



## MEETING SUMMARY

### AWG September 12, 2011

Over 40 people participated in the September 12, 2011 AWG meeting. This summary was written by Nicole Swerhun, Facilitator, and is intended to reflect the key points raised at the meeting. If you have any questions about the AWG, please contact Karen Pitre or Nicole Swerhun (see contact information in the margin).

#### 1. Role of the volunteer “Point person”/Pool Captain at the 33 pools leased by the City from the TDSB

**AWG members discussed whether “Pool Captains” should instead be identified as “Point Persons”. Three key tasks include:**

- A. Intelligence gathering for the pool, including getting a sense of how well the pool is used and if programming matches demand, including barriers to utilization (cultural, staffing, union, etc.)
- B. Liaise with the Principal, Parent Council community centre staff
- C. Have an understanding of the community demographics and their different pool-related needs/opportunities

**Pool Captains would benefit from having information on:**

- the hours available for permit (from the City) for the 33 pools
- the participation rates in City programs, and wait lists
- local community demographics and service providers

Speaking on behalf of AWG Chair David Crombie, Karen Pitre indicated that David has expressed his willingness to request this information from the City for the AWG.

**The AWG is able to support Pool Captains with:**

- Translation services (just let Karen or Nicole know what languages)
- A clear definition of their role, including creation of “template” or checklist for Pool Captains – the template could be 80% fixed and 20% flexible to respond to unique situations at each school
- An idea of how much time is required to fulfill the pool captain role
- A mentor

#### 2. Key Information in the Aquatic Framework

**AWG members would like to see the Aquatic Framework include:**

- A vision that at some point sees one administration body for all pools in the city (e.g. Swim Toronto)
- Proposing ways to work together better (City, TLC, TDSB, others) when budgets and community space are shrinking it’s important that we establish strategic relationships with other groups
- The Framework could propose a few test areas to show how the system could work (profiles of all pools, identify space available, propose ways to work together)

#### 3. Other key points raised during discussion included:

- It would be very helpful to have babysitting at AWG meetings to support more participation – may also benefit from translation at meetings
- Health inspection reports/data may be a good information source for pools

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