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Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you that the difficult decision has been made to put a minimum 1-year pause on the operation of the CFB Kingston Sharks Swim Club (31 August 2023 to 1 July 2024). This one-year closure is intended to provide the appropriate time to review, re-evaluate, realign, reorganize and hopefully relaunch a youth recreational aquatics club at CFB Kingston.

Over a number of years, the Club has grown in scope and size and has moved away from the core mandate of being a recreation club by adding programs with a high-performance focus. This competitive focus has created several challenges in the program's ability to fit within the overall Base Recreation Program and has a significant impact on PSP/CFB Kingston resources. Further, the club's inability to align with the NPF policies and the CAF Recreation Framework has created compliance issues over a number of years now.

To minimize the impact on the children within the Club wishing to continue their stroke development and fitness levels in the pool, the PSP Recreation Department will develop programming options in the fall/winter aquatics schedule to support those who wish to continue their development as part of a recreational program. The Community Recreation Manager will work with the Club President to ensure your children are given priority registration for these programs based on category.

This decision was not made lightly and was not a reflection of the efforts made by the current executive and PSP Recreation Staff to attempt to find solutions or work through challenges. We understand that this news may be upsetting for the members of the Sharks Swim Club and we welcome parents to bring your questions to Base leadership and the PSP team at 1900 hrs on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at the Warrants' and Sergeants' Mess.

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