

Summary Report

Indoor Aquatic Facility Locations - Aquatic Strategy

1. Have you visited the aquatic facilities in Strathcona County (Millennium Place or Kinsmen Leisure Centre) within the past 12 months?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		89%	449
No		11%	53
		Total Responses	502

Through extensive public consultation that began in November 2010, the short-term community priorities for indoor aquatics have been identified as:

- Space for learn-to-swim programs (swimming lessons)
- Lanes for lap swimming, aquatic fitness etc
- Lanes for aquatic sport club use
- Warm water rehab/therapy space
- Recreational space options for ages 0-6

2. Do you feel these priorities accurately reflect the needs of the community?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		58%	294
Agree		30%	151
Neutral / Don't know		5%	27
Disagree (Please use the space provided to add your comments about what is missing)		3%	15
Strongly Disagree (Please use the space provided to add your comments about what is missing)		4%	21
		Total Responses	508

Examples of comments from those respondents who disagreed with the priorities as listed:

- Space for recreational swimming for those children who are age 9 and older as currently the setup at Millennium has them in direct conflict with smaller children and their parents. More thought needs to go into separating the 2 groups so all can enjoy the facilities.
- water therapy/rehab is not a mandate of a general population facility, this should occur in a clinic setting

The Aquatic Strategy will make a recommendation for the potential construction of ONE aquatic expansion within an existing facility. There may also be additional recommendations for modifications to existing pools based on resident feedback.

3. After reviewing the details of each facility concept shown on the website, which location would be your PREFERRED site?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Glen Allan Recreation Complex		41%	205
Emerald Hills		17%	87
Millennium Place		11%	53
Ardrossan Recreation Complex		19%	93
Kinsmen Leisure Centre		12%	62
		Total Responses	500

4. Which location would be your second choice?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Glen Allan Recreation Complex		21%	103
Emerald Hills		18%	88
Millennium Place		18%	87
Ardrossan Recreation Complex		11%	55
Kinsmen Leisure Centre		31%	147
		Total Responses	480

5. I believe the biggest benefits to a potential new aquatics facility in Strathcona County would be:

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Wider variety of aquatics options for residents		68%	340
Increased access to registered programs such as swimming lessons		67%	333
Increased availability of physical activity options for schools		45%	223
Decreased crowding at existing facilities		73%	366
potential for increase in property values due to proximity to services		20%	100
other benefits not listed here (please indicate in box)		18%	90
Total Responses			499

Examples of benefits noted by respondents as “other”

- Location options for residents, ability for different experiences at different facilities. Similar as outdoor playground. They all have different features it's nice to have variety.
- Increased space provides for future growth opportunities for a variety of activities like swim clubs, swimming lessons, aquatic fitness programs and school use.

5. My primary concerns with a potential new aquatics facility for Strathcona County would be:

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
No concerns		40%	195
Facility construction closures		21%	103
Potential traffic volume increases around the new facility		20%	98
Potential parking limitations around the new facility		26%	125
Construction costs		23%	113
Cost to operate an additional		18%	90

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Decrease in property values for residents immediately adjacent to facilities	9%	45
Other concerns not listed here (please indicate in the box)	13%	63
	Total Responses	489

Examples of concerns listed by respondents as “other”

- Increased property taxes to cover costs
- Creating a concrete jungle and losing green spaces.

Examples of other comments/concerns/questions put forward by respondents in regards to other issues they’d like to see considered as part of the investigation into locations for indoor aquatics

- Please take into consideration existing housing and detriment to them (if site chosen with this, please keep open discussion with them for impact and ways they'd like to see their issues addressed). Consider traffic concerns. Consider temperature of water. Also, hopefully allow for more swim lessons or other classes, such as fitness/rehab for seniors/adults with limited mobility (warm water!). Also for any leisure pool, please make it a variety of features, so that each pool facility offers different options than others do (for example, millennium has the buckets dropping water, etc. maybe have more variety so its not just a repeat of the same in each pool in some way, so kids will want to visit each pool or some kids may prefer one style over others etc.) More accessibility for limited mobility and seniors. Also shower/change areas with curtains for some privacy if needing to wash off better/take off swimwear.
- 2015 is about four years away and by then the community will need significant new recreation facilities. A new complex like Millennium Place would include the new indoor aquatic facility, but could also provide space for other activities like hockey, a fitness area with weights, machines and floor space, indoor soccer, pickle ball or other racket sports, a running/walking track or any other upcoming sport. A new complex could be located where parking and traffic would not be a problem. Further if located further east it would be a good place to locate park and ride and a branch library. We should be looking at proposals that will meet more than just the aquatic users needs while keeping costs down. Renovating or adding to existing structures will compromise current use and be as costly, or more costly than building new. Maybe the tax payers should be asked by vote if a new complex which is not an offered option would be a better long term solution.

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Notes:

- *Some written responses read “same as previous” or otherwise indicated that the response to this question was the same as responses to previous questions. Because of the data format, it was not possible to trace these comments to the questionnaire on which they were provided. For that reason, comments such as “same as previous” have been disregarded throughout this questionnaire summary.*
- *An * before a comment indicates that this comment pertains to more than one type of concern, so it appears in more than one category.*

1. Do you feel that the priorities identified accurately reflect the needs of the community? (Comments were from those who disagreed or strongly disagreed to the statement)

Recreational

Indoor

- Recreational fun space for all ages
- Places for all ages of kids to just play. Have areas where there are no waves for little ones, etc. But agree with other priorities.
- wave pool/recreational swimming
- Space for recreational swimming for those children who are age 9 and older as currently the setup at Millennium has them in direct conflict with smaller children and their parents. More thought needs to go into separating the 2 groups so all can enjoy the facilities.
- Due to the frequent Wave schedule at Millennium, we feel it is not an adequate space for ages 0-6. We also feel it does not reflect the needs for Teens. Kinsmen, however, does meet these needs - but the Hours of Operation are ridiculous! More often than not, my family will venture into the City of Edmonton to use their facilities, because we feel Strathcona County is far behind in providing facilities for our children, youth, and teens.
- Flow rider surf simulator to get youth into a pool, also a pool with multiple water slides
- Recreational water space for families with kids of all ages.

Outdoor

- OUTDOOR swimming space - currently need to go to Edmonton - good facility for teens/young adults
- Outdoor swimming lake

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Rehab/Therapy

- warm water fitness for adult/senior/limited mobility (also pool access for the same/ramped or long shallow steps), warmer water in kinsmen pool (everything else in list is great)
- Don't see any mention of Senior's requirements
- water therapy/rehab is not a mandate of a general population facility, this should occur in a clinic setting

Sport/Lanes

- pool for swim meets
- Lap pools are always empty! Why create more waste?
- A 50 meter pool. This is a better design because you get maximum flexibility to use the pool for multiple options
- Lane swimming is not recreation, its exercise that can be had in any existing pool. A large open deep water pool for freestyle swimming is missing
- There are not nearly enough swimming lessons offered. If we would only allow Strathcona County addresses to participate, this could probably be corrected. There are not nearly enough lanes for exercise. I often wait over an hour for a lane at MP in the evenings.

Lessons

- only swim programs needed
- There are not nearly enough swimming lessons offered. If we would only allow Strathcona County addresses to participate, this could probably be corrected. There are not nearly enough lanes for exercise. I often wait over an hour for a lane at MP in the evenings.

Other

- We already have sufficient swimming pool facilities in Sherwood Park
 - How much of the available times are being used by non-residents? Will the proposed development of recreation facilities in Edmonton alleviate these problems?
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Questions 2 & 3. After reviewing the details of each facility concept, which location would be your PREFERRED, and SECOND CHOICE sites? Please explain why you prefer these options.

** For ease of reading, we have combined responses to Questions 2 & 3 and grouped them by facility, and pros vs. cons*

Ardrossan

Pros

- I think it is furthest east.
- In order to fairly provide access to Strathcona County, Ardrossan is the ONLY option.
- Service to rural communities lacking
- Spread out geographically. Really on a global scale, GARC and KLC are pretty close together
- Lacking in many recreational options
- Need to consider future expansion of Ardrossan beyond 2015
- It would be a great compliment to the rural community and would be an easy drive from Sherwood Park for swimming lessons
- For the rural set...
- No second choice.... Ardrossan is the place
- Close to home and Ardrossan is a growing community
- This would be beneficial for rural residents as the reason only 5% of them use a facility is probably because of the distance to a swimming facility.
- Good option for country residents.
- Ardrossan is getting bigger and would appreciate having a facility close to them.
- I feel the Ardrossan Rec Complex is the only choice
- We have a lot of population in the outer surroundings it may take some pressure off of Millennium.
- Huge population increases expected, its with existing facilities
- Support rural community area, cannot help but grow
- Rural people can use facilities, more room for expansion.
- Support the needs of rural communities
- I'm mostly concerned with the traffic congestion in town so this would alleviate that
- They have enough space for this pool
- I don't use Sherwood Park facilities because of having to travel and the expense
- This facility is now only geared for winter activities. We need some variety. Please note there are also 4 schools nearby and Ardrossan is going to be much larger in the near future.
- This is a community that is continually growing with families and very quickly. There are over 2000 students attending classes at the schools with the pool in close proximity. The Rec centre is known as a gathering place for all ages. It sure would be nice if families could go swimming, or take lessons while other members are playing hockey, skating and curling. Unfortunately at this time we get to be benchwarmers because of no other activities available. (I.e. fitness area, swimming) like all the other centers have. Not to

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mention the retired people that has to drive into Sherwood Park because there are no other options in the county in this area.

- Residents of Ardrossan should have access to a facility like this without having to drive to another town/city
- it is close to schools and communities so a lot of the children would have easy access
- Live in Glen Allen, but really feel the need for facilities to be accessible across county, not just in Sherwood Park. Those in the Park are willing to drive if they desire to go to those places... just as rural drive in. It will also lower traffic by diversifying where facilities are. Also there is a large rural school population who would definitely benefit.
- To represent Strathcona County, there should be facilities spread out across the county. Currently the swimming pools are just miles apart; any of the other options would just increase the cluster of facilities within this 3 mile radius. Ardrossan is the ONLY option that is located outside of Sherwood Park and easier access to the population that is east of Sherwood Drive.
- Although Ardrossan area only accounts for 5% of lesson enrollment, would increase with increased building in area, school use- Ardrossan, Uncas etc. If you build it we will come!!
- No pools there yet
- Would be great for the rural area. Now with a new complex - just add a great finishing touch. With Uncas, Ardrossan and Holy Redeemer schools, the schools might be able to make it part of the curriculum of PE. Plus you have a large area of acreage people.
- There are very few recreational options in the rural areas. Getting to the Kinsmen pool is not convenient for many rural residents as it is in the centre of town and there are many red lights along the way. Because it takes around half an hour to get to the pool many people do not bother to sign up for lessons because it is too difficult to get their children feed, to the pool and back in time for bed. If there was a pool in Ardrossan the number of people registering from the Ardrossan and other rural areas would increase.
- The rural community pays the same tax rate as the urban and deserves an aquatic facility that is not in Sherwood Park.
- Ardrossan is expanding and needs more facilities like this for all the families in Ardrossan and the surrounding areas.
- An Ardrossan location would be ideal for servicing the many local schools and all of the rural residents east and north of Sherwood Park.
- Ardrossan currently has to drive into Sherwood Park to use a pool. Give them a pool
- There are a large number of schools in the immediate area plus there is an older community, which would enjoy the whirlpool. It would also provide activity for the young people after school and on weekends.
- Growing area needs more rec facilities
- For a new pool, I would suggest Ardrossan as a rural resident option. While it's great to invest in urban areas, we can't forget our rural residents.
- Growing and changing community
- Ardrossan is the perfect place and I think you would be surprised at how many people will start to utilize the facility once it is finished.
- By constructing an aquatic facility in the Ardrossan Rec Complex, this would serve a very wide area of residents in Strathcona County. Perhaps taking some of the load from Glen Allan, Kinsmen and Millennium Place.

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- The community has a very busy rec centre with all ages and this would be very beneficial. There are 3 schools that have over 2000 students that would also be able to develop skills and make use of the facility instead of having no access like the students that live in Sherwood Park.
- We must give the rural residents access to a closer venue. The "what do I get for my taxes" issue could be addressed. I am sure that the Sherwood Park residents on the east side will also come out to Ardrossan.
- It is a drive to have to get our kids to Kinsmen for their lessons, especially in the winter. I know of a large number of families that would utilize a pool at Ardrossan.
- It would be a very good spot in Ardrossan, for all the rural families, and would help take the "pressure" off of the existing pools in Sherwood Park, so everyone can more easily access lessons, and recreation. For the sports teams, it would give rural families more flexibility to join these programs, as going into Sherwood Park daily for practices is not feasible.
- Semi-rural area, close to Sherwood Park, fairly large potential population
- A lot of the people that use the current facilities are rural, so let the rural people get some of the benefits.
- People from as far south as south cooking lake to as far north as Josephburg would come to the Ardrossan location. Sherwood Park already has two pools.
- Close to many schools, no other water facility in this area
- All existing sites overcrowded, service rural Strathcona
- Is not close to any other aquatic facility. Provides much needed opportunities for communities east of Sherwood Park. Could provide an aquatic program to nearby schools. Putting facility in other location will not help with current overcrowding
- I'm a swimmer and I love the water. My husband and I would use an aquatic facility 3 to 5 times a week. Our students could have swimming lessons right here. It's time to think of Ardrossan we are tax payers too, Sherwood Park already have 2 pools
- Better service to central and eastern/northern County, wouldn't have to drive to Sherwood Park 5 days a week, improved access for school children
- The people in Ardrossan need a pool. It would be great for the kids to have a pool close to home for lessons. Hot tubs, therapeutic pools are really needed. Students need a pool - swim club
- Close to where we live, we have a fast growing community a pool would be a huge asset
- The rural population would use Ardrossan and then not so crowded in Sherwood Park
- I believe with the increase in the size of the Ardrossan area and continued growth, there is a great need for the pool
- We have nothing aquatic in Ardrossan and many seniors would be nice in old age to enjoy
- It would be a great addition to the existing rec. facility. Also, schools close by that could use it. Less driving for people east of Sherwood Park, the park already has 2 pools
- We have a fast growing community and we could really use a swimming pool in Ardrossan. It would decrease crowding at other pools.
- I prefer this option because it is local! My children have been attending swimming lessons in the Park for 6 years and there are times when it is very inconvenient, winter roads, etc.

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- Sherwood Park has 2 pools and the town of Ardrossan will be expanding now that the sewer has been approved. There are 600 houses slated for the Ardrossan area in the future. People from Ft. Sask, Josephburg, Lamont, S. Cooking Lake and even Sherwood Park would come use the pool here.
- There are a lot of people east of Sherwood Park that would benefit from a pool in Ardrossan. It would reduce the crowding in Sherwood Park
- There would be ample space and parking for this facility. Easy access from all highways.
- Just think of the rural residents you would draw to the pool if it were built in Ardrossan
- They have so much room for expansion and many families living around this area

Cons

- A pool in Ardrossan is a non-starter in my opinion - there are FOUR pools in Red Deer serving a population about the same size as Strathcona County, but 3/4 of us live in Sherwood Park. Rural county residents are insufficient in numbers to justify a pool outside of Sherwood Park

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Emerald Hills

Pros

- Build it to what you want.
- There is more room available and with all the new home construction in this area it would be perfect.
- Walkable community, as long as parking is good too. NO Millennium too much there already. Spread it out.
- Farther from home but same hope that it would provide more access to a shallow lap pool so I can improve my swimming
- Would serve a newer high density neighborhood
- It would be a third location close to the new high school
- There will be large population growth in that area but just like Millennium, is on the edge of Sherwood Park which is a disadvantage in my opinion
- High density housing area, will need lots of facilities nearby
- Again, Emerald Hills can be used as lane space and not just leisure space, which will help fill the huge demand for lane space.
- This is the easiest location for rural people to get to as it is off a main highway. Glen Allen is difficult to get to if you live out of town and it is only a five minute drive from the kinsmen pool
- Access to highway 16 is important for the rural community rather than having to drive into Sherwood Park.
- Next closest option to Ardrossan
- Transit users have access; School has access (I would like the new catholic school to include more grades {than 10-12} so more use and convenience).
- Emerald Hills is easy to access from the Yellowhead for those of us in north/east rural Strathcona County and isn't too close to existing facilities.
- Not a central location, but this again would be the best value - adding in a whole new facility, as opposed to adding on to an existing one.
- Because it is new existing facilities would not be affected
- Also has extensive space surrounding the facility for easy expansion close to Yellowhead enabling visitor competitive teams.
- Public access and transit with other potential users near by make for a viable option, does not address the competitive needs of the park
- Emerald Hills is not central or convenient to existing Sherwood Park neighborhoods but it is good for the growing northern neighborhoods and rural access via the Yellowhead.
- All young families live in the new areas of Sherwood Park, placing a swimming pool in Glen Allan is another facility where the majority of young families are not living.
- Brand new area would be a good choice
- Seems to be the least disruptive to existing programs.
- A 50 m pool in this area will be close to the center of the future/long term population of Sherwood Park, and easily accessible by the rest of Strathcona County.
- I like that this location benefits the high school nearby and it is an area that is expanding rapidly.
- Second to GARC it has the school, however GARC is closest to a school

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- There is intensive development in this area. This development would allow the concept of a Walkable livable community to be more accessible. With a new facility, it could be built with extra space to alleviate current space issues at other facilities.
- More of an up and coming neighborhood that has room and population for this, no green space affected
- I would like a new facility instead of adding onto an existing location.
- Take advantage of the new school, new subdivision and development
- I would be extremely concerned about the shutdowns required at MP and Kinsmen. The loss of field space at Glen Allan would seriously impact soccer and the cons are too significant at that site. Ardrossan is too rural to justify the expense. Emerald Hills is by far the best option.
- This site has the space required for building, parking and expansion
- Development in this area is ongoing well into future
- Need a new facility with room for expansion. Existing facilities don't have room (parking, support facilities)
- S'Cona County residents need a new aquatic centre and Emerald Hills is a great location close to new residential development
- New location is better
- Best site for future facility development
- This would be the best location, as it would benefit the residents of the newly developed areas. The older area has Kinsman.
- Northeast corner of Sherwood Park is highest growth area. Area is still young enough that a sports facility can be built without negatively impacting any established neighborhood.
- Excellent location and space is available for building of such facility
- Build it out in the new areas where you're developing things for huge population increases. They need facilities in their neighborhoods too. Not everything needs to be in the old center of community
- New development requiring recreation facilities, cost reduction, no down time
- New development will need recreation facilities as this area grows. Reduced as no tear down and down time. Ten years from now this community will be looking for facilities
- Access to another large area of S. P's population. Room for expansion. Does not encroach on existing residential area.
- Less encroachment on existing well established homes
- Its a viable option because there is nothing over there's and that whole area of housing is geared towards younger families
- They have the space and all the buildings to it as well
- Adjacent to high school, new facility to serve new area, no disruptions to existing facilities during construction
- Emerald Hills would be the best location for a new aquatic facility. A 50 m pool is what this community needs now and for the future. Emerald Hills would provide enough space to build a proper facility.
- Close to high school, in area with young families who will utilize pool, cost, doesn't affect any existing site while building
- Great location! Entire residential area presently in developing stages and will not deplete existing park area - think green!

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- too congested at KLC or GARC or MP, Ardrossan is too far out of the way, need ready access for youth
- This will be a key area in five years time

Cons

- A little worried about having too much going on at one site with the turf field, huge school & pool.
- Emerald Hills and millennium place too close together
- Again, need a 50 m design

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Glen Allan Recreation Complex

Pros

- This location does not have a swimming facility and it would relieve pressure at some of the other locations.
- I don't remember the last time GARC had an update
- Like that it has spray park option
- I would prefer to improve upon existing facilities rather than promote urban sprawl. The facilities are already within close proximity to residents.
- Ideal location to reach many residents by walking/bicycle/trail system. Keep the older buildings alive. The only thing I don't like about GARC is it is so dark, feels like a cave.
- Central location
- It's an existing facility with ample space to develop behind it.
- Synergies with existing facility.
- Already has some of the infrastructure required
- In an 'older' area
- IT would be nice to see this property expand and be a fully function rec centre
- This site presently has no aquatic facilities.
- This is an old building and needs an upgrade and also needs to be more multipurpose
- All Competitive, spectator, swimming should be at Millennium, outside of the residential core. Option "A" at Glen Allen for the public and upgrade Millennium for complete swimmers.
- Revitalize an older area. Central location.
- The plan A would also be proficient, no preferred
- Central location, parkland can be used for expansion, parking, spray deck etc. Within walking distance to many neighborhoods.
- Also central to Sh pk and has room to expand in Wes Hosford park area and north of the facility
- It's a generally central location.
- Glen Allen rec center would also be an ideal place for construction as it is near the mall and county hall and library
- once again based on location
- still local but older facility
- adding more options and diversity in the Central area of Sherwood Park
- Walking distance for many space available
- This facility currently does not house swimming facilities. It is centrally located and could be fantastic with this addition.
- Central location for all residents
- GARC desperately needs some attention, and could be an amazing facility once it had an overhaul.
- Central, walkable for many uses (kids and seniors rehab use). However -how much park space would be lost if we added onto GARC? Greengrove is a great park and would not want to lose.
- Like that it has spray park option
- Facility is in need of a facelift, a pool would bring some life back into GARC
- It is central and in an existing recreation location

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- I see it as providing greater shallow lap pool access. I am middle aged with no kids, not that great a swimmer and won't improve unless there is more time in a shallow pool to practice, but I love to swim
- GARC is very close to my residence and I would be delighted to see an aquatic facility in this location.
- Glen Allan is the heart of Sherwood Park!!
- I reside in Glen Allan, and would use the facility located there
- Glen Allan is in the centre of Sherwood Park and would be ideal location for all the residents and easy access for students.
- Glen Allan is in the center of Sherwood Park and is accessible for all residents with bus service and easy walking.
- GARC needs the upgrade. I think it would be a great benefit to Sherwood Park to have another pool.
- centrally located, some infrastructure in place, close to schools
- This location makes the most sense to me because it is central for people, there is space for parking and would not have such a strong impact while being built.
- Already a well established recreation facility - lots of green space for development outside
- This facility needs upgrade and expansion.
- GARC is centrally located and available to all
- Glen Allan does not have a pool yet
- Glen-Allen is a more centrally located complex
- I would like to see GARC become more of a "youth friendly" facility for more than just ice skating/hockey
- Would be nice to have an aquatic facility in the neighbourhood
- This site provides easy access to walk from at least 5 schools facilitating school use as well as community use. The existing facility provides the adjacent community with an excellent facility. Adding an aquatic complex - in this densely populated community area - would be wise, as it would be well used. The area is very central - serviced by bike paths and in my opinion would be a great site for the expansion.
- I don't think anything more should be added to Millennium Place as it is getting too big. Glen Allen compliments the existing two pools and serves the large neighbourhoods to the east.
- This facility needs some work as it is a tired building. What an opportunity to tie in a Reno with a new pool, parking, etc.
- Logistically and logically GARC is the only location.
- Many County and school programs encourage interaction among all age groups in a community so I feel that the perceived con in this option is really a pro. Glen Allen is situated in a central location, which better meets the needs of all rural (not just those east of Sherwood Park) and urban residents. The opportunity to revitalize this facility and its proximity to all schools (not just a Catholic High School) make this choice the most reasonable for all community stakeholders.
- I think it's time for an upgrade there
- Much needed for the amount of kids and adults in this area. we SOOO need a spray park
- Glen Allan complex is my choice because, the facility is relatively central and the facility could use some updating and more people would use the gym, courts etc if their children

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were in the pool. Millennium is too big as it is and a bit overwhelming to folks who just want to do small work outs or try out there swings on the courts.

- GARC is in the centre of Sherwood Park, the most populated area of the community and easily accessible to a large audience of potential users. Additionally, there are many young people and senior who would access this facility.
- There are also several schools in the area that would greatly benefit from this location.
- under-utilized facility; may reduce costs to expand an existing facility
- walkable for local residents, increased use by schools, facility needs upgrades
- cost savings and common ground for different neighbourhoods
- Glen Allan is a well established and fully developed neighbourhood. Let's enhance the current GARC facility and distribute the demands for recreational facilities at alternative nodes rather than focusing all development at MP and KLC
- central to the community, walking access from schools, great partnership with schools, great opportunity to create walkable destinations/facilities for kids = healthy lifestyle
- Based pros and cons on all sites, GARC is the best fit
- A central location with no existing pool. Having 3 different pool locations throughout SC. would allow diversity of use and reduce traffic volume at each location instead of compounding it as would be the case with millennium or kinsmen
- In the middle of a residential area, perfect for many users, teens could walk after school and holidays. Make this centre complete, weights, ice, pool, courts, great for summer camps, etc. Spread the resources out, program times would be different at the sites yet all are within 15 minutes of driving
- Glen Allan needs updating and a bit of revitalization. More family use, skate and swim in the same day
- Transit available, enhancement to existing facility beneficial. Parking an issue with all locations.
- This is the most central location for all.
- The GARC is located nearest the most people while being an appropriate distance away from the existing facilities.

Pro 50m

- 50 m pool option (get the pattern here?)
- with 50m option only
- IT would be great if a 50 m pool option was considered here. Adding additional 25 m lanes will not help with how busy the lane swimming is.
- If Emerald Hills is not the selected option, I would only support Glen Allan because of the possibility of a 50m pool.
- option 2 as this location needs a swimming pool
- I would like to see a 50 meter lap pool option
- The Glen Allan Complex makes more sense in the long term. With a 50metre pool and 10 lanes that would address many of the existing problems, room to swim!!! Sherwood Park is still expanding and it is only going to get bigger. With the Kinsmen and Emerald Hills it is only a temporary solution until you run out of room again and you have to go through this process in another 5-10 years.

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- We need a 50 m pool with a well planned 25 m partition to allow for two lane pools, would address the usage concerns and competitive needs of the park, very centralized location, loss of park space is unfortunate but this park space is used very little.
- I support the 50m option at Glen Allan
- The Glen Allan location is the best choice. Let's stop the urban sprawl and improve upon our existing facilities, which are in close proximity to residents. I believe a 50m pool is the best option as well. I am a former competitive swimmer and realize all the potential benefits a 50m pool can bring with it.
- The 50 meter lap pool is not available in any other plan.
- I like the fact that there is the option to have a 50m pool at GARC
- I would like to see a 50 metre pool in Sherwood Park.
- Very few cons. A 50 meter pool is necessary for competitions. Like that it's close to many schools for their use. All facilities should be used by families, they are the major users and years of swimming potential as the kids grow up.
- Glen Allen and Kinsmen both are centrally located for easy access
- The cost may be higher but the 50m pool option would most likely fulfill MANY of the needs that are not being met currently with regards to lap lanes. Also adds much more income from the facility being used for lessons, training, swim competitions, etc. Would also be able to have 20 - 25m lanes when the full 50m lanes are not necessary.
- 50m pool is preferred
- Glen Allen was chosen only because of the option present it had a 50 meter lap pool option
- It seems to me that GARC is the clear choice, based on cost, location, and "bang for our buck". To get a whole new swimming facility, as opposed to "tweaking" an existing one makes the most sense. Also, shutting down an existing facility temporarily wouldn't be good. The cons listed are very minimal. The park area is still quite large, even if the county approves the 50m lap pool. My choice would be the higher priced upgrade, but either pool would be a welcomed addition to Sherwood Park!
- Option B
- 50 meter option is essential to flexible pool usage to meet the needs of all residents
- A 50 meter pool to allow for greatest flexibility and use for the community.
- needs a 50m for lap swimming
- The 50m pool is the best option. In terms of competitive clubs the 50m pool is essential. It also provides the most flexibility and more lane space for the public as well.
- We need a 50m pool. Central location and increased use of existing facility are both benefits.
- The inclusion of a 50 metre pool is essential to any design concept. This will not only provide a competition pool for the swim clubs but with the proper configuration 20 lanes of swim area for lesson and other aquatic activities.
- The 50m pool is essential in the Glen Allen Recreation Complex, along with the necessary viewing space
- 50 metre option is essential
- only if it is a 50 meter pool

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- 50 meter pool is a must in the county - gives so many options and a lot more lane space
- A 50m option is essential. This is not only needed for competitive swimming, this will give maximum flexibility to be able to configure the pool for multiple uses when you build a 50 m pool with moveable bulkheads. The cost is approximately double, but you get substantially more lanes space, so it is actually one of the cheapest options per lane provided, and it is a much better facility design.
- The 50m option is the first and second choice
- what I feel is needed is a long pool which feels more like a lake, 50 m pool in our large community is essential.
- It is essential that we put in a 50 m pool in the county!! It would be the most cost effective in the long run, and fill all needs. Remember it would be a great economic resource for the county considering there is only 1 50m pool in the city used for competitions (locally and internationally.
- I feel that the 50 m pool is needed and it will accommodate more users.
- 50m pool needed for competition can split with a bulk head for lap swimming and program. Great revenue source for the county to rent for competition venue
- It's all about location, location, location. This is an excellent location for expansion.
- would support a 50m pool
- The county needs a 50m pool no question. The other suggestions do not address short-term community priorities for indoor aquatics nor the long-term ones.
- 50m option is essential
- more lane space for swim clubs (50m pool)
- The 50m pool at Glen Allan is great
- 50 meter pool would be wonderful!
- We need a 50m lane pool for maximum flexibility.
- The 50 meter pool option at glen Allen definitely seems like the best option because there are so many different ways to configure a 50 meter pool with moveable bulkheads. It would be the best option to meet the needs of multiple groups with different requirements. It also seem like you would get the best bang for your buck because even though its twice the money, you get over 3 times the number of lanes as a 6 lane 25 meter pool. It really seems like a no- brainer to me.
- Badly need a 50 meter pool for competition and hosting larger events. Also, the flexibility that a 50 meter pool with bulkhead makes for far greater options and maximum multi lane benefit.
- The 50 meter option is essential to increase lane space and options for its use.
- Has the space to build 50m pool. Would greatly improve GARC.
- 50M option is essential as allows max flexibility for multiple uses, and allows more lane space resulting in least costly option per lane, and is a much better design overall.
- I believe that a 50m pool is essential for our community! You get maximum flexibility to be able to configure the pool for multiple uses when you build a 50 m pool with moveable bulkheads. The cost is approximately double, but you get substantially more lanes space, so it is actually one of the cheapest options per lane provided, and it is a much better facility design.

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- the 50m pool will give space which is needed as it can be utilized as a 25m pool and by that doubling the lane space
- the need for 50m pool would benefit the community

Pro 25m

- 25m pool option
- the 25 meter pool would be my choice
- Option "A" Only could be a benefit with out a large negative impact to the area.
- Option 1 is best suited to the community as it put swimming facilities in different parts of the community for easy access for more people.
- First concept A (smaller). also somewhat liked kinsmen but the leisure pool needs for fun for kids like millennium, and should be warmer water like millennium
- preferred plan is option A at GARC
- central location transit lots of schools around, on existing trail system, facility needs more child programs, facility needs upgrading, I would prefer the 25m pool option
- I would love to be able to walk / bike to a nearby pool, easy access for school groups, provides cross-training option for figure skating, 25m pool is less invasive on the environment and won't create so much traffic, GARC needs a facelift
- Proposal A would be my choice for Glen Allen site

Cons

- Again we need all the public park space we have for future generations. Once you start cutting them up it won't take long to lose them.
- Anywhere besides GARC. Destroying park for more parking, concrete and traffic is a terrible idea.
- GARC is a great non-intimidating environment for people who are just getting into fitness. Keep the competition away from this area. In addition, it would be too congested at GARC.
- Glen Allan--reluctantly. This is closest to a "down-town" area that Sh.Pk has (Centre in the Park) but it is a beautiful green belt with Heritage Walk and I would not like to see swimming and pool needs dominate and overcome the natural areas. People do need the green places and indoor chlorine pools are not a substitute health wise. Also the residential area could not handle the traffic increase.
- Expansion is a better option than harming the park next to GARC
- Glen Allen is not suited to handle additional auto traffic
- Option "B" would create far too much traffic and noise for a quiet residential neighbourhood. The traffic in that area is heavy enough now. I think all competitive swimming lanes should be at Millennium outside the residential core.
- Millennium is the best location for this facility. Glen Allan Rec. Complex is the worst location for this facility. I can't believe that this location would be considered. It is a residential area. Look at the traffic problems (which now exist). Single lane, vehicles trying to turn left (east bound). School and roadway do not fit for this plan. We respectively recommend that you remove Glen Allan as the proposed location.
- I enjoy GARC because of its small community
- Kinsmen is close enough to Glen Allan, Glen Allan was build as an adult facility I'd like to see it expanded as such

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Kinsmen Leisure Centre

Pros

- familiar facility
- Grew up going to Kinsmen, Don't ever want to see it go!
- infrastructure on place, central location
- Expands on what is already there
- can use existing staff
- Kinsmen not meeting the needs of the older demographic
- can expand to the volleyball courts that never get used other than kids getting in trouble
- economies of scale
- Keep the pools together; there is room by the volleyball courts that are only used occasionally for a few months of the year.
- Kinsmen is most in need of an update. My son takes his swimming lessons there, and the heaters are often breaking down, making some pools extremely cold for the preschoolers.
- We have been to Kinsmen on several occasions
- Kinsmen LC is centrally located and has room to expand both facility and parking lot
- Expanding an existing facility would enhance the use of that facility. This location is central and provides easy access for many residents. It is close to the center in the park development and may enhance the new concept for a commercial area in this area.
- Possibility of increased efficiencies in operating costs
- Despite parking limitations and reconstruction drawbacks, this site is central to SP users
- already has the space at facility
- chose for the #2 because it already has a swimming /child base
- I don't want KLC to fall behind simply because it's in the "old" part of town and not the fancy Emerald Hills area
- Because of the festival place, centre of the park and new library we should have the new facility in a central location too
- Keep it in a location that already has a pool
- Can use existing staff and is in a central location.
- Keep one location for lessons
- A central location available to most everyone. There is room to enlarge the facility with minimum disadvantages. Continue to offer services at Kinsmen, a great facility.
- Glen Allen and Kinsmen both are centrally located for easy access
- The services are already there, it is central, and it could just be expanded.
- Centralized
- It's close to my home and already has the swimming infrastructure in place.
- Although there may be construction disruptions, with appropriate input it can be managed. It is centrally located.
- Already set up as a pool, would be the cheapest and most central location for all of Sh Pk, north of Kinsmen there's extra room in the parking area that is hardly used except for special events.
- Kinsmen has long since been the central location for aquatic activities. It is central to residents and easy to get to, also traffic is not an issue here

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Cons

- The Kinsmen is central however there is nothing else in the facility therefore, I do not feel they would benefit parents of older children who want to do a work out while child is taking swim lessons.
- Lap swim hours are very limited at the Kinsmen pool due to most of the time is concentrated on lessons.
- We have two good facilities, and should continue to keep those two facilities in good condition and viable considering the needs of the community. These two facilities should be able to provide all the aquatics needs for S County. I appreciate too that the cost recovery is better with KLC. I would hate to see KLC become an out of date facility - it has the prime location for the community and does so many things well right now. It just doesn't have enough space. And more Sher Park residents can reach this facility by bicycle than any other option. The only downside that would need to be addressed is that KLC needs to go to a 9-9pm system in at least some function, like MP. 1-3 pm swims do not work for families with children aged 0-6 because there is always a toddler who needs a nap, and 7 pm swims are past bedtime.

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Millennium Place

Pros

- MP was set up for this
- So busy already, usually don't go because of this- looking forward to Ardrossan rec. complex opening!!!
- Existing aquatic centre that could be expanded to a 50 m pool or more lanes added for the 25 m pool for lap swimming and training
- This area is already equipped and will not put strain on the neighborhood community
- Millennium is still the best location. Central, good parking and easy access.
- already existing facility
- this is the facility I use because Kinsmen doesn't offer early morning lap swimming for adults
- as long as it was completely separate from the wave pool and floaties
- Newer facility with lots of room for expansion. Even if it means building south of the skateboard park for a 50M pool which has a lot more flexibility to use the facility for multiple water sports. Competitive swimming/ water polo/public space is limited with all the team sports so this just makes sense.
- build on existing facility
- location doesn't affect residential areas, improving an existing site
- Infrastructure and staffing already in place. Wide range of activities available for whole family
- Expansion of this existing facility will save our natural park for generations to come.
- existing space, fitness opportunities for adults combined with kid recreation stuff
- As a very frequent user of pool space at Millennium Place, we need more lane space for the youth sports groups that compete tragically for limited lane space. Swim Clubs develop long term athletes that use sport for life and the limited space doesn't allow maximum participation for youth in our community. Many of these other options will be used by Edmonton Residents who come to use the facilities and I think building more lane space for the sports clubs and the huge growth of the sport of triathlon in the County really requires more lane space rather than leisure space.
- This is already a large structure designed for wellness and has a pool area. It will not entail pulling down trees or causing even more traffic congestion, as structure in Glen Allen or at Kinsmen would. I am not familiar with Emerald Hills, but it seems that whole area is also going to be one huge traffic congestion en route to Yellowhead. Glen Allen and Kinsmen are accessible by walking and are family oriented. Close to natural areas with trees etc. and it would be detrimental to concrete them up into mini Millennium Places. Keep all the upgrades at the MP. The smaller sites (Kinsmen and GA) could still be used for classes for specific classes if space is limited. Don't like the idea of removing trees at GA or removing any existing car space at Kinsmen. Ardrossan is out of the question, as it does not have a high population that requires these services.
- Excellent facility in existence - should be expanded to a 50 m pool with relocation of the aquatic recreational area to another adjacent site
- would like more lanes open

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- It would make more sense to have our aquatic centres in the same area rather than putting a third one in a highly residential area that is already established and also avoiding the extra traffic this would cause near the schools and rec centre.
- I would prefer the pool be at millennium as there is room there
- Millennium Place has the accommodation, parking and best location to host swim competitions, as well seems to have the room for expansion.
- Millennium place already has a beautiful facility and people are comfortable with it.
- It would be easier to staff because of the existing aquatic staff on site, and is most accessible.
- Easy access for more people and already a pool in that location. Has the highest amount of people using the facility.

Cons

- I was involved with the Millennium Marlins over the summer and the pool deck area is SMALL for hosting swim meets.
- Taking a small child to millennium is difficult, with the waves and cooler water.
- Millennium is the next closest and has multiple options for the family all in one centre. Why would we make a big pool even bigger while another centre gets nothing....?
- Only with 50m pool which is not on the table for this facility.

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Other themes – site preferences

Cost

- Costs were not disclosed therefore it is difficult to evaluate.
- The number of pools in Sherwood park is sufficient and using the funds to create a facility that is actually needed (spray park with parking and washrooms) would better suit our needs
- I do not share the view that the capital nor operating funds required are best borrowed and allocated to another aquatic facility.
- I am assuming it would be more cost effective to expand on an existing site.

Demographics

- None, I don't think Sherwood Park needs more swimming opportunities. Keep the existing facilities for Strathcona Residents and not North Edmonton!
- local population needs not being met by current facilities
- Sherwood Park is and has been a growing community and having as many of these facilities to accommodate all ages and physical ability and option is necessary
- with so many seniors, a warm pool is needed

Location/Diversity

- Spreads out swimming access across Sherwood Park
- Rural areas need to be better utilized.
- rural resident
- geographically separated from existing swimming facilities makes an aquatic facility more accessible to a greater number of people
- Closest to home!
- Closest
- Could walk to the pool!
- closest to home
- Central location
- Southern aquatic facility severely lacking at this time.
- Close to where I live!
- closer proximity
- none of the sites are the correct sites
- Spread out the facilities so there is less need to travel, for those that live closer, to use them.
- within Sherwood park
- providing a new location for aquatics will lessen demand on KLC and MP, lengthening their lifespan
- The park is growing and a need is differently needed for the extra population without bringing people into developed areas where parking would be an issue

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Parking

- Must have enough parking!
- None of the above. None offer the needed parking. Another multi-use facility like Millennium Place located at the eastern edge of Sherwood Park would better meet long term recreation needs.
- Less problem with parking

Programming

- Swimming is a very popular pastime and I am always scared to register my children as the waiting list is always so long.
- Most amenities for my family
- A spray park and more places for swimming lessons.
- A separate location where there would be family swim times available would be preferable.
- Having a place for recreation swim year round would be ideal.
- Sherwood Park requires a second pool 25m or 50m that can be used for everything from public swim to competition. From every sport from diving to synchronized swimming. Put Sherwood Park on the map with an amazing sports facility.
- would like to see more hours for mature adult lap swimming
- Something for seniors as well as others
- My primary concern with aquatics in Sherwood Park is the lack of lesson space. I feel that lessons are more important for our youth than recreational swimming or outdoor spray parks. I would support making KLC a lesson only facility while continuing to use the other facilities (Millennium) for recreation.

Other / Miscellaneous

- Are these facilities really needed?
- I have only been to millennium
- Don't agree it is needed
- the promised 2015 new complex like Millennium Place
- It's overdue
- All other locations are over capacity
- Close to home. Provides a recreational outlet for young and old in the community
- no disruption of services provided at current pools
- None. This should not be done.
- Either the Hills or MP. Which ever one is cheaper to do. Expansion at MP would be great, but may cost more as the building is already completed.
- very close to where we live
- Costs were not disclosed therefore it is difficult to evaluate.
- More lanes/add swimming lessons.
- We must have a local location for all ages in the community young and old
- Would remove some pressure during peak lap swimming times for people not registered in swim classes at Millennium Place.
- There is only one choice. The other Sherwood Park based sites (excluding Ardrossan) don't have the room for parking increases and support facility increases.
- smaller is nice

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- **** We need a facility as soon as possible***
- closer access for county residents,
- providing a new location for aquatics will lessen demand on KLC and MP, lengthening their lifespan
- none of the site are the correct sites

4. Please identify any other issues / comments / questions you'd like to see addressed as part of the investigation into potential locations for an aquatic facility.

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50m/Sport

- * I think that there would be minimal impact on the parks area behind GARC if the new aquatic facility was built there. It is a central location and is very easy to get to by various modes of transportation. I strongly believe in adding a 50 meter pool. We have a very good competitive swimming club here, and they would be able to attract more members and coaches of higher caliber.
- * I agree with the 25m pool option at GARC. GARC is an aging building that desperately needs some rejuvenation and expansion. I love the accessibility of the location, and the potential space for a wellness centre expansion which is also badly needed. I do not feel that the 50m pool option is required and the cost is very high.
- * Millennium aquatic facility already has ample change rooms and attached structures - thus limiting costs for further expansion of these facilities. I believe the wave pool could be relocated into the west parking lot and the 25 m pool extended to configure a 50 m pool. This pool could then be divided with a central bulkhead to increase the potential use of the pool for lane swimming, classes etc and opened for competitive swimming and training on assigned days/hours.

Parking shortage could be addressed at this point in time due to low density of development in the adjacent areas that could be changed into stacked parking lots. I anticipate there will only be continued growth of the population in Sherwood Park area as well as need and use of the facility

- * For the 50 meter pool, need to see some REGIONAL assessment of how well served the entire Greater Edmonton area is for Olympic 50 m training pools. When we move from a 25 m to a 50 m, we are adding an entirely different clientele: more elite swimmers, who will come from away farther afield. Is Kinsmen in the river valley the region's only 50 m pool? Is it full? Perhaps we can get some support from the region to assist in the increased cost of the 50 m.

The delta cost between the 25m and the 50 m options seems away out of line

- * I would love to see a 50m lap pool built into the strategy. The lap pool hours at Kinsmen are not useful for those who work during the day and the crowding at Millennium Place is also not ideal. In addition, trying to register children for swimming lessons is also very challenging. If you are not signed into Click It first as soon as registration begins you will be out of luck as the classes for school aged children fill up immediately
- * I do not see the justification, nor do I support spending \$34 million on a 50 meter pool, and question the need vs. want mentality for this type of facility. I'm not sure where this is coming from, but I suspect this kind of discussion is dictated by a special interest group with a specific agenda. After all, a 50 meter pool is for a few elite level athletes and some high level swim meets. The 50 meter pool at the Kinsmen in Edmonton can serve both needs. If the County is bent on spending that kind of money on pools, it seems more practical and serves more people's needs to build a 6 - 8 lane 25 meter pool in Ardrossan, and another 8 or 10 lane 25 meter pool in Sherwood Park, which gives more space and time for swimming lessons, swim clubs, lap lanes, and rehab therapy all around in two locations.

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- * It would be nice when building a new pool, to make it Olympic size. Strathcona County could then have world class competition which in turn would increase revenue to the county.
- * 50 meter pool is the way to go. Usage for competitions and sports clubs would benefit the community by attracting clubs e.g. swimming triathlon; major competitions etc .This would be bring valued added dollars to the community.
- * A financial benefit will be the opportunity to host competitive, high level aquatic competitions brought to the county bringing a substantial amount of money to local businesses along with first class exposure of our community to other cities, provinces and in some instances other countries. By building the full 50m pool I think that the 25m lane costs would be cheaper and the overall resident use would reach full potential.
- * 50 meters pool allows for competitions to be held. This attracts business to the area i.e. accommodation, food services etc. Sports competition/tourism is a big business. Other potentials include facilities for triathlon, swim clubs. The pool would also be fantastic addition to the community. Glenmore or Kinsmen is the best choice.
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- * Closing the Millennium place pool for four months would be devastating for local sports clubs, and for existing aquatics users. Removing the bleachers after the expenses occurred during the previous expansion to add them would be wasteful. A 50 meter pool should have been built at Millennium Place in the first place, and would have been much cheaper. Let's not, as a community, make the same mistake twice. We should build what we need, not stop gap measures.
- *The benefit of having a proper Olympic sized pool would be benefiting the county more than any other option. It provides another source of income because of the events it would be able to host, bringing in more capital then some may realize.
- * If the County is going to build a new or expand an existing facility, please do it right this time. When Millennium Place was originally designed, it was supposed to be a 50m competition pool. Then the plan was cut back and only a 25m pool was constructed. If the County would have stuck with the original plan and constructed 50m pool, we wouldn't be having this conversation. Please build the correct facility this time. Currently the only 50m facility is in Edmonton. Strathcona County would greatly benefit from having a facility like this. Let's build it and the swimmers will come...and the County and all of its residence will benefit from the revenue of a properly constructed and properly run facility. Thank You
- * The 50 meter option at GARC state the cons are cost, however, it is actually the cheapest option in terms of the price per 25 meter lane (i.e. this has 20 lanes 25 m long) as opposed to 6 lanes at all other facilities, and the price is only double the 6 lane facilities, so it is a far better value for money.

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- A 50 meter pool in the county would provide many options for county residents. Lots of lane space and room for special events such as swim meets and private pool space rentals. This type of facility has been needed in the county for quite some time. Kinsmen & Millennium pools can be quite crowded at certain times of the day. A 50 meter pool at Glen Allen would alleviate that and provide wonderful opportunities for the surrounding schools for swim lessons and Physical Education classes. Glen Allen is very central and many residents would be able to walk to the facility.
- * I am a member of the millennium place facility. I don't spend a lot of time using the pool, largely because of the overcrowding and youth patrons. It seems to cater to a family environment which is great. I am a former competitive swimmer (in my mid 30's) and realize the value and potential in a 50m pool. I think had this been built initially at millennium we may not be having this discussion. I do however like the idea of a top notch aquatic facility centrally located. Especially near schools that can take advantage of it.
- * Millennium aquatic facility already has ample change rooms and attached structures - thus limiting costs for further expansion of these facilities. I believe the wave pool could be relocated into the west parking lot and the 25 m pool extended to configure a 50 m pool. This pool could then be divided with a central bulkhead to increase the potential use of the pool for lane swimming, classes etc and opened for competitive swimming and training on assigned days/hours.
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- I would not support option B. I am interested in providing more facilities for the community and I am not interested in hosting games and events that involve very few if any members of the community
- The new facility should include a 50 meter lane length for competition and space.
- * I have a few concerns about the aquatic design option B for the Glen Allan rec center. I live in the neighborhood and feel that the residents wouldn't benefit from 600 seat spectator stand as this would draw in large number swim meets and competitions causing an increase in traffic issues on our residential streets. I believe that a spectator size pool belongs in the light industrial area, as where Millennium currently is. I strongly support the design concept of option A as this would benefit Sherwood Park and its residences.
- A 50 x 25 meter pool option is the best. This will provide for more 25 lanes as well a competition pool
- This doesn't pertain to the location of the facility but the facility NEEDS to be a 6-8 lane 50M pool. The county will get the most bang for its buck with this type of facility.
- The best choice would be the GARC upgrade. We need another facility with more lanes available. Every other choice has several Cons that are hard to look past. For GARC - I am an adult, and it wouldn't bother me to have more children in the facility - we should be used to it with Millennium Place! Furthermore, just having the new facility would compensate for this. We NEED another facility. M.P. and Kinsmen are overcrowded! Swim clubs also need more lanes to practice in.

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- Option B is the best choice to give people/programs access to a variety of aquatic options for fitness. We have enough "Fun" aquatic facilities!
- Let's not over identify with the need of another 25 meter pool. We now have 2 sources plus 3 wading and basic swim pools. How many swim club do we have in the Park (2 minimum I believe) Even Masters International group prefer 50 meter size and often hold events in Edmonton.
- The option of a 50 m pool is great
- GARC is the only reasonable choice given the pros and cons. A 50m pool would be a great investment for Strathcona County's future. It would be great to have a rural pool in Ardrossan, but it should have been considered with the current construction.
- * It would be nice when building a new pool, to make it Olympic size. Strathcona County could then have world class competition which in turn would increase revenue to the county.
- * Please look at the big picture don't get stuck at the immediate cost. A 50 m pool with removable bulk heads may cost more at the beginning but in the long run it would be your most effective. It is essential we have a 50m pool!!!! It will fill all our needs plus allow revenue for the county-Please look out for the needs of the county today as well as in the future. Remember there was a 50 m pool planned for Millennium originally then it was axed due to cost now we are in dire need of a new pool at what expense?
- The county has grown in size and is much larger than many other Canadian cities that already have 50m pools. Furthermore, the number of residents that utilize the facilities and have purchased monthly passes is staggering. This is something the county should be very proud of. However, I find myself continuing to get more and more included in City of Edmonton activities because of a lack of pool space in the County. I am considering discontinuing my County pass as I spend more time at City of Edmonton pools now.
- I hope a 50M pool is seriously considered. There are not a lot of them but they allow for so much more flexibility with the use of bulkheads to configure the pool into short or long course or public swimming lanes and an open area for other uses.
- Again I feel a 50m pool is needed in Sherwood Park
- * 50 meter pool is the way to go. Usage for competitions and sports clubs would benefit the community by attracting clubs e.g. swimming triathlon; major competitions etc .This would be bring valued added dollars to the community.
- 50 meter pool is the better choice.
- While swim clubs are and should not be the primary concern in any decision the inclusion of a 50 meter pool in any configuration would provide the best options and alternatives for pool use. The Glen Allen 50m option would not only provide Strathcona County with a pool that would be capable of holding various swim competitions if configured with a movable bulkhead the pool could be configured for multiple uses at the same time. Dependant on pool depth not only could swim lessons be held at one end aqua fit or synchro swimming could be held as well.
- * Closing the Millennium place pool for four months would be devastating for local sports clubs, and for existing aquatics users. Removing the bleachers after the expenses occurred during the previous expansion to add them would be wasteful. A 50 meter pool should have been built at Millennium Place in the first place, and would have been much cheaper. Let's not, as a community, make the same mistake twice. We should build what we need, not stop gap measures.

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- *The benefit of having a proper Olympic sized pool would be benefiting the county more than any other option. It provides another source of income because of the events it would be able to host, bringing in more capital than some may realize.
- I know that Strathcona County desperately needs another aquatic facility due to lack of lane space. This pool must be a 50 meter pool to provide adequate opportunities to all groups.
- Having a 50 m pool would enable the swim/aquatic clubs to expand and grow, and move away from MP. With the aquatic clubs away from MP, the lanes at MP could be used by the General Public far more. Many times I have gone to the pool and watched people frustrated with the small amount of public lane swim. Obviously the kids need more pool space to train, but the public also could definitely use more lanes to train themselves. The other options listed do not seem to provide adequate training facilities to the aquatics clubs, who would still wish to use MP, as would the majority of the general public.
- * A 50 meter pool in the county would provide many options for county residents. Lots of lane space and room for special events such as swim meets and private pool space rentals. This type of facility has been needed in the county for quite some time. Kinsmen & Millennium pools can be quite crowded at certain times of the day. A 50 meter pool at Glen Allen would alleviate that and provide wonderful opportunities for the surrounding schools for swim lessons and Physical Education classes. Glen Allen is very central and many residents would be able to walk to the facility.
- The 50m option is important to add value and greater opportunity for the community as it adds value and options for all uses.
- *I strongly feel that Strathcona County is more than capable of supporting a 50 meter pool. If run properly it will create lots of revenue and add greatly to the quality of life of every resident in the county.
- * If the County is going to build a new or expand an existing facility, please do it right this time. When Millennium Place was originally designed, it was supposed to be a 50m competition pool. Then the plan was cut back and only a 25m pool was constructed. If the County would of stuck with the original plan and constructed 50m pool, we wouldn't be having this conversation. Please build the correct facility this time. Currently the only 50m facility is in Edmonton. Strathcona County would greatly benefit from having a facility like this. Lets build it and the swimmers will come...and the County and all of its residence will benefit from the revenue of a properly constructed and properly run facility.

Thank You

- I believe that Strathcona County needs a 50m pool. How can we support the development of aquatic athletes without a standard 50m pool? We have full hockey rinks, why not at least 1 pool? How can we host a provincial competition in our county without a sufficient pool? (Swim Alberta has removed Millennium Place from its list of viable hosts for even the smallest Provincial competition).
- This is a long overdue project and I would like to see it include the 50m option in Glen Allan. With the 50m option you can place the pool bulkhead to split it into 2x 25m options that will double the usage for swimming, synchro, water polo, lifeguard and safety training, diving, exercise classes, kayaking, under water hockey, as well as any other aquatic uses for our county residents.
- A 50m pool for competitive swim programs. or at least more lanes in a 25m pool

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- * I would love to see a 50m lap pool built into the strategy. The lap pool hours at Kinsmen are not useful for those who work during the day and the crowding at Millennium Place is also not ideal. In addition, trying to register children for swimming lessons is also very challenging. If you are not signed into Click It first as soon as registration begins you will be out of luck as the classes for school aged children fill up immediately
- A 50m pool will be especially functional for many groups and it will give more options for usable space.
- The 50m pool at Glen Allan would benefit the whole community. It would give greater space available for everyone. It would allow dividing the pool to 25m lanes and by doing so doubling the space available. Sherwood Park is growing and the need for this facility is now, not in 5 years from now.
- We MUST build a pool with a 50 meter competition pool. This would allow us to host a number of swim meets that we cannot do now. Also, the potential is there to go after the Canada Games or similar events that require a 50 meter pool.
In my view, this was the biggest mistake we made when we put up Millennium Place.
- The need for a 50m pool would benefit the whole community, it can be changed into a 25m pool and then you have double the space to be available. Sherwood Park is growing and the need for this pool is now, and the 50m pool would make sense, so that in future, when you look at building another pool, this site would already be available with lots of space for everyone in the community.
- I am a member of the millennium place facility. I don't spend a lot of time using the pool, largely because of the overcrowding and youth patrons. It seems to cater to a family environment which is great. I am a former competitive swimmer (in my mid 30's) and realize the value and potential in a 50m pool. I think had this been built initially at millennium we may not be having this discussion. I do however like the idea of a top notch aquatic facility centrally located. Especially near schools that can take advantage of it.
- * I think that there would be minimal impact on the parks area behind GARC if the new aquatic facility was built there. It is a central location and is very easy to get to by various modes of transportation. I strongly believe in adding a 50 meter pool. We have a very good competitive swimming club here, and they would be able to attract more members and coaches of higher caliber.
- * If the County is interested in getting feedback from "stakeholders" I think it would be very interesting to hear what the families who can, and cannot get into swimming lessons have to say about the need for another swimming pool(s). Maybe by using the County's registration system, they could send this survey directly to the families who try to register for swim programs, and ask for their feedback and thoughts on the need for pool spaces and where they think a new pool should be located. I do not see the justification, nor do I support spending \$34 million on a 50 meter pool, and question the need vs. want mentality for this type of facility. I'm not sure where this is coming from, but I suspect this kind of discussion is dictated by a special interest group with a specific agenda. After all, a 50 meter pool is for a few elite level athletes and some high level swim meets. The 50 meter pool at the Kinsmen in Edmonton can serve both needs. If the County is bent on spending that kind of money on pools, it seems more practical and serves more people's needs to build a 6 - 8 lane 25 meter pool in Ardrossan, and another 8 or 10 lane 25 meter

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pool in Sherwood Park, which gives more space and time for swimming lessons, swim clubs, lap lanes, and rehab therapy all around in two locations.

- I think it would be wise to build a 50 meter pool with a moveable bulkhead. It offers more versatility in operating various programs. It will also enhance tourism in Sherwood Park with the ability to all swim meets without having to close down all the facility. It should also have enough deck space for the swimmers and room for bleachers for parents to view their children.
- Again I feel it essential that a 50 meter pool be put in as it will give multi facet usage. The pool will be able to be separated by bulk heads and have double the usage which in turn brings in double the revenue. Millennium place is too cramped up with and no longer enjoyable to be in.
- Sherwood Park is in great need of a 50m Indoor Pool.
- I think a 50m pool is required for both the swim clubs (which I have no children involved, so no true interest in it, but think it is very IMPORTANT for the development of the swimmers). As an avid swimmer and triathlon, I think it is crucial to have a longer distance pool. More lanes, BUT have more lanes open to the public at peak times (5:30am-8am and after 4pm), instead of having more adult swim programs and swim clubs!!!!!! SO frustrating that the clubs and adult swim programs have 2-3 ppl /lane, but I have 4-6 in my lanes as there is only 3 open!! I would not support an outdoor pool of any size.
- *OK HERE GOES WITH SOME GARC SPECIFIC COMMENTS:
Traffic: the Wes Hosford Driving Moms are not going to be happy, especially in the afternoon "pick-up-the-little-dears-who-can't-walk" rush. Not that this is all bad: they are a very badly behaved bunch of motorists, and if more kids walked or even car pooled it would probably be a good thing.
Parking: on my little cul-de-sac (Gainsboro Court) we are hardly ever bothered by GARC parking, even during big bonspiels ... wouldn't expect any change what with the increased parking.
Traffic: definitely need to re-visit the roundabout at Georgian Way / Gainsboro Road: the one that was broached as an idea in the Glen Allan traffic calming study, and turned down.
Noise: the existing VERY NOISY high pitched ventilation fans in the Curling Rink are going to have to go. The stand of trees, which buffers the noise from the neighbors on Greengrove Cres, is going to go to make way for more parking.
Need: For the 50 meter pool, need to see some REGIONAL assessment of how well served the entire Greater Edmonton area is for Olympic 50 m training pools. When we move from a 25 m to a 50 m, we are adding an entirely different clientele: more elite swimmers, who will come from away farther afield. Is Kinsmen in the river valley the region's only 50 m pool? Is it full? Perhaps we can get some support from the region to assist in the increased cost of the 50 m.
The delta cost between the 25m and the 50 m options seems away out of line

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Accessibility (disabilities, seniors)

- * I'm a senior and presently use the facilities at MP, unfortunately I need the warm water to work out and the wave pool starts early.
- * MORE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE NEEDS OF SENIORS. WARM WATER, INCREASED POOL TIME AND THE ABILITY TO SWIM WITHOUT WAVES
- I have been recently working out at GARC and many older people prefer it to Millennium Place. The general atmosphere and age group that works out makes it VERY pleasant and gives me another reason to work out. I am from Edmonton, and know that there are others from Edmonton. I also know that they will not return if the facilities downstairs are closed. I myself will have to find something else. Equipment was to be improved, some has. It would be a shame if not put to use and other pieces were updated & upgraded (as was promised over 1 year ago.)
- *The Kinsmen Leisure Centre is too small for all the activities already going on there. There is a distinct lack of changing rooms and showers. Not every one is comfortable undressing or dressing in front of others. My mother attends the senior's swimming classes. She says that when the seniors come out of the water (which is often not very warm) the showers are often occupied by young kids and the few changing rooms are also occupied by mothers with kids. I don't think it is healthy for seniors to be standing around in the cold waiting to get dressed. There were renovations to this pool a few years ago but all that was changed was the addition of office space. There are often as many as 60 seniors at a time in the classes. The changing rooms and showers have to be expanded to accommodate the volume of swimmers. The water also should be warmer especially in the winter months
- There is a need for warm water aerobics facilities for the many seniors in the county.
- I have already made comments on the other survey about accessibility issues at the Kinsmen Leisure Centre. If a new centre is to be built please take into consideration that accessibility is not limited to people who are able to transfer out of wheelchairs/walkers and sit on a small bench to facilitate changing in and out of clothing. There is a significant number of the population who need to use lifts/pool chairs/large changing benches/pool ramps to be able to use our facilities.
- I believe it is important to make sure that all facilities are handicap accessible.
- * Please take into consideration existing housing and detriment to them (if site chosen with this, please keep open discussion with them for impact and ways they'd like to see their issues addressed). Consider traffic concerns. Consider temperature of water. Also, hopefully allow for more swim lessons or other classes, such as fitness/rehab for seniors/adults with limited mobility (warm water!). Also for any leisure pool, please make it a variety of features, so that each pool facility offers different options than others do (for example, millennium has the buckets dropping water, etc. maybe have more variety so its not just a repeat of the same in each pool in some way, so kids will want to visit each pool or some kids may prefer one style over others etc.) More accessibility for limited mobility and seniors. Also shower/change areas with curtains for some privacy if needing to wash off better/take off swimwear.

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- * I don't see ANY mention of seniors? It's the fastest growing section of our population. They need facilities for exercise classes too. I believe this is age discrimination.
- * Since I am a senior citizen I would like to see activities for people with decreasing mobility. For example, classes for seniors so that we will feel comfortable with our limitations.
- * Enough parking for all involved as people don't park in residential areas. Security cameras in parking areas. Enough handicap parking. Lots of change room areas - KLC is too small now. Wherever the expansion is, make sure there is a deep tank included.

Amenities

- want to see a surf simulator added like the H2O centre in Kelowna has
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- I use almost all the Strathcona County recreation facilities. I think Glen Allen is the one that most requires an upgrade to become useful to a broad cross section of the community. The rinks and racquet courts are great but I don't think most people use such facilities. The workout room is popular but it is cramped. A pool and new steam room would be a great addition.
- * I like the Glen Allen option because it is centrally located to all residents of Sherwood Park. I do think though you need to think of it as a water park too. Add Water Slides to your mix. This is a family facility and swimming is important but family fun together is also important. We only have the one slide at KLC and I think if the design to include slides at the pools was done upfront it could be done to minimize the impact on

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swimming lanes as opposed to how the big ole thing has to be raised and lowered at the KLC as an after thought.

- * 2015 is about four years away and by then the community will need significant new recreation facilities. A new complex like Millennium Place would include the new indoor aquatic facility, but could also provide space for other activities like hockey, a fitness area with weights, machines and floor space, indoor soccer, pickle ball or other racket sports, a running/walking track or any other upcoming sport. A new complex could be located where parking and traffic would not be a problem. Further if located further east it would be a good place to locate park and ride and a branch library. We should be looking at proposals that will meet more than just the aquatic users needs while keeping costs down. Renovating or adding to existing structures will compromise current use and be as costly as or more costly than building new. Maybe the tax payers should be asked by vote if a new complex which is not an offered option would be a better long term solution.
- * I would like to see a multi-use facility built that incorporates an aquatic centre along with an indoor racket facility for badminton, squash, handball, Wally ball and tennis. A gym and workout equipment, sauna and steam room would also be nice too.
- * As is previously stated I don't think that the community will benefit from expanding current facilities. Millennium and Kinsmen are fine facilities and while we frequently use these services in the winter, they really don't provide what we are looking for in the way of summer activities. There are really no outdoor water activities for our children. Granted that there was a new park put in Clover bar, but this park does not have parking or washroom facilities, which as anyone with kids knows is almost more important than the park it's self. In conclusion I would like to urge the county to take more time to figure out exactly what our community needs and what our budget will allow before making any plans and raising out taxes yet again, to pay for facilities that are not truly needed.
- My three biggest problems with the current facilities, and quite honestly why I avoid them, is lack of swimming lesson options, crowding (I won't dare go to Millennium for fear of losing my kids in the crowd), and lack of family change rooms. With such a young family based population, I am shocked that there are not family friendly change rooms. At the Kinsmen in particular, there is one playpen to put a small baby/toddler in while getting changed, and it is so dirty. There isn't even one in the men's room. No small toilets for kid, showers are always at an unsafe temperature and make it difficult to help small kids shower. It would be nice to see the change rooms done properly with input from parents
- Hot tub, steam room, spa
- I would hope that if it did come to Emerald Hills having this facility that you would also look at future expansion. GARC, MP and Kinsmen, I believe, would have concerns with additional parking for events. I believe that with the competitive pool that our community is open to more exposure. I believe though that we should also incorporate an outdoor spray deck/regional spray park as Fort Saskatchewan and St. Albert communities have.
- If a new aquatic facility is built our family thoroughly would enjoy a waterslide, diving board and rope.
- I'm a senior and presently use the facilities at MP, unfortunately I need the warm water to work out and the wave pool starts early.

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- I strongly feel as though the temperature of the water at the Millennium place pool is too cold. It is a pool designed for children and I find that the water is not nearly warm enough for young kids.
- Are additional diving options being considered?
- In whatever model is adopted, please ensure that lockers are available in the change rooms that allow for the use of my own lock. It burns me every single time I have to pay to lock up belongings at swimming lessons. We have already paid for the lessons, and to have to pay an extra \$8 for each session to cover locker costs is infuriating...especially if you have more than one child in lessons and one needs to get into the locker and then relock it again while the other(s) finish their lesson...then it's suddenly an additional \$16 per session (or more, because inevitably, someone forgets something, and then we're opening lockers over and over)...over the course of a year, this really adds up. I have my own locks and would like to use them. Currently, Kinsmen should be providing tokens to use in the lockers!
- * Whatever the new facility I would like a place that has space for people to swim in a fun environment without being hampered by floatation devices, current, waves or various sprays and water buckets. These distractions make it very difficult to supervise young children without being run down or blinded. The design of a facility like the Kinsmen centre would serve our purposes if there were more times for public swimming. The children in swimming lessons also need room to swim & not be cramped into a 7 X 12 foot rectangle.
- If the aquatics facility was added to Glen Allan, I would hope that there would still be room to expand the currant gym area as it is much too small. That facility is really in need of upgrading and expansion before money goes out to improve the other facilities.
- Our family really enjoys Kinsmen, more so than Millennium Place. It seems to have a nice variety and even when it is crowded it does not feel as crowded as Millennium. Plus the larger slide is a big hit with the 4 and 7 year old. The only significant improvement I could see at this location is a dedicated lane swimming location during public swimming, preferably in cooler pool.
At Millennium Place while there are lots of shallower spaces the waves (and often the tipping bucket) interfere with the enjoyment for the really young swimmers (1-3 yr olds). Plus if you are only swimming for an hour and maybe playing in the indoor playground for a half hour the cost of Millennium is expensive compared to Kinsmen. We easily swim at Kinsmen for 2 hours and the kids would stay longer. They tend to get bored with Millennium. Lastly, more swimming lesson locations are needed. It would be great if a new facility could provide this service to ease the pressure at Kinsmen.
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- The plan doesn't have enough stuff to do in it. NO Diving boards, no ropes to play on nothing new and different from the rest except it is tied to a school. It needs something different from the others.

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- *It would be nice to compliment Kinsmen Park with its tennis courts and existing spray deck. Keep the tennis courts and football field, replace the playground and spray deck with new outdoor spray park. With all the trees in the area, there is room for expansion also. Putting all new facilities towards the north end of Sherwood Park, leaves the south end without
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Community

- Think to the future growth of community
- *It would be nice to compliment Kinsmen Park with its tennis courts and existing spray deck. Keep the tennis courts and football field, replace the playground and spray deck with new outdoor spray park. With all the trees in the area, there is room for expansion also. Putting all new facilities towards the north end of Sherwood Park, leaves the south end without
- * I agree with the 25m pool option at GARC. GARC is an aging building that desperately needs some rejuvenation and expansion. I love the accessibility of the location, and the potential space for a wellness centre expansion which is also badly needed. I do not feel that the 50m pool option is required and the cost is very high.
- This facility would be good for our community.
- I use almost all the Strathcona County recreation facilities. I think Glen Allen is the one that most requires an upgrade to become useful to a broad cross section of the community. The rinks and racquet courts are great but I don't think most people use such facilities. The workout room is popular but it is cramped. A pool and new steam room would be a great addition.
- I am not in agreement for Glen Allan or kinsman to be built onto as they are built up areas already...
- I am a Glen Allen resident and DO NOT support a pool at GARC. All other locations are preferable as there is already an existing pool/infrastructure at 2, Emerald Hills is new so would not disrupt the community, Ardrossan would provide a facility closer for county residents.
- availability for more people, more options increases the desirability of people wanting to move and stay in Strathcona County
- *GARC is overdue for revitalization and the facility could become much better used than it is now. Truly a prime central location that is under-utilized in its current state.
- I fully support the expansion of GARC to include the 50M pool and associated additions. I think this would provide access to a significantly large population of residents who are currently underserved. I also think this will enhance the property values in the area and provide access to more teens and seniors.
- * Emerald Hills is the common sense, cost-efficient, most accessible option identified. Shut downs of Kinsmen or Millennium Place, along with the significant costs, parking issues, impingement on surrounding areas, and failure to meet longer terms needs makes these options unacceptable to our community. I sincerely hope the right decision is made.

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- * Ardrossan is growing and this would make it more appealing for younger families to have more activities closer to home. It is hard to get into swimming lessons in Sherwood Park. This would create jobs for moms and young people in the community that hate driving. Let's build Ardrossan up and make it a bombing community.

Green Space

- * I think that there would be minimal impact on the parks area behind GARC if the new aquatic facility was built there. It is a central location and is very easy to get to by various modes of transportation. I strongly believe in adding a 50 meter pool. We have a very good competitive swimming club here, and they would be able to attract more members and coaches of higher caliber.
- * walking trail will be affected, need this green space, school is too close to Glen Allan to expand, vandalism is a concern
- * when speaking for Glen Allen it has been said the forest next to the building would be taken out for parking are we becoming Edmonton I moved from Edmonton to Sherwood park for the green spaces forests and trails but it seems soon we will be just like the big city parking lots everywhere maybe not Sherwood park anymore or will it be Sherwood parking lot
- * I am very concerned about the Glen Allan proposal. Putting an aquatics centre there with bleachers for spectators and spray deck would increase traffic, noise, and pollution more than the area can handle. It is immediately surrounded by neighborhood residents and an elementary school. The parking needs alone would destroy most of the existing forest/greenbelt which would be more than disappointing. The Glen Allan "Participark" that was originally created was created with the purpose of having Sherwood Park residents become active outside which is getting harder and harder to do these days with the disappearing land. There are trails put purposely through the greenbelt for biking, walking, roller skating, etc. Are we not proud of that? The noise and pollution from the construction would be detrimental to the safety of elementary school children immediately next door as well as the residents of the community. The infrastructure of the roads would not accommodate the increase in traffic. Property values as well as safety would decrease significantly for residents next to the site. I am completely against the Glen Allan option.
- * The Glen Allan Rec. Center has a green space to control the noise level from the turbines. If this area is cleared, the noise would be a major problem. This was addressed when the GARC was built and it was stated that the green space would remain to control

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this problem. It was also agreed by council that no additions would or could be made to this building. This area is a reserved park area and widely used winter and summer.

- * If Kinsmen site was chosen for the new pools, we are concerned with further loss of green space in the Broadmoor Park. Parking issues already exist in Centre of the Park and this would add to it. Loss of the parking on the north side of the building would affect hockey fans who now use this parking area. Increasing the parking on the south side of the building would reduce green space in the park. Kinsmen pool just had a major renovation less than 5 years ago. Does it make sense to do it again so soon?? Expansion of the pool on the North side and the addition of 40 parking stalls on the south side as well as relocating the volleyball sand courts would further reduce the green area of the park and turn it into a concrete jungle.
- I think a space such a Glen Allen is a ridiculous notion. This is a mature neighborhood and there would be the necessity for more parking and roads as people would be driving from new areas, which would affect the surrounding areas far too much. As a parent of a young kid, I am aware that the majority of his friends and young families live on the north side of Sherwood Park. I am more than willing to drive over to these areas from my house, as I know it makes sense to put it where there are people who will use it. I also feel it is unfair to expand on a complex in an area where people have been living with the status quo for years. Put it in emerald hills, where people buying houses are aware of what they are getting into, aka a busy facility in their backyard, rather than trees. Glen Allen would be terrible because existing roads would get insanely congested, and there is really no way to put more roads into that area. And making this particular road really busy is a good way to put the kids in the elementary school next to it in danger. Put it in an undeveloped area where the proper arteries can be built to accommodate the amount of traffic that will be expected. Also the availability of places to pick up kids from Wes Hosford is already very limited, and would only become more so by adding a busy facility here. **BUILD WHERE YOU HAVE A CLEAN SLATE! AND PLEASE CONSIDER THE RESIDENTS OF THESE AREAS BEFORE MAKING UNILATERAL DECISIONS.** This strategy and proposal has already caused many sleepless nights and tears for the people of Glen Allen....leave one of Sherwood Parks few nice green spaces (which was promised to remain) alone please!
- *There is too much traffic already along Georgian Way and we do not need the natural setting behind the facility disturbed!
- *I am extremely concerned about the cutting down of any trees or green space to develop a facility. Any options considered should be in an area that would not be affected by this. Traffic issues of congestion and safety in selecting an older area is immense. The facility should be built in a newer area that could accommodate traffic.
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- I believe that Strathcona County seems to be acting in a completely "political" fashion in what seems to be an effort to steer this aquatic facility into the Glen Allen area. Promises were made about GARC's size and it's trees many years ago that are being ignored and reversed. The first I became aware of anything was through residents that had been notified of an expansion to the GARC complex parking lot, which was not needed, since the extension along the east side is currently never full; so why the expansion? When researched, I found out it is for a "possible" aquatic centre. No mention was made about that in the notice of the parking lot. It is also hard to believe that this location is only one of the options, when the residents are receiving notices of a parking lot going in. Are we putting parking lots in all of the "possible" locations? I believe this location has already been chosen and due to someone's mistake, stakeholders were made aware, so now we are being steered towards this location to give the appearance of resident support. If this is the case can you just please be honest and not waste taxpayer dollars on all the letters, surveys and forums that are in place?

The trees that are in the live forest would be removed, leaving the adjacent homes with vehicle lights shining right into their yards and I would assume, also streetlights for the lot itself. These trees are not only beautiful but also serve as a noise buffer for these people and they were promised long ago the trees would not be removed. This all seems so deceitful, since now that people have responded negatively there are opportunities to meet with the county over it. Would this have been the case if no one had figured out what the parking lot was leading to? It is stated that this has been openly ongoing between the residents and the county. Why is it that we only became aware of it recently? This is the first that the county has sent me anything about it and the residents in Glen Allen were only made aware at the beginning of summer. If their feedback was truly desired they would have received letters in 2010, since this is when you claim it has been openly discussed between the county and the stakeholders. Everything seems to be misleading. Asking county residents about the need for an aquatic centre since 2010 does

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not mean that the locations were discussed with the residents of the areas being affected, since 2010. County is trying to make it sound like all affected residents have had say and input on the possibility of their area being chosen, and this is not true. It is also misleading to send a letter asking which option (A or B) you prefer without also first asking do you want this facility in your area at all, as in the letter I received. By providing a choice between the two, it leaves the impression that I am choosing to have this facility in my area.] I truly feel that this process is simply to let people believe their opinion has merit when really the Glen Allen location has already been chosen and any communication is being steered in that direction to get the answers that will support what has already been determined. Even the options I found on-line listing pros and cons for each location, seems to steer to Glen Allen. The only con is the trees? Really? No traffic, construction, school/playground, lighting, noise concerns etc listed yet this is completely a residential area; not even a street or buffer(once the trees are gone) to separate it. Yet given the options, and each of their pros and cons, anyone reading this would completely think there is the least affect in this area, so what would they choose?

Everything feels dishonest in a typically "political" way, which saddens me as I have, up until now, never felt that way about the councils in Sherwood Park over the years. It seems to be one misleading thing after another, and it is more the way this has been gone about with the false appearance of community and residential support and input, when really that's not true at all. This has been hidden, led and steered at every turn and now is becoming public due to an outcry. That is what disappoints me more than anything, leading me to believe you don't really want my input at all. At this point it's just protocol for appearance sake. But if my opinion really does matter to council at all, Glen Allen is the worst location of all the options to choose from.

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- Strathcona County should keep their parks as natural as possible and not engage in commercial development of them. Future generations need to be considered.

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- If Glen Allan was chosen then it would be a shame to reduce the green space that exists around the existing facility.
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- * If Kinsmen site was chosen for the new pools, we are concerned with further loss of green space in the Broadmoor Park. Parking issues already exist in Centre of the Park and this would add to it. Loss of the parking on the north side of the building would affect hockey fans that now use this parking area. Increasing the parking on the south side of the building would reduce green space in the park. Kinsmen pool just had a major renovation less than 5 years ago. Does it make sense to do it again so soon?? Expansion of the pool on the North side and the addition of 40 parking stalls on the south side as well as relocating the volleyball sand courts would further reduce the green area of the park and turn it into a concrete jungle.
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- *Loss of green space, noise. We need to work on enhancing this community. The refineries are detrimental to the environment so we need to compensate by focusing on being green
- Don't use this facility as an excuse to allow developers to bring in condos etc in a park setting. Beware the thin edge of the wedge.
- Leave the greenbelt as is. It's the only little piece of nature for miles around
- I would like to see rezoning every time someone notices a tree here, pave everything over, and put a building up. Parks just don't matter!
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Local resident priority

- * I believe that when you live in a community and pay taxes for a community you should have first priority to register for the classes which are provided by this community. I do not think that it is fair that I pay higher taxes to use such facilities as Kinsmen for swimming lessons and then when it is time to register the classes are unavailable because they are full. Could we not adjust the registration system so that people of Strathcona County get first priority to register for the classes that are available in our community and then open it to people outside the community at another date? Why is that organized sports have address zone but to register for county programs it doesn't matter but yet we are paying for these facilities with our taxes.
- * It is ridiculous that Strathcona County residents cannot register their children for swimming lessons! I personally know families from Edmonton who come here, and considering the lack of spaces in lessons, that needs to change!!!! It could also help if students were limited to 2 sessions per year, rather than doing 3 or 4 a year. One should not wait online for an hour, to be told there is no room in the class they needed. A lot of

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us have multiple children, and jobs, and cannot use the "space left over". For the kind of community we have, the program is flawed and, in my opinion, unacceptable.

Location

- * I like the Glen Allen option because it is centrally located to all residents of Sherwood Park. I do think though you need to think of it as a water park too. Add Water Slides to your mix. This is a family facility and swimming is important but family fun together is also important. We only have the one slide at KLC and I think if the design to include slides at the pools was done upfront it could be done to minimize the impact on swimming lanes as opposed to how the big ole thing has to be raised and lowered at the KLC as an after thought.
- * I agree with the 25m pool option at GARC. GARC is an aging building that desperately needs some rejuvenation and expansion. I love the accessibility of the location, and the potential space for a wellness centre expansion which is also badly needed. I do not feel that the 50m pool option is required and the cost is very high.
- GARC is overdue for revitalization and the facility could become much better used than it is now. Truly a prime central location that is under-utilized in its current state.
- * I think that there would be minimal impact on the parks area behind GARC if the new aquatic facility was built there. It is a central location and is very easy to get to by various modes of transportation. I strongly believe in adding a 50 meter pool. We have a very good competitive swimming club here, and they would be able to attract more members and coaches of higher caliber.
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- * How does the larger 10 - 20 year plan of building another Millennium size recreation facility fit into this? I understand that this is already anticipated and scheduled to be north of the hospital being built. IF this is truly the case for the next recreation facility, then all facilities for the COUNTY will end up within close proximity of each other... which is fantastic for Sherwood Park, but again, if this is a COUNTY strategy and serving all residents, then Ardrossan location should become a top priority.
- * Despite that cars are not environmentally the best mode of transportation, that is nevertheless how the great majority of residents travel. Therefore whatever facility is chosen MUST have adequate parking. I do think adding anything more to Millennium will just exacerbate the parking/congestion/chaos that is already there. I don't think it is feasible for a community of this size to shut down one or more swimming pools for a year for construction so KLC becomes a less attractive option. I prefer GARC because of its relatively central location and limited impact to the community during construction. Emerald Hills might work too but for those of us on the south side of Sherwood Park, the drive to Millennium is fairly lengthy, and I don't think Emerald Hills would be much better.
- * Emerald Hills is the common sense, cost-efficient, most accessible option identified. Shut downs of Kinsmen or Millennium Place, along with the significant costs, parking issues, impingement on surrounding areas, and failure to meet longer terms needs makes these options unacceptable to our community. I sincerely hope the right decision is made.
- I much prefer the Glen Allen design, but in a way I lean towards the Kinsmen site because I don't want to end up in a situation where I have one child in lessons at Kinsmen and one in Glen Allen at the same time...it would be nice to keep them all under the same roof
- * I think that Ardrossan is the best place to put a new pool facility. Everyone in Rural Strathcona County would benefit from that location. My second choice would be Josephburg, as they are in need of some upgrades and new facilities
- * I live east of Ardrossan. I am so excited by all the changes being made to the Ardrossan area. My 4 children will all be attending school in this area and any additions to leisure activities make things so much easier. I will mean that I no longer have to travel into Sherwood Park to attend some of these activities, or worse just choose not to attend because distance is such a factor. Thank you for your consideration on choosing Ardrossan as a location.
- * Accessibility and location. Ardrossan location would be located too far away from the population base that I don't see it as a good option, few kids can walk there during the summer months to public swim and transit would have to be included to increase the accessibility.
- I believe that Millennium place and the Kinsmen centre are not the places to add more aquatic facilities because they are still in Sherwood Park and I personally would not go there.

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- I believe Glen Allan is a great spot to put the new aquatics center.
- * Keep it in a central location please!!!
- If admin decides to go forward with a new structure regardless of the quantity and strength of points raised against one - it would be senseless to locate it in Ardrossan or any "rural" area of the county. While a nice benefit for those local residents, the quantity of people conveniently served would be substantially decreased.
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- *I think a pool in Ardrossan would be a great benefit. With the large number of rural residents and Ardrossan residents it would be nice to have something close. It would also benefit swimming lessons cutting down on bussing and driving times.
- * It is very difficult to register children in swimming programs. The amount of lesson space has not increased in the last 25 years. I have to mark it in my calendar and make sure that I am logged in at 7:00 to register my children. Because of this, many people do not bother. The current facilities are not easy to get to for people who live in the east or northern portions of the county. As such many people don't bother because they simple don't have enough time to get home, feed their kids, get them back into town and then back home in time for a reasonable bed time (My children are 2 and 5 so the 7:30 and

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8:00 lessons are not possible as it would get them into bed at 9:00). If a recreational facility was built in the rural areas it would make this feasible and people would use it. As we pay the same taxes as those who live in town it would be nice to see some recreational facilities. I recognize that the population base is higher in town but we do have a substantial rural population and limited recreational services. I also think that people on the south or east side of town would use the facility as they can get to it easily.

- * I think a rural option would be ideal. Ardrossan is easy to access from the Yellowhead, Wye, and Baseline roads, and it has a huge number of local schools that could benefit from an aquatic facility within walking distance. This would lighten the load on the Sherwood Park facilities.
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- * Keep it in a central location please!!!
- * GARC needs a pool as the name of the center says recreation center and is central and easy access for school and residential use
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- Kinsmen Leisure Centre is far and away your best opportunity to build on existing space and would be more efficient for staffing. Millennium Place is the worst option on the list as the facility is already too big and in an inconvenient location. They have no aquatic instructing staff either.

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Trails

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New multipurpose facility needed

- * I would not be in favor of just an aquatic centre. I would also want space for "wellness" activities (fitness facilities for both strength and aerobic workouts).
- * I would like to see a multi-use facility built that incorporates an aquatic centre along with an indoor racket facility for badminton, squash, handball, Wally ball and tennis. A gym and workout equipment, sauna and steam room would also be nice too.
- * 2015 is about four years away and by then the community will need significant new recreation facilities. A new complex like Millennium Place would include the new indoor aquatic facility, but could also provide space for other activities like hockey, a fitness area with weights, machines and floor space, indoor soccer, pickle ball or other racket sports, a running/walking track or any other upcoming sport. A new complex could be located where parking and traffic would not be a problem. Further if located further east it would be a good place to locate park and ride and a branch library. We should be looking at proposals that will meet more than just the aquatic users needs while keeping costs down. Renovating or adding to existing structures will compromise current use and be as costly as or more costly than building new. Maybe the tax payers should be asked by vote if a new complex which is not an offered option would be a better long term solution.
- If a new recreation complex was designed and opened in 2015 as earlier planned the County could build it in conjunction with park and ride and a branch library. This would offer transit connections for the facility. Day time park and ride parking could be evening recreation parking. A new facility could include other recreation facilities like Millennium Place does. Long term this would offer much better recreation opportunities.
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- * How does the larger 10 - 20 year plan of building another Millennium size recreation facility fit into this? I understand that this is already anticipated and scheduled to be north of the hospital being built. IF this is truly the case for the next recreation facility, then all facilities for the COUNTY will end up within close proximity of each other... which is fantastic for Sherwood Park, but again, if this is a COUNTY strategy and serving all residents, then Ardrossan location should become a top priority.
- We need a new facility. Millennium Place is too crowded and we need another facility in Emerald Hills. There is already a lot of construction occurring in Emerald Hills and I think that it would attract a lot of business. Central Sherwood Park already has two facilities (Glen Allan and Kinsmen). With the expansion of Sherwood Park to the north there needs to be another facility in that area.
- * Plan for growth when you start designing the new facility. Reserve enough land for future growth of the facility and allow for additional parking to go with that growth. Don't use up the reserved growth space with revenue generators (commercial buildings) or soccer fields - like Millennium Place)
- Has the County considered a separate stand alone option?
- If there truly is a need for an aquatic plan of this magnitude, then why not build a new facility from the ground up. Newer areas have more space for this, such a Lakeland

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- upgrade existing facilities would cost a ton of money, build new for long term sustainability

Noise

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- I do not support building new aquatics facilities when there are other facilities that we do not have in this county such as an artificial turf field.

Taxes

- WE DON'T NEED MORE TAX BURDEN!
- * I would like to see a strategy that does not continually go to increasing the property taxes - how about a strategy to reduce the burden?
- * I am concerned about increased taxes. I am on a fixed income, and as a senior, I support physical activity for all ages, but I have to be concerned about the cost of everything going up.
- Tax increases to fund this is not an acceptable option
- As stated above, these expansions are too costly and should not be done at taxpayers' expense. They cater to select groups of the population. This should only be done on a user-pay basis. The community should not be asked to pay for this. Increased taxes to accommodate this would be prohibitive. As it is, taxes are a great problem for many people.
- The county's spending is out of control. There is no need for additional facilities. Instead try increasing the operating hours of the current facilities. We will end up like Edmonton closing facilities that are under used!
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- Please build an outdoor swimming pool like the ones in Edmonton and St Albert.
- Has an outdoor swimming lake for summer ever been considered?
- I believe the biggest thing missing in Strathcona is a swimming lake similar to that found in Summerside in Edmonton or many other communities in Calgary. Broadmoor Lake is the ideal location to provide this facility. Having lived in a community with a swimming lake in the past, I have first hand experience that the benefits of an outdoor swimming lake are endless. Swimming and relaxing in the spring summer and fall; skating in the winter. Spending money on the Ardrossan complex misses the opportunity to provide an outdoor swimming lake.
- Sherwood Park is in need of an outdoor Spray Park similar to the one in Fort Saskatchewan with washroom facilities on site.
- Sherwood Park could really use some more outdoor options during the summer months.
- I would like to see at least a spray park at Glen Allen Rec Centre
- If no pool is build in Ardrossan build a spray deck
- I think a 50m pool is required for both the swim clubs (which I have no children involved, so no true interest in it, but think it is very IMPORTANT for the development of the swimmers). As an avid swimmer and triathlon, I think it is crucial to have a longer distance pool. More lanes, BUT have more lanes open to the public at peak times (5:30am-8am and after 4pm), instead of having more adult swim programs and swim clubs!!!!!! SO frustrating that the clubs and adult swim programs have 2-3 ppl /lane, but I have 4-6 in my lanes as there is only 3 open!! I would not support an outdoor pool of any size.
- * I would hope that if it did come to Emerald Hills having this facility that you would also look at future expansion. GARC, MP and Kinsmen, I believe, would have concerns

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- Is it possible to look at the aquatics facility and the spray park in two different locations?

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- * Emerald Hills is the common sense, cost-efficient, most accessible option identified. Shut downs of Kinsmen or Millennium Place, along with the significant costs, parking issues, impingement on surrounding areas, and failure to meet longer terms needs makes these options unacceptable to our community. I sincerely hope the right decision is made.
- * If Kinsmen site was chosen for the new pools, we are concerned with further loss of green space in the Broadmoor Park. Parking issues already exist in Centre of the Park and this would add to it. Loss of the parking on the north side of the building would affect hockey fans that now use this parking area. Increasing the parking on the south side of the building would reduce green space in the park. Kinsmen pool just had a major renovation less than 5 years ago. Does it make sense to do it again so soon?? Expansion of the pool on the North side and the addition of 40 parking stalls on the south side as well as relocating the volleyball sand courts would further reduce the green area of the park and turn it into a concrete jungle.
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- * Despite that cars are not environmentally the best mode of transportation, that is nevertheless how the great majority of residents travel. Therefore whatever facility is chosen MUST have adequate parking. I do think adding anything more to Millennium will just exacerbate the parking/congestion/chaos that is already there. I don't think it is feasible for a community of this size to shut down one or more swimming pools for a year for construction so KLC becomes a less attractive option. I prefer GARC because of its relatively central location and limited impact to the community during construction. Emerald Hills might work too but for those of us on the south side of Sherwood Park, the drive to Millennium is fairly lengthy, and I don't think Emerald Hills would be much better.
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- * 2015 is about four years away and by then the community will need significant new recreation facilities. A new complex like Millennium Place would include the new indoor aquatic facility, but could also provide space for other activities like hockey, a fitness area with weights, machines and floor space, indoor soccer, pickle ball or other racket sports, a running/walking track or any other upcoming sport. A new complex could be located where parking and traffic would not be a problem. Further if located further east it would be a good place to locate park and ride and a branch library. We should be looking at proposals that will meet more than just the aquatic users needs while keeping costs down. Renovating or adding to existing structures will compromise current use and be as costly as or more costly than building new. Maybe the tax payers should be asked by vote if a new complex which is not an offered option would be a better long term solution.

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Programming

- * It is very difficult to register children in swimming programs. The amount of lesson space has not increased in the last 25 years. I have to mark it in my calendar and make sure that I am logged in at 7:00 to register my children. Because of this, many people do not bother. The current facilities are not easy to get to for people who live in the east or northern portions of the county. As such many people don't bother because they simply don't have enough time to get home, feed their kids, get them back into town and then back home in time for a reasonable bed time (My children are 2 and 5 so the 7:30 and 8:00 lessons are not possible as it would get them into bed at 9:00). If a recreational facility was built in the rural areas it would make this feasible and people would use it. As we pay the same taxes as those who live in town it would be nice to see some recreational facilities. I recognize that the population base is higher in town but we do have a substantial rural population and limited recreational services. I also think that people on the south or east side of town would use the facility as they can get to it easily.
- Would be good to have additional swim lanes to help maintain fitness, lessons, etc.
- There are not enough programs (swimming lessons) offered for children considering how many children we have in Sherwood Park. As well, it would be nice if children would have access to higher level programs in Sherwood Park (e.g. diving) instead of having to drive into the city.
- * Please take into consideration existing housing and detriment to them (if site chosen with this, please keep open discussion with them for impact and ways they'd like to see their issues addressed). Consider traffic concerns. Consider temperature of water. Also, hopefully allow for more swim lessons or other classes, such as fitness/rehab for seniors/adults with limited mobility (warm water!). Also for any leisure pool, please make it a variety of features, so that each pool facility offers different options than others do (for example, millennium has the buckets dropping water, etc. maybe have more variety so its not just a repeat of the same in each pool in some way, so kids will want to visit each pool or some kids may prefer one style over others etc.) More accessibility for limited mobility and seniors. Also shower/change areas with curtains for some privacy if needing to wash off better/take off swimwear.
- Would be great to have more open swim time for smaller children (0-6 years) during the day NOT at Millennium Place
- * I don't see ANY mention of seniors? It's the fastest growing section of our population. They need facilities for exercise classes too. I believe this is age discrimination.
- * Since I am a senior citizen I would like to see activities for people with decreasing mobility. For example, classes for seniors so that we will feel comfortable with our limitations.
- Having lane swim open to residents at all times (like Millennium Place does) is so important to ensuring residents can fit an aquatic option into their healthy lifestyles. I personally have to arrange my workouts around childcare, work and family commitments, so am unable to get to 'lane swim' times that are scheduled (i.e.) Kinsmen) as opposed to being always available.
Also, it is almost impossible to register for children's swimming lessons on the weekend, unless you are one of the first 100 people on click it on the morning of registration. If there is any way to address that, it would help.

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- As a mother of 4, swim lessons, as a life-saving skill, are mandatory for my children. Presently, the Kinsmen is the only place that this is available in Sherwood Park. They fill up almost instantaneously when the registration goes on-line. The line ups at the registration office is out the door and down the parking lot. Most time, the lessons are filled by the time I get to the front and I NEVER am able to get my children in at a similar time. I consider this a HUGE issue- such an important skill is being constantly over-looked by the county. I have even had to go into Edmonton in order for them to get swim lessons.
- I much prefer the Glen Allen design, but in a way I lean towards the Kinsmen site because I don't want to end up in a situation where I have one child in lessons at Kinsmen and one in Glen Allen at the same time...it would be nice to keep them all under the same roof
- * Whatever the new facility I would like a place that has space for people to swim in a fun environment without being hampered by floatation devices, current, waves or various sprays and water buckets. These distractions make it very difficult to supervise young children without being run down or blinded. The design of a facility like the Kinsmen centre would serve our purposes if there were more times for public swimming. The children in swimming lessons also need room to swim & not be cramped into a 7 X 12 foot rectangle.
- * For a few years now, there hasn't been enough pool space/time for every child who wants to learn to swim to get registered. If you don't register online for swimming lessons within about 10 minutes of the online registration opening, then many of the lesson levels are full. I know many families who have missed out on lessons b/c of this including my own 3, and 3 kids of my friend who was on dial-up internet and her system was slow. By the time she got online to register, all the lessons she wanted and I wanted were full. One year I drove my son to Fort Saskatchewan from Sherwood Park every week for swimming lessons, b/c every spot in Sh. Park was full. Our family uses to aquatic facilities about 3X per week. Sometimes more often. I am OK with more and newer aquatic facilities built in Ardrossan. I am willing to pay higher taxes to S'cona County to have more recreational opportunities available to all residents.
- Why doesn't Millennium get used for swimming lessons, they have the room and especially for the higher levels of swimming lessons - level 4-5 and above they can use the lane swim area. Its way too overcrowded at Kinsmen and for my kids to swim in a 10 by 20 foot area with 6 other kids, is hardly swimming lessons, more of a lesson in how to avoid other people. I'm tempted on taking them to Edmonton as they have an easier time getting in to lessons as well as far more room when they do the lessons.
- More mature adult lap/swimming times set aside at both facilities. Earlier opening times at Kinsmen to accommodate mature adults. In order to get a good swim I have to get to Millennium Place very early on Sat & Sun (before 8 am) and Kinsmen offers nothing for mature adults.
- * I would love to see a 50m lap pool built into the strategy. The lap pool hours at Kinsmen are not useful for those who work during the day and the crowding at Millennium Place is also not idea. In addition, trying to register children for swimming lessons is also very challenging. If you are not signed into Click It first as soon as

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registration begins you will be out of luck as the classes for school aged children fill up immediately

- sorry not based on location but how about millennium being 34hrs and getting rid of select time pools such as kinsmen and expanding their hours
- I would like an aquatic facility that is more geared towards adult recreational athletes, with a shallow lap pool for spontaneous lap swimming and adult aquatic fitness classes. I believe that, aquatically speaking, my age demographic (I'm 46, husband is 54) is underserved and as we age we are going to increasingly want joint friendly exercise options. The reason I've given up swimming is because the time slots for the shallow lap pool are simply not practical for me. I would dearly love it if that changed. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to put in my two cents.
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- GARC as noted in the plans is generally an adult orientated facility. We need at least one of this type of facility in the county. I fully support all of the family recreational facilities and will continue to do so, but I also feel that adults deserve a facility where children and family activities are not the primary focus of the facility.
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- *As I live by Ardrossan it would be wonderful not to have to drive into Sherwood Park to take my children for swimming. I could enroll them in regular lessons and have more of a chance to get them into a class.
Thanks
- * My three biggest problems with the current facilities, and quite honestly why I avoid them, is lack of swimming lesson options, crowding (I won't dare go to Millennium for fear of losing my kids in the crowd), and lack of family change rooms. With such a young family based population, I am shocked that there are not family friendly change rooms. At the Kinsmen in particular, there is one playpen to put a small baby/toddler in while getting changed, and it is so dirty. There isn't even one in the men's room. No small toilets for kid, showers are always at an unsafe temperature and make it difficult to help small kids shower. It would be nice to see the change rooms done properly with input from parents.

Operational Issues

- I think it is very important to have the spray deck inside the Kinsmen Leisure Center functioning again, because the children have so much fun, siblings with swimming lessons in different times can use the spray deck while they are waiting not being crowd inside.

Vandalism

- * walking trail will be affected, need this green space, school is too close to Glen Allan to expand, vandalism is a concern

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Cost/Revenue

- *The benefit of having a proper Olympic sized pool would be benefiting the county more than any other option. It provides another source of income because of the events it would be able to host, bringing in more capital than some may realize.
- *I strongly feel that Strathcona County is more than capable of supporting a 50 meter pool. If run properly it will create lots of revenue and add greatly to the quality of life of every resident in the county.
- * My concerns are the operating costs vs. the potential income this facility would generate. I use the fitness facilities at Glen Allan currently, and hope that an upgrade would be included in these plans as well.
- * It would be nice when building a new pool, to make it Olympic size. Strathcona County could then have world class competition which in turn would increase revenue to the county.
- * 50 meter pool is the way to go. Usage for competitions and sports clubs would benefit the community by attracting clubs e.g. swimming triathlon; major competitions etc .This would be bring valued added dollars to the community.
- * A financial benefit will be the opportunity to host competitive, high level aquatic competitions brought to the county bringing a substantial amount of money to local businesses along with first class exposure of our community to other cities, provinces and in some instances other countries. By building the full 50m pool I think that the 25m lane costs would be cheaper and the overall resident use would reach full potential.
- * 50 meters pool allows for competitions to be held. This attracts business to the area i.e. accommodation, food services etc. Sports competition/tourism is a big business. Other potentials include facilities for triathlon, swim clubs. The pool would also be fantastic addition to the community. Glenmore or Kinsmen is the best choice.
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- * Please look at the big picture don't get stuck at the immediate cost. A50 m pool with removable bulk heads may cost more at the beginning but in the long run it would be your most effective. It is essential we have a 50m pool!!!! It will fill all our needs plus allow revenue for the county - Please look out for the needs of the county today as well as in the future. Remember there was a 50 m pool planned for Millennium originally then it was axed due to cost now we are in dire need of a new pool at what expense?
- * Closing the Millennium place pool for four months would be devastating for local sports clubs, and for existing aquatics users. Removing the bleachers after the expenses occurred during the previous expansion to add them would be wasteful. A 50 meter pool should have been built at Millennium Place in the first place, and would have been much cheaper. Let's not, as a community, make the same mistake twice. We should build what we need, not stop gap measures.
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- * If the County is going to build a new or expand an existing facility, please do it right this time. When Millennium Place was originally designed, it was supposed to be a 50m competition pool. Then the plan was cut back and only a 25m pool was constructed. If the

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County would have stuck with the original plan and constructed 50m pool, we wouldn't be having this conversation. Please build the correct facility this time. Currently the only 50m facility is in Edmonton. Strathcona County would greatly benefit from having a facility like this. Let's build it and the swimmers will come...and the County and all of its residence will benefit from the revenue of a properly constructed and properly run facility. Thank You

- * I agree with the 25m pool option at GARC. GARC is an aging building that desperately needs some rejuvenation and expansion. I love the accessibility of the location, and the potential space for a wellness centre expansion which is also badly needed. I do not feel that the 50m pool option is required and the cost is very high.
- * Emerald Hills is the common sense, cost-efficient, most accessible option identified. Shut downs of Kinsmen or Millennium Place, along with the significant costs, parking issues, impingement on surrounding areas, and failure to meet longer terms needs makes these options unacceptable to our community. I sincerely hope the right decision is made.
- * Plan for growth when you start designing the new facility. Reserve enough land for future growth of the facility and allow for additional parking to go with that growth. Don't use up the reserved growth space with revenue generators (commercial buildings) or soccer fields - like Millennium Place)
- * As is previously stated I don't think that the community will benefit from expanding current facilities. Millennium and Kinsmen are fine facilities and while we frequently use these services in the winter, they really don't provide what we are looking for in the way of summer activities. There are really no outdoor water activities for our children. Granted that there was a new park put in Clover bar, but this park does not have parking or washroom facilities, which as anyone with kids knows is almost more important than the park it's self. In conclusion I would like to urge the county to take more time to figure out exactly what our community needs and what our budget will allow before making any plans and raising out taxes yet again, to pay for facilities that are not truly needed.
- * How much is it going to cost to build and run these facilities and who is really going to benefit from them? Isn't the County in a large deficit budget as it already is? When is enough, enough?
- * I would like to see a strategy that does not continually go to increasing the property taxes - how about a strategy to reduce the burden?
- * Taxes are already too high in Sherwood Park. Sorry!
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- * I question the need for another aquatic facility in Sherwood Park. We have 2 excellent facilities now for a population of about 40,000 people. We have had no trouble accessing swimming pools as we require them. My understanding is that pools are very expensive

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to operate and always lose money. Do we really need another pool taking up our tax dollars?

- * I am concerned about increased taxes. I am on a fixed income, and as a senior, I support physical activity for all ages, but I have to be concerned about the cost of everything going up.
- * If the County is interested in getting feedback from "stakeholders" I think it would be very interesting to hear what the families who can, and cannot get into swimming lessons have to say about the need for another swimming pool(s). Maybe by using the County's registration system, they could send this survey directly to the families who try to register for swim programs, and ask for their feedback and thoughts on the need for pool spaces and where they think a new pool should be located. I do not see the justification, nor do I support spending \$34 million on a 50 meter pool, and question the need vs. want mentality for this type of facility. I'm not sure where this is coming from, but I suspect this kind of discussion is dictated by a special interest group with a specific agenda. After all, a 50 meter pool is for a few elite level athletes and some high level swim meets. The 50 meter pool at the Kinsmen in Edmonton can serve both needs. If the County is bent on spending that kind of money on pools, it seems more practical and serves more people's needs to build a 6 - 8 lane 25 meter pool in Ardrossan, and another 8 or 10 lane 25 meter pool in Sherwood Park, which gives more space and time for swimming lessons, swim clubs, lap lanes, and rehab therapy all around in two locations.
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- * I'd really encourage the rural solution and Ardrossan is very accessible still. I'd also not recommend a stand alone facility due to costs... I'd prefer it be added to an existing facility. Expanding Millennium or KLC are less preferable due to closure times.
- * Reasons that rural residents do not use the current aquatic facilities are because of overcrowding at existing facilities and having to drive into Sherwood Park to use pools

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such as the Kinsmen. Ardrossan is close enough to Sherwood Park that it still remains an option for the urban population to use but also provides a facility for the rural population. I would be very disappointed if another facility was built in Sherwood Park considering the rural population pays the same mill rate for taxes as the urban.

- * I think with Sherwood parks growing population of family with children. This will be the best spent money by far!!!!!!
- * GARC option B would be great, but it is a little expensive. Option A at the GARC is a great compromise.
- * My concerns are the operating costs vs. the potential income this facility would generate. I use the fitness facilities at Glen Allan currently, and hope that an upgrade would be included in these plans as well.
- * Millennium aquatic facility already has ample change rooms and attached structures - thus limiting costs for further expansion of these facilities. I believe the wave pool could be relocated into the west parking lot and the 25 m pool extended to configure a 50 m pool. This pool could then be divided with a central bulkhead to increase the potential use of the pool for lane swimming, classes etc and opened for competitive swimming and training on assigned days/hours.

Parking shortage could be addressed at this point in time due to low density of development in the adjacent areas that could be changed into stacked parking lots. I anticipate there will only be continued growth of the population in Sherwood Park area as well as need and use of the facility

- * The 50 meter option at GARC state the cons are cost, however, it is actually the cheapest option in terms of the price per 25 meter lane (i.e. this has 20 lanes 25 m long) as opposed to 6 lanes at all other facilities, and the price is only double the 6 lane facilities, so it is a far better value for money.
- * 2015 is about four years away and by then the community will need significant new recreation facilities. A new complex like Millennium Place would include the new indoor aquatic facility, but could also provide space for other activities like hockey, a fitness area with weights, machines and floor space, indoor soccer, pickle ball or other racket sports, a running/walking track or any other upcoming sport. A new complex could be located where parking and traffic would not be a problem. Further if located further east it would be a good place to locate park and ride and a branch library. We should be looking at proposals that will meet more than just the aquatic users needs while keeping costs down. Renovating or adding to existing structures will compromise current use and be as costly as or more costly than building new. Maybe the tax payers should be asked by vote if a new complex which is not an offered option would be a better long term solution.

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Rural options

- *As I live by Ardrossan it would be wonderful not to have to drive into Sherwood Park to take my children for swimming. I could enroll them in regular lessons and have more of a chance to get them into a class. Thanks
- We're finally building a beautiful rec. centre in the town of Ardrossan. It makes sense to add a pool too.
- I really do think it is our turn to enjoy a new swimming pool - Sherwood Park already has 2, another one would not be fair to us rural tax payers or all the young families in the Ardrossan area.
- Ardrossan is a great location to add a pool with lanes etc. as the need for more recreational and lesson options is great. Also, with it currently being under construction, it would be an ideal opportunity to work it in.
- * I think that Ardrossan is the best place to put a new pool facility. Everyone in Rural Strathcona County would benefit from that location. My second choice would be Josephburg, as they are in need of some upgrades and new facilities.
- If Ardrossan is seriously being considered as a second community hub for Sherwood Park, then actually putting some money into additional recreation facilities for the area would be optimal.
- Pros for some proposed facilities identified nearby schools. This was not identified for Ardrossan although there are 4 schools nearby and others further to the east.
- Noise fatigue is not a concern in Ardrossan. Nothing comes close to the train whistle noise
- * I'd really encourage the rural solution and Ardrossan is very accessible still. I'd also not recommend a stand alone facility due to costs... I'd prefer it be added to an existing facility. Expanding Millennium or KLC are less preferable due to closure times.
- Should have included aquatics when Ardrossan complex was being redesigned. Find that the county needs to look at the big picture instead of all of these short term fixes although they too are appreciated. Glad to live in the county. My son recently moved to Ft. Sask and the spray park they have there is incredibly busy!!!
- * Ardrossan is growing and this would make it more appealing for younger families to have more activities closer to home. It is hard to get into swimming lessons at Sherwood Park. This would create jobs for moms and young people in the community that hate driving. Let's build Ardrossan up and make it a bombing community.
- *I think a pool in Ardrossan would be a great benefit. With the large number of rural residents and Ardrossan residents it would be nice to have something close. It would also benefit swimming lessons cutting down on bussing and driving times.
- * It is very difficult to register children in swimming programs. The amount of lesson space has not increased in the last 25 years. I have to mark it in my calendar and make sure that I am logged in at 7:00 to register my children. Because of this, many people do not bother.

The current facilities are not easy to get to for people who live in the east or northern portions of the county. As such many people don't bother because they simple don't have enough time to get home, feed their kids, get them back into town and then back home in time for a reasonable bed time (My children are 2 and 5 so the 7:30 and 8:00 lessons are not possible as it would get them into bed at 9:00). If a recreational facility was built in the rural areas it would make this feasible and people would use it.

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As we pay the same taxes as those who live in town it would be nice to see some recreational facilities. I recognize that the population base is higher in town but we do have a substantial rural population and limited recreational services. I also think that people on the south or east side of town would use the facility as they can get to it easily.

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- Please do Ardrossan!
- * I think a rural option would be ideal. Ardrossan is easy to access from the Yellowhead, Wye, and Baseline roads, and it has a huge number of local schools that could benefit from an aquatics facility within walking distance. This would lighten the load on the Sherwood Park facilities.
- Ardrossan: need to improve access to the Hamlet to account for increased traffic flow; brings a smooth rural/urban mix of people; there is a need to expand the horizons beyond Sherwood Park
- * I live east of Ardrossan. I am so excited by all the changes being made to the Ardrossan area. My 4 children will all be attending school in this area and any additions to leisure activities make things so much easier. I will mean that I no longer have to travel into Sherwood Park to attend some of these activities, or worse just choose not to attend because distance is such a factor. Thank you for your consideration on choosing Ardrossan as a location.
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- I would love to see an indoor pool at the Ardrossan Rec Complex. With the new addition to the complex that is being built now it would be wonderful to have everything thing right there. It would eliminate the need to be going into Sherwood Park for swimming lessons, or for recreation swimming.

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The delta cost between the 25m and the 50 m options seems way out of line. My main concern about such a facility being located at Glen Allen rec. complex is the increased traffic flow through the residential area along Georgian Way with no traffic control method being installed to allow residents to get in and out of their feeder streets onto Georgian Way, plus hopefully the planners take into account competitions etc. which will further increase the problem...which would in turn would effectively decrease property values.....So basically we are against developing such a facility at the Glen Allen Recreation Complex.

- Anywhere but GARC. Georgian Way has enough dangerous, speeding traffic.
- * I think a space such as Glen Allen is a ridiculous notion. This is a mature neighborhood and there would be the necessity for more parking and roads as people would be driving from new areas, which would affect the surrounding areas far too much. As a parent of a young kid, I am aware that the majority of his friends and young families live on the north side of Sherwood Park. I am more than willing to drive over to these areas from my house, as I know it makes sense to put it where there are people who will use it. I also feel it is unfair to expand on a complex in an area where people have been living with the status quo for years. Put it in Emerald Hills, where people buying houses are aware of what they are getting into, aka a busy facility in their backyard, rather than trees. Glen Allen would be terrible because existing roads would get insanely congested, and there is really no way to put more roads into that area. And making this particular road really busy is a good way to put the kids in the elementary school next to it in danger. Put it in an undeveloped area where the proper arteries can be built to accommodate the amount of traffic that will be expected. Also the availability of places to pick up kids from Wes Hosford is already very limited, and would only become more so by adding a busy facility here. BUILD WHERE YOU HAVE A CLEAN SLATE! AND PLEASE

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CONSIDER THE RESIDENTS OF THESE AREAS BEFORE MAKING UNILATERAL DECISIONS. This strategy and proposal has already caused many sleepless nights and tears for the people of Glen Allen....leave one of Sherwood Parks few nice green spaces (which was promised to remain) alone please!

- *the sooner the better. At GARC would they add another driving entrance to the parking lot? It gets very crowded getting in and out
- *There is too much traffic already along Georgian Way and we do not need the natural setting behind the facility disturbed!
- *I am extremely concerned about the cutting down of any trees or green space to develop a facility. Any options considered should be in an area that would not be affected by this. Traffic issues of congestion and safety in selecting an older area is immense. The facility should be built in a newer area that could accommodate traffic.
- * I have a few concerns about the aquatic design option B for the Glen Allan rec center. I live in the neighborhood and feel that the residents wouldn't benefit from 600 seat spectator stand as this would draw in large number swim meets and competitions causing an increase in traffic issues on our residential streets. I believe that a spectator size pool belongs in the light industrial area, as where Millennium currently is.
I strongly support the design concept of option A as this would benefit Sherwood Park and its residences.
- * I am very concerned about the Glen Allan proposal. Putting an aquatics centre there with bleachers for spectators and spray deck would increase traffic, noise, and pollution more than the area can handle. It is immediately surrounded by neighborhood residents and an elementary school. The parking needs alone would destroy most of the existing forest/greenbelt which would be more than disappointing. The Glen Allan "Participark" that was originally created was created with the purpose of having Sherwood Park residents become active outside which is getting harder and harder to do these days with the disappearing land. There are trails put purposely through the greenbelt for biking, walking, roller skating, etc. Are we not proud of that? The noise and pollution from the construction would be detrimental to the safety of elementary school children immediately next door as well as the residents of the community. The infrastructure of the roads would not accommodate the increase in traffic. Property values as well as safety would decrease significantly for residents next to the site. I am completely against the Glen Allan option.
- * The proposed Glen Allan site for a new pool is not the right location for the new aquatic center. I grew up in the Glen Allen neighborhood constantly finding myself playing within the forests that would be destroyed in the event of new pool going in this location. The Glen Allan green space is one of the only natural green spaces left in Strathcona County. The constant development that has been underway in the Sherwood Park has eaten up all of the natural spaces. We need to preserve this environment for the future. The forests around GARC hold wildlife, an environment for its residents to play and explore and is vital for the growth and development of future generations. Schools surrounding the park area integrate the forest environment into their educational programs; there is constantly a group of children playing within the forests and green spaces. The loss of this environment would be a horrible thing. Growing up in Strathcona County, one of the strongest memories of mine is enjoying this natural green space with friends and family. Please do not take this away for future generations!!! It would be a

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horrible loss and mistake! Once you chop those trees down and take away the space you will never get the natural environment back. It doesn't matter if you plant 2, 20 or 200 trees. The loss of the natural environment would lose the creatures which live within it. The birds, the wild animals, the children will be at a loss. Please do not take the wild life away and send the children back inside the house to play video games. Let them have a place to explore and call their own. I agree a new pool would be a wonderful addition to Strathcona County but in the correct location where it can be planned for. GARC was not meant to extend into natural environment that we preserved in the past. The increased population which would use this space would further drive away the wildlife and change the environment we had preserved within our Glen Allan Community. The infrastructure was not designed for the proposed aquatic plan. The increase of traffic and public access so close to Wes Hosford School is a safety concern among many residents within the area. Please place the new aquatic center in a part of Strathcona County which can make a positive, impactful addition to the residents. One of the new areas of Sherwood Park would be a perfect solution. Thank you.

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User Space / crowding

- Millennium now is overcrowded
- I feel very strongly that Millennium Place is not a good location for the new swim facilities - it's busy enough there already, particularly once hockey and ringette get going again for the season.
- Would be good to have additional swim lanes to help maintain fitness, lessons, etc.
- The county has grown in size and is much larger than many other Canadian cities that already have 50m pools. Furthermore, the number of residents that utilize the facilities and have purchased monthly passes is staggering. This is something the county should be very proud of. However, I find myself continuing to get more and more included in City of Edmonton activities because of a lack of pool space in the County. I am considering discontinuing my County pass as I spend more time at City of Edmonton pools now.
- *I would not like to see Millennium Place expanded as it is already so busy there and difficult to find parking. I find it very busy
- * My three biggest problems with the current facilities, and quite honestly why I avoid them, is lack of swimming lesson options, crowding (I won't dare go to Millennium for fear of losing my kids in the crowd), and lack of family change rooms. With such a young family based population, I am shocked that there are not family friendly change rooms. At the Kinsmen in particular, there is one playpen to put a small baby/toddler in while getting changed, and it is so dirty. There isn't even one in the men's room. No small toilets for kid, showers are always at an unsafe temperature and make it difficult to help small kids shower. It would be nice to see the change rooms done properly with input from parents.
- Don't add to mp or kinsmen, both too busy already.
- * I am a member of the millennium place facility. I don't spend a lot of time using the pool, largely because of the overcrowding and youth patrons. It seems to cater to a family environment which is great. I am a former competitive swimmer (in my mid 30's) and realize the value and potential in a 50m pool. I think had this been built initially at millennium we may not be having this discussion. I do however like the idea of a top notch aquatic facility centrally located. Especially near schools that can take advantage of it.
- Think to the future growth of community. Millennium now is over crowded

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Walkability

- A 50 meter pool in the county would provide many options for county residents. Lots of lane space and room for special events such as swim meets and private pool space rentals. This type of facility has been needed in the county for quite some time. Kinsmen & Millennium pools can be quite crowded at certain times of the day. A 50 meter pool at Glen Allen would alleviate that and provide wonderful opportunities for the surrounding schools for swim lessons and Physical Education classes. Glen Allen is very central and many residents would be able to walk to the facility.
- * Why is it deemed necessary to have all these options in one place? Can't one facility be used for school programs, another for beginning swimmers, another for therapeutic pool use etc.? Why create a huge monster and lose the small neighborhood atmosphere that so many moved here to Sh.Pk to enjoy? Those in Sherwood Heights and Glen Allen can walk to the pool after school. No need for parents driving everywhere which is what has been created by developing past Baseline Road. The development along Baseline Road has already created a traffic monster. Make MP the location and keep the monster over there if it really is necessary to create such a huge complex! From the info and plans it seems that none of these facilities will be adequate anyway, so what is the point of spending so much money?
- * Accessibility and location. Ardrossan location would be located too far away from the population base that I don't see it as a good option, few kids can walk there during the summer months to public swim and transit would have to be included to increase the accessibility.

Registration issues

- As a mother of 4, swim lessons, as a life-saving skill, are mandatory for my children. Presently, the Kinsmen is the only place that this is available in Sherwood Park. They fill up almost instantaneously when the registration goes on-line. The line ups at the registration office is out the door and down the parking lot. Most time, the lessons are filled by the time I get to the front and I NEVER am able to get my children in at a similar time. I consider this a HUGE issue- such an important skill is being constantly over-looked by the county. I have even had to go into Edmonton in order for them to get swim lessons.

Timeliness

- The sooner the better. At GARC would they ad another driving entrance to the parking lot? It gets very crowded getting in and out
- I think the sooner the better for the pool to be built
- Build ASAP!

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Misc.

- Millennium Place already has a large aquatic presence. There needs to be a wider choice for residents.
- Happy to see more physical activity venues being created/improved. Long health costs will see the benefit and my kids really enjoy swimming as do I.
- * I think with Sherwood parks growing population of family with children. This will be the best spent money by far!!!!!!
- Thanks for the opportunity to provide resident responses.
- * GARC option B would be great, but it is a little expensive. Option A at the GARC is a great compromise.
- Would hope that salt water or equivalent would be considered for a new pool. Having this type of facility would be a great bonus in the country. Also this area is easily accessed from Sherwood Park which adds to the convenience.
- * My concerns are the operating costs vs. the potential income this facility would generate. I use the fitness facilities at Glen Allan currently, and hope that an upgrade would be included in these plans as well.
- Demographics of the community residents against - do they actually have children who would benefit from this?
- Glad to see the County is moving forward in this direction!
- * Glen Allan has the space to be re-developed and space for additional parking.
- Can't wait for this to be completed! I'm excited and thrilled of the idea.
- It's about time. These types of facilities are usable by a diverse group of people, with different abilities and requirements!
- I feel that the Glen Allan Recreation complex would be the best solution since the infrastructure is already there and it would be a great addition to the fitness area there.
- I appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this decision; true consideration is all I expect.
- I have not concerns regarding the facility, except if it is located at the Glen Allan Rec. Complex (as stated by the checked concerns above).
- Thank you for taking our views into consideration.
- Thank you & I hope that the facility at GARC remains for those of us in the step up program.
- * I would not be in favor of just an aquatic centre. I would also want space for "wellness" activities (fitness facilities for both strength and aerobic workouts).
- * Accessibility and location. Ardrossan location would be located too far away from the population base that I don't see it as a good option, few kids can walk there during the summer months to public swim and transit would have to be included to increase the accessibility.
- * Millennium aquatic facility already has ample change rooms and attached structures - thus limiting costs for further expansion of these facilities. I believe the wave pool could be relocated into the west parking lot and the 25 m pool extended to configure a 50 m pool. This pool could then be divided with a central bulkhead to increase the potential use of the pool for lane swimming, classes etc and opened for competitive swimming and training on assigned days/hours.
Parking shortage could be addressed at this point in time due to low density of development in the adjacent areas that could be changed into stacked parking lots. I

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anticipate there will only be continued growth of the population in Sherwood Park area as well as need and use of the facility

- * GARC needs a pool as the name of the center says recreation center and is central and easy access for school and residential use
- Glen Allan centre was built as a participation facility and as an adult oriented facility. The proposal being considered completely reverses the original intent and use of Glen Allan. I would be interested to know the percentage of users from outside Strathcona County. (Has a survey been done?) If a space for swimming lessons is required, Emerald Hills" location would better serve the demographic that uses lessons (young families). It is stated there was extensive public input, myself and a number of people I have spoken to, have not heard of this consultation until very recently
- I believe that Strathcona County seems to be acting in a completely "political" fashion in what seems to be an effort to steer this aquatic facility into the Glen Allen area. Promises were made about GARC's size and it's trees many years ago that are being ignored and reversed. The first I became aware of anything was through residents that had been notified of an expansion to the GARC complex parking lot, which was not needed, since the extension along the east side is currently never full; so why the expansion? When researched, I found out it is for a "possible" aquatic centre. No mention was made about that in the notice of the parking lot. It is also hard to believe that this location is only one of the options, when the residents are receiving notices of a parking lot going in. Are we putting parking lots in all of the "possible" locations? I believe this location has already been chosen and due to someone's mistake, stakeholders were made aware, so now we are being steered towards this location to give the appearance of resident support. If this is the case can you just please be honest and not waste taxpayer dollars on all the letters, surveys and forums that are in place?

The trees that are in the live forest would be removed, leaving the adjacent homes with vehicle lights shining right into their yards and I would assume, also streetlights for the lot itself. These trees are not only beautiful but also serve as a noise buffer for these people and they were promised long ago the trees would not be removed. This all seems so deceitful, since now that people have responded negatively there are opportunities to meet with the county over it. Would this have been the case if no one had figured out what the parking lot was leading to? It is stated that this has been openly ongoing between the residents and the county. Why is it that we only became aware of it recently? This is the first that the county has sent me anything about it and the residents in Glen Allen were only made aware at the beginning of summer. If their feedback was truly desired they would have received letters in 2010, since this is when you claim it has been openly discussed between the county and the stakeholders. Everything seems to be misleading. Asking county residents about the need for an aquatic centre since 2010 does not mean that the locations were discussed with the residents of the areas being affected, since 2010. County is trying to make it sound like all affected residents have had say and input on the possibility of their area being chosen, and this is not true. It is also misleading to send a letter asking which option (A or B) you prefer without also first asking do you want this facility in your area at all, as in the letter I received. By providing a choice between the two, it leaves the impression that I am choosing to have this facility in my area.]

I truly feel that this process is simply to let people believe their opinion has merit when

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really the Glen Allen location has already been chosen and any communication is being steered in that direction to get the answers that will support what has already been determined. Even the options I found on-line listing pros and cons for each location, seems to steer to Glen Allen. The only con is the trees? Really? No traffic, construction, school/playground, lighting, noise concerns etc listed yet this is completely a residential area; not even a street or buffer(once the trees are gone) to separate it. Yet given the options, and each of their pros and cons, anyone reading this would completely think there is the least affect in this area, so what would they choose?

Everything feels dishonest in a typically "political" way, which saddens me as I have, up until now, never felt that way about the councils in Sherwood Park over the years. It seems to be one misleading thing after another, and it is more the way this has been gone about with the false appearance of community and residential support and input, when really that's not true at all. This has been hidden, led and steered at every turn and now is becoming public due to an outcry. That is what disappoints me more than anything, leading me to believe you don't really want my input at all. At this point it's just protocol for appearance sake. But if my opinion really does matter to council at all, Glen Allen is the worst location of all the options to choose from.

- * I would hope that if it did come to Emerald Hills having this facility that you would also look at future expansion. GARC, MP and Kinsmen, I believe, would have concerns with additional parking for events. I believe that with the competitive pool that our community is open to more exposure. I believe though that we should also incorporate an outdoor spray deck/regional spray park as Fort Saskatchewan and St. Albert communities have.
- we need to promote an active community with more exercise programs, recreational swimming available
- There is no point building an aquatic facility if it is going to be built without input from user groups. Consider the White Elephant the city of Edmonton has on its hands at Terwillegar. While the rinks and gyms may well planned and designed, the 50m pool and the change rooms are a joke