebook – Chris will look at embedding the link on to Facebook.
 - We can start to write letters now to our MPs. Get Ali to send us the articles
 - Media: Sorabhi is working on writing an article for a newspaper – possibly the Mirror or Toronto Voice
- **Position Paper:**
 - Ask Margaret to send the soft copy of her notes
 - Access book: Unequal Opportunities, Unequal Outcomes to reference
 - Developing a voice in St. James Town: Many families come from a 'Culture of Silence' (Amina) where people have born injustices in silence. How can we change this?
 - Look at TLC reports
 - Write about the process that the community has engaged in for this project so it can be a Case Study for advocacy training. (Steps, Advocacy training, making coalitions, Strategies, did we miss people)
 - Look at the successes of how Regent Park had their new pool built
 - Who were the key players?
 - How did they develop a strong voice?
- **Communications with Working Group:**
 - We need email addresses and phone numbers for the following people:
 - What was the name of the man who has a website that is popular in the Somalie community? What is his phone number and email address?
 - Alex (social worker), what is his last name, phone number and email address?
 - Fauzia Rashid, what is her email address?
 - Do Bridgette and Fowzia Yousouf have email addresses?
- **Next Meetings:**
 - AWG Aug 20th
 - TDSB Aug 24th @ 6:30pm, 5050 Yonge St.
 - Equity of Access: Suggesting Community-Based approach to permitting the pool
 - CMT is working on permitting the pool on 6 different programs for 280 hours

Tuesday, Aug 4th, 2009 @ 6:30pm – Meeting with the working group

- Present: Elizabeth, Ali, Chris, Sofia, Aden, Alex, Margaret, Shabana, Mr. Attye, Sirojan, Iman, Shalini
- Update on registrations to date: total is 280
- Junior Youth, Iman and Sirojan, did a presentation on the health benefits of swimming and why the community needs the Jarvis pool.
- Alex presented his article on the health benefits of a pool
- Emails from Ali July 29th, 2009
 - Canada is losing billions because of illiteracy: TD Bank
http://www.macleans.ca/education/universities/article.jsp?content=20070906_170016_7956
 - Mother dies, 2 daughters in Kingston hospital after pool mishap
<http://www.thestar.com/article/668646>
 - Mother drowns, daughters critical after boing found in swimming pool
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/toronto/mother-drowns-daughters-critical-after-boing-found-in-swimming-pool/article1224133/>
 - Literacy document: literacy_matters.pdf
- Mr. Attye presented a press release from George Smitherman:
 - 15.8M to 32 TDSB pools to stay open for 2 years
 - Jarvis and Rosedale?
 - Guarantee 8 years through self-sustained revenue
- Permitting ISSUES
 - CMT has permitted the pool for 280 hours
 - 1000 hours to cover through other permits
 - Groups outside of St. James Town – YMCA, Toronto Swim Club, George Brown, Ryerson, UofT Reserving spots for participation by the community.
 - Discussed the idea of having a pool committee to ensure that St. James Town kids get their time for swimming
 - The problem with permitting in our community is that most of our community residents do not work online. We need to somehow advocate for a process that goes through the school so that the school knows how the pool is being used and by whom.
- We should start sending emails to the MPs
- What can we do at the Cabbagetown festival on September 12th?

Why should we let children go swimming?

Why should we let our children go swimming? Your kids might want to be active in a fun way. We should let children go swimming because it is enjoyable and a healthy living. For example, you would be able to play tag in water and it would be fun and be a healthy workout. Swimming is a great way to cool yourself down from the extreme heat.

Another thing you can do is have a race it would be challenging. If you lose you'll think that I should try and try again and become faster and you will try to achieve that goal. By doing that it might help you the future because you might want to accomplish something else and you will know how to achieve that goal. "Practice brings perfect".

It will be a big help in your life if you knew how to swim because if anything happens, for an example if there was a tsunami you could swim to safety and be safe. You even can help someone if they are drowning or if they are having trouble with water. Your children might teach their loved ones swimming because they'd know the importance of swimming.

Swimming is a great exercise and it is a lifetime sport that benefits your body. The best thing about swimming is to accomplishing the goal you settled our and trying to challenge yourself more. For me a struggle was pushing myself to become a deep ender. This took me a month to achieve but made me proud at the end.

It reduces the risk of obesity in the growing world. It wouldn't be a hard workout but a fun workout, which uses most of your muscles. This might be a liked sport by overweight or disabled kids. Also this would be a great workout for kids with leg or lower back problems to exercise ad train their muscles. It can as well be extremely well liked fun activity done by everyone. There are no requirements that distance or how long to swim. So you may exercise your body as long as you want, stop for a moment and then continue. You won't get tired quickly as you would while running, doing jumping jacks or other exercises.

A lot of people go swimming because they want to relax. There are many reasons for kids to get stress out, for example homework, work, friends etc. Kids should not be at home watching television. They should be energetic and playing games or swimming. If our children watch television they would not be active but if going swimming their hearts would be pumping and they would be up and moving their body and getting a relaxing exercise. Swimming is also an enjoying full body workout. You can always make a new friend in the water!

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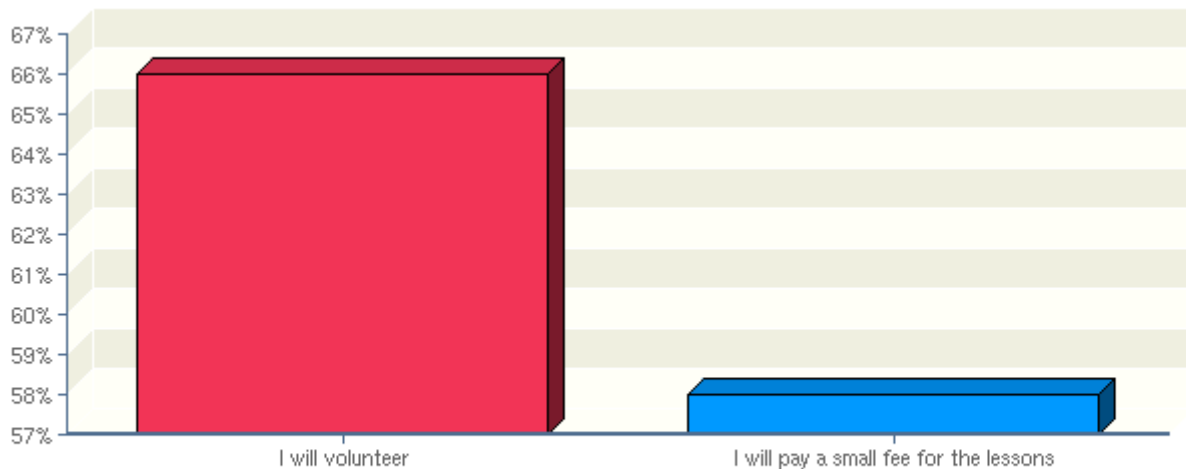
Survey: I want to help save the Jarvis Collegiate Pool

Compiled: 08/14/2009

1. I would register for these programs to start in January 2010

Item	Total
After School Swim	196
Summer Camp Learn to Swim	147
Children's Swimming Lessons	208
Youth Swimming Lessons	81
Adult Swimming Lessons	160
Aquafit	66
Lifeguard Training	64
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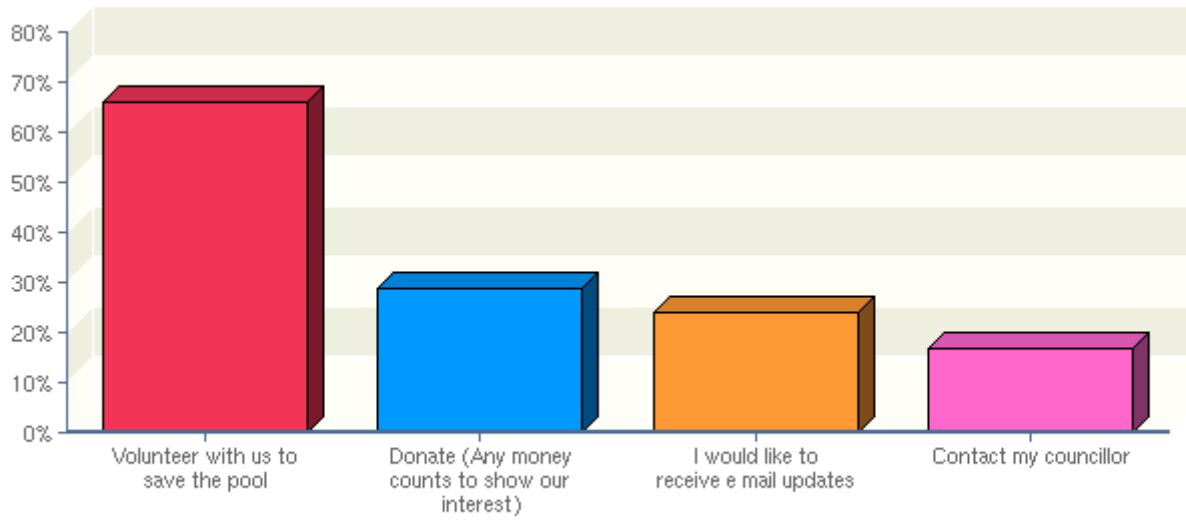
2. I will contribute to these programs:



Summary

Value	Count	Percent %
I will volunteer	183	66%
I will pay a small fee for the lessons	161	58%

3. I want to work with to save the Jarvis Collegiate Pool. I will



Summary

Value	Count	Percent %
Volunteer with us to save the pool	154	66%
Donate (Any money counts to show our interest)	68	29%
I would like to receive e mail updates	55	24%
Contact my councillor	40	17%

Jarvis Collegiate Pool Budget

Jarvis Collegiate Pool is a class S4 pool (over 14000 square feet) and is therefore the most expensive to permit

Revenue Generation

Variable Cost Target

68000

Insurance: User Group Insurance (e.g. \$172.50 one time *seasonal fee) for groups that do not carry their own liability insurance
*Season 1 = School Year and Season 2 = Summer

Administration: \$21.00 (GST included) per application for permit.

Cost per hour	Permit	Caretaking	Subsidy	TDSB	1	1	Other	Total Cost
				Revenue	Lifeguard	Instructor		
Community: Monday to Friday								
Youth and Seniors	62.50	36.00	48.50	50.00	17.00	20.00	17.50	104.50
Adults	155.00	36.00	141.00	50.00	17.00	20.00	17.50	104.50
Registered not for profits	185.00	36.00	171.00	50.00	17.00	20.00	17.50	104.50
Community: Saturday and Sunday								
Youth and Seniors	125.00	36.00	75.00	86.00	17.00	20.00	17.50	140.50
Adults	155.00	36.00	105.00	86.00	17.00	20.00	17.50	140.50
Registered not for profits	185.00	36.00	135.00	86.00	17.00	20.00	17.50	140.50

Caretaking fee would be waived if there was another permit in the school

Pool Usage	<u>Time</u>	<u>Days/wk</u>	<u>Time Slot Hrs/dy</u>	<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Charge/ Hour</u>	<u>TDSB Revenue</u>	<u>Program Cost</u>	
Early Morning Swim	6 - 8 am	3	2	40	240	50.00	12000	25080	
After School	4-6 pm	3	2	40	240			13080	
Summer Camps	10 3 pm	5	6	6	180	50.00	9000	18810	
Wellesley Community Centre	10 5 pm	1	8	40	320	86.00	27520	44960	e.g. Saturday
Children's/adult Lessons	5-8 pm	3	3	40	360	50.00	18000	37620	
Life Guard Lessons	7-8 pm	3	1	40	120	50.00	6000	12540	Weekdays
Totals					1460	50.00	72520	152090	