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BACKGROUND

The Town of Markham has historically allocated pool time by enabling user groups to book whatever time happened to be available outside of Town usage on a first come first serve basis.

This practise has not addressed the changing needs of user groups and patrons.

This practise also did not recognize or acknowledge residency, size of user group or particular needs of user groups.

Staff recognized that in order to manage growth effectively and prepare for future facilities a pool allocation policy is necessary.

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General Committee

June 9, 2008 – Pool allocation policy with designated formula as well as an alternate percentage formula were presented to Committee. Neither formula achieved full consensus amongst all User Groups.

Working Committee

With a goal of achieving full consensus, Council developed a working committee of Councillors, User Groups and Staff to further examine the issue. The Working Committee met on two separate occasions.

A number of options were reviewed. There was no consensus achieved among the User Groups.

Based on further discussions with the User Groups staff recommends adopting a fourth option developed in the initial meeting of the Working Committee, as an interim process to be used to allocate the upcoming 2008-2009 pool hours.

There are a finite number of hours available for pool allocation – 83 hours.

Existing Allocation:

There was no formal criteria or process in determining the existing hours allocated to User Groups.

User Groups were allotted pool hours based solely on historical use of the pool with no regard for residency, or for size of the group.

Designated Allocation:

User Groups developed a formula based on levels and training time per week associated with each level.

Residency and size of club were primary factors.

The majority of Clubs supported this concept. However, there was debate about the definition of levels and the training time per level.

Swim Ontario will have a database that can be used to verify level, but is not available until Fall, 2008. As such, there is no independent way to verify levels of swimmers currently.

This formula allocates more pool time to existing User Groups than is currently available within Town of Markham facilities.

Percentage Allocation:

All hours available after Town of Markham programs and services are scheduled will be distributed to existing User Groups.

Prime and non prime hours would be proportionately distributed to the User Groups based on the total number of resident swimmers that are registered with each Club.

Existing Clubs with established time allotments faced potential loss of hours with this formula.

Masters Clubs and Synchro indicated that they are satisfied with existing hours and could not afford additional hours that could be allocated using this formula.

Blended Allocation:

The fourth option is based on feedback during the Working Committee to develop an interim process that would accommodate the Masters Clubs and Synchro using the existing total hours.

- * the total number of hours currently used to accommodate the needs the Masters Clubs and Synchro would remain unchanged
- * the remaining hours allocated for the two Swim Clubs (MAC and Mallards) totally 67 hours (prime and non prime) would be proportionately distributed by number of resident participants per Club

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Comparison of existing, a designated formula, a percentage based formula and the Blended Formula:

Club	# of Eligible Swimmers	Total # of Allocated Hours				Total # of Prime Hours				Total # of Non Prime Hours			
		Exist-ing	Desig-nated	Percen-tage	Blended	Exist-ing	Desig-nated	Percen-tage	Blended	Exist-ing	Desig-nated	Percen-tage	Blended
MAC	249	44.5	51	41	45	30.5	30	28	32	14	21	13	13
Mallards	121	25.5	18	20	22	21.5	14	13	15.5	4	4	7	6.5
Mallard Masters	31	Includ ed above	4	5	3	Included Above	3	3	1	Included above	1	2	2
Markham Masters	53	4.5	7	9	4.5	4.5	6	6	4.5	0	1	3	0
Thornhill Masters	39	4.5	5	6	4.5	4.5	4	4	4.5	0	1	2	0
Synchro	12	2	3	2	3.5	2	2.5	1.5	2	0	0.5	0.5	2
TOTALS	505	81	88	83	83	63	59.5	55.5	59.5	18	29.5	27.5	23.5

While there still has not been complete consensus achieved, the Blended Formula appears to be the most acceptable of the four options that could be endorsed by all User Groups as an interim step.

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Comparison of Existing to Blended:

Club	Current Use Total number of hours per week	Blended Total number of hours per week	Current Total Prime Time Hours per week	Blended Total Prime Time Hours per week	Current Total Non Prime Time Hours per week	Blended Total Non Prime Time Hours per week
MAC	44.5 hours	45 hours	30.5 hours	32 hours	14 hours	13 hours
Mallards	22.5 hours	22 hours	21.5 hours	15.5 hours	1 hour	6.5 hours
Sub-Total Hours Available	67 hours	67 hours	52 hours	47.5 hours	15 hours	19.5 hours
Mallard Masters	3 hours	3 hours	0 hours	1 hour	3 hours	2 hours
Markham Masters	4.5 hours	4.5 hours	4.5 hours	4.5 hours	0 hours	0 hours
Thornhill Masters	4.5 hours	4.5 hours	4.5 hours	4.5 hours	0 hours	0 hours
Synchro	2 hours	3.5 hours	2 hours	2 hours	0 hours	2 hours
Sub-Total Hours Available	14 hours	16 hours	11 hours	12 hours	3 hours	4 hours
TOTAL	81 hours	83 hours *	63 hours	59.5 hours	18 hours	23.5 hours

* The anomaly of .5 hours is due to Synchro use of Diving Well.

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Recommendations:

- * That the process for pool allocation put forth by staff at the Working Committee be put into effect for a 1 year period.
- * An Allocation Advisory Committee be formed consisting of Councillors, Staff and 1 representative from each existing Club to continue working to develop a formal allocation policy that achieves the original intent of being fair and equitable.
- * The maximum hours of pool time available is 83 hours.
- * The allocation process only consider the current clubs and the hours identified in the Working Committee Proposal.
- * Any change in number of hours required by existing Clubs, or requests for pool allocation from new or emerging clubs requires the authorization of Council.
- * Minor User Groups - continue to be defined as children, youth and minor sports where 100% of the membership pays residential taxes to the Town of Markham.
- * Resident Groups - continue to be defined as adult sports where at least 75% of the membership pays residential taxes to the Town of Markham.
- * Only Markham residents will be considered in pool allocations.
- * Staff will continue to monitor the general use of Town of Markham programs and services and modify schedules to provide additional times to the clubs wherever possible.
- * Staff will continue to work with User Groups to modify schedules within allocated total hours to ensure pool times meet Club needs.

Questions?

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Individual Pool Schedules & Summary:

	Prime	Non- Prime
MAC		
Angus	5	
Centennial	14	3
Milliken	1.5	
Thornlea	11.5	10
Total	32	13
Mallards		
Angus		2
Centennial	4	4.5
Milliken	1.5	
Thornlea	10	
Total	15.5	6.5
Markham Masters		
Angus	1.5	
Centennial	3	
Milliken		
Thornlea		
Total	4.5	
Thornhill Masters		
Angus		
Centennial		
Milliken		
Thornlea	4.5	
Total	4.5	
Synchro		
Angus		
Centennial	2	1.5
Milliken		
Thornlea		
Total	2	1.5
Mallards Masters		
Angus		2
Centennial		
Milliken		
Thornlea	1	
Total	1	2
Total Prime	59.5	
Total Non-Prime	23	
Total	82.5	

Recreation Services

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Tentative Pool Schedule:

Centennial											
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday
5:30 AM	Mallards		MAC		Mallards		MAC		Mallards		MAC
6:00 AM	5:30-6 FP		5:30-6 FP		5:30-6 FP		5:30-6 FP		5:30-6 FP		
6:30 AM	6-7 3lanes		6-7 3lanes		6-7 3lanes		6-7 3lanes		6-7 3lanes		6-9a FP
7:00 AM											
7:30 AM											Mallards
8:00 AM											
8:30 AM											8-9am FP
9:00 AM											9-12 3lanes
9:30 AM											
10:00 AM											
10:30 AM											
11:00 AM											
11:30 AM											
12:00 PM											
12:30 PM											
1:00 PM											
2:00 PM											
2:30 PM											
3:00 PM											
3:30 PM	MAC		MAC		MAC		MAC		MAC		
4:00 PM											
4:30 PM	4-6FP		4-6FP	Synchro	4-6FP		4-6 FP	Synchro	4-7 FP		Synchro
5:00 PM	4:30-6 DW				4:30-6 DW						4:30-6:30p 1/2
5:30 PM				5-8:30p DW				5-8:30p DW			6:30-8:30 FP
6:00 PM				7:30- 8:30 pm				7:30 - 8:30 pm			
6:30 PM				3 lanes				3 lanes			
7:00 PM											
7:30 PM											
8:00 PM											
8:30 PM			Mkm Masters				Mkm Masters				
9:00 PM			8:30 -9pm				8:30 -9pm				
9:30 PM			3 lanes				3 lanes				
10:00 PM			9 - 10 pm				9 - 10 pm				
10:30 PM			Full Pool				Full Pool				

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Tentative Pool Schedule:

MMCC

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:30 AM							
6:00 AM							
6:30 AM							
7:00 AM							
7:30 AM							
8:00 AM							
9:00 AM							
9:30 AM							
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2:00 PM							
2:30 PM							
3:00 PM							
3:30 PM		MAC		Mallards			
4:00 PM							
4:30 PM		4-5:30FP		4-4:30pm 4 lanes			
5:00 PM				4:30-5:30p FP			
5:30 PM							
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7:00 PM							
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8:30 PM							
9:00 PM							
9:30 PM							
10:00 PM							
10:30 PM							

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Tentative Pool Schedule:

Thornlea

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:30 AM	MAC	MAC	MAC	MAC	MAC		
6:00 AM	5:30-7 FP	5:30-7 FP	5:30-7 FP	5:30-7 FP	5:30-7 FP	MAC	Mallards
6:30 AM	7-7:30a 2 lanes	7-7:30a 2 lanes	7-7:30a 2 lanes	7-7:30a 2 lanes	7-7:30a 2 lanes	7 - 9	
7:00 AM						FP	
7:30 AM							7-9 FP
8:00 AM							
8:30 AM							
9:00 AM							
9:30 AM							
10:00 AM							
10:30 AM							
11:00 AM							
11:30 AM							
12:00 PM							
1:00 PM							
1:30 PM							
2:00 PM							
2:30 PM						Mallards	
3:00 PM							
3:30 PM						3- 4:30pm 3 lanes	
4:00 PM	MAC	Mallards	Mallards	MAC	MAC		
4:30 PM	4:30 - 6:30pm		4:30 - 6pm.				
5:00 PM	Full Pool	4:30 - 6:30	Full Pool	4:30 - 6:30	4:30 - 7:30		
5:30 PM		Full Pool		Full Pool	Full Pool		
6:00 PM							
6:30 PM	Mallards		MAC				Th Masters
7:00 PM	6:30 - 8:00pm		6:00 - 8:30pm				8 - 9:30pm.
7:30 PM	Full Pool				Mallards		
8:00 PM					7:30 - 9:00pm.		
8:30 PM		Th Masters		Th Masters	Mallards Masters		
9:00 PM		8:30 - 10pm		8:30 - 10pm	9:00 - 10pm.		
9:30 PM		Full Pool		Full Pool	3 lanes		
10:00 PM							
10:30 PM							

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Angus

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:30 AM							
6:00 AM		Mallards		Mallards			
6:30 AM		5:30 - 7:30		5:30 - 7:30		MAC	
7:00 AM		FP		FP		7-9 FP	
7:30 AM							
8:00 AM							
8:30 AM							
9:00 AM							
9:30 AM							
10:00 AM							
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2:30 PM							
3:00 PM							
3:30 PM							
4:00 PM		MAC		MAC			
4:30 PM		4:30-6 FP		4:30-6 FP			
5:00 PM							
5:30 PM							
6:00 PM							
6:30 PM							
7:00 PM							
7:30 PM							Markham
8:00 PM							Masters
8:30 PM							8:30-10 FP
9:00 PM							
9:30 PM							
10:00 PM							
10:30 PM							