



Resources to Inform the Construction of a New Swimming Pool for Cambridge, Ontario

Cambridge Aquajets is a not-for-profit swim club for novice and competitive swimmers from ages 7-20. It has been in operation for 35 years thanks to parent volunteers and professional coaches. Ron Campbell, head coach of Cambridge Aquajets, described to the Science Shop the current plans for the City of Cambridge to build a new pool to better serve the community. Ron asked the Science Shop to gather information about the features of an indoor public pool that would best serve their mid-sized city.

Eager to use their research skills to serve the community, Nadia Martin, a PhD student in Cognitive Psychology, and Katie Blaszkiewicz, a Masters student in Public Issues Anthropology, took responsibility for the project as an assignment in their University of Waterloo graduate course, Arts 600, Knowledge Mobilisation to Serve Society.

Using their research skills, creativity, and common sense the students created an innovative review of resources that answered the following questions posed by the Aquajets.

- What pool characteristics are required for sponsoring competitions?
- What kinds of pools have other cities of similar size built?
- By what process are city pools planned?
- How can we stay informed about current practices of building commercial pools, and what swimming organizations might we contact for more information?

The review included clear language summaries of resources such as pool construction standards, databases, magazines, testimonials, governmental, non-governmental and commercial documents.

Members of the Science Shop delivered the review of resources to the Cambridge Aquajets. From left to right: Bill Callery (Science Shop Co-Chair), Derek Rauwerda (Science Shop Administrative Assistant), Katie Blaszkiewicz (graduate student researcher), Steve Manton (Aquajets President), Nadia Martin (graduate student researcher); Ron Campbell (Aquajets Head Coach).



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