

Clarington Polar Bear Swim Committee

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Attention: Mayor Adrian Foster and Members of Council
Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington
40 Temperance St.
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Re: Clarington Polar Bear Swim – January 1, 2025

We are Hugh and Nancy Towie, event organizers and parents to Hollylynn Towie.

Once again this year Our efforts this year will be directed towards a worthy charity that helps autistic adults. Autism Home Base Durham, is a registered charity here in Clarington.

The annual Clarington Polar Bear Swim is a fantastic event with community members going for a 'swim' in the icy waters of Lake Ontario on the first day of each year to bring awareness to autism

Last year hundreds of spectators and swimmers came out and we anticipate another successful event for this year. The ongoing local support and enthusiasm will undoubtedly continue for this great community event, with past participants from Scotland, Australia, United States as well as Nunavut, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and many towns throughout the GTA and southern Ontario. For more information about the swim see the attached poster.

Once again, we would appreciate Council's approval for the event as well as attendance by members of Clarington Fire Hall Station #2 to ensure an Emergency Services presence at this community affair. The on-going cooperation of both the Works and EMS departments assist in making this an extremely successful experience for everyone year after year.

Also, could we please request that the outhouse in the parking lot is in working order this year. Last year it hadn't been emptied and was unusable.

You are each invited to come to the Bond Head Beach on Monday, January 1, 2025, to participate as a plunger or spectator. We wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year in Clarington.

Sincerely



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