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Mayor, Wardens and Councillors
Yarmouth Town and Yarmouth County Municipalities
Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia

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Reopening of the former YMCA Pool

Dear Mayor, Wardens and Councillors,

The fact that there was a swimming pool in Yarmouth was a major factor when my wife and I decided to move to Yarmouth in 1974. I was a member of the YMCA, except for a year when we lived elsewhere, from that date until it closed in March of this year. For most of those years I used the pool for exercise purposes between two and five times a week. I conservatively estimate that I have swum approximately 10,000 kilometres in our pool over the years.

Swimming in our local pool is what I have missed most during the current pandemic.

While I'm naturally concerned for my own sake, I also know that there are many other dedicated swimmers in our town and county. I also understand that a larger pool may eventually be built as part of a Mariners Centre expansion – but that could be a number of years down the road.

Over the years vast numbers of school students have attended swimming classes at the YMCA and, given the fact that fishing is the major industry in our county and that we are blessed with many lakes and beaches, the importance of the residents of Yarmouth County being able to swim should be of critical concern to all local politicians.

I, therefore, sincerely urge you to make serious efforts to reopen the pool as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Ruff