



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole- Public Works, Environmental Services, and Facilities

Date: May 17, 2021

Department: Recreation and Facilities

Topic: Pool Opening and Program

Background:

Both the Johnstown and the Cardinal pools have been closed since the end of the summer in 2019. For this reason, we will start the opening process a couple of weeks earlier in case there are any unforeseen problems.

Typically, we hire 10 lifeguard instructors (6 Cardinal) (4 in Johnstown) to run our swimming programs. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic we have found that students have not been able to register and/or complete all the necessary training that they are required for the teaching/instructor level. We currently have enough guards to operate for Public Swimming, what we lack is an adequate number of guards to teach the daily swimming lessons.

One option to consider is just offering daily public swimming from 12-8 at both pools. During this time, we would have one lane roped off for adults to use and also offer a Bronze Cross & Medallion class late in the summer season. This would give the 14- & 15-year-old students an opportunity to get the remaining requirements over the winter and be ready to work for us next summer.

Having the pools open in some capacity and meeting the required COVID-19 Protocols, would provide all ages an opportunity to have some physical activity and much-needed health-wellness during this pandemic.

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Facilities Manager

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