

August 10, 2014

Bid Package

*2016 International
Gay and Lesbian
Aquatics Championships*



Hello

Dear IGLA Members,

We have been honoured by the amount of support our community has shown us in the preparation to bid for the 2016 championships. We are confident that you will experience a spectacular event in 2016. Since 1999, Making Waves Swim Club has been dedicated to advancing the participation of gays and lesbians and their friends in the aquatic sports of swimming and water polo (since 2013).

Events included in these championships will be swimming, diving, water polo, synchronized swimming, pink flamingo, and open water swimming. We are also very excited to host memorable social events throughout the week.

We ask that you vote for Edmonton for these key reasons:

- 1) We truly have the support of our city, volunteer base, and the experience to host a world class event.
- 2) We have a world class facility that can host all the events only minutes away from our downtown core.
- 3) We have already secured at least \$25,000 in funding, have a proven track record of making swimming accessible to all, and will work hard to keep participant fees, accommodation and travel costs low.

Please review this bid package and start making your travel arrangements to Edmonton, a beautiful destination in August. We look forward to working with IGLA to ensure these championships are both successful and memorable!

Sincerely,



Edmonton IGLA 2016 Bidding Committee Co-Chairs



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*“Edmontonians embrace each other,
no matter who they are... seeing that
kind of spirit of inclusion in our city
is really wonderful.”*

– Mayor Don Iveson



Our City.

Edmonton loves sports and culture. This city has a long history of hosting major events. Not only do Edmontonians come out by the thousands as spectators, they are passionate and experienced volunteers who will help you deliver something unforgettable.

Edmonton is the capital of the Canadian province of Alberta. The city is located on the North Saskatchewan River in the central region of the province, an area with some of the most fertile farmland on the prairies. It is the second largest city in Alberta after Calgary, and is the hub of Canada's sixth-largest census metropolitan area.

In 2012, the city had a population of 817,498, and its census metropolitan area had a population of 1,159,869, making it the northernmost North American city with a metropolitan population over one million.

It is also home to North America's largest mall, West Edmonton Mall, home to over 800 stores and services, more than 100 eating establishments, 10 attractions including an indoor waterpark, amusement park, and ice rink, and two great hotels.

Experience first-hand North America's largest urban parkland, the continent's largest shopping and entertainment centre, and so much more - see for yourself why Trip Advisor named us one of Canada's top desti-



Check out this YouTube video about Edmonton:

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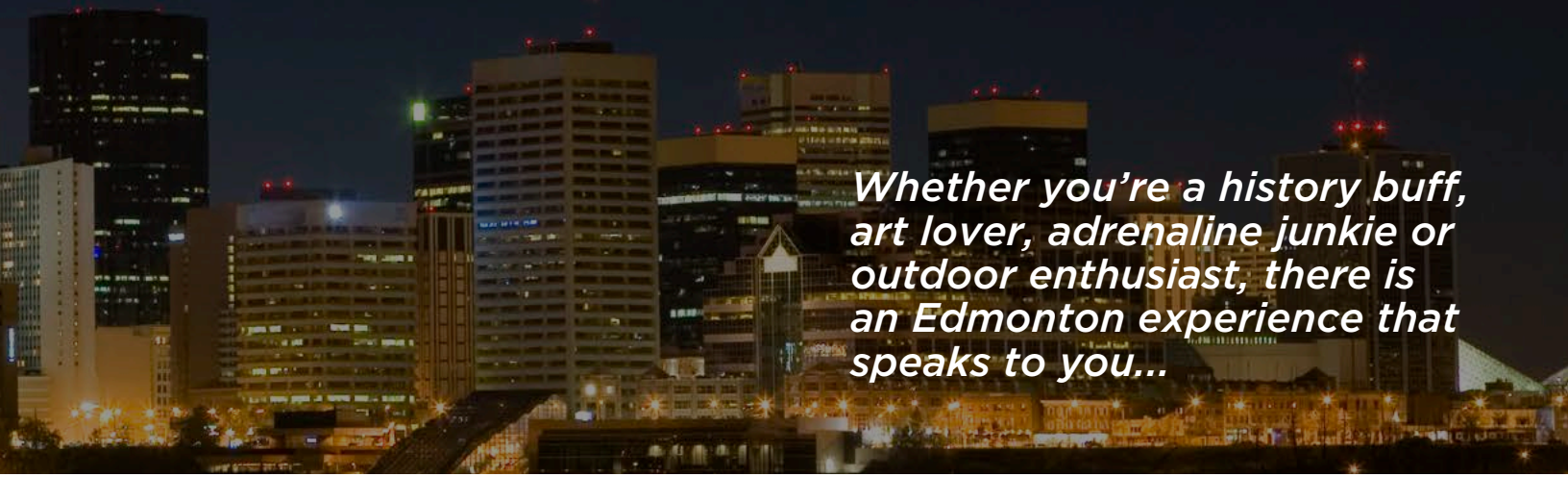


nations. Many events are anchored in the downtown Arts District, centred around Churchill Square (named in honour of Sir Winston Churchill). Jasper Avenue is the city's "mainstreet". It runs through downtown and the neighbourhood of Oliver until it reaches 124 Street and has most of the gay nightlife. Jasper Avenue is a major public transit route as several of Edmonton's busiest bus routes travel along it. On the south side of the river, the University district and Whyte Avenue contain theatres, concert halls, and various music venues.

Edmonton City Centre Mall is your downtown destination of choice for shopping, dining and enjoying Edmonton's urban centre. Convenient underground parking, a wide selection of stores and a trendy downtown buzz is Edmonton's premier urban shopping centre.

Summer highs can reach 35°C (96°F), and typically, summer lasts from late June until early September, and the humidity is seldom uncomfortably high. On average Edmonton receives 2,299 hours of bright

sunshine per year and is one of Canada's sunniest cities. The month of August is characterized by daily highs around 23°C (73.4°F), exceeding 27°C (80.6°F) or dropping below 15°C (59°F), only one day in ten. Daily low temperatures range from 9°C (48°F) to 13°C (55.4°F), falling below 6°C (43°F) or exceeding 15°C (59°F) only one day in ten. Average rainfall in August is 69mm (2.7").



Whether you're a history buff, art lover, adrenaline junkie or outdoor enthusiast, there is an Edmonton experience that speaks to you...



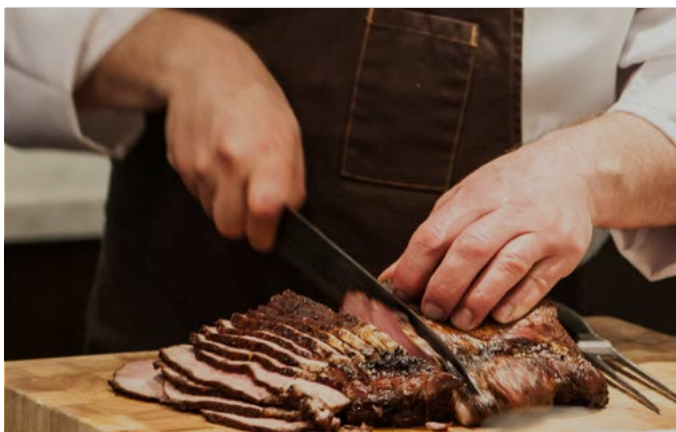
Old Strathcona

Named one of Canada's 10 best shopping districts



West Edmonton Mall

North America's largest shopping and entertainment complex



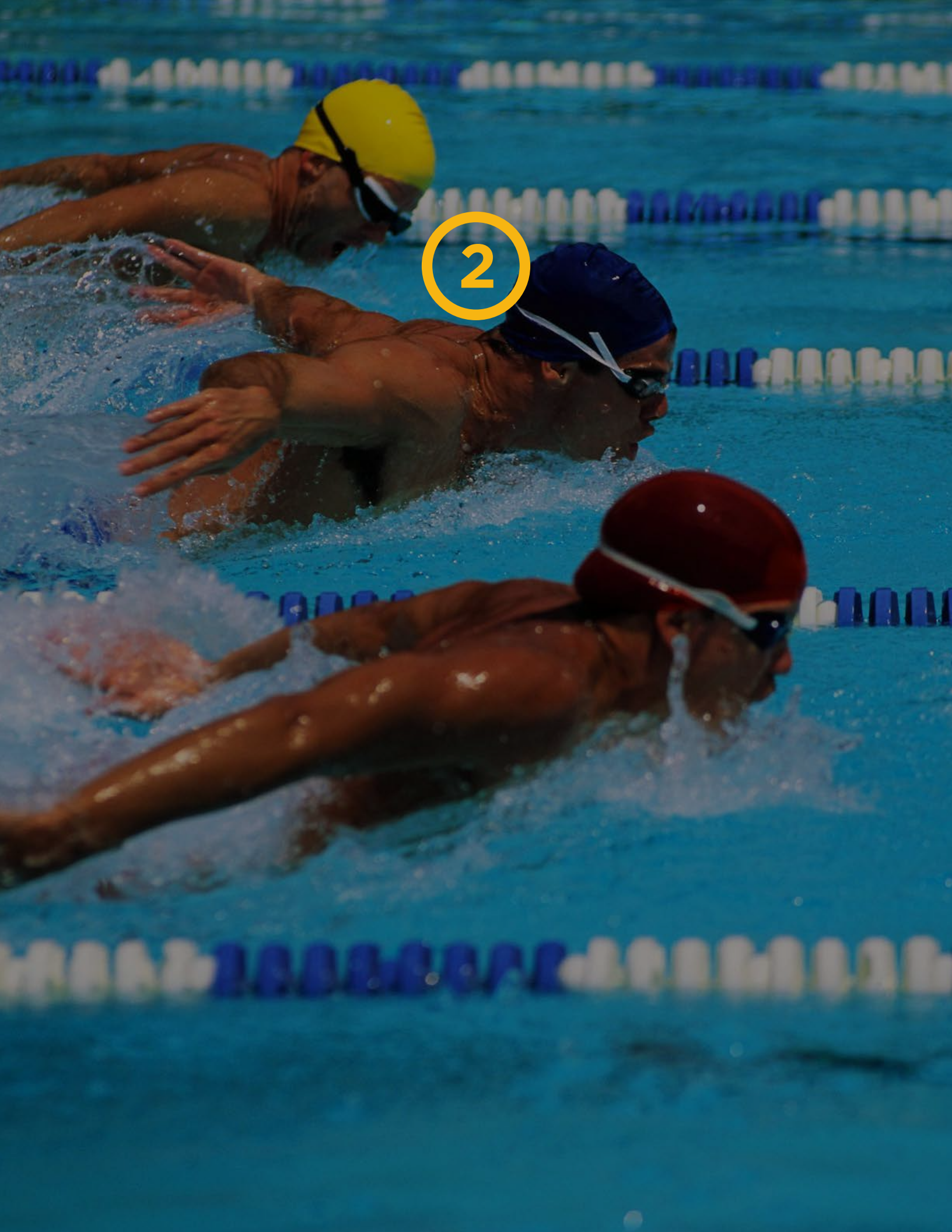
Nightlife and Dining

More than 2000 restaurants, pubs, cafes and bistros



For more information on our city:

<http://www.exploredmonton.com>



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Making Waves.

The Making Waves Swim Club and water polo team is Edmonton's masters swim club for the gay and lesbian community and their friends. Since 1999, their mission has been to promote the masters' swimming philosophy of "Fun, Fitness, Friendship & Participation" in a gay positive and supportive environment for all swimmers.

The team first competed at the IGLA in Toronto in 2001, followed by other gay meets such as the Gay Games in Sydney 2002, IGLA San Francisco 2003, the 2006 World Outgames in Montreal, the Calgary North American Outgames in 2007, IGLA 2008 in Washington D.C., Copenhagen World Outgames in 2009, and IGLA 2013 in Seattle. We have supported local meets from other gay clubs such as English Bay, Different Strokes Calgary, and Downtown Swim Club in Toronto. We also compete at local meets and provincial and national Master Championships.



Check out our website:

www.makingwavesswimclub.ca





Committee Members



Mike Stansberry is one of the original founders and long-time members of the Making Waves Swim Club. As a young competitive swimmer, he

fell in love with the sport and the many friendships he developed over the years. Mike first competed in the 2001 IGLA in Toronto followed by the 2002 Gay Games and has been an active promoter of swimming and water polo in the Edmonton gay community ever since. Mike has been the Meet Manager for several of the club's annual swim meets, was the Meet Manager for Alberta Provincial Masters Championships twice, and assisted with the organizing of the 2004 Canadian Masters Swimming Championships and the 2005 World Masters Games, both at the Kinsmen Sports Centre. Mike is a relationship builder with great organizational skills and will ensure that we have a successful event.



Justin Shields grew up in New Zealand but has called Edmonton home for the past five years. He joined Making Waves Swim Club in 2010 and

has served on its executive committee since 2011, he currently holds the position of co-president. Justin has swam competitively at the age group level in New Zealand and as a Masters swimmer in Canada.

He joined the Making Waves Water Polo team in its founding year, 2013. Justin works as a technician in a medical research laboratory at the University of Alberta. In his spare time he enjoys being outdoors - both in the summer and winter.



Elaine LeBuke has been involved in competitive swimming much of her life. Elaine swam at both the age group and collegiate level. After retirement

from her early swimming career, Elaine coached both age group and masters swimming and volunteered at numerous swim meets and fundraisers over the years. Elaine is one of the original members of the Making Waves Swim Club and a new addition to its water polo team. Elaine has also served as a MWSC board member and has an interest in promoting women's participation in sport.



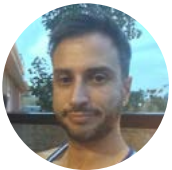
Garth Brunt has been a member of the Making Waves Swim Club for the past 8 years. Garth spent two years on the executive as the Co-President.

He has also been active with Team Edmonton the LGBTQ sports and recreation group that promotes and supports groups in Edmonton; Garth spent 5 years on the Board of Team Edmonton. Garth is active in other sports through Team Edmonton including the Frontrunners, tennis, and water polo.



Shauna Konelsky joined Making Waves' swim team and water polo team in 2013. She has worked in the technical broadcast field for several

years, and has been swimming for most of her life, competing provincially in her earlier years. Previously, she held NLS certifications & taught swimming to all ages & user abilities including adaptive aquatics. Usually found in or around water in her spare time- she also enjoys kayaking, and other water sports.



Marino Coco has been a school teacher in Edmonton for nearly 10 years. Between instructing his students in music, history or French, Marino

has organized many large scale events for his school district from concerts and open houses to sport tournaments. Marino has coached many successful volleyball and soccer teams along with conducting bands in festivals and competitions. After 16 years of being out of the pool, Marino got back into swimming, as he once was a member of his fledgling high school team.



Keith Andony is the current President of the Team Edmonton Sports Association and past Vice-President.

As a founding member of the organization Keith has helped to support a variety of established and emerging GLBTQ sports and recreation groups in Edmonton. He has participated and assisted with volleyball, yoga, swimming, water polo, snowboarding, cross country skiing, self defense, running, outdoor pursuits, abs, bootcamp and dodgeball. Keith has also competed in several international gay and lesbian sporting events. Keith Andony coordinates surgical education programs at the Centre for the Advancement of Minimally Invasive Surgery for Alberta Health Services.



Brandon Kerfoot (Treasurer) has been a member of the Making Waves Swim Club since 2012 and has been treasurer since 2013. A bit of a late bloomer,

Brandon got hooked on swimming while working at the World Waterpark in West Edmonton Mall and quickly became a lifeguard, instructor, competitive swimmer, and water polo player. He is also the communications intern for Team Edmonton, a non-profit organization that promotes LGBTQ sporting and recreational activities in Edmonton. Brandon is completing a Ph.D in English at the University of Alberta and is almost done paying tuition forever.



Greg Zukiwsky has been swimming with Making Waves for almost 10 years. He has volunteered in many capacities for swim meets for the team and for

other masters swim meets in the Edmonton area. Greg and his partner specialize in hosting large dinner parties for the swimmers and volunteers after the Making Waves swim meets. Greg is a teacher and is currently an assistant principal with Edmonton Public Schools. In his other lives, Greg has volunteered and served on the executive boards of local dance and theatre companies. He is excited to bring IGLA to Edmonton!



Paul Giang is the head water polo coach for the Making Waves Swim Club. He grew up exploring Edmonton's landscape, which led him to become an ecologist and urbanist. After studying in Montreal and India, he came back to Edmonton to rediscover and

share what he loves about the city. Paul previously was a member of À Contre-Courant water polo in Montreal and is excited to bring IGLA's international league of champagne water polo to Edmonton.



Brian Stearns (Secretary) is currently part of the executive of Making Waves Swim Club, serving as Secretary. He has been swimming with the team for three years, and this past year, developed a love of water polo during the club's inaugural season for the sport. Before moving to Edmonton, he was a member of the Downtown Swim Club in Toronto. He first attended the IGLA Championships in 2013 in Seattle, and he is competing in Gay Games 9 in Cleveland. Out of the pool, Brian also enjoys running and yoga and is a librarian at the University of Alberta.



Craig Volkerink (Co-President) is a born and raised Edmontonian who began swimming at the age of three, spending his summers practically living in the water. His love of the water has grown over time into a love of all things fitness, spending much of his free time developing a healthy, fitness oriented lifestyle and even serving as former President of the Making Waves Swim Club. Craig earned a degree in Marketing from the University of Alberta, and spent three years working in media sponsorship. He currently owns and operates his own company in oilfield industrial sales and will soon start his certification in personal training and nutrition.



John Toogood (Co-President) has practiced law in Edmonton for 20 years, working with real estate and commercial transactions, estate planning and advising charities and not-for-profit organizations. He has a Masters in Public Administration from Dalhousie University and his law degree from University of Alberta. He is active in the community, having been Co-President of the Making Waves Swim Team and currently as an executive member of the Pride Festival Society board. John is dad to two wonderful daughters, aged 18 and 20.



Colin Soskolne (Secretary) has been an active member of Making Waves Swim Club since about 2003 and took the role of secretary of the Club for two years. He hails from South Africa and moved to Philadelphia in 1978 where he obtained his PhD in 1982 in epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania. Colin recently retired as Professor emeritus from the University of Alberta and has worked in research and training around the world for four decades and was a pioneer in Canada in AIDS research and in both professional and public education and in advocacy through the 1980s. In his professional capacity, he has organized numerous scientific conferences both in Edmonton and around the world.



Jeff Chase has been a member of the Making Waves Swim Team executive for one year. As a new swimmer, Jeff has enjoyed joining a friendly and positive team with a focus on skill development, comradery and friendship. Jeff is an Urban Planner with the City of Edmonton and is thrilled to invite the international community to this thriving city.

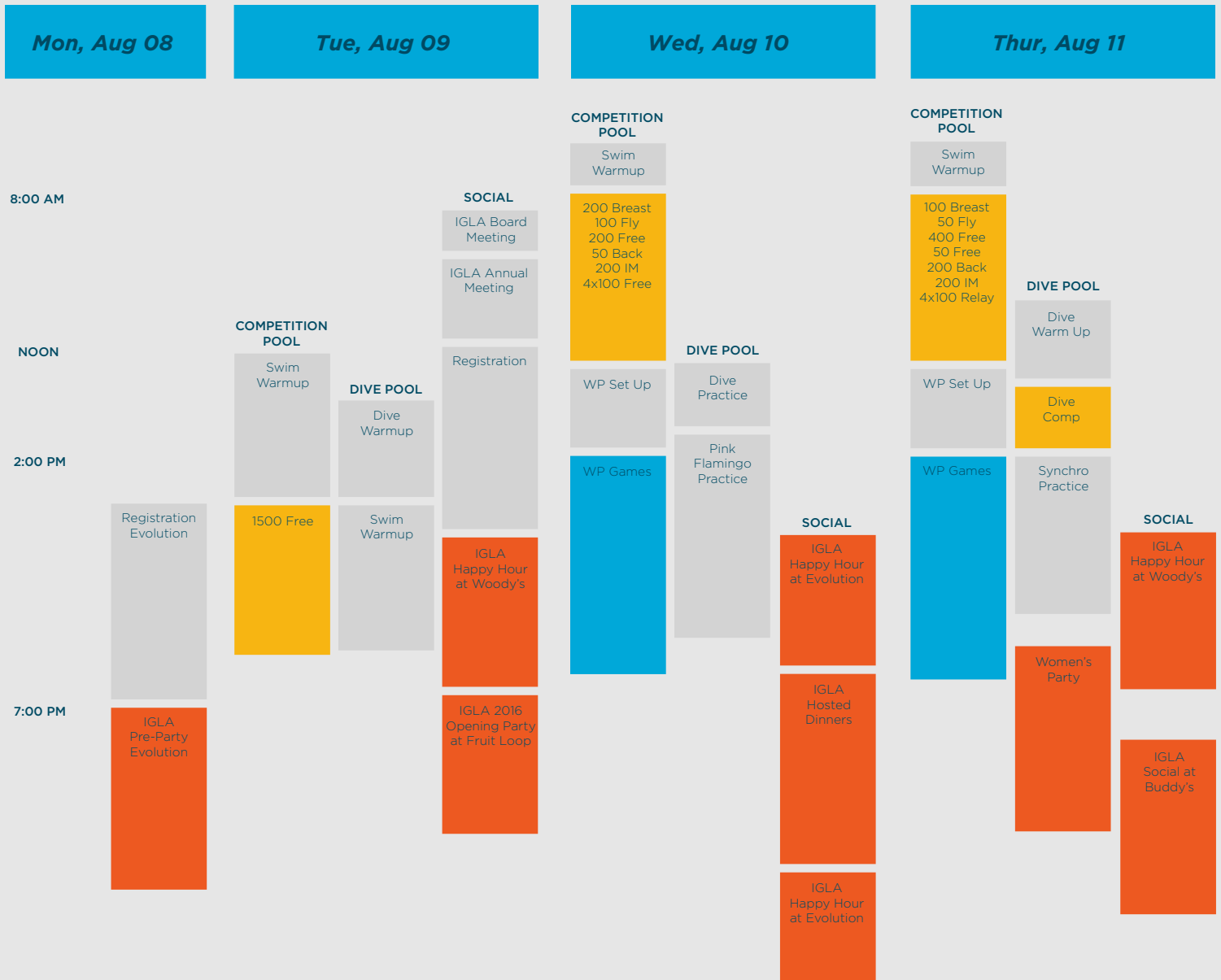
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Schedule.

Here is a better idea of what the week will look like!



Fri, Aug 12

Sat, Aug 13

Sun, Aug 14

COMPETITION POOL

Swim Warmup

600 Free
400 Free
Relay
100 Back
100 IM
4x50 Relay

WP Set Up

WP Games

DIVE POOL

Swim Warmup

Dive Warm Up

Dive Comp

Syncro Warm Up

Syncro Comp

Flamingo Practice

SOCIAL

Swim Warmup

Pink Flamingo Practice

IGLA Happy Hour at Woody's

IGLA Social

COMPETITION POOL

Swim Warmup

400 IM
100 Free
200 Fly
50 Breast
4x50 Free

WP Set Up

WP Games

WP Set Up

WP Games

DIVE POOL

Syncro Warm Up

Syncro Comp

Dive Warm Up

Dive Exhibition

Dive Warm Up

Dive Exhibition

Pink Flamingo

DECK/WARM UP

Pink Flamingo Practice

SOCIAL

Beer Gardens

Cocktail Hour

Awards Banquet

IGLA 2016 Pure Pride Closing Party

Open Water Swim

Brunch Social

Awards Banquet

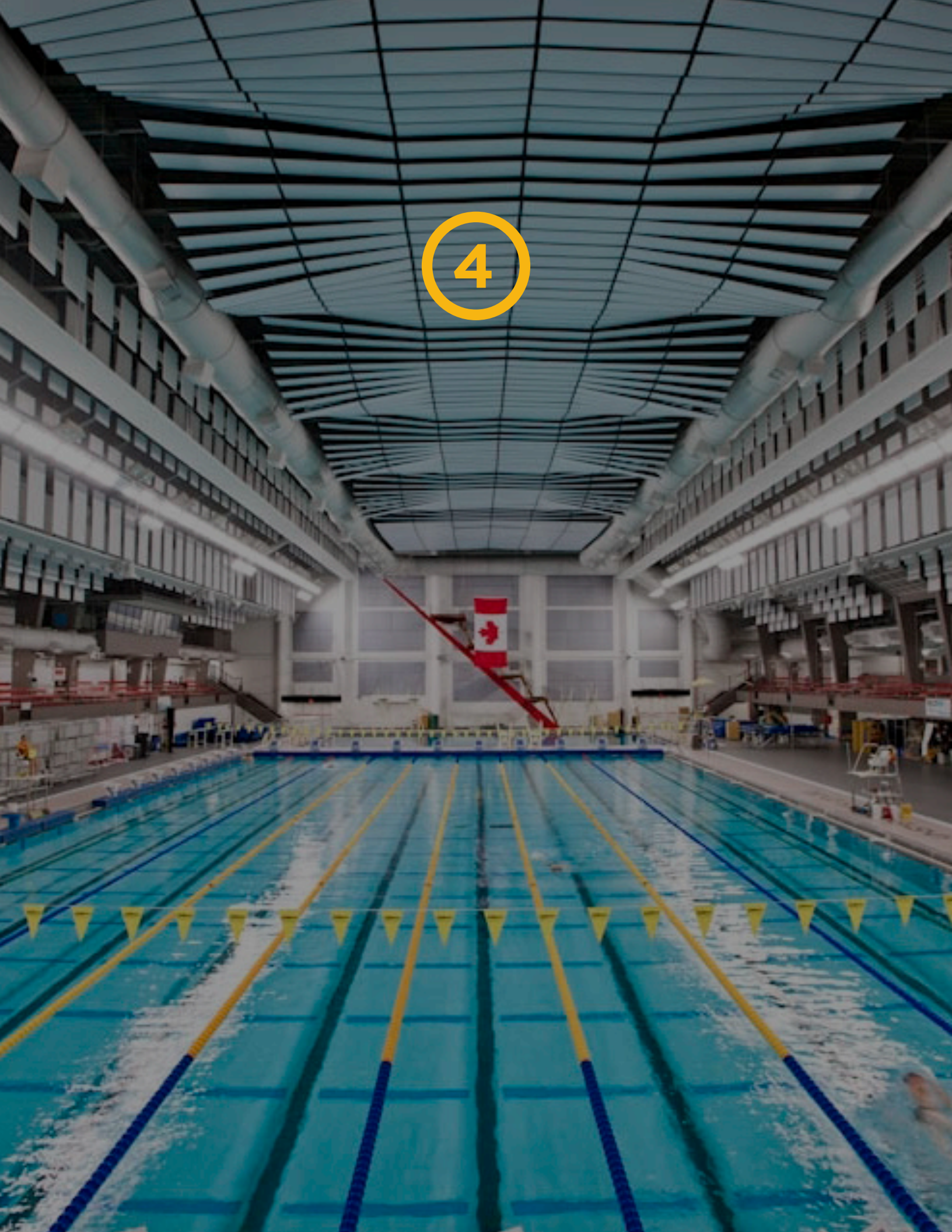
8:00 AM

NOON

2:00 PM

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Kinsmen Centre.

The Kinsmen Sport Centre is nestled in the Edmonton's scenic river valley, only minutes away from the downtown core. Playing host to local and world competition and training activities, the Kinsmen Sport Centre is also the primary Edmonton destination for individuals of all ages aspiring to take personal fitness to a new level.

Kinsmen is located 5 minutes away from downtown Edmonton (20 minute walk) and is easily accessed by public transit. Past sporting events hosted by Edmonton include the 1978 Commonwealth Games, the 1983 World University Games (Universiade), and the 2005 World Master Games.



Watch the Kinsmen Reach Higher video on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plxgnwy9ROE>

Aquatics Clubs

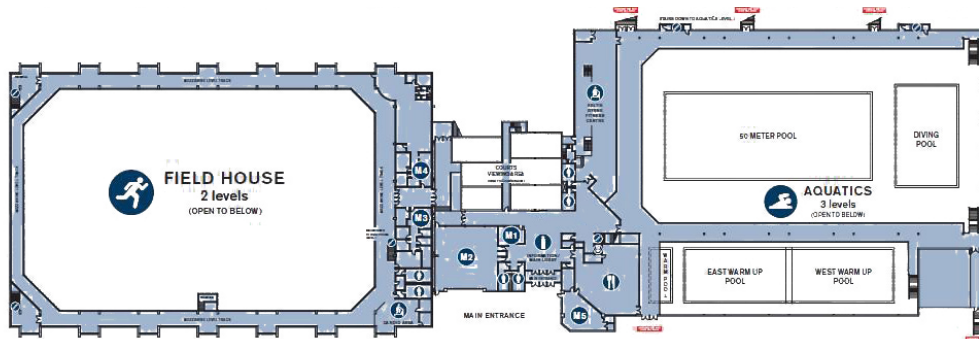
There are 4 aquatic clubs operating out of offices at the Kinsmen Sports Centre:

- Edmonton Aurora Synchro
- Edmonton Keyano Swim Club
- Edmonton Springboard and Platform Diving Club
- Sport for Life

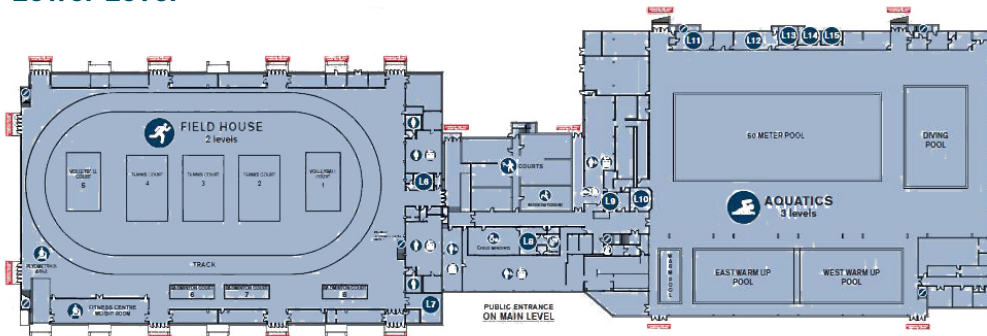
Aquatics

- 50m competitive tank swimming pool (convertible to 2x25m format)
Depth: 2m
- 50m swimming pool (convertible to 2x25m format) Depth: 1 - 1.3m
- Warm water teach pool Depth: 0.9m
- Dive tank Depth: 4.9m
- Diving spring boards (4x3m, 6x1m)
- Diving Platforms (3m, 5m, 7.5m, 10m)
- Queen Elizabeth Outdoor Pool

Main Level



Lower Level



Outdoor Facilities

- Tennis courts
- Queen Elizabeth Outdoor Pool
- Spray park
- Playground
- Sports fields

Indoor Facilities

- Change rooms
- Sauna
- Kids Den (child minding), Indoor Play Space Kin Kids Fitness Centre
- Keltie Byrne fitness centre
- Fitness monitoring
- Fitness appraisals
- Personal training
- Exercise consultation
- Program studio
- 3 meeting rooms
- eZone public wireless internet connection
- Complimentary wallet and purse lockers in lobby
- Kinsmen Sports Centre Physical

Therapy Clinic

- Moo's Healthy Food Fast
- Running Room
- Kinsmen Massage Therapy

Accessibility

- 6 accessible parking stalls
- Safe drop off and pick up
- Curb cut
- Wheelchair ramp to door
- 18 stairs to door
- Main entrance is the most accessible door
- Wheelchair accessible washrooms
- Access phone
- Elevator
- Accessible change rooms
- Accessible spectator viewing
- Access to steam room, sauna and fitness centre
- Family change rooms
- Accessible washroom stalls
- Shower bench
- Mechanical transfer lift
- Pool deck and lift
- Portable stairs

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Hawrelak Park.

Hawrelak Park is a 68 hectare park in the river valley featuring a 5 ha. lake and open grassy areas. The park hosts several major festivals and events over the summer including the Heritage Festival, River City Shakespeare Festival, International Blues Festival, Pets in the Park, and Symphony Under the Sky. It also hosted the 2012, 2013 ITU Triathlon World Cup, and is host to the 2014 ITU Triathlon World Cup Grand Final in September 2014. In January 2013, Edmonton City Council approved an additional \$1.3-million in funding to make upgrades to Hawrelak Lake (lake draining and deepening), spectator area, improved grounds, etc. Conditions for the 2012 ITU Triathlon World Cup race were a no-wetsuit swim, air temperature 31°C (88°F), water temperature 24.2°C (75.5°F).



Amenities

- Sheltered pavilion with indoor washrooms (open 8am-10pm daily)
- Picnic sites
- Lake
- Paddleboats
- Food concession in the main pavilion
- Playground
- Access to running, hiking and bike trails
- Parking (limited during festivals and events)

Accessibility

- Accessible main entrance
- Partially accessible phone
- Lower service counters
- Curb cuts in parking
- Safe drop-off/pick up area
- Designated parking
- Wheelchair accessible washrooms
- Accessible pathways
- Partially accessible picnic areas and playground areas and fountains



Watch the 2014 Triathlon World Final:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9pA2rE8xBk>

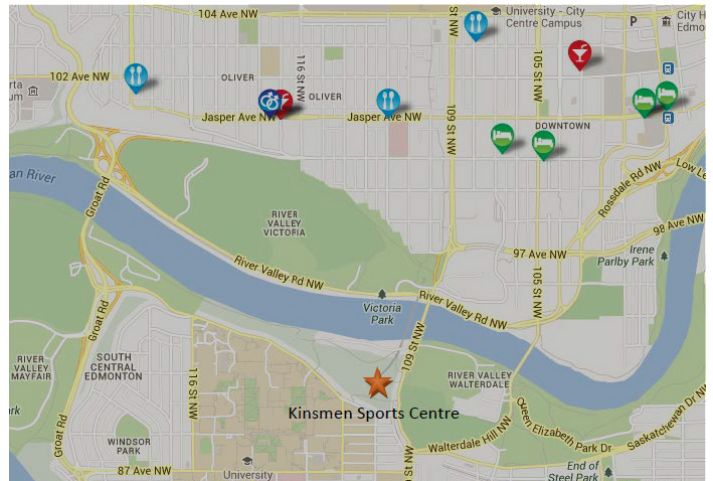


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Community.

The **gay scene** in Edmonton is a tight knit community with a number of gay bars, as well as gay friendly bars, pubs, and cafes where you feel right at home.



Most of the gay bars are located downtown within walking distance of major hotels. As you can see, the Kinsmen Sports Centre and Hawrelak Park are close to the downtown core and the University of Alberta:

- **Buddy's Night Club** fun dance space downstairs with a younger crowd on weekends.
11725 Jasper Avenue.
- **Woody's Video Bar** Neighborhood bar feel with a great happy hour. Located right above Buddy's, this casual bar is popular for happy hour and its regular karaoke.
11723 Jasper Avenue.
- **Evolution WonderLounge** is the next step in Edmonton's GLBT nightlife, combining Vegas with Circus to deliver world class events and nightly entertainment. Come down, drink up.
10220-103 Street.



Parties

We have the support from Woody's, Buddy's, Up Stares, Fruit Loop, and Evolution to each host official IGLA parties Monday night through Friday night with Pure Pride hosting the closing party at the Starlite Room.

Hosted Dinners/Hosted Housing

On Wednesday night, members from Team Edmonton will organize hosted dinners. Team Edmonton will also help to arrange hosted housing for those with modest means. Team Edmonton is a volunteer-operated, non-profit society serving primarily members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered communities but open to friends and supporters of GLBT community. The primary focus of Team Edmonton is to provide our membership and supporters with access to well organized and fun sporting events and other recreational activities that allow them to participate and interact in a positive social framework. Team Edmonton was formed by representatives from the GLBT sports in Edmonton in 2006 in response to better serve the needs of the community.

Currently, there are close to 30 different sports and recreational activities coordinated through Team Edmonton!

Pure Pride Party

Making Waves has partnered with Pure Pride Entertainment, based out of Edmonton to host the Saturday night closing party. Pure Pride shows have become well known throughout Canada and the US as fun, sexy, unique world class gay party experiences. Pure Pride 2013 in Edmonton was one of Canada's hottest Pride events starring RuPaul Drag Race Allstars Star JuJubee plus porn superstar Seth Knight & friends. DJs Nick Bertossi, D3VIANT, DJ Dopamine on the Main stage with classic retro music and drag numbers in the retro room.

Gay Rights

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) rights in Canada are the most advanced in the Americas. LGBT Canadians have most of the same legal rights as non-LGBT citizens, and are extended more legal rights than many other nations where homosexuality is legal. Since 2005, Canada has offered marriage rights nationwide to same-sex couples. Canada was the third nation in the world where same-sex marriages were legally performed (commencing in 2003 in the province of Ontario), the fourth nation in the world to perform same-sex marriages nationwide.

Social attitudes towards the LGBT community are generally positive in urban areas. Canada's LGBT-positive policies began to be implemented by former Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau during

his time as federal justice minister in 1967 "there's no place for the state in the bedrooms of the nation".

Edmonton Pride Week

Edmonton's Pride week is organized by the Edmonton Pride Festival Society, a non-profit organization, and is currently held in early June each year. Unlike many pride parades which are held at the end of their associated festival week, Edmonton Pride hosts its parade near the opening of the event, and the festival instead closes with a public brunch event hosted by the Mayor. As well, the Edmonton Pride Festival Society frequently chooses to designate community groups, rather than individuals, as the grand marshals of its parade; in 2012, the parade was led by the trustees of the Edmonton Public School Board, and in 2013 the event was led by the Pride Centre of Edmonton, the city's main LGBT community centre. The 2013 festival was opened with the raising of the rainbow flag at Canadian Forces Base Edmonton, the first time in Canadian history that the flag was flown at a Canadian military base. The pride parade goes through downtown and concludes with an event at Churchill Square. An estimated 30,000 spectators turned out for the 2013 event.



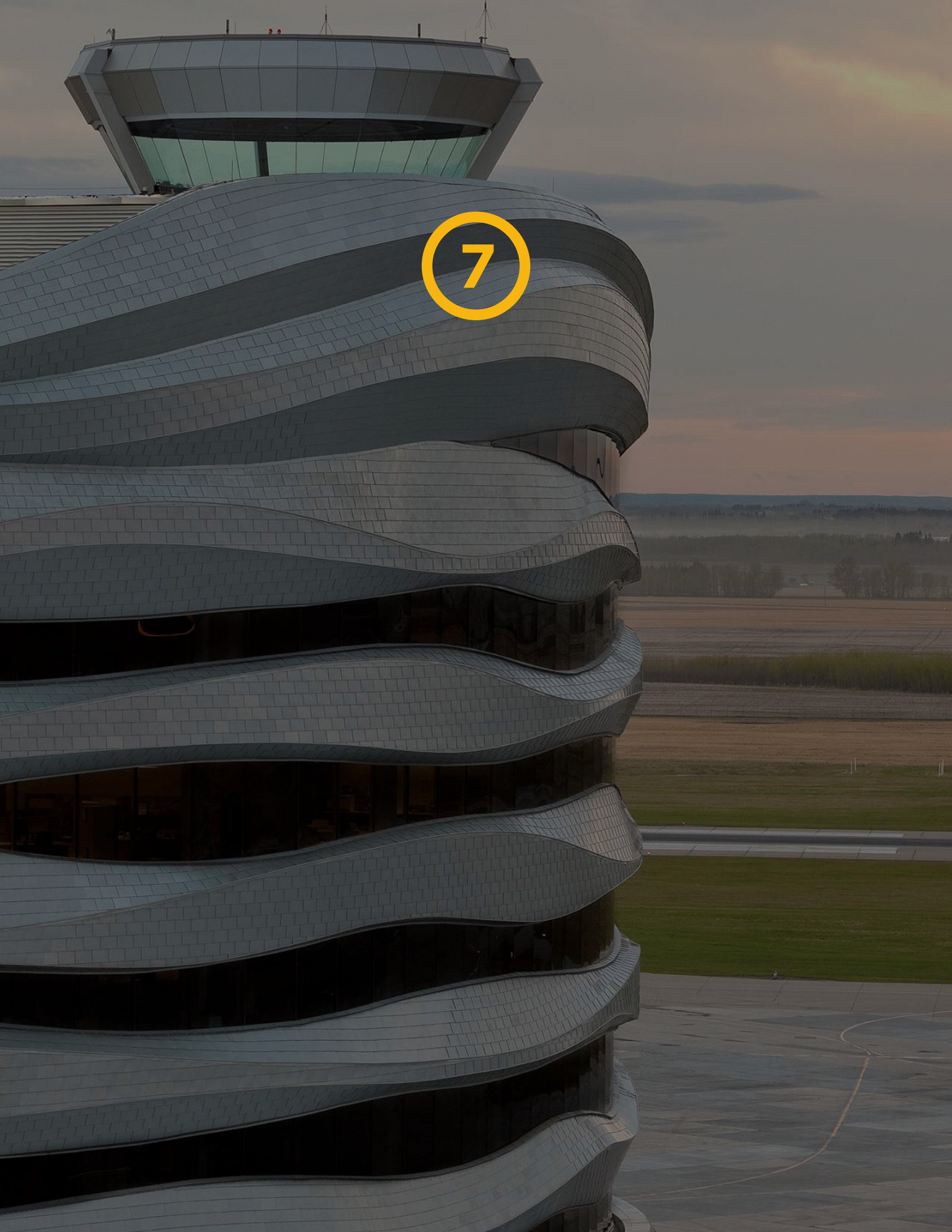
Check out this video:

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Also visit:

<http://www.teamedmonton.ca>



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Transportation.

Air Travel

Edmonton is a major air transportation gateway to northern Alberta and northern Canada through the Edmonton International Airport (YEG) and provides direct passenger service to over 50 destinations in the United States, Europe, Mexico, and the Caribbean. The airport is located within Leduc County, just outside of the City of Edmonton. With direct air distances from Edmonton to places such as London in Europe being shorter than to other main airports in western North America, Edmonton

The SkyShuttle

The SkyShuttle services the airport and selected stops in the city of Edmonton typically adjacent to major hotels. This service must be pre-booked by phone or online. The fare for this route is C\$18.00 one way per adult (2012).

Express service between the Edmonton International Airport and the Century Park LRT Station, facilitating connections to the region's wider transit system. Route 747 runs hourly between 4:10 a.m. and 12:00 a.m., with increased service during peak times. A one-way fare is C\$5.00 (2012).



Check out the EIA Video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fH35jczc4>

Direct Flights

<i>Canada:</i>	<i>United States:</i>	<i>International:</i>
Calgary	Chicago	Cabo San Lucas
Halifax	Denver	Cancun
Kelowna	Houston	Liberia
Montreal	Las Vegas	London, UK
Ottawa	Los Angeles	Mazatlan
Regina	Maui	Montego Bay
Saskatoon	Minneapolis	Panama City
Toronto	New York	Puerto Vallarta
Vancouver	Orlando	Punta Cana
Victoria	Palm Springs	Reykjavik, Iceland
Winnipeg	Phoenix	Cuba
	San Francisco	Grand Bahama

Transit

The Edmonton Transit System (ETS) is the city's public transit agency, operating the Edmonton Light Rail Transit (LRT) line as well as a fleet of buses. Edmonton is also looking into plans to expand LRT to the southeast and west by 2016 using low floor technology, along with a line to the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in north-central Edmonton using the same high floor technology of the existing system by 2014. Fares are \$3.20 (2013) or a 10 ticket pass is available for \$24 (2013). An ETS app is available as well as Google Maps (Transit).

Trails

There is an extensive multi-use trail system for bicycles and pedestrians throughout the city; however, most of this is within the river valley parkland system.

Roads

A largely gridded system forms most of Edmonton's street and road network. The address system is mostly numbered, with streets running south to north and avenues running east to west. In built-up areas built since the 1950s, local streets and major roadways generally do not conform to the grid system. Major roadways include Yellowhead Trail (Highway 16), Whitemud Drive and Anthony Henday Drive, and the city is connected to other communities elsewhere in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan via the Yellowhead Highway to the west and east and the Queen Elizabeth II Highway (Alberta Highway 2) to the south.

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Abbotsford	Grande Prairie	Montreal	Toronto
Calgary	Halifax	Norman Wells	Vancouver
Comox	Hamilton	Ottawa	Victoria
Fort Chipewyan	Hay River	Peace River	Whitehorse
Fort McMurray	High Level	Rainbow Lake	Winnipeg
Fort Nelson	Inuvik	Red Deer	Yellowknife
Fort Smith	Kelowna	Regina	
Fort St. John	Lethbridge	Saskatoon	

US

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Maui	Seattle
Minneapolis	

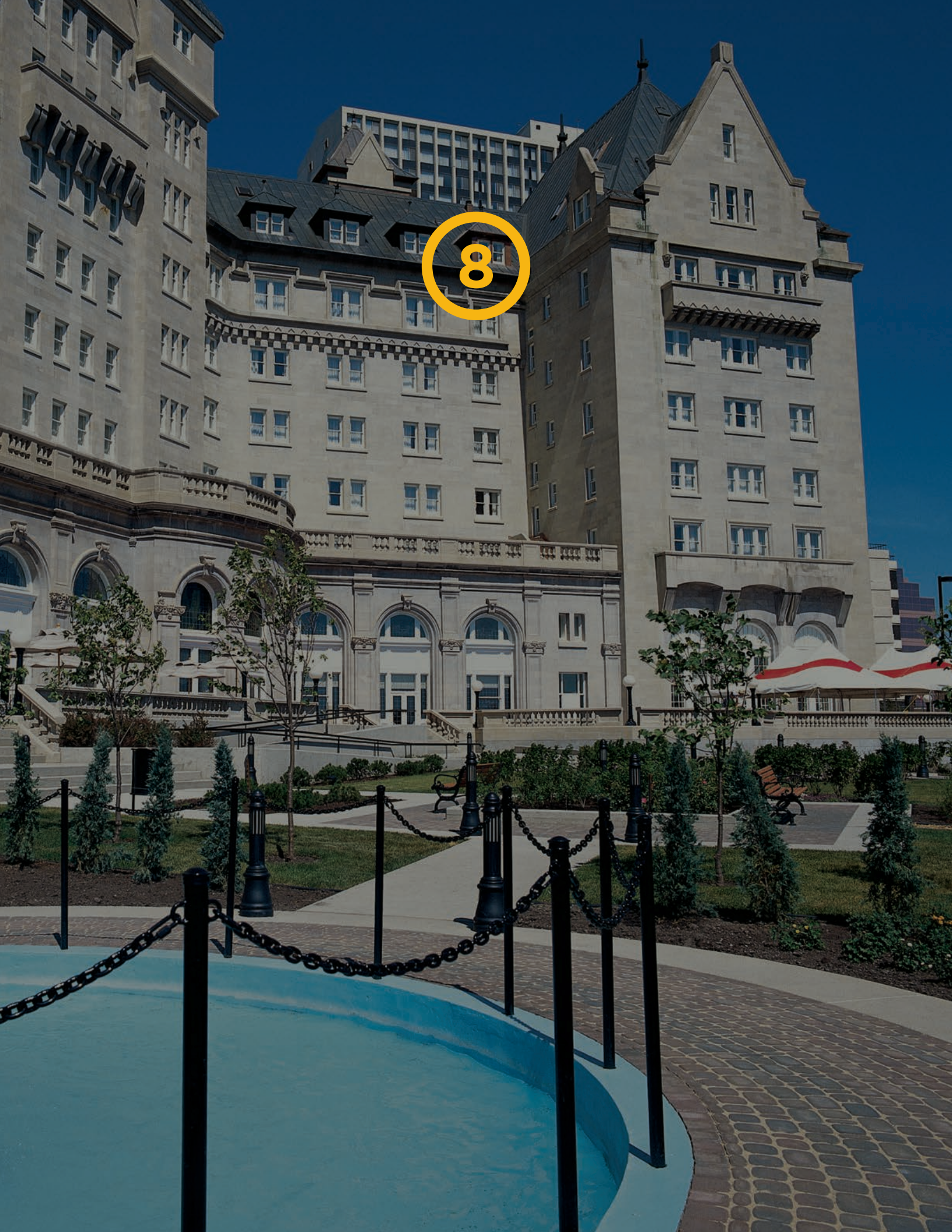
INTERNATIONAL

Cabo San Lucas	Manzanillo
Cancun	Mazatlan
Cayo Coco	Montego Bay
Freeport	Panama City
Huatulco	Puerto Vallarta
Ixtapa-Zhuastarejo	Punta Cana
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Accommodation.

From international brand names to one-of-a-kind boutique properties, from the historic to the contemporary, Edmonton's 13,000-plus hotel rooms will appeal to all tastes, budgets and needs. Concentrated in the city's downtown, south and west ends, our accommodations stand ready to welcome you.

We have arranged special IGLA rates at the following properties:

- Matrix Hotel
- Union Bank Inn
- Comfort Inn & Suites
- Alberta Place Suite Hotel
- Chateau Lacombe Hotel
- Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel
- Courtyard by Marriott Edmonton
- The Sutton Place Hotel
- The Westin Edmonton



For more hotels:

<http://exploredmonton.com/accommodations/all>



THE CITY OF
MONTON

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Proposed Budget.

Expenditures

Facility

Pool (cost/hr x # of hours)	\$ 20,000
Open water venue cost	\$ 3,000
Swimming	\$ 2,100
Diving	\$ 300
Synchro	\$ 500
Water Polo	\$ 2,100

Administration

Meet Processing/Computer Services	\$ 4,000
Computer Software	\$ 1,200
Printing/Supplies	\$ 2,300
Officials/volunteer food	\$ 900
Transportation (complementary shuttle)	\$ 7,000
Advertising	\$ 12,000
Streaming Video	\$ 5,000
Cost of Merchandise	\$ 7,100
Social Activities	\$ 28,000
Misc. Costs	\$ 1,000

Awards

Medals	\$ 9,000
Trophies	\$ 3,600
Pink Flamingo	\$ 500

Total Expenditures **\$ 109,600**

Income

Entry Fees	\$ 30,000
Tourism Edmonton Grant	\$ 25,000
Community/Private Donations	\$ 5,000
Community Investment Grant (potential)	\$ 10,000
Program Advertising	\$ 2,400
Social Activities Ticket Sales	\$ 30,000
Merchandise Sales	\$ 8,700

Total Income **\$ 111,100**

Balance **\$ 1,500**

Estimated Entry Fees	
500 participants	\$ 60
750 participants	\$ 45
1000 participants	\$ 30

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July 25, 2014

Board of Directors
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics
C/O Making Waves Swim Club

Dear Member of the Board of Directors,

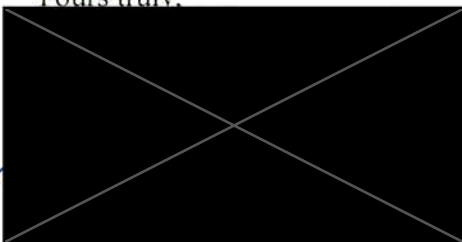
On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, it is my pleasure to offer support for the Making Waves Swim Club in its efforts to bring the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships to our city.

Edmonton has a long and proud history of holding exceptional international sporting events. The 1978 Commonwealth Games, 1983 Universiade, 2001 IAAF World Championships and the 2005 World Masters Games are just a few of the prestigious events Edmonton has had the honour of hosting. Edmonton welcomes the opportunity to host athletes from around the world for the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships.

Nestled in the heart of our spectacular river valley is one of Edmonton's premier athletic facilities — the Kinsmen Sports Centre. Located just minutes from our downtown core, the Kinsmen Sports Centre has been called one of the most unique sport centres in North America. Today, it offers Edmonton's most varied training environment which includes a full aquatic facility, indoor fieldhouse and comprehensive fitness training centre. The aquatics facility features a 10-lane 50m competition pool, six-lane 50m training pool and a dive tank with boards and platforms. As well, William Hawrelak Park, another natural jewel in our city, has been the site for numerous international triathlons, solidifying Edmonton as Canada's triathlon city.

Edmonton is known for its inclusive spirit and warm hospitality. Our annual Pride Festival is one of the largest in Canada with Edmontonians of all ages participating in the wide variety of activities and events. Our organizers, volunteers and fans are all ready and eager to welcome athletes, coaches and officials for the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships. I thank you for your consideration of Edmonton as the host city.

Yours truly,



Mayor



*Office of the Minister
Responsible for the Francophone Secretariat
MLA, Edmonton - Glenora*

August 8, 2014

Board of Directors
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics
C/O Making Waves Swim Club

Dear Member of the Board of Directors,

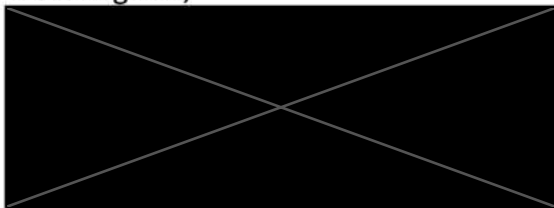
On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I wish the Making Waves Swim Club success on their bid to bring the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships to Edmonton. Alberta's track record of hosting successful and inclusive sporting events highlights our province's passion for sport, our pursuit of excellence and our respect for differences.

Championships like this promote excellence, and highlight the values of dedication and the importance of leading a healthy, active lifestyle. These events are possible because of the commitment and energy of not only the athletes who participate, but also the many dedicated volunteers in our community who work tirelessly to bring these international competitions to life.

Should you be successful in your bid, the community initiatives program (CIP) provides funding to not-for-profit groups and organizations to enhance and enrich project-based community initiatives throughout Alberta. More information is available at www.culture.alberta.ca/grantprograms. If you have any questions, please contact Kristine Telenko, Community Liaison Officer, at 780-422-9574

Edmonton has a proven track record for hosting world-class national and international events in its wide array of world-class facilities and I appreciate your efforts to bring this exciting event to Alberta's capital. Best wishes to you in the bid process.

Best Regards,



Minister



July 25, 2014

Board of Directors
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics
C/O Making Waves Swim Club

Dear Member of the Board of Directors,

Please accept our sincere invitation to consider Edmonton, Alberta as a potential host city for the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships.

Alberta's capital city is a vibrant cosmopolitan centre of over one million friendly and spirited people. We are extremely proud of our reputation for hosting sporting events of all shapes and sizes, as well as our unparalleled levels of service and value. In this document you will find information about Edmonton, our world class competition venue – Kinsmen Sports Centre, athlete accommodations and transportation.

Edmonton not only provides superior venues and value, our attractions are truly remarkable. From the greatest indoor show on earth (West Edmonton Mall) to Canada's largest living historical theme park (Fort Edmonton Park), we have facilities and activities that wow visitors of all ages. Affectionately known as Canada's Festival City, Edmonton has a dazzling year round calendar of festivals. All this and within easy driving distance to Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies, ideal for pre and post travel.

Edmonton has a rich and historic past of hosting world class sport events. Our hosting portfolio includes the Commonwealth Games, IAAF World Championships in Athletics, World Masters Games, FIFA U20 Men's World Cup Canada, as well as the 2011 FINA Men's Water Polo Olympic Qualification Tournament.

Edmonton Events is fully dedicated to this event; we recognize the impact this international event will have on our city and province. As such, Edmonton Tourism, through our partnership with the Edmonton Destination Marketing Hotels, has secured up to **\$25,000.00** in funding to support this prestigious event should it be awarded to Edmonton in 2016.

In addition, Edmonton Tourism is able to provide marketing and promotional assets through our internal consumer marketing department. Furthermore, it would be a pleasure to conduct a technical site inspection of our wonderful facility at a time convenient to you so you may witness first hand why Edmonton would be an excellent host in 2016.

We thank you for this opportunity and would be pleased to answer any questions you might have about this bid document. We hope to work with you in the near future to serve as your host city.

Ver sincerely,



Manager, Edmonton Events
Edmonton Tourism

July 28, 2014

Board of Directors
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Association
c/o Co-Presidents



Swimming Natation Canada is pleased to support the bid of Making Waves Masters Swim Club, in Edmonton Alberta, to host the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatic Championships at Edmonton's Kinsmen Sport Centre.

The Kinsmen Centre is a world class facility where multiple international events have been hosted over the years including the aquatic events of the 2005 World Masters Games and the annual Can Am Para-swimming Championships. The facility and swimming community have an extensive record of supporting and conducting large, successful competitions. Swimming Canada has line up of national and international events scheduled at the Kinsmen Centre over the upcoming seasons including the 2014 Can Am Para-swimming Championships, the 2015 Speedo Western Canadian Swimming Championships and 2016 Canadian Swimming Championships.

With the world class facility conveniently located within minutes of downtown Edmonton's hotels and amenities and an experienced, enthusiastic network of organizers, officials and volunteers; the Making Waves hosted IGLA Championships will surely be a wonderful experience for all competitors, families and friends.

Swimming Canada wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the Making Waves Masters Swim Club to pursue hosting the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatic Championships at the Edmonton Kinsmen Sport Centre.

Sincerely,



Chief Executive Officer



July 28 2014

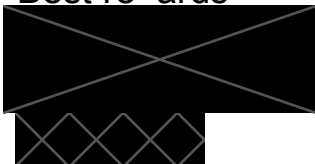
Dear Bid Committee

Aquatics Canada supports the Making Waves Swim Clubs bid to host the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships in August, 2016 in Edmonton.

The event is anticipated to attract approximately 600-1000 gay and lesbian Masters athletes from around the world to compete in swimming, open water swimming, water polo, diving, and synchronized swimming. The Kinsmen Sports Centre, is one of Alberta's outstanding world class aquatics facilities. The Kinsmen Centre is centrally located near downtown with easy access to hotels, good restaurants and shopping. Edmonton has a rich history of hosting many successful national and international aquatics events, like the FINA Water polo Olympic Games qualifiers in 2012. The City of Edmonton has created a strategic business plan across all sports, from hosting major events to developing the grassroots and boosting public participation in general in all sports.

Aquatics Canada is confident the Making Waves Swim Club will develop strong and credible plans for staging a World Class Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships at the Kinsmen Centre.

Best regards



President, Aquatics Canada



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July 23, 2014

Board of Directors
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics
c/o CO-PRESIDENTS



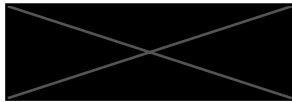
RE: MAKING WAVE SWIM CLUB BID FOR THE 2016 IGLA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Swim Alberta is pleased to support the bid of the Making Waves Swim Club – Edmonton's Masters Swim Club for the Gay and Lesbian Community for the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatic Championships. Swim Alberta is the governing body for competitive swimming in the province of Alberta that includes sanctioning of competitions and the training and development of volunteer officials.

Edmonton has a strong history of hosting provincial, national and international aquatic and specifically swimming events at the Kinsmen Sport Centre. This legacy of hosting has allowed the swim community and the Kinsmen Sport Centre to develop both staff and volunteers with the expertise and knowledge to host and officiate high quality events. As the Making Waves Swim Club has been an active and recognized member of Swim Alberta since 1999 we are confident that they will deliver an exceptional event to those who travel to Edmonton to compete in the championships.

Swim Alberta endorses the bid of the Making Waves Swim Club to host the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatic Championships and will provide support and work with the organizing committee identified by the club to ensure a successful event.

Sincerely,

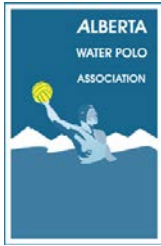


President,
Swim Alberta



Executive Director,
Swim Alberta





July 29, 2014

Dear Bid Committee

Alberta Water Polo Association supports the Making Waves Swim Clubs bid to host the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships in August, 2016 in Edmonton.


The Kinsmen Sports Centre, is one of Alberta's outstanding world class aquatics facility. Edmonton has a rich history of hosting many successful national and international aquatics events, like the FINA Water polo Olympic Games qualifiers in 2012 with AWWA was helping host. The City of Edmonton has created a strategic business plan across all sports, from hosting major events to developing the grassroots and boosting public participation in general in all sports.

Alberta Water Polo Association has great minor officials who would be helping with the games to help Making Waves Swim Club have a successful event. We are also excited to hear that there will be a female exhibition game with the possibility of including another provincial women's team.


Alberta Water Polo Association


Alberta Water Polo Association
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July 30, 2014

Board of Directors
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics

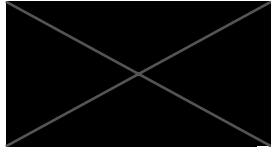
Dear Board Members:

On behalf of the Synchro Alberta Board of Directors, I am expressing our support to the Making Waves Swim club and their bid for the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships for Edmonton.

Edmonton is a fantastic city with a great venue and wonderful volunteers that would undoubtedly make for a fantastic event in 2016.

We hope that they are successful with their bid.

Sincerely ,



Executive Director



Edmonton Masters Swim Club



President

Edmonton Masters Swim Club

<http://edmontonmasters.org>

Board of Directors

International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics

Dear Board of Directors:

The Edmonton Masters Swim Club is in full support of the Making Waves Swim Club's bid for the 2016 IGLA Championships. We are one of the largest masters clubs in Canada, and I'm sure that our membership would be willing to assist in any way possible to make this event a success.

Our club has already had the pleasure of working directly with the Making Waves Swim Club to co-host events, such as the Alberta Masters 2012 Provincial Championships held at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre. Their contributions were instrumental in making this event a success. Additionally, our many members will attest to the fact that the Making Waves Annual Swim Meet is a favorite on the masters swim meet calendar because it is so fun and efficiently run.

In 1978, the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre hosted the Commonwealth Games. Since then, it has hosted many more major events, including 4 FINA Swimming World Cup meets (1999- 2001) and the 2005 World Masters Games diving, swimming, and synchronized swimming competitions. In 2012, it hosted the Men's Water Polo Olympic Games Qualification Tournament and it is featured in Edmonton's bid to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games. It has been called one of the most unique sport centres in North America.

To summarize, the Edmonton Masters Swim Club is proud to support the Making Waves Swim Club in their bid, which features a world class facility and a world class club eager to host the event.

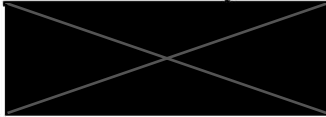
Sincerely,



Different Strokes Master Swim Club
Third Floor, 1131 Kensington Rd NW
Calgary, Alberta T2N 3P4

July 30, 2014

**Board of Directors,
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics**



Dear Sir/Madam

Re: 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships – Edmonton

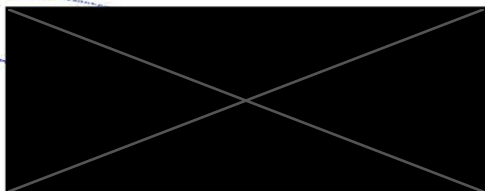
I write to note my support of the Making Waves Swim Club and its bid to bring the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

I am the president of the Different Strokes Masters Swim Club in Calgary Alberta. We are located approximately 2.5 hours by car from the City of Edmonton. Our close proximity gives rise to a healthy sporting rivalry in all sports, professional and amateur, across the province. In the pool we may be competitors, but outside the pool we are very supportive of each other's organizations. We consider Making Waves to be our sister club in all respects. In particular, our club will offer any support requested by the Making Waves Swim Club for this event. We will send officials, volunteers or competitors if ever asked to do so and without reservation. Having said this, I do not doubt that Making Waves can pull together the necessary officials and volunteers as required for this type of meet.

I can vouch for the facilities being contemplated for the competition. It is a world class facility and is maintained in an excellent condition for the highest level of competition. It was originally built for the 1978 Commonwealth Games and has undergone extensive renovation and improvement to keep it a world-class facility. I would suggest that it is one of the top pools for swim and dive competition in the entire country.

I can also vouch for the dedication and professionalism of the Making Ways Swim Club. I have attended many meets hosted by this club and they will be truly dedicated to putting on the best possible competition. Further, Mike Stanberry, their president, is a person of impeccable character.

Finally, I can vouch for the City of Edmonton as a host city. It is a beautiful city built around a wide river valley that is filled with parks and recreation facilities. The downtown core is located adjacent to the river valley and the competition pool is located within the valley and very close to the downtown core. Also, the people of Edmonton are particularly friendly with a strong sense of western hospitality.



President,
Different Strokes Master Swim Club



www.teamedmonton.ca

Attention: International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics

Dear Selection Committee Members:

Making Waves 2016 Bid

On behalf of the Team Edmonton Sports Association, I would like to fully endorse the Making Waves Swim Club's bid to host the 2016 IGLA Championships in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Making Waves has established itself locally and nationally as a well organized, financially responsible, inclusive and dynamic sports group. Since 1999, the executive of Making Waves have established a consistent track record of hosting exceptional swimming events for the GLBTQ community and their supporters.

The aquatics facilities in Edmonton are some of the best in the nation and have hosted multiple international, national and provincial events. These events include the Edmonton Keyano International, Para Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, FINA Men's Water Polo Olympic Qualification Tournament and the Summer National Championships. It is my understanding the City of Edmonton and Province of Alberta would be honored to add the IGLA Championships to that list of events.

These ventures do not happen without a multitude of volunteers and Edmonton has a world class reputation when it comes to providing this type of assistance. Edmonton is often described a big city with a small town heart when it comes to pitching in and helping out. Team Edmonton has an active data base of over 1500 community members who we can tap into and help with a variety of tasks.

Should you require any additional information regarding Team Edmonton or the Making Waves bid please feel free to contact me.

Regards



President, Team Edmonton



July 26, 2014

International Gay Lesbian Aquatics
C/O Making Waves Swim Club
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Edmonton, AB
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To Whom It May Concern;


RE: 2016 IGLA CHAMPIONSHIP BID

On behalf of the Edmonton Pride Festival Society we would like to personally invite the IGLA Championships to our City in 2016. Making Waves Swim Club is a well-respected organization that has engaged many people in the LGBT Community and has consistently demonstrated their professionalism and competency for spectacular events.

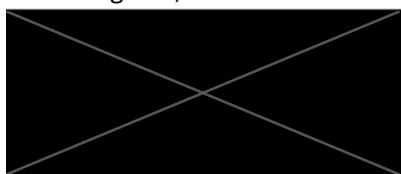
The Edmonton Pride Festival Society (EPFS) has been working with the Edmonton Community for 34 years and we can absolutely assist Making Waves with planning and hosting the 2016 IGLA Championships. Over the course of the past 34 years we have built strong community partnerships with businesses, the City of Edmonton and LGBT members in our region and therefore I am confident that we will be able to help Making Waves secure funding, support and volunteers for this event.

The Edmonton Pride Festival has typically been held in the heart of Downtown Edmonton, however; in light of our exponential growth over the past several year we have we have had to move our festival to Hawrelak Park to accommodate the 35,000+ attendees. This centrally located park is home to some of the largest and most prestigious events in our City including the World Triathlon Grand Finals and the Heritage Days Festival. Nestled in Edmonton's scenic river valley, bordered by lush ravines and the North Saskatchewan River, I am sure that this venue will be perfect for the IGLA open water swim as well.

We certainly hope that IGLA will not only consider the fabulous infrastructure and state of the art venue spaces that we have but also realize the WARM welcome that athlete's will surely receive from Edmontonian's and the Making Waves Swim Club.

If you have any questions or would like to anything further please feel free to contact me at 

Kind Regards,





August 1, 2014

Board of Directors

International Gay & Lesbian Aquatics

Dear Board Members,

I am writing this letter in support of the Making Waves Swim Club's bid to host the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships in August, 2016 in Edmonton, in this letter I will explain why.

Edmonton is an up and coming international city with a magically vibrant LGBT community that has just hosted our 33rd Edmonton Pride Festival, that sees visitors from all over the world to experience the unique charm and energy our city has to offer. My company Pure Pride Entertainment Inc. is an Edmonton based gay entertainment and Events Company that Produces the large dance party events that features some of the world's most popular LGBT entertainers in a spectacular 5 hour seamless show. Pure Pride Produces the main Pride dance party events in Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon and has produced events from Vancouver to Montreal.

Pure Pride Entertainment fully supports the current bid and will put our resources into making sure the athletes and spectators will have spectacular shows and social events to attend as part of the 2016 championships. Pure Pride event trailers can be found on YouTube by simply searching "Pure Pride". We can also be found online at www.purepride.ca.

The City of Edmonton is called "Festival City" because of its superior productions and the overwhelming support that it gets from the people of Edmonton and the LGBT community is a big part of the city's character. Please feel free to contact me personally if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to being a big part of the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships in 2016 and will put all my resources into insuring that they will be the most memorable championships ever.

My very Best,



—President/Producer



JULY 20, 2014

To the Board of Directors, IGLAC

This is a letter of support for the Making Waves Swim Club to host the 2016 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships here in Edmonton.

Making Waves has been an active group here in Edmonton since the late 90s, and have always fostered a healthy and positive and fun environment for Edmonton's GLBT community and their friends. Edmonton itself is a city of a million plus people, and is currently undergoing a very exciting period of growth and rejuvenation, becoming one of Canada's most desirable places to visit and live! Our GLBT community here is thriving and dynamic, and that is in no small part due to the efforts of groups like Making Waves.

Should they be successful in their bid to host this world-class event, they will indeed provide their visiting guests with a truly world-class experience. They have made strong bonds with other groups, businesses, and bars in this city, and we all stand behind them in their desire to showcase the best of Edmonton. Edmonton has a booming downtown, with amazing hotels, restaurants, and shopping to keep our out-of-town guests entertained and accommodated in both style and comfort, and the city has some truly superb facilities to accommodate the championships themselves.

I know many other cities that are likely bidding for this event can say all of that, but what I think gives Edmonton, and Making Waves, the edge is this: friendliness. As a city, we pride ourselves on how we embrace strangers and newcomers and immediately make them feel welcome. Making Waves does this as well. Whether in the pool our out, everyone is welcomed, accepted, and befriended.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at [REDACTED]

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Manager

Evolution Wonderlounge

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August 4, 2014

Re: Making Waves Swim Club

To: International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Board of Directors,

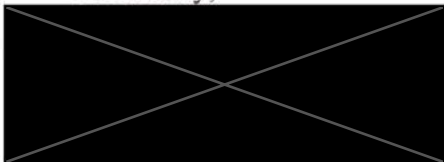
Please accept this letter of support for our local GLBT swim club, the Making Waves Swim Club.

I am the owner of Buddy's Night Club and Woody's Video Bar, two popular and long standing GLBT venues. The Edmonton GLBT community is a strong and proud force in the City of Edmonton. I believe Edmonton to be one of the most progressive cities in Canada. Our mayor is extremely supportive of the community and even hosts a mayor's breakfast every year during pride. Additionally, in the past Edmonton has elected and re-elected openly gay city councillors.

I personally, and through my businesses, will do everything possible to support Making Waves Swim Club in its bid to bring such an important event to Edmonton. We will work hard to ensure that our visitors are welcomed and would be honoured to help organize some entertaining social events during your stay to our beautiful city.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Yours truly,





July 30, 2014

IGLA Board of Directors c/o Making Waves Swim Club.

Dear IGLA board members

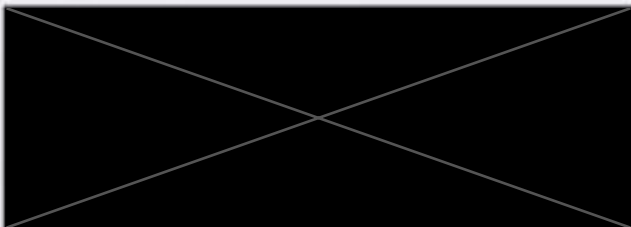
On behalf of the Fruit Loop organizers we would like to endorse the Making Waves bid to host the IGLA 2016 competition and welcome the opportunity to host the participants, supporters and volunteers at one of our pop up events.

Fruit Loop is an Edmonton based LGBTQ event where our fellow Fruits – a diverse community of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transfolk, queers, two spirited, straights and allies – can mix, mingle and have fun. It is also an opportunity to work with various community partners to give back to the community through volunteering and fundraising. Our events have an established track record of being inclusive and accessible to the complete GLBTQ spectrum, affordable and entertaining. We have developed a unique model that allows us to offer free admission to guests as we have built strong partnerships with various venues, businesses, non-profits and community partners.

As a grassroots collective of creative individuals who donating our time, talents, resources and energy we would be happy to help support Making Waves in creating a memorable one of kind event during the IGLA championship that would feature local talent and entertainment.

For more information about our events please feel free to check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/fruitloopedmonton>

Regards,





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August 5th, 2014

To the Board of Directors, International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships,

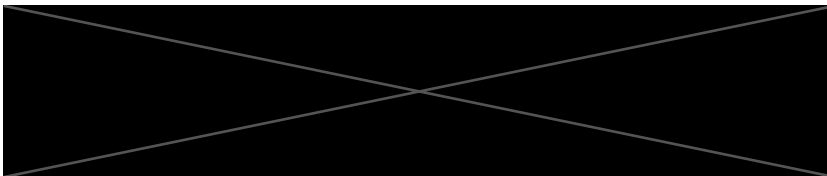
Gay Calgary Magazine is proud to endorse and sponsor the Making Waves Swim Club bid to bring the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships in August 2016.

Gay Calgary provides sponsorship for events throughout Alberta and we believe that Making Waves Swim Club will do a great job hosting this event. We will provide the event sponsorship in the form of both print and web for advertising several months prior to the event to get our readers excited and informed about the event. We will also provide editorial and photo coverage, which will be outside of what we offer for sponsorship. Even though our brand is Gay Calgary Magazine, our magazine has over 300,000 readers per month and we are the most popular LGBT magazine in Canada according to the third party stats Alexa.com. So our magazine will provide great exposure for the event.

We feel that Edmonton is a great and welcoming city. There are some really tight and strong LGBT non-profit groups in the city that support one another. Some of them have been around for over 35 years! Also Edmonton has an amazing arts and culture scene. During the time of the swim meet, it should also be around the same time as the world famous Edmonton Fringe Festival. We do sponsor some great productions that are showing during the Fringe Festival from Guys in Disguise which produces award winning LGBT theatre productions. Edmonton also has the largest mall in Canada which contains several amazing attraction like a huge indoor water park, amusement park and more. There are also the Canadian Rocky Mountains a short drive away for participants to check out before or after the event. The LGBT friendliness of Jasper has been noted all around Canada with Jasper Pride celebrating their 6th year.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information about our magazine.

Sincerely,



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Thank you!

