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**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Amanda Murray, Manager of Parks & Recreation

**Meeting Date:** October 20, 2025

**Subject:** Report #PCR-013-2025 – Stayner Centennial Pool Update

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## Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PCR-013-2025 (Stayner Centennial Pool Update) dated October 20, 2025, for information.

## Background

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the success and anticipated challenges at the Stayner Centennial Pool. Located at 255 Oak St., the Stayner Centennial Pool was constructed in 1967 and is the only outdoor swimming pool in Clearview. The facility includes a 25m pool, men's & women's change rooms, showers, office space, storage room, mechanical room and staff areas. The pool is enclosed, and privacy mesh is put up around the perimeter of the pool. There is a viewing area for parents/guardians.

The Stayner Centennial Pool is a Class A pool and inspected by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. The province of Ontario regulates public pools under regulation -

**R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 565: PUBLIC POOLS**

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900565>)

As per the regulation, the Parks and Recreation Department must have a Certified Pool Operator and qualified lifeguards and instructors.

## Comments and Analysis

### 2025 Programming Highlights

The Stayner Centennial Pool has had another busy summer. The season was from Saturday June 28 to Wednesday August 27. There were 4 sessions of "daily" swimming lessons and, weekly classes on Wednesdays. There were 190 children and youth registered for swimming lessons.

This year, we introduced BogaFit, an aqua fitness class that used floating mats called Boga Boards. The equipment was purchased through the OTF "Active Communities Project" funding, and the lifeguards/instructors developed the program. There were 18 registered participants, plus daily drop-ins.

We continued to offer advance aquatic programs to keep youth interested and excited in the courses to become a lifeguard. The Junior Lifeguard Club (ages 10-13) is free for all Clearview residents. Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross is free for all Clearview residents. As well, we offer Bronze Star for youth that have completed all of the Star Programs, but not old enough to complete the Bronze Medallion courses. Emergency First Aid is included in all these programs at no cost to Clearview residents. This has been a small, but very successful program. In 2025, we were able to hire 2 of the youth that had previously completed the advance aquatic programs, then went on to complete the National Lifesaving lifeguard and Swim Instructor programs.

In addition to registered programs, the Stayner Centennial Pool also provides Public and Family Swims, lane swimming and aquafitness. We increased the hours of operation in 2025 to expand on Friday nights and stayed open late on Mondays. The Saturday and Sunday schedule has been consistent since post-COVID; however, we have noticed more rentals (ie: birthday parties) renting the pool on Sundays. The Stayner Lions Club and Christa Duits Realtor sponsors two of the public swims every week for free. The Clearview Youth Centre sponsors all youth on Tuesdays to attend the afternoon public swim. Funded by the OTF “Active Communities Project”, we created a new Grade 5 x 5 Swim Membership giving every grade 5 students a chance to swim for free, five times this summer. Unfortunately, this was not very popular, however, we are going to keep this type of membership for the future so that we can continue to offer an affordable recreation opportunity.

Finally, the new online registration platform called “Xplor Recreation” was implemented. This allowed program registration, memberships, and facility bookings to happen online. It was seamless and very easy for the general public to use.

Overall, the Stayner Centennial Pool offers significant benefits to Clearview and area residents. Offering swimming lessons and programs teaches essential life skills, promotes full-body exercise, reduces drowning risks, builds confidence and fosters social skills. In Clearview Township, the Pool is one of the centralized facilities for affordable recreation for all ages without any specialized equipment or significant fees. We also are able to hire 7-8 young adults/students.

### **Current Mechanical**

The basic pool “anatomy” includes the main drain and skimmers, the circulating pump, the filters, heater, sanitizing system and return lines. (Fig. 1)

Stayner Centennial Pool uses a **sanitizing chlorination system** called “Accutab”, which provides a controlled chlorine feeding system to maintain the chlorine levels of the pool. We use **Acid-Rite**, a feeder system to maintain the pH levels of the pool and to automatically balance the pool when levels drop. The **filter system** is sand. The **heater** is heated with natural gas and we heat the pool to 84 degrees. The **circulating pump** pumps the water from the main drain/skimmer lines. In addition, there is also a

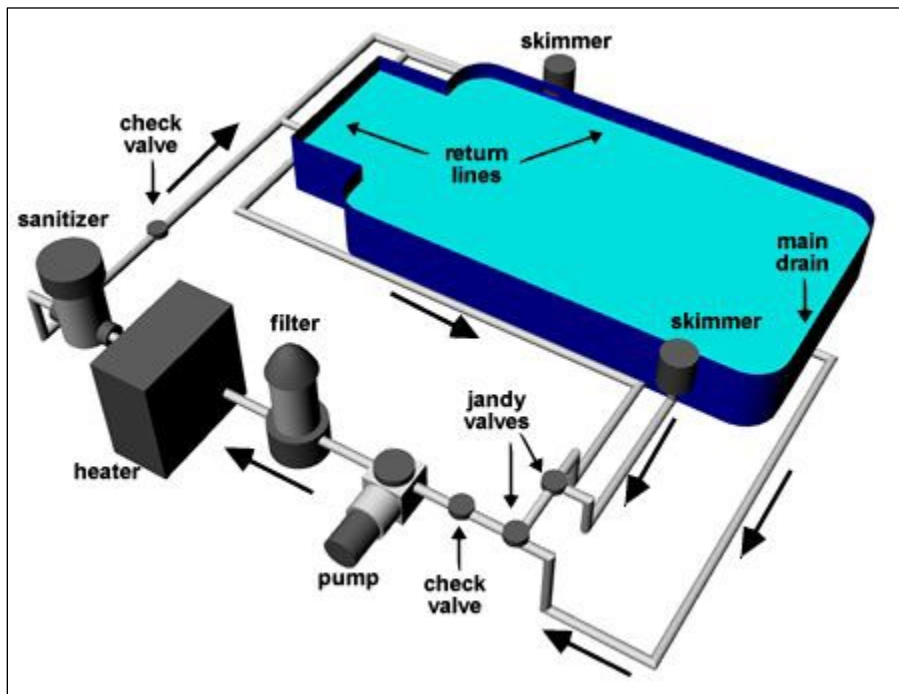
backflow preventor and a number of valves that allow the CPO to isolate the different components.

Between 2019 and 2020, there were significant changes to the sanitizing system. The Accutab was installed in 2019, and the Acidrite was installed in 2020. In addition, a new automatic feeder was added to improve the accuracy of automatically adding the pool chemicals. Annually, the pumps and floats have to be repaired or replaced as part of the preventative maintenance program.

In 2021, there was significant pipe failure and approx. 4 metres/12ft of pipe had to be replaced on the south side of the deck.

It should be noted that the main pump is dated. The sand in the sand filters was replaced in 2021. The Heat Exchanger and Hot Water Tanks were replaced in 2023 and cost over \$60,000. As a result of these mechanical improvements, pool closures happen less often. However, when equipment breaks down, the repairs can often take a full day or longer, resulting in the pool being closed.

Fig. 1 – Basic Pool Mechanical Diagram



### Future Mechanical Replacement

We are beyond the life expectancy of the primary mechanical system at the Stayner System. In 2024, the quote to replace the filters, circulating pump, install a digital flow meter and replace the piping in the mechanical room was estimated at \$94,500 (this would not include any piping from the skimmer lines and main drains).

The pipes need to be replaced because the intake pipe is 4" while the rest of the mechanical system is 1.5" pipes. The cost of replacing all the pipes is unknown.

### **Current Pool and Building**

In 2025, lighting was upgraded in the office and men's and women's change rooms. There was new emergency lighting installed and new signage. The interior and exterior doors were repainted.

The basin of the pool is repainted every season. Staff power-wash the pool bottom and walls and then repaint the entire pool. They must also add the required markings such as depth and black dot.

### **Future Pool and Building Upgrades**

Refinishing the pool would be considered a significant upgrade to the current pool. Instead of painting each year, a new pool membrane would be installed with an estimated lifecycle of 25 years. This would require the pool basin and walls to be cleaned, prepped and then a smooth membrane would cover the entire pool basin and walls. New fittings, skimmers and drain covers will also need to be replaced (which is not included in the quote).

The interior office needs to be renovated to meet the changing needs of technology and staffing. We recommend creating a new reception counter/desk, adding new storage and purchasing a new chair. A new refillable water fountain will also be installed for staff and patrons.

Finally, the exterior lights on the building should be upgraded to LED lighting. This would reduce hydro costs and maintenance and improve lighting.

### **Security Camera Monitoring System**

Currently, there is no camera monitoring system. Unfortunately, there continues to be vandalism at the pool resulting in minor repairs and clean-ups that need to happen. A few years ago, the pool had some major issues with young adults in Stayner jumping the fence and getting into mischief. The Township has a legal requirement to protect our facilities as well as monitor the actions of people that should not be on the property. A camera monitoring system would not be installed in washrooms, change rooms, shower areas and there would be a closed-circuit system that will have extremely limited access.

### **AODA Compliance**

In recent years, accessible pool equipment has been purchased. This includes the new accessible lift and accessible stairs.

Unfortunately, as with many public facilities, there are many accessibility concerns. At the Stayner Centennial Pool, some of the immediate concerns that need to be address include: Accessible Doors, Accessible Showers, Universal Changeroom, Accessible Customer Service Area/Reception Window. It should be noted that we do not have any existing engineer designs for pool building.

### **Other Expenses**

The two deck chairs and two sets of lane ropes need to be replaced as they are beyond their life-expectancy.

### **Overall Future Planning**

Council is being asked to consider the overall future plan for the Stayner Centennial Pool. The harsh reality is that outdoor pools have a life-expectancy of 30-40 years and without major capital investment, the Centennial Pool will continue to need repairs and replacement, which will reduce the program/service we can delivery. Aging infrastructure is not just a Clearview Township problem and prioritizing the Stayner Centennial Pool will require further discussion and community consultation. The Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (ORFA) released a statement on October 6, 2025, that without significant investment community recreation facilities such as pools and arenas will be forced to close.

Regardless of the capital investment needed, recruiting qualified lifeguards/instructors continues to be a challenge. Over the past few years there has been significant reporting across Canada and Ontario about the lack of certified lifeguards, and it is small communities that have been hit the hardest. Organizations such as the Lifesaving Society and Parks and Recreation Ontario have advocated for more lifeguards. In 2023, the Province of Ontario, who oversees the Public Pool regulations, lowered the age of lifeguards from 16 to 15 years old to try and address the shortages. In Meaford, the outdoor pool is not operated by the YMCA Grey-Bruce with a multi-year agreement for staffing and programming. Staff can investigate this an option for service delivery, should there be continued interested to fund the Stayner Centennial Pool.

### **Financial Implications**

Although this report is for information, Council will be asked during the 2026 Budget and at future budget deliberations to consider the amount of investment to keep the Stayner Centennial Pool operational.

#### **2026 Budget – for consideration during Budget Deliberation**

|   |          |
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| Lane Ropes                                | \$ 700   |
| Deck Chairs                               | \$ 2,800 |
| Installing a Bottle Water Re-fill Station | \$ 5,000 |
| Interior Office Renovations               | \$10,000 |

### **Capital Budget – Future Planning**

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| PPL Mechanical System Quote, September 2024              | \$ 94,500 |
| PPL PoolSide by CGT, PVC Membrane Resurfacing Quote 2024 | \$197,950 |
| Verkada Security Camera Monitoring                       | \$ 20,000 |
| AODA Compliance (no existing engineer designs)           | unknown   |

### **Clearview’s Strategic Plan**

The above initiative supports the following strategic pillars:

- Recreation & Culture

### **Report Appendices**

Appendix A – ORFA Warns Aging Infrastructure

### **Approvals**

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Circulating pump