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Mayor Helps,
City of Victoria

Dear Mayor Helps,

Re: Siting for a new Crystal Pool

The James Bay Neighbourhood Association has reviewed the information presented by a North Park delegation at Committee of the Whole a few days ago. We appreciate the 'equity' mapping and the information that can be gleaned from the mapping.

The purpose of this letter is not to suggest or recommend a site for a replacement pool for Crystal Pool, but rather to further two key considerations.

Comments, made by Councilor Alto and Councilor Young, spoke to the interpretation of the maps presented and to the limitations of information purveyed within the maps. We look forward to receiving copies of the "absolute number" maps which were committed to be available this week.

There are two considerations we wish to highlight:

- 1) The "Y", which serves the south of the City, is closing. A new facility must consider the location of all residents, including those who are currently clients of the "Y".
- 2) The City's most major recreational facility should set as a goal accessibility *via* active transportation to the greatest number of residents as possible.

Council has difficult decisions to make regarding the Crystal Pool replacement facility. We ask that the considerations be broad, including equity and active transportation accessibility for all residents of the City.

Thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Marg Gardiner,
President, JBNA

CC: Victoria Councillors
Jocelyn Jenkyns