

# Mississauga Masters Swim Club

## 2024–2025 Annual Report

### A Message from the President

The 2024–25 season was a milestone year for the Mississauga Masters. With fresh energy, stronger communications, and broader participation, our club made remarkable strides in community building, athlete development, and organizational strength.

We became a **City of Mississauga Registered Community Group**, securing better pool rental rates and preserving our accessible membership fees. We also introduced a **new club logo**, **team swim caps**, and **merchandise**, helping reinforce our identity.

Coaching saw a leap forward, with coaches joining us at meets and distributing workouts through WhatsApp. Our thanks go to **Head Coach Natalia** and Coach **Riddhi** for their dedication.

On the social side, our **monthly Sunday breakfasts** and **Holiday Gift Exchange** drew fantastic turnout, and new initiatives like **specialized swim clinics** added value to members' experiences.

### From the Coach

Coach Natalia highlighted a season of growth and firsts. Many swimmers achieved personal milestones — from showing up consistently, to racing for the first time, to setting new personal bests.

Our swim meet participation grew, with more members embracing competition and contributing to a **supportive team culture**. This strong foundation sets us up well for the 2025–2026 season.

### Financial Summary

Thanks to prudent management and our new community status, the club posted a **budget surplus**, reversing the shortfall from the previous year. Membership fees saw a modest increase, while pool costs decreased due to the BCC's temporary closure.

### Board Updates

Elections brought new and returning faces:

- **President:** Jennifer Allard (2-year term)
- **Vice-President:** Tom Otvos (term extended to stagger board turnover)
- **Treasurer:** Barb French
- **Membership Director:** Darren James
- **Communications Director:** Aleksandra Milutinovic
- **Social Director:** Jessica Ciampini (newly elected)

We thank **Patty Rodriguez** for her outstanding service as outgoing Social Director, and **Belinda Elysee-Collen** for her leadership as President over the past two years.

### Club Operations & Issues

- **Burnhamthorpe Pool Concerns:** Circulation jet issues affecting lanes (especially lane 6) persist. The Board will continue pressing the Aquatic Supervisor to resolve this.
- **MSO vs. SO Membership:** Discussions continued on whether to register with both Masters Swimming Ontario (MSO) and Swim Ontario (SO). Investigation into a streamlined process is underway.
- **Swim Meet Recognition:** Club member **Tom Otvos** won his age category in the 2023–24 Masters Swim Series. An information session about meet participation is planned for Fall 2025.

### Looking Ahead

- **Summer Season registration** opens early June.
- The **last practice** for the season is now **Sunday, June 29**.
- Planning is underway for more swim clinics, social events, and competitions.

### Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to **Aleksandra and Srdjan** for hosting our 2025 AGM, and to all our members, volunteers, and coaches for making this a memorable season.