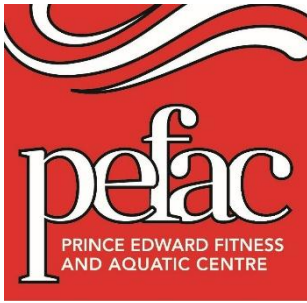




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PEFAC Has a Long-Term Lease

Just a reminder - the Board has approved and signed a new 15-year lease meaning that PEFAC will continue to rent the premises for the foreseeable future. This new lease means that even if the property is sold, PEFAC can continue to rent the premises. So, our future is secure.

Future Options

The Board is continuing to explore what might be the optimum long-term solution for an aquatic and fitness centre in Prince Edward County.

As noted at a recent presentation by PEFAC to PEC Committee of the Whole (Council), the options include:

- PEFAC purchase of the current site and refurbishment or redevelopment of the facilities
- PEFAC-led development of a new facility
- The YMCA coming into Prince Edward County and establishing a new facility at a new location. The first step in this option is for The County to 'invite' the Y to consider PEC for a Y, and Council has agreed to ask staff to look into this in collaboration with PEFAC.

Any of these options would be medium-to-long term (5 – 10+ years) before realization. In the meantime, PEFAC will continue to operate in our existing premises.

The Municipal Election – Make YOUR Voice Heard for PEFAC

The Municipal Election is October 26. Prince Edward County will have a new mayor and many new councillors after this election. PEFAC's membership represents some 1000 voters so make your vote count! Advance voting starts October 11.

PEFAC has a partnership agreement with Prince Edward County that is re-assessed every four years when a new Council is elected. This agreement provides financial support towards PEFAC's operations in exchange for us delivering services that are traditionally provided by municipalities, such as the swimming pool, as well as ensuring that there is public access to PEFAC.

Negotiating a favourable agreement with the new Council is crucial to PEFAC's sustainable operations, and allows county residents to have access to a swimming pool at a fraction of what it would cost the County to provide.

PEFAC received \$150,000 from the County in 2026. This represented about 15% of our operating costs, the other 85% being raised through membership and programme fees.

Given our increasing operating costs, PEFAC will be asking Council for a larger contribution next year. We anticipate that membership and programme revenue will still cover some 80% of our costs.

For comparison purposes, here is some data on the recreation facilities owned and operated by Prince Edward County:

Recreation and Community Facilities Division (includes arenas, museums, community halls, marina, parks); data is for 2026

Total Revenues \$700,000 (12% of expenses)

Total Expenses \$5,900,000

Net Cost: \$5,200,000

This budget includes:

- Community Centres and Arenas:
 - Revenues: \$ 463,000 (17% of expenses) Expenses: \$2,728,000.
 - Net Cost paid by the municipality: \$2,265,000
- Trails and Outdoor Spaces
 - Revenue: \$7,500 (8% of expenses) Expenses \$906,700
 - Net Cost paid by the municipality: \$901,200
- Marina and Harbours
 - Revenues: \$386,000 (60% of expenses) Expenses: \$646,000
 - Net Cost paid by the municipality: \$260,000

We urge you to speak to the candidates in your ward, and the candidates for the mayor's position, and let them know how important PEFAC is to you and our communities. Make sure they know that PEFAC is not owned or operated by the municipality but is a not-for-profit corporation, with operations overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors. Remind them that PEFAC provides a core recreation service for the County, one that in many places is provided directly by the municipality at costs many many times higher than the contribution PEFAC will be seeking.

Ask for their full support when PEFAC approaches them at budget time later this fall/early winter.

If you would like any additional information, please email info@pefac.ca and someone will get back to you.

Attached is a one-pager that has been sent to all candidates with some key information.