

Fw: [EXTERNAL]Angry Parent Over Indecent "family change rooms"

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Hello,

Thank you for your email.

The City of Brampton strives to provide a safe, respectful and welcoming environment for community members who access services at all of our Recreation facilities. A number of our facilities have now implemented universal or family change rooms to provide a more inclusive environment for all patrons visiting our centres. We keep privacy and safety at the forefront of our operations as many community facilities in Brampton and elsewhere transition to this new design. Working with our partners in Building, Design and Construction we have consulted with various experts throughout the design process of these facilities to ensure that the appropriate building and operating standards are adhered to.

We understand that with the implementation of any change there is always some wariness in regards to new design, and as such, all gender neutral washrooms and change rooms do have "privacy stalls" that patrons are encouraged to utilize to provide an increased level of comfort and privacy. We will increase awareness and signage in our facilities to continue to encourage our patrons to use these stalls when changing in our change rooms.

Should you have any other questions or concerns specific to Recreation and current practices and protocols, I am copying Anand Patel, Director of Recreation, who would be happy to assist.

Thank you,

Bill Boyes

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Hello,

I'm writing in regards to the unacceptable plans you have for all rec centres to have these "family change rooms".

We had just come from a rec centre after a swim with friends. Upon entering the change room, my young daughter was exposed to 4 grown men, dropping their underwear, and putting on their suits. This is completely inappropriate, and disgusting! Upon finishing our swim and re-entering the changeroom, another man dropped his underwear and put on a towel. This sexual exploitation towards children is completely unacceptable! If this had happened out in public, they would be charged with indecent exposure! It should not be ok to do so in front of our vulnerable children in closed rooms! In speaking with the head of aquatics, he had mentioned they've already had between 15-30 complaints in regards to this.

First, I'd like to know who voted for this idea, and why the area residents were not informed or asked their opinions on it. These are centres for all individuals, and families to enjoy, and they should not have to worry about their young children being exposed to adult genitalia! We must have separate change rooms for men and women, so that our children can be safe from this indecent exposure from grown adults. It's not about "inclusivity", and trying to make it acceptable, it's about protecting our children from this disgusting exposure.

Secondly, I'd like this "plan" amended in order to keep our young children safe. Please let me know what can, and will be done about this.

I'm incredibly disgusted, and angry with the decision to make this the accepted norm. I will not have my child exposed to such unacceptable behaviour, places, or people, that argue it should be allowable. Children are just that, children. They should be able to keep their innocence, and not be exposed to such sexual indecent exposure by adults in closed rooms.

I look forward to hearing how this can be rectified.

Thank you,

Betty

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