

Need a pool to cool off

The following letter, addressed to Caledon Councillors Annette Groves and Rob Mezzapelli, was submitted to the Citizen for publication.

WHEW, it's a really hot summer this year, with record setting temperatures!

What is really ridiculous is that now that Caledon is down to two pools, instead of three, that both of them are "therapeutic pools" with 88°F temperatures, with pool area temperatures at approximately the same; something to do with avoiding mold.

I am a swimmer and use the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness pool year round, except during the summer, when it is simply too warm to be comfortable or even healthy. Returning to Mayfield Pool earlier this month, I was dismayed to find that now even Mayfield's pool temperature has been raised to match CCRW! The lifeguard informs that if I desire a "regular" swimming pool, I should go to Alder in Orangeville, or try the pools in Brampton.

My response was nothing, as I was totally disgusted. I pay taxes in Caledon to access facilities in my own community, which is a reasonable request.

Apparently it's the same old refrain: Parks and Recreation want "consistency" in the pools; but I would rather residents have "choice."

Why does Caledon need two therapeutic pools? We already have one at CCRW, so why not maintain Mayfield as an alternative for those of us who desire a "regular" swimming pool? Orangeville has two pools, one therapeutic and one a regular swimming pool; other municipalities give residents a choice of therapeutic pools or regular swimming pools.

Only in Caledon are residents limited to having both pools at 88°F, year round. In Toronto this month, pools are being kept open late for residents to "cool off" during this heat wave. But in Caledon, we are expected to swim in 88°F pools, even during the hot summer months. Oh yes, the showers at Mayfield are hot, then you go into a very warm pool, not at all healthy or comfortable, or necessary either!

Please address this issue. Maybe forward this email to Parks and Recreation management? But please do something about this latest change to Mayfield Pool. Give Caledon residents some choice here. Not all of us have cottages or backyard pools, and would enjoy cooling off in a local facility.

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