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**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2024

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**First Name:** Joan

**Last Name:** Cochrane

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Ave D N

**Ward:** Ward 2

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Harry Bailey Upgrades

**Comments:**

I was very disappointed with the closure of Harry Bailey. It seemed very backward that you closed the pool first and then got your bids in. From my understanding, there were no safety concerns with the upgrades. The pool should have been kept open until a construction date was set.

Our daughter swam with the Saskatoon Aqualenes. Talking to the head coach of the club, she was very disappointed and concerned that with the loss of swim time at Harry Bailey they would be struggling to have enough practice time for the Aqualenes and also for the other swim and diving clubs.

We only had 2 pools suitable for these types of practice and now we only have one.

Harry Bailey is centrally located and easily accessible to the core areas. I was a regular at Harry Bailey for lane swimming and I was surprised at how many people took advantage of the public swimming. I would see families and large groups of young people in line. This was especially true when there was discounted entry or free entry. We need more of this in Saskatoon, not less.

In today's paper, Doug Cuthand discussed the disproportionate number of indigenous people with diabetes. There is also a large number of non-indigenous people with diabetes. We say that we want to make Saskatoon an active city. Closing a perfectly good facility does not support this.

Harry Bailey also had the only easily accessible city exercise room for these core areas. Now people will have to go to a different city facility that is not easily reachable by public transit. And many core residents may not have private vehicles.

On the west side of Saskatoon we only have the Shaw Center and Harry Bailey. Now we only have Shaw. It does seem that more money is spent on building facilities on the East and North ends.

Please do not close Harry Bailey. Trim the planned upgrades if you must, but do not deprive the core areas of this facility.

**Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No**