

**If City Council votes to cut free registered programs for 12,870 children and youth at Priority Centres, they will be sending them into a subsidy program with a permanent waiting list of more than 75,000 people.**

Number of people approved for recreation subsidy program, the Welcome Policy: 107,868

Number of people able to register for programs before the subsidy allocation runs out each season: 23,527

Percentage of people approved for the subsidy program able to register for programs: 22

2011 waiting list for the recreation subsidy program: 84,341

Number of children and youth registered for free programs at Priority Centres: 12,870

Number of seniors currently registered for free programs at Priority Centres: Unknown. Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PFR) has not released these numbers.

Number of community groups currently delivering programs Priority Centres. Unknown. PFR has not released these numbers.

Number of additional people PFR proposes to serve by reducing the subsidy allocation and moving it to a 'dollar-based' system - one that will shrink dramatically over the next few years as user fees go up: 7,500

Number of additional people PFR proposes to serve by charging children and youth user fees at Priority Centres and putting this money into the subsidy program: Unknown. PFR has recently admitted it does not know how many children and youth will continue to attend programs if user fees are imposed.

Approximate length of permanent waiting list for subsidy program in 2012: 76,841

*NOTES: The above is based on numbers from May 2011, the last date from which detailed numbers were publicly available from PFR. Since this date, free registered adult programs were cut from Priority Centres. As a result, the waiting list is likely to be significantly larger.*

*PFR is planning on putting \$0.1 million of new resources into the subsidy program in 2012 (this is not tied to revenues at Priority Centres). The \$0.1 million (and more) would be needed to cover growth between May 2011 and January 2012.*

*Possible revenues from Priority Centres have not been factored into the above as this is an unknown. Even with these revenues, however, and based on PFR predictions (which they have now said are inaccurate), the waiting list would stand at approximately 68,500.*

*Above information taken from:*

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