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Toronto City Council
Scarborough East - Ward 43

Chair, Scarborough Community Council
Chair, Government Management Committee

Date: December 9, 2011
To: Chair, Councillor Michael Del Grande and Members of the Budget Committee
From: Councillor Paul Ainslie
Re: Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Swimming Pool - 2012 Capital and Operating Budgets

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate swimming pool is situated 2 kilometres south of the priority neighbourhood in Ward 43. With no community centre situated within the ward the swimming pool at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate is a major resource to residents.

With no community centre in the Ward the swimming pool at Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI is essential with the seventh highest rate for drop in users eighth highest for total rental visits it further demonstrates the necessity for this site.

The 2012 net requested budget to maintain and operate the swimming pool at Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI stands at \$172,586.00 which I propose be funded from a portion of the net budget from the Toronto Environmental Office. I do understand the important work done by the Toronto Environmental Office, but must look at the residents and City priorities.

As we proceed through the budget process to determine our priorities, I recommend that the Budget Committee view the Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI swimming pool site as a priority to serve the residents of Ward 43 which supports a priority neighbourhood with 2 kilometres of the site

Recommendation:

1. That the Budget Committee recommend, that the 2012 Capital and Operating Budget remove Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate swimming pool from its list of swimming pools slated not be programmed out by the City of Toronto.
2. That the Budget Committee recommend, that the funding to support the cost to maintain and operate the Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI pool be taken from the Toronto Environmental Office Budget.

Sincerely,

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