

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM9.9	ACTION			Ward:All
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### **Making a Splash: Public Access to Private Pools - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Community Development and Recreation Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

### **Recommendations**

Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on what would be required to manage the risk and legal concerns if an agreement was struck between the City of Toronto and a condo board for public use of its swimming facilities.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report on staff's ability to provide swimming instruction programs if such an agreement as outlined in Recommendation 1 above were negotiated.

### **Summary**

Public access to private spaces is not a new concept in this City. As Toronto intensifies, and open space becomes harder to find, this is one mechanism that the City has used effectively to provide opportunities to knit communities together.

Condo development is continuing at a rapid rate in the City of Toronto and within many of those towers are swimming pools. Condominiums in which pools have been constructed with exterior entrances such that the public will not need to access any other private space in order to access the swimming area, provide a unique opportunity for the City to enhance its year-round aquatics programming without requiring capital expenditure to build and maintain additional indoor facilities.

Under this type of arrangement, swimming instruction throughout the City could be enhanced by using condo boards as recreation partners.

By negotiating public access agreements to private recreational spaces with condo boards, there are potential benefits for everyone. For example, City staff may be able to increase their ability to give early-childhood drown-proofing and swimming safety instruction during times of low-

usage among condo dwellers where the swimming pool configuration permits. Condominiums over a certain age may be able to extract revenue from this type of arrangement to assist residents with aging private infrastructure.

While our focus on public access to private spaces has been focused on outside spaces, it is time to open the door and look for indoor opportunities for these types of agreements.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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