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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:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Evan

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**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

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**Address:** [REDACTED] Tiffin Cres

**Ward:** Ward 1

**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 ?:** 10.1.1 Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre Rehabilitation and Upgrades - Capital Budget Adjustment [CC2023-0107]

**Comments:**

To City Council,

As a regular user of the City's aquatic facilities, I implore you to move forward with the proposed renovation and upgrade plans for Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre. While the scope of these plans are not as rigorous as the original proposal, they will meet the needs of the community and modernize many aspects of the facility.

Prior to April of 2023, lane swim users had reasonable access to City facilities, despite being in completion for time and space with all of the swim clubs, diving and synchronized swimming programs, and water polo teams that also use these spaces. With the closure of Harry Bailey, all of these clubs/programs have moved into the Shaw Centre with priority access to bump public programming as they pay rent for the space. Once public swim times and City leisure programming is added to the booking calendar, lane swimmers are given scraps of time and space, usually at inconvenient times during the work day or late in the evening. Frankly, the City has shown an inability to provide adequate access to lane swim times, an unwillingness to change them, and the lane swim community has been negatively impacted because of it.

Meanwhile, Harry Bailey has sat empty with the facility undergoing demolition with no clear future. I need to express my disappointment, too, that the City chose to drain and start demolition work prior to a tender awarded. Had there been patience and better coordination, we might have been able to keep Harry Bailey operating while we got to this point. We wouldn't be in a position where Harry Bailey's users are three years without access to the facility. Instead, the citizens of Saskatoon who would normally frequent Harry Bailey have been left frustrated and inconvenienced and it is unclear if City administration learned from this process.

Please move forward with this proposed renovation plan for Harry Bailey. As the City continues to grow, the current facilities will be even more overwhelmed as they are already unable to meet the current demand for access and programming.

Regards,  
-Evan Cole

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