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COUNTY NEGOTIATES CONTRACT WITH SWIM CLUB TO PERMIT USE OF WELLNESS FACILITY FOR PRACTICES

ANNAPOLIS Co. MARCH 16, 2010 –County Council has unanimously approved a motion authorizing county staff to negotiate a contract with the Cornwallis Stingrays Swim Club, which would allow them access to the wellness centre for practice purposes. Council was asked to consider renting the pool to the swim club in an effort for the team to maintain a regular training schedule without having to leave the County.

The Swim Club is an independent, not-for-profit society incorporated in April 2009. The club is fully registered with Swim Nova Scotia and it is open to youth aged 7-22. The swimmers have been training extremely hard over the last three years, some of them now swimming at a high level which is attracting the attention of university coaches.

In a letter dated March 9th, Bette El-Hawary, Executive Director Swim Nova Scotia, said the Cornwallis Stingrays swim club is a relatively new member with Swim Nova Scotia; however they have doubled in size since their inception with great community support.

“The young people and coaches on the Cornwallis Stingrays swim team should be very proud of the accomplishments they have achieved. Council is very proud of them,” said Annapolis County Deputy Warden Reg Ritchie. “We (Council) also recognize that the club is entering the most important time of the competitive swimming season. It is important they are able to maintain an aggressive training regiment to stay competitive in upcoming meets. The swim club members and coaches are wonderful ambassadors for the County as they travel to these competitions.”

Upon approval of the contract, the swim club will have use of the pool 10 hours/week (Monday thru Friday, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.) until June 10, 2010.

Jane Fowler, President of the Cornwallis Stingray Swim Club, said they are very pleased with the arrangements as it will allow them to train in the area rather than travel to pools outside the County. Also, they are anxiously anticipating the potential new governance model for the facility.

“The swim club is looking forward to welcoming the YMCA to our community and hope that the team will be able to work closely with Council to ensure the success of the facility. We shall strive to increase our numbers and be proud to support and represent the partnership between the County of Annapolis and the YMCA. The Club would like to offer our assistance in making the transition go smoothly”

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