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## **New Swimming Pool Admission Standards Focus on Swimmer's Abilities**

Cambridge, Ontario. Thursday, November 29, 2007...New Swimming Pool Admission Standards will soon be implemented at all City of Cambridge pools to enhance safety and focus on ability.

Beginning in January 2008, the City of Cambridge will offer a colour coded wrist band that will clearly identify the swimming ability of the child using the pool. The red, yellow and green bands rank the child's ability based on a test to determine proficiency levels such as non-swimmer, weak swimmer and strong swimmer.

The new rules come in to play in advance of provincial regulations to ensure the best environment for residents using the facilities. Endorsed by the Lifesaving Society, the new procedures will also take into account the age of the child rather than the height consideration which was part of the old standards.

"We have made a proactive move to enhance the pool admission standards and recently undertook an education program during the summer to begin to introduce the new changes," says Jim King, Commissioner of Community Services Department. "There has been some very positive feedback from families witnessing the added security measures. They see the immediate benefit."

The City of Cambridge has five pool facilities of which two are available year round. The John Dolson Centre features a viewing deck and a 25-metre lane for laps. The W.G. Johnson Centre has a number of amenities including a 1-metre diving board and sauna. Visit the City of Cambridge website at [www.city.cambridge.on.ca](http://www.city.cambridge.on.ca) to learn more about the aquatic programs or view the full admission standards guidelines.

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A full version of the New City of Cambridge Pool Admission Standards may be obtained on -line at [www.city.cambridge.on.ca](http://www.city.cambridge.on.ca) or call Conny Smith or Paula Ridge.

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2007, the population reached over 124,000 people with a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services. Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

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