

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to you to register my support the club on this issue that is it wrong and to have only one team will hurt many swimmers in Burlington.


Our son currently swims with the Dolphins Swim Club and it is his favourite sport to participate in. The Dolphins Swim club provides high-performance swim training year round in Burlington. Dolphins Swim Team program strives to instill in young swimmers an understanding of, and appreciation for, such concepts as high self-esteem, personal accountability, constructive self-motivation, goal setting and goal achievement as these ideals relate to their success in training and in competition. In 2019, the Dolphin Swim Club had over 100 youth registrations. It has come to my attention that the City is aiming to have only one competitive swim club in Burlington - a choice which makes no sense to me, and it is totally wrong. If there are enough children that are interested in Competitive swimming to make up two full teams why would we not be encouraging this? The sad reality is that more and more children are not participating in extracurricular sports as they would rather sit at home on their Ipads or video game systems. Why as a city would you want to take away an opportunity for them to be active, do something they love, learn what it means to put in hard work to get results, and be part of a team? Most other Municipalities have more than one Competitive Swim Club, why is Burlington not following suit?

IF the City goes along with this plan you will also be displacing about 100 athletes, many whom have worked years to get to where they are. Some of these kids are likely on track for scholarships to University - you will also be taking away that from them and the families that live in your community. You will also force families with children that are serious about the sport to look elsewhere for their children to compete...why would we not want to keep our athletes in Burlington.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision. I can be reached at 647-778-0018 if you have any further questions.

I would also greatly appreciate some type of insight as to why this decision is even being considered.

Sincerely,



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