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Lease Agreement between the Town of Fort Erie and FEIA a Win-Win

FORT ERIE (June 15, 2022) - The Town of Fort Erie has entered into a 3-month lease agreement with The Fort Erie International Academy (FEIA) to provide residents access to drop-in recreational swimming and structured swimming lessons.

The lease agreement starts on June 14, 2022, running until Sept 7, 2022, to provide aquatic programs at FEIA for the 2022 summer season. Drop-in programs include; public swim, lane swim, and aqua-fit programs.

An affordable fee structure was carefully created during planning. The cost for a 2-hour drop-in program is just \$2.00 per person and a flat fee of \$40 for a full session of 10 lessons.

Youth Swim Lesson registration for the month of July will begin Saturday, June 18th from 9am to noon at the Leisureplex Arena. Lessons will be offered from Parent and Tot 1 (Starfish, Splashers) up to Swimmer 9 (Swim Kids 9, Star 6) under the Lifeguarding Society Program. Lessons are \$40.00 per youth for the month-long session, for more information about programs and registration please visit: <https://www.forterie.ca/pages/FEIAPoolPrograms>. Space is limited, so register early!

"I just wanted to bring attention to this. I think this is a wonderful idea," said Councillor Ann-Marie Noyes, "It's a win-win situation. We're looking at a 3-month summertime arrangement. As the year goes along perhaps we can look at continuing this 12 months out of the year."

Town of Fort Erie Parks and Facilities staff will oversee: hiring qualified staff, operating swim programs, daily cleaning of the pool and change rooms, retaining all program fees, purchasing chemicals, and maintaining insurance for the operation. Fort Erie International Academy has invested \$100,000 into capital improvements to the pool in preparation for its summer pool programs and continued enjoyment by residents.

Staff will ensure that all patrons have access. The site meets AODA requirements, including a manual pool lift, an elevator onto the pool deck, and an accessible washroom.

Ward 2 Councillor Nick Dubanow echoed the sentiment shared by Councillor Noyes,

“I think this is a fantastic idea that we’re doing here. It shows the cooperation between the Town of Fort Erie and the Fort Erie International Academy to provide an indoor pool and swimming lessons to the community. I think this is phenomenal. I hope this is something we can continue.”

Fort Erie International Academy (FEIA) is a private boarding school, home to a rich and diverse student body seeking academic and athletic excellence. Rooted in the Ontario curriculum, their approach to education guides students to learn how to think instead of what to think, fosters global awareness, and helps each student grow into a responsible and global citizen who is well equipped for life beyond academia. With a dedicated team of certified teachers, student support staff, house leaders, and tutors, FEIA ensures an individualized approach that meets the needs of all learners.

The pool is located at 7 Tait Ave, Fort Erie (the former Fort Erie Secondary School).

For more information about pool programs please visit <https://www.forterie.ca/pages/FEIAPoolPrograms> or contact Sean Hutton, Manager of Parks and Facilities Division, at shutton@forterie.ca – 905-871-1600 ext. 2430.