

1. First thing someone sees:

1. Wading pool file cover – pictures of wading pools with small topics like newspaper print pasted over them:
 - what makes a wading pool work?
 - Laws that help and get in the way of wading pools that work
 - Capital projects

Documents referencing wading pools

- we click on any of the 3 choices above.
- If we click on laws, here's what we might see:
 - Two problems arose when the Ministry of Health exceeded its legal authority to regulate swimming pools, through its enforcement of the Non-Regulated Recreational Water Facilities Guidance <http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/504>
 - [can click on any of the links to a) below]
 - Wading pools closed on hot days and holidays, to save budget money? [<http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/99>]
 - Bureaucratic rules hinder parks run by the most competent, experienced, knowledgeable staff!!

<http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/56>

- a) Parents and caregivers across the city were most unhappy when the city closed the wading pools early this summer, [link
- a) and 2 local neighbourhood parks have lost experienced, knowledgeable staff because of PFR's frequently changing requirements for staff training and "certification"
 - stories:
 - in past – what it looked like [no record in database]
 - record re: constantly changing requirements [Leslie and Heidrun]
 - competent staff are lost [need record]
 - staff reviews of wading pool training [need record]

Questions about how laws and policies work now, and different choices we might want to consider:

- a) do we want certification in the first place? The name implies a great deal – yet anyone can use the word in this context
- why has this route been chosen? What is the underlying problem?
 - Wading pools – no drownings
 - no serious injuries at wading pools
 - based on provincial Ministry of Health “guidelines’ which have been drafted and enforced beyond the Ministry’s legal authority and outside of approved funding by law-makers
- what is the process for deciding to go the certification route?

What are benefits and costs of an emphasis on certification in public space at present?

Are we willing to continue to pay these costs?

What are the alternatives?

- link [if it ain't broke, don't fix it – letter from park user]
- If it involves our public resources, has there been an open sharing of relevant background information and hard data, the costs of this de facto regulation – both in terms of public monies and the liveliness and responsiveness we want in our public spaces, and public discussion about where and for whom it is a problem and alternatives that fit with local communities? (link to the policy-making principles)

What needs to be considered and/or changed in the database re: wading pools:

<http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/252> – has stuff in OHPPA re: “public pools” but isn't complete – needs remaining stuff from public pools regulations

<http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/505> – author? Where does this criteria come from? Link to actual document in entirety.

<http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/363> – re: toplessness – this would probably go into miscellaneous “the weird, the wonderful, the difficult to classify...”

- also would be linked in a file: “misinterpreting & mistakes about what the law says”

<http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/626> [also <http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/630>, <http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/627>, <http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/629> <http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/628>]

– these both need to be put elsewhere, with source - Where is it from? Author? Date?

<http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/626>

- If the information is still up to date and relevant ***[this is a big issue re: all records, especially legal], we need to consider making this a separate record:

– Mission:

Swim Toronto is a collaborative initiative of the TLC, TDSB and Aquatic Working Group (AWG) that is committed to:

- ▲ School pools serving Toronto communities,
- ▲ Pools being a community asset that contribute to strong communities and neighbourhoods, and
- ▲ Delivering a governance model that will be effective in meeting both the governance and long-term sustainability needs of pools.

Mandate:

The mandate of Swim Toronto is:

- ▲ To develop policies that will help sustain the pools over time, including a sponsorship policy and plan, a permitting strategy, and a fundraising strategy and policy.
- ▲ To coordinate the Aquatics Working Group.
- ▲ To liaise with the TDSB administrative, programming and maintenance staff.
- ▲ To oversee and monitor capital repairs (to pools).
- ▲ To set the annual budget for pools, which will be approved by the TLC and the TDSB.
- ▲ To monitor permit revenues.
- ▲ To identify sustainable sources of funding.
- ▲ To support local pool committees.
- ▲ To work with the TDSB to conduct a review of the square footage funding policy for pools, and place an emphasis on increasing programming to increase permit revenues.
- ▲ To work with the TDSB to deliver semi-annual information meetings to all key pool-related TDSB staff (including principals and superintendents) to discuss pool-specific matters.

<http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/75>

- has only 1 entry re: wading pools budget
- can we pdf this spreadsheet and file under wading pools – budgets and capital projects?

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From **Jutta Mason** to Gord Andrews, Manager in the Parks Development and Infrastructure Management Section.

Thanks for calling me today.

Here is what we need from you:

1. your current spreadsheet of capital budget playground projects, similar in layout to this wading pool master list:

<http://celos.ca/wiki/uploads/CityParks/ParksForestryRecreationCapitalBudget2007.pdf> This wading pool document seems to include most WP capital projects, not only new pools but also lesser repairs. I'm guessing that you would have the same format for your playground spreadsheets.

- same with <http://publicrules.ca/documents/record/310> – Dogs off-leash policy – will we highlight the key parts of the document, or leave people to find it themselves?

Off-leash areas shall not be established within the following areas:

- ▲ playgrounds, splash pads and wading pools