

Kirkton- Woodham Swimming Pool Committee

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History of the Pool

- ▶ Built in 1977 by Kirkton-Woodham Community, a **valued community resource**
- ▶ **Strongly supported** by community and surrounding areas
- ▶ Management transferred to Blanshard and Usborne Townships late 1980s
- ▶ With Township amalgamation, the pool was entrusted to Municipality of South Huron (MoSH), Township of Perth South (Perth South) and local Volunteer Kirkton-Woodham Swimming Pool Committee (Pool Committee) under Joint Use Agreement
- ▶ Three partners worked collaboratively to support the community and valued resource, the Kirkton-Woodham Pool
- ▶ **Historically shared fiscal and management responsibilities** between MoSH, Perth South and Pool Committee (Kirkton-Woodham Management Team)



Utilization

► Very Busy Pool with High Utilization

	2019	2021*
Public Swim Participants	2153	2492
Swim Lessons	360	181
Aquafit/Lane Swim	273	302
Bronze Medallion and Cross Course	7	16

* Kirkton-Woodham Pool Only open every 2nd week

Benefits

- ▶ **Strongly supported** Community Resource - in kind and monetary donations are received annually
- ▶ Promotes **Fitness** in a fun environment (Swim Team and Aquafit)
- ▶ Provides **Summer Jobs**
- ▶ Improves **Mental Health**
- ▶ Improves **Personal Safety** by teaching Swimming Lessons in an area surrounded by lakes
- ▶ Provides summer recreation
- ▶ Provides a cooling environment after a hot day





Current Issue

- ▶ Working Partnerships appear to be strained
- ▶ Pool Committee advised all communications will go through Councillor Oke and **no MoSH Staff** will be attending future meetings
- ▶ **Unexpected change** from previous collaboration
- ▶ Needs to be **more equal collaboration**
- ▶ Pool can't be managed effectively **without equal participation from all parties**

Needs

- ▶ To have MoSH **collaboratively plan** with Perth South and Pool Committee to develop **Operational Plan** and a **Capital Plan** for the Kirkton Woodham Swimming Pool
- ▶ MoSH and Perth South to hold **annual meeting** with Pool Committee to speak to current and future operations of the pool
- ▶ **All partners (MoSH, Perth South and Pool Committee)** must be involved in all budgeting, **operations**, research and implementation of a AODA Capital Plan and future plans for the pool

Future Needs

- ▶ Capital Plan to **replace Pool Building** to meet AODA by 2025
- ▶ **Collaboratively plan** between MOSH, Perth South and KW Pool Committee to develop **Capital Plan for Refurbishment**
- ▶ To meet the needs of all **patrons** of the Kirkton-Woodham Pool
- ▶ **Let's Plan and Work Together**





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Thanks!**