

Mayoral Direction

Decision Number: 2026-07

Date: March 16, 2026

Subject: Preliminary Cost Estimates for a Municipal Aquatic Centre and Multi-Use Facility

I, Mat Siscoe, Mayor of the City of St. Catharines, pursuant to Section 284.3 of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. hereby direct the Chief Administrative Officer to complete the following research related to a potential new aquatic facility and ancillary uses:

- By March 31, 2026: Identify recently constructed aquatic and recreational facilities in other municipalities that contain community use pools and other amenities that may be identified as priority community needs in the upcoming Recreation and Facilities Programming Plan, with completion dates and reported project costs.
- By March 31, 2026: Using a standard construction cost escalation calculator, provide a high-level estimate on the costs to construct an identical facility to the St. Catharines Kiwanis Aquatic Centre in 2026.
- By June 30, 2026: Engage external expertise to prepare a conceptual programming plan and capital cost analysis (excluding land and site servicing costs) for:
 - a) A standalone community use aquatic facility consisting of an 8 lane, 25 metre lap pool and warm water leisure/ therapeutic tank, built to the Canada Green Building Council Zero Carbon Design Standard.
 - b) A community use aquatic facility, as described above, with additional ancillary uses that are anticipated to be identified as community needs in the upcoming Recreation and Facilities Programming Plan, including the following amenities at a minimum:
 - A high school sized gymnasium
 - An indoor walking track
 - Multi-use community space

- c) Estimated annual operating costs associated with the facility models identified above.

This direction is being made in relation to my powers and duties with respect to the City budget.



Mayor Mat Siscoe