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Good Afternoon,

(I sent this to Mayor Windsor and the Councillors but had made an error in retyping the Municipal Hall email so this is a copy of that email)

In light of the exciting new developments taking place in Central Saanich, particularly in regards to the trails, parks, and active transportation, I would like to request for your consideration the addition of an outdoor pool. It may sound outlandish in the CRD to introduce the idea of an outdoor pool, but having so many water quality issues in our own lakes, and after growing up in Regina, Saskatchewan and some of my best childhood memories taking place at the outdoor swimming pools, it would be an incredible opportunity for Central Saanich to provide that recreational service to the region. Swimming facilities available to the public provide opportunities for our community members to learn vital swimming skills, promote health and fitness., increase community connections, and add value and variety to our region's recreational offerings that could be used by absolutely everyone (if designed appropriately). The new facility in Regina, Saskatchewan has been designed to be inclusive and accessible, where people who need rehabilitation or have varying physical abilities may use the facility. While the pool in Central Saanich would not need to be as elaborate, are we really going to let ourselves be outdone by a city that only has summer weather for 2.5 months of the year?

I have attached a CBC article to provide insight to what the facility has to offer:  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/wascana-pool-deep-dive-1.6859396>

Thank you for your consideration,  
Meghan Pullinger

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