

FRIEND'S OF THE QUEEN E POOL SOCIETY

October 2, 2008

Community Services and City Council
City of Edmonton
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Mayor Mandel;

I am once again writing to Council and Community Services on behalf of the Friends of the Queen E Pool Society.

Since discussions began with the City nearly 20 years ago, our Society and the user group that we represent have desired but one simple thing ...**a working pool in the river valley that can be used during the summer for families.** We are so close to building our first outdoor pool in nearly 60 years.

Fast forward to 2008 and we still want the same thing and all the while we have been pulled by Council and Administration in one direction and then the other. We have seen at least three aquatic strategies and numerous engineering reports, two concepts, but nothing to show the citizens of Edmonton for this effort. At the same time we continue to attend meetings, continue to have supporters, continue to bring new construction ideas and continue to try believing that there is the will by council and administration to listen to us as a user group and tax payers and to complete this project. We continue to tell our supporters that the project will proceed.

We hope you will recommend that this project go forward and that we as a user group be at the design table with the construction manager to provide ideas and input and be part of this wonderful project. To date we have not been invited to meet with the Construction Manager Jen-Col Construction, but are eager to be part of the solution and continue to raise money for the project.

We have nearly \$400,000 in funding in the bank and we are eager to work on getting more. But it is difficult to raise money for a project that is never fully approved or given the full go ahead. Approve the basics today and we will work on getting money for the extras.

We have after all our discussions and meetings come to the following conclusions for a basic facility as we and the others that we have met with agree as a minimum. They are as follows:

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1) **Our Basic Desired Outdoor Pool**

Size 15 by 25 metres

Lane Width 2.5 metres

Depth 3.8 metres at the deep end and 1.5 metres at the shallow end

User Groups Families for recreational swimming and potential to offer other swimming needs in the community. A large grassy area for sun bathing and just laying around. A design that will allow the planting of trees for shade. Family picnic area and potential party area.

2) **Additional Future Features should funding be found**

- a) Kids Play Area (\$750,000)
- b) Unique handicapped accessing (\$200,000.00)
- c) Diving Boards (\$75,000.00)
- d) Slide (\$100,000.00)
- e) Separate dive tank with tower (\$1,500,000.00)
- f) Hot tub (\$100,000)
- g) Enhanced landscaping and facility fencing (i.e. like Giovanni Gabot Park Entryway) (\$250,000.00)

There may be some other things to be considered and we are more than prepared to work on getting funding.

3) As the key group promoting the project we would like the Friends and a Rep from Kinsmen Club of Edmonton to be at the design/construction table.

We are eager for your support on this project and willing to work on bringing more value to the table and ask for your support to get this to the next phase.

Sincerely,

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President

cc: Debbie Cashion-Kalinowski – Community Services
Bill Krewsiuk – Edmonton Kinsmen Club
Chris Neilson – Aquatic Council of Edmonton

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