

# Staff Report

Presented By: Tammy Grove, Municipal Solicitor

Meeting Date: February 9, 2026

Subject: Sale of Centennial Pool

Attachment(s): Notice of Intention to Sell

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## **Recommendation**

That Council adopt By-law 16-2026, a By-law to authorize the Sale of the Centennial Pool to the Bluewater District School Board.

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## **Report Summary**

On October 27, 2025, Council authorized the Director of Development Services to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Bluewater District School Board for the sale of the parcel of land and portion of the Saugeen District Secondary School building that contain the Centennial Pool. The next step in the sale process is for Council to adopt By-law 16-2026, which is included in the By-law section of the Agenda.

## **Background/Analysis**

The Town of Saugeen Shores is the registered owner of 640 Mill Creek Road, also known as “Centennial Pool,” legally described as PT PARKLT 25 PL 111 PT 4, 3R950; SAUGEEN SHORES; being all of PIN 33246-0706 (LT) (“Centennial Pool Land”). This property forms part of the Saugeen District Secondary School facility, which itself is owned by the Bluewater District School Board (“BWDSB”). The property has no frontage onto a municipal road.

The BWDSB owns the adjacent lands and has expressed its interest to acquire the Centennial Pool (building and land) to integrate it with existing surrounding uses. With the opening of the Pryde Aquatic and Wellness Centre, the Town no longer has need for the Centennial Pool. The sale to BWDSB will eliminate the ongoing costs and risks associated with owning the facility/land and the school will benefit from the increased space for programming and future flexibility.

The proposed sale of this property falls under exemption 5.1.9(b) of the Town’s Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy, as adopted by By-law 24-2023, given that the proposed transaction involves a local school board. Accordingly, the Town is not required to follow the standard process outlined in the Policy; however, passage of a By-law is necessary to approve the sale to

the BWDSB and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute any documents required to complete the transaction.

Notice of the Intention to Sell (attached) was provided on January 23, 2026, in accordance with the Town's Notice Policy, adopted by By-law 62-2023.

The sale remains conditional on BWDSB obtaining approval from its Trustees and the Ministry of Education. Once all conditions have been satisfied, the Town will complete decommissioning of the existing pool and complete the transaction.

### **Linkages**

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Pillar 4: Fostering a Vibrant Place to Live and Visit
- Business Plan Alignment: Development Services Division Highlight

### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding**

No costs or revenue is associated with this report.

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