

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is the Red Cross no longer offering swimming lessons?

A: The Canadian Red Cross announced early January 2022 that they were winding down their swimming program by December 2022 to direct more attention to humanitarian demands, such as disaster and pandemic response, opioid harm reduction and care giving for seniors. They encouraged their water safety training partners like the City to transition to Lifesaving Society Canada.

Q: What is the Lifesaving Society?

Lifesaving Society Canada is a non-profit that offers water safety education programs including lifeguard training, as well as swimming lessons for everyone from young children to adults through the Swim for Life program. To learn more about the Lifesaving Society visit lifesaving.ca.

Q: How will I know how to register my child in the right level of swimming lessons?

The City has created transition charts to help parents and caregivers understand how to register for the equivalent level of Lifesaving Society swimming lesson.

Q: Will this effect how lessons were offered or registered for previously?

A: There will be no impact on registration time or amount of swimming lessons offered.