

Swim Toronto Committee (Public Session) Report No. 4

August 28, 2012

A regular meeting was convened at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, at 43 Millwood Road, 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario (offices of the Toronto Lands Corporation), with David Crombie presiding as Chair.

The following members were present: C. Glover, K. Pitre (AWG) and S. Cary-Meagher.

The following members were present via telephone connection: A. Jackson (City of Toronto, approximately 12:20 pm)

Staff in Attendance were: S. Hoy and L. Pietrangelo (TLC); A. Bacopoulos (via telephone connection, joined at approximately 12:10 pm).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by David Crombie, Chair, presiding.

2. Approval of Agenda

K. Pitre, seconded by S. Cary-Meagher, moved: **That the agenda be approved as distributed.**

The motion was carried.

3. Declaration of Possible Conflict of Interest

The Chair noted that no conflicts of interest had been reported to him.

4. Amendment to Community Use of Board Facilities

S. Hoy presented the above noted report. The following comments were provided:

- The information presented must be approved by both the TLC and the TDSB.

- Depending on today's final decision, TDSB staff will assume responsibility for further moving this report through the TDSB approvals stream. This approval process will ensure that principals are fully aware of policy changes pertaining to pools. With TDSB final approval, Trustees will be briefed on these changes as well, so that they are able to respond to community members.
- Proposed changes would all take effect September 1, 2013.

History

- In 2007-2008, the TDSB Board approved a flat rate of \$50/hr. for all pool permits in schools.
- This fee was established to cover incremental costs associated with pools.
- The Board also made a commitment to conduct a full review of the costs that should be attributed to permit holders versus the TDSB portion of the expense.
- The Board wanted to introduce a permit rate that would encourage users to permit the pools as much as possible, during community use times.
- A commitment was made that pool permit holders would be encouraged by keeping the \$50/hr. permit price in place for a 5-year period – to September 2013.
- As a result, the conversation regarding increasing the existing permit fee began in 2011.

Proposed changes (overall)

As a result of consultations, and discussions at TDSB, the following changes are recommended. Details surrounding these changes are outlined in the Swim Toronto Report.

- Changes in permissible hours (reduced on weekends), but increased during the week.
- Overtime caretaking rates applicable to hours beyond standard hours.
- Changes in pool fees, higher at prime permitting times (4:30 – 8:00 pm); lower at less-busy permitting times (8:00 – 10:00 pm).

In Addition

- Trying to increase hours available for permitting by working with individual School Principals; working to access the pool from 4:30 pm onwards, where the community wishes to permit and the school is not using the pool at that time.
- Continued improvements to be made to customer service.
- In the pools under agreement to the City of Toronto, the City, at some sites, would be interested in accessing earlier permit hours (between 4:30 and 6:00 pm), where possible for the school. It should be noted that this extension of permissible hours to the City would not result in increased revenues for the TDSB. This is due to the fact that a set payment fee schedule has been agreed upon by the City and TDSB. The City's commitment covers all operational costs for the pools under the agreement – leaving no operational costs to be borne by the TDSB for these pools (33 in total).
- With regard to the six pools, recently refurbished via the tripartite agreement between the Province of Ontario, TDSB and TLC, which have a very few or no permit holders, the Swim Toronto Committee recommended that these pools stay at an hourly permit fee of \$50/hour, to continue to encourage usage. This rate will be revisited at June 30, 2014, to see if extending the current permit rate has enticed additional permits at these pools.

S. Cary-Meagher, seconded by K. Pitre moved that:

- (a) ***TDSB Policy P. 011 Community Use of Board Facilities (Permits)***, be updated to reflect the Revised Fee Schedule For Pools with an implementation date of September 2013, as noted on APPENDIX A (see page 7);
- (b) ***TDSB Operational Procedure PR. 666 Community Use of Board Facilities (Permits)***, be updated to include the following new sections:

“4.2.I Accessing and Using School Pools

- i. Pools in schools may be accessible for permitted use during the following hours:*
- *Monday to Friday, from 4:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., on those days that regular school is in operation, with the approval of the school principal;*
 - *Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
- ii. Permit time during the weekdays, and permit time on weekends, school breaks and during the summer is scheduled by the Facility Services Permit Unit (FSPU) in compliance with Policy P.011 ‘Community Use of Board Facilities (Permits)’ and fee structure approved by the Board.*

4.2.II Pool Fees

1. *A charge to all pool permits of \$60.00 per hour will be applicable, Monday to Friday, from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., on those days that regular school is in operation.*
2. *A charge of \$55.00 per hour will be applicable on all pool permits, Monday to Friday, from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., on those days that regular school is in operation.*
3. *A charge of \$55.00 per hour will be applicable on all early morning swim permits Monday to Sunday, from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., on those days that regular school is in operation and during the summer.*
4. *A charge to all pool permits of \$60.00 per hour will be applicable on all pool permits, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.*
 - a. *All Saturday permit bookings that extend beyond 6 p.m., will be charged caretaking overtime on an hourly basis including any applicable additional clean up time required at the end of the permit.*
 - b. *All Sunday permit bookings that extend beyond 3 p.m. will be charged caretaking overtime on an hourly basis including any applicable additional clean up time required at the end of the permit.”*

And,

- (c) **That the TLC Board forward this report to the TDSB Board for approval.**

The motion was carried.

It should be noted that during the above discussions, the Swim Toronto Committee agreed to several amendments to the report as well as an additional recommendation to those noted above should staff determine that it is feasible to freeze the \$50/hour permit rate, for an additional year, in the six pools with the lowest usage.

As a result, the following recommendation will be added to the report being forwarded to the TDSB:

(d) That the current charge of \$50.00 per hour for community use of Board facilities (Permits) will remain applicable to the six school pools that have minimal to no usage, for a period of one further year (to August 31, 2014), at which time a review of revenues and expenditures will be examined to determine future direction (pools outlined below).

School Name
Carleton Village Jr Ps
Downsview SS
George Harvey CI
Kensington Community School
Queen Alexandra Sr PS
Westview Centennial SS

5. For Information: Update on AWG

K. Pitre noted that an AWG meeting will be convened in September 2012.

6. Private Matters (if required)

Nil

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.