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Re: Saskatoon Water-Ski Club – Opinion on the use of the 58th Street Storm Pond in the winter

Dear Lindsay,

The Saskatoon Water-ski Club (SWSC) has been serving the Saskatoon & greater community area for nearly 50 years through the sport of waterskiing and has operated at the 58th street storm pond since 1992. The SWSC is a registered not for profit organization that provides access to waterskiing throughout the summer months of June, July & August annually. We have been serving approximately 60 skiers of all ages, seasonally in recent years and conduct an average of over 350 hours of lessons during a summer. As with most club environments, the membership base consists largely of recreational type skiers who enjoy the health and lifestyle benefits of waterskiing; however the club also nurtures competitive able bodied and adaptive skiers who compete both nationally and internationally. The SWSC and its membership are active partners with Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada, and are fully insured by Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada as registered program provider.

Over the past 30 years our volunteer base in concert with corporate sponsors have worked hard to enhance the facility and amenities for the users, spectators and those among the community that enjoy the green space and activities daily.

Expanding the use of the pond during the winter period would provide several benefits beyond the enjoyment of the space by those participants, namely security and presence of additional volunteers who may also contribute to the enhancement and care of the amenities.

On behalf of the SWSC executive we support the request to include the Track and Trail club as a sub-licensee under the umbrella of the SWSC agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

Sincerely,

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