

# Indoor Aquatic Center with 50-Meter Pool



Sakai Property Use Proposal

# Current Facilities

## AQUATICS CENTER

- Year-round at capacity.
- Used from 5AM to 10 PM.
- **RAY WILLIAMSON POOL** built in 1970 (roof in 1977) and is a 6 lane, 25-yard pool.  
*This 46-year old pool has an older operating system that has failed numerous times due to aging equipment. Needs many upgrades and repairs, which compromises user time and costs money. Example: New HVAC needed.*
- **NAKATA POOL** built in 2001 and is a recreational pool.  
*This pool cannot be used as a competition pool and has limited uses for team or individual aquatic sports practices/swimming.*

Both are Bainbridge Island School District property (rental by BIMPRD) with no room to expand.

# Current Users of Aquatic Center

## **NUMBERS**

- 210,000 “splashes” counted in 2015 alone.
- Considered a low figure.
- Certain uses difficult to track with older software.
- 5,000 kids per month are served in peak season.
- Serving all ages and from all over.

## **NAMES**

- Bainbridge Island High School Swim and Dive Teams
- Bainbridge Island Aquatic Masters (BAM) (ages 18 years +, including a 96 year old!
- Bainbridge Island Swim Club (BISC) (ages 7- 19)
- Bainbridge Island High School Water Polo Teams
- Bainbridge Island Water Polo Club Teams (Ages 10-75)
- Private schools, including St. Cecelia, The Island School and Hyla Middle School

# Current Users of Aquatic Center

- Aquatic aerobics programs
- High School Robotics Club
- Boating programs
- Preschool programs
- BI Sailing (safety training)
- BI Rowing (safety training)
- Scuba
- Washington State Ferries
- Washington State Department of Fisheries (equipment testing)
- Back and Beyond
- S'Klallam Tribe
- Stephens House (Special Needs Foundation)
- Boys and Girls Club (Bainbridge Island, Silverdale, and Bremerton)
- Bainbridge Island High School Classes
- Lifeguard Classes
- First AID/CPR Classes
- Public Lap swimmers- many seniors
- Families
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Individuals recovering from injuries and illnesses
- Suquamish Tribe



# Community Needs

Increased and safer access to swimming and other aquatic sports, aquatic education and pool recreation.

- 50-meter pool (by 25 yards) needed to meet increasing demands of community with varying aquatic needs, and aquatic programs such as lap swimmers, BISC, BAM, BI Water Polo Club and High School Swim, Dive and Water Polo.
- Give the aquatic sports the ability to hold more meets/games; higher levels of competition; multiple events simultaneously.
- Relieve pressure on current facilities that need space and time for swim lessons, aqua aerobics, boating safety, first responder training, lifeguard training, special needs swimming, open swim time, family swim time, lap swimmers, etc.
- 50-meter pool (by 25 yards) would replace the Ray Williamson Pool to provide 20+ lanes for regular lap swimming as well as a for long course practice and meets.



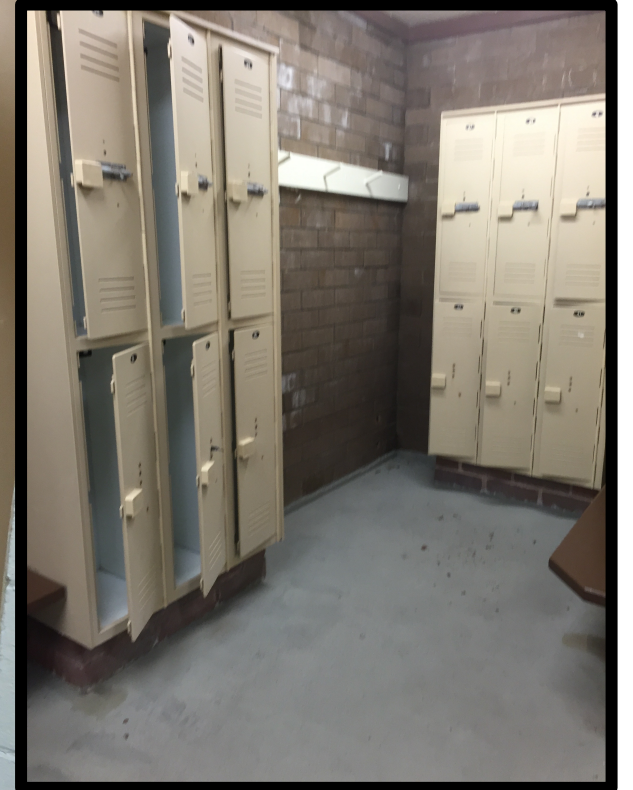
# Ray Williamson Pool

- Overcrowded
- Safety concerns
- Programs cannot grow
- Facility reaching age limit





# Ray Williamson Locker Rooms



Community not comfortable with these antiquated facilities.

# Current Issues with Ray

- Limited practice and use times.
- Limited spectator and athlete seating.
- Limited space for teams and individual users causing overcrowding and safety issues.
- Limited ability to grow teams.
- Turning away potential athletes from teams.
- Turning away individuals from swim lessons.
- Lap swimmers cannot access lane space due to competing uses.
- Turning away groups from renting facilities – loss of income.
- Locker room antiquated.
- Limited ability to host meets and competitions due to scheduling conflicts, space and usage.
- Teams having to travel 45 minutes+ to practice in a 50-meter pool.
- Practice times unreasonable for youth because of oversubscription of pool.
- Ray Williamson Pool starting to “fail”: needs major update or repurposing of space.

# Current Issues with Nakata

- Not a competition pool – cannot use for meets, water polo games
- Locker room space very limited.
- Public complaints due to crowding during peak hours.
- Other programming limited due to space issues.
- Turning away groups from renting facilities – loss of income.
- Limited space for swim lessons – do not get use of full lane.
- Limited seating.
- Not enough space for water aerobics.
- Not enough time for seniors to use lazy river.
- No real spectator seating for diving events.
- Not warm enough for therapy pool.

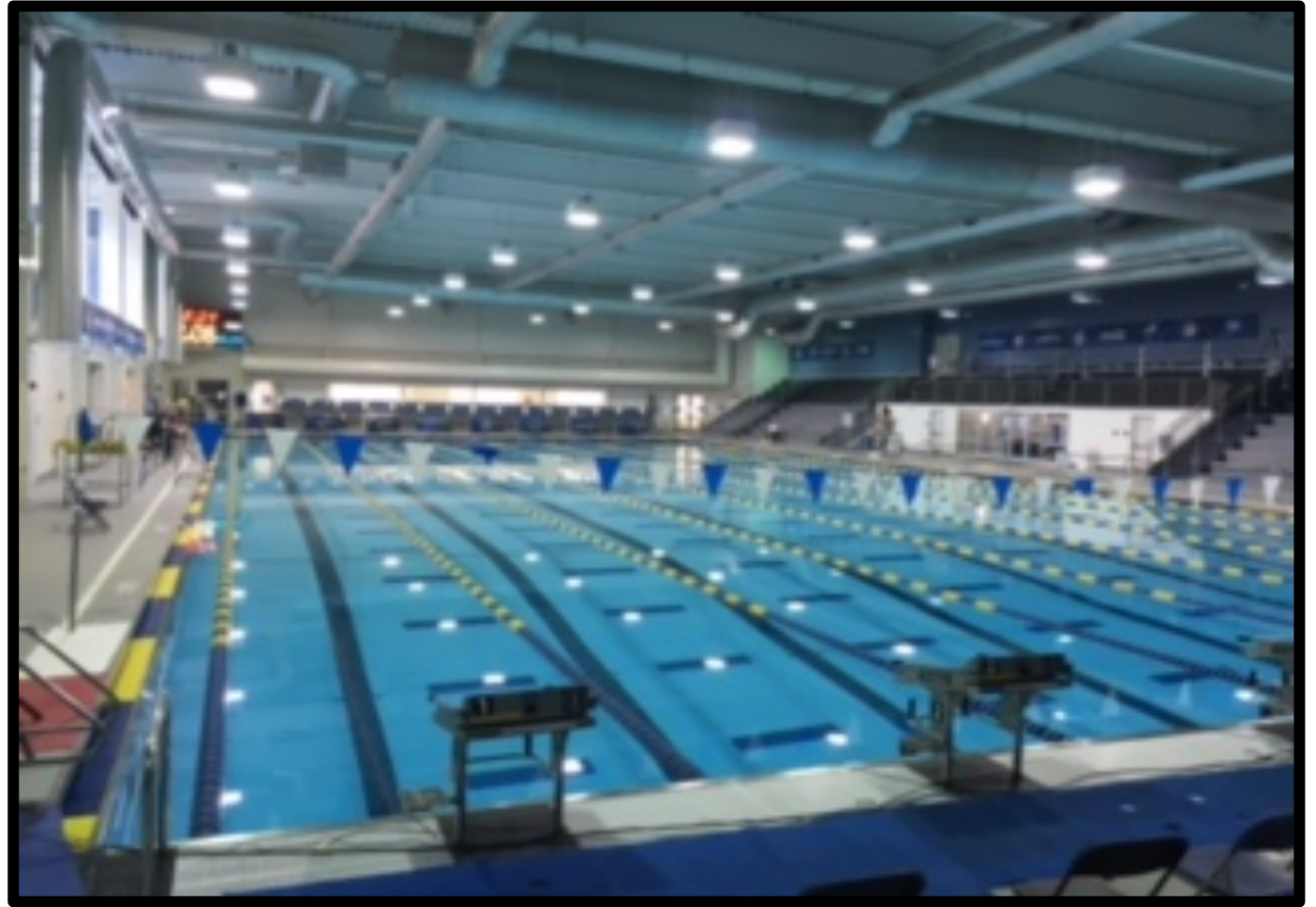


# Income and Economic Impact

- ✓ “Numerous teams from peninsula wanting to ***rent*** lap space.”
- ✓ Able to offer regular lessons to tribes.
- ✓ Able to hold more, larger, higher caliber swim meets and water polo competitions.
- ✓ Community hub. Accommodate larger groups and community users.
- ✓ Local teams could rent facility to host events, meets and competitions.
- ✓ Boost hotel, restaurant and other tourism business with hosted meets and competitions at a new facility.
- ✓ Jobs for community members.

# Community Vision

- 50 meter x 25 yard pool.
- USA Swimming certified.
- Movable bulkhead, diving blocks, computer room.
- Seating for athletes and spectators.
- Storage rooms, locker rooms with showers.
- Meeting and conference rooms with multi-purposes for community use.
- Weight training room.
- Separate warm pool with ADA access- used for warm-up/cool down at meets, therapy.



# Indoor Aquatic Center - 50 Meter x 25 Yard Pool

- Meet the needs of aquatic athletic programs and competitions for athletes from ages 7 to 96 in a safe environment with room to grow!
- Meet the needs of lap swimmers ages 18-96 with and without disabilities.
- Meet the needs of community members needing a therapy pool.
- Allow current aquatic center to provide more swim lessons and other programs.
- Provide rooms and space for various community use.
- Rental of both aquatic centers can provide income to community as well as more jobs.