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**I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.:** No

**Date:** Monday, June 24, 2024

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

**Pronouns:** She/her/hers

**First Name:** Rachel

**Last Name:** Engler-Stringer

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**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

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**Ward:** Ward 2

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** City Council

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

**Comments:**

Hello,

Please support the increase in funding for the Harry Bailey upgrades. I am a frequent user of city leisure facilities and I have witnessed the consequences of only currently having one Westside leisure facility. The Shaw Centre has a policy of prioritizing rentals and as such, it is currently very difficult to lane swim. It is always busy when lane swimming is available and often quite unpleasant to swim. We need Harry Bailey open again as soon as possible given that it is the only facility that is almost always open for lane swimming rather than a few hours a day like all the other facilities.

Swimming is one of the most accessible fitness activities for people across a range of abilities and is particularly important for those of us wanting to maintain fitness as we age. A healthy population costs less in all sorts of other areas, and as a city, we should be prioritizing the fitness of the population.

In addition, Harry Bailey is the only city-operated leisure facility in the core of the city and its closure has been felt, especially by those of us living in core neighbourhoods. A trip out to Lawson Heights or to Shaw is long on the bus from downtown, whereas for many of us, Harry Bailey is a place to which we can walk to or take a short bus ride.

Investing in Harry Bailey to complete its upgrades as soon as possible is vital to the wellbeing of Saskatoon's central areas. Please vote in favour of increasing the funding to make this happen.

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