



COMMUNITY  
SERVICES

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August 12, 2015

Dear Community Members:

Re: Eastglen Leisure Centre

Eastglen Leisure Centre is one of Edmonton's oldest neighbourhood pools and is a unique facility with much to offer the city.

The City of Edmonton recognizes the importance of Eastglen to you and your neighbours and is currently exploring innovative ways to make the facility an attractive aquatic destination for everyone.

You may have heard that there were plans to privatize or close Eastglen but that is not the case. However, since Eastglen Leisure Centre is a lower-use pool, the City had considered entering into an agreement with a specialized, preschool learn-to-swim program. Our hope was that offering a unique learning experience for children and parents could increase attendance at Eastglen.

While discussions have taken place with this pre-school lesson provider, we have not entered into any formal agreements, and will not until certain community issues are addressed.

It is common for City operated pools to offer contracted services from external providers of specialized programs and we take great care to ensure there is a balance between these programs and general public access and use of the pools.

Community Services has consulted with your community through meetings in July and an online survey to help us determine options to attract more users to Eastglen. The input that we have been receiving is valuable and thoughtful, and deserves our full consideration.

While we had planned to hold another community meeting at the end of August, due to the complexity and sensitivity of this matter, we want to take the time necessary to thoroughly review and evaluate all potential options. As such, we will provide you with a further update in the fall.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this process. Your input will help shape the future of Eastglen.

Sincerely,

Rob Smyth, Branch Manager  
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