



## **Aquatic Universal Changeroom User Guidelines and Rationale**

We are committed to removing barriers to participation. Universal changerrooms are fully accessible spaces that provide everyone with privacy and maintains dignity.

### **Rules for the Universal Changerooms**

- Patrons are required to remain clothed unless in a private change cubicle or bathroom stall.
- Nudity is not permitted in common areas.
- All lockers within the universal changerroom are day-use only.
- Photography and video recording are strictly prohibited.
- Ensure that all personal belongings are secure at all times. The City of Mississauga is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.
- Please report any suspicious activities to a staff member immediately.
- Please be respectful of those around you and the facility

### **Change cubicles**

- A change cubicle is a private stall in which patrons can change their clothes. The private stall cubicles and washroom stalls can all be locked.
- A variety of sizes of cubicles are available to accommodate individuals as well as multi-gender families and anyone needing support from a caregiver.
- Cubicle partitions have been designed for safety and privacy, while open at the top to allow for appropriate air circulation.

### **Washroom stalls**

- Washroom stalls range from single-user spaces to larger ones that can facilitate adults with caregivers.

### **Common area amenities**

- The common areas include shared amenities such as lockers, sinks and counter space, mirrors, and wall-mounted hair dryers.

### **Acceptable attire when in the open spaces of the Universal Changeroom**

- Patrons must be fully clothed or wearing swimsuits (one or two-piece suits and swim trunks/board shorts) outside of private cubicles, and washroom stalls.
- Nudity or undergarments (boxers, briefs, fashion bra, and underwear) are unacceptable in common spaces.



## **Shower etiquette**

- All swimmers must shower thoroughly using warm water and soap before entering the pool per Ontario Pool Health Regulation 565.
- A swimsuit is required when using the open showers before or after your swim as nudity is strictly prohibited in common spaces.

## **Bringing a support person for people with limited mobility**

- Within a universal changeroom, patrons can be assisted by a family member or support worker regardless of gender.
- Accessible changerooms are available for patrons requiring additional support. Features include an adult change table and support bars, as well as extra room for a support person and mobility aids.

## **Benefits of Universal Changerooms**

The universal changeroom design enables the following:

- Creating an accessible space for community members of all ages, abilities and gender identities.
- Greater accessibility and caregiver accommodation.
- Families can stay together to assist with changing.
- Access for school groups, daycare and summer camps to meet supervision requirements.
- Improved monitoring and user safety.
- Optimal use of space.

The universal changerooms are designed with safety and inclusiveness in mind. Features include:

- Private change cubicles.
- Open vestibule (no nudity) showers for patrons who are using the pools.
- Private washroom stalls.
- Accessible private change cubicles.
- Lockers, all of which are day-use only.
- Baby change stations.
- Adult change table located in the private accessible changeroom.