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## Beaconsfield Community Pool Goes Green!

Windermere Aquatic Club announced today that it has taken significant steps to become more environmentally friendly and aware.

**Beaconsfield, Quebec June 22, 2009** – Windermere community pool, in an effort to be more environmentally friendly, has made numerous changes this year regarding the products it uses and the habits it promotes.

The snack bar is the center of many of the association's ecologically minded changes. They have stopped selling bottled water and have installed a new water fountain to encourage the use of tap water and reusable bottles. The canteen has replaced plastic plates and utensils with compostable tableware. These items are made from sustainable materials like sugar cane fibre, corn or potato starches and will fully biodegrade.

"It seemed like a logical step in the right direction to stop selling bottled water and to offer our members their food and drinks served in non-toxic and non plastic plates, glasses, cups and cutlery", said Christina Abboud, Canteen Coordinator. "We also wanted to protect the kids that work in the canteen by using safe eco-friendly cleaning products to keep our canteen clean and green!"

The pool worked with GoGreenInStages.com, an environmental products retailer, to see how the association could make alternative choices while keeping the health of its members and the environment in mind at the same time. And a newly formed "Green Team" of parent volunteers will be offering a "Green Tip of the Day" for their fellow members at the pool. With the support of the City of Beaconsfield the Green Team plans to increase recycling rates on site.

"We want to encourage our members to recycle and be more aware of landfill issues", said Green Team member Melanie Richter. "We also plan to develop eco-minded programs and events which can include the kids at the pool. A "Green Day" in the summer would be informative and fun to hold, along with other themed events we have such as "Mini-Olympics" or "Halloween in July".

Windermere Aquatic Club's President, Lynn Houston, feels that they are responding to a need; "Our members, especially our children, together with the City of Beaconsfield, have encouraged the Windermere Aquatic Club to go green and reduce our carbon footprint."

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