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**FIFE AREA SWIM TEAM CHANGE**

**Fife, WA** – The City of Fife is happy to announce that it is ensuring a successful future for the Fife Area Swim Team in the coming months and years.

Pending ratification at Tuesday's City Council meeting (January 14), the city will transfer ownership to an outside party, but it is an owner that swimmers will already know.

Current Assistant Coach Matt Sellman, through his company Sellman Aquatics LLC, will become the new owner of the swim team. Very little will change for swimmers and there will be no disruption in practice times at the Fife Aquatic Center, use of team equipment and no additional costs to swimmers through the remainder of the 2019-2020 season.

There will be no additional changes made at the Fife Aquatic Center and it will continue its operations as it always has. The only change will be the ownership of the team.

The City of Fife came to the decision to transfer ownership of the team due to liability concerns and limitations for growth under city ownership. The City of Fife wants to be invested in programs and activities the city can fully support and it made more sense to find a new owner. Private ownership will be able to better support the swim team.

You might have questions about this change. Please direct questions to Marta Gailushas at 253-896-8670 or [mgailushas@cityoffife.org](mailto:mgailushas@cityoffife.org).