



Aquatic Services Update – January 2010 Bulletin

The County of Brant initiated an aquatic needs assessment and feasibility study to help determine what future aquatic services should be provided to residents and visitors of the County of Brant. Phase One of the report by Clem Pelot Consulting addressed the immediate question of whether the Paris Community Pool could be operated during the 2009 season, the estimated cost of repairs needed to reopen the pool and any risk the County might incur by doing so. The Phase One report confirmed that repairing the Paris Community Pool was not a viable option that the County of Brant should pursue. The \$100,000 or greater investment needed to undertake minimal repairs and cover the operating costs of the Paris Community Pool in 2009 would have been difficult to justify, based on the anticipated 13,000 to 15,000 uses. During Phase Two, the Consultants evaluated the feasibility of replacing the Paris Community Pool with a new indoor or outdoor swimming pool, using a practical framework to evaluate the costs and benefits of developing a new aquatic facility. Public consultation formed an important part of this second phase, including a series of interviews with community stakeholder groups, a public survey and a public meeting to present the study's findings and conclusions.

Clem Pelot Consulting final report recommended that the County of Brant pursue the development of a new indoor pool at the Twin Pad Complex site within the next five years and extend the subsidy to County residents for use of Brantford pools beyond 2009 as an interim measure.

For more information on the study click on the link below or contact Lesley Atkinson, Recreation Manager at 519.442.6324 ext 3031.

**County of Brant Aquatic Needs
Assessment and Feasibility Study Results Link**