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City files appearance in dispute over Skinnydippers' nude swims

Surrey, British Columbia - May 28, 2007 – Skinnydipper Services President Paul Andreassen says the group learned today that the City of Surrey has finally filed their appearance in the dispute over nude bathing at Newton Wave Pool. The City filed its appearance in the B.C. Supreme Court's Vancouver Registry on Thursday, May 24th and the group's lawyer was served notice on Friday May 25th. Surrey now has until Wednesday, June 6th to file its position. The question now is, how will they justify their prohibition of this group's rentals?

Is there really a compelling social interest in denying this activity? Will Surrey actually justify their position with real practical reasons or will they rely on nitpicking technical legal arguments? Skinnydipper's Andreassen thinks the latter, “Look, they have never made a reasonable case for creating this prohibition in the first place. They've never shown that there is a real need to take the position they have. There certainly is little support for them in the community with most people supporting us even if they don't join us. But they will argue that the law gives them the power to deny us the rental and that's it. Of course that's the attitude that every bully takes.”

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A copy of our petition and affidavit is available upon request. More information is available on Skinnydipper's website devoted to this action at <http://stw.skinnydipper.ca>.

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