

Hello,

I recently contacted my City Councillor, Kelvin Galbraith regarding the new policy by the city to have a **single provider** for youth competitive swimming. Councillor Galbraith directed me to send my concerns into the city clerk.

As a life long Burlington resident and a parent, I have the following concerns regarding the new "Framework for Community Recreation" :

1. Can you please explain the reasoning behind the decision to have only one competitive swimming provider?

As a parent, I would like to choose the competitive swimming provider that suits my family. I do not believe the city should make this decision for me.

2. Has thought been given to those Burlington residents whose club is not chosen as the single provider? Where will their children train if they cannot practice at Burlington pools?

3. Why was a bid package issued on January 28th if committee has not discussed or approved the new "Framework for Community Recreation"?

4. Were any Burlington competitive swimming clubs contacted or consulted during the Framework research?

5. Why has Aldershot pool not been considered a location for youth competitive swimming? This is our closest pool in Ward 1.

6. Will this single provider policy extend to hockey & baseball teams/clubs and the use of Burlington skating rinks and baseball diamonds? If not, why has competitive swimming and pool use been chosen for this policy?

I hope my concerns will be read and discussed at the meeting on February 10, 2020.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mary McBain