

## Grenfell Swimming Pool Swimming Lessons 2023

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In January 2022 the Canadian Red Cross announced its discontinuation of its swimming and lifeguard programs, citing the need to focus efforts on evolving humanitarian needs and community health crises. Facility operators were granted a one year period to transition to Lifesaving Society Canada. Red Cross instructors (such as those in Grenfell) have been given the opportunity to participate in a free online Swim Transition Instructor Clinic and Canadian Swim Patrol Instructor Training Module.

## What this means for the Grenfell Swimming Pool

The Town of Grenfell has opted to run the Red Cross Swim Lessons for a final season, this year. The Town of Grenfell will be fully transitioned by the nationwide deadline of December 31, 2022. We are optimistic that Lifesaving Society swim lessons will be offered in 2023, however this is fully dependent on the availability of certified staff.

## Swim Lesson Registration

The Town of Grenfell is working diligently to simplify the registration process, and to educate the public about the Transition as best as possible. We encourage you to carefully review the conversion chart prior to registering your child in swim lessons for the 2023 season.

We suggest you chose the level that best describes your child's ability and comfort level when in the water, not necessarily by their age or even the next consecutive 'level' in their journey.

We appreciate this transition may be difficult to navigate both for the public and for staff, however, respectful and timely communication will be the best avenues for success.

If you have any questions, comments, or if you would like assistance on choosing the correct level for your child please call the Town Office 306-697-2815.

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