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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

As I know there is considerable interest in the progress of repairs to the storm-related damage at Kits Pool, I am pleased to share the following update from Park Board confirming the expectation that the pool will be operations by the end of July.

Best,
Paul

**Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
Information Bulletin
June 20, 2022**

Kits Pool to reopen this summer pending cooperative weather

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has put a plan in place to reopen Kitsilano Outdoor Pool—one of Vancouver’s most iconic summer destinations—in time for the August Long weekend.

In April, Recreation Services [announced Kits Pool would not reopen in time for the May long weekend](#), due to damages sustained during the King-tide storm on January 7, 2022. The storm caused major issues in the pool basin, chambers and adjacent seawall. Early inspections by engineers showed substantial cracks, movement of cement slabs and gaps in the expansion joints, which led to concerns about whether or not there were voids under the pool tanks.

Following an extensive assessment, staff have confirmed the pool’s structural integrity has not been compromised, and the pool can be safely refilled once the cracks on its concrete surface are sealed. In order for the sealant to cure properly, the weather needs to be consistently dry for one week. From there, crews will need approximately two additional weeks to fill the pool, treat and heat the water, and prepare it for opening day.

If all goes to plan, Kits Pool will reopen from Saturday, July 30 to Monday, September 5, and long-term assessments and repairs will be undertaken in the off season. These more in-depth repairs will be to rejuvenate the pool’s structure back to what it was before the storm and could include more extensive maintenance for the deeper cracks that went through the entire thickness of the pool, which will be chipped out for the addition of new rebar.

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is continuing to work with the City, other levels of government, and the Nations to improve climate resilience in the long term. Planning for this is underway, such as through the WestEnd Waterfront Master Plan and Kitsilano Beach Renewal Plan, to explore different design solutions.

For more information, visit [Vancouver.ca/kitsilanopool](https://vancouver.ca/kitsilanopool).

From: PB Communications
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Good morning Commissioners,

Please be advised that the below Information Bulletin will be issued to media later this morning.

Our spokespersons will be Chair Mackinnon and Peter Fox.

Thank you,
David

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Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation staff have been working diligently to facilitate an early reopening of Kits Pool. As one of Vancouver's most beloved and iconic summer destinations, a temporary solution is being put in place for an August long weekend target, but there is a catch with this specific deadline. In order for repair crews to expedite this process and fill large cracks in the pool basin, the weather in Vancouver must remain dry for one full, uninterrupted week to allow for the sealant to cure.

In April, Recreation Services [announced Kits Pool would not reopen in time for the May long weekend](#), due to significant damages sustained during the king-tide storm on January 7, 2022. The storm caused major issues in the pool basin, chambers and adjacent seawall. Early inspections by engineers showed substantial cracks, movement of cement slabs and gaps in the expansion joints, which led to concerns about whether or not there were voids under the pool tanks.

Staff are pleased to announce that after an extensive assessment, the pool's structural integrity has not been compromised and the majority of repairs will be to seal cracks on its concrete surface. If weather is consistently dry for one week, and the sealant is able to cure properly, crews will need a minimum of two additional weeks to fill the pool and prepare for its opening day.

If all goes to plan, Kits Pool will reopen from Saturday, July 30 to Tuesday, September 7 and long-term assessments and repairs will be undertaken in the off season. These more in-depth repairs will be to rejuvenate the pool's structure back to what it was before the storm and could include more extensive maintenance for the deeper cracks that went through the entire thickness of the pool, which will be chipped out for the addition of new rebar.

Planning to improve infrastructure and climate resiliency for future weather events for various City projects such as the West End Waterfront Master Plan and Kitsilano Beach Renewal Plan is happening in partnership with various levels of government and the Nations.

The City of Vancouver alongside the Park Board will continue to monitor damage to ensure everyone's safety as well as the longevity of this beloved Vancouver pool.

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