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Subject: Memo to Mayor and Council - Kitsilano Pool – 2024 Opening Date

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Hello Mayor and Council,

Please find a memo attached regarding the delayed opening of the Kitsilano Pool due to extensive repairs.

- Pool opening is now scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Pool membrane repairs have been undertaken 3 times; Each time repaired, more cracking and delamination occurs
- Pool will be cleaned, and prepped for opening; Every effort will be undertaken to keep it open
- Pool is at threat of having to close down mid-season due to membrane delaminating, cracking and concrete spalling

If you have any questions, please reach out to myself at  
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or Steve Jackson

Sincerely,

Armin Amrolia  
Deputy City Manager

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## MEMORANDUM

May 10, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager, Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Kitsilano Pool – 2024 Opening Date

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Kitsilano Outdoor Pool will open later than its planned opening date of May 18 due to membrane failures which emerged after the initial repairs were completed. As membrane failures pose a safety issue, repairs must be made in advance of opening.

As highlighted through earlier communications, the ability to make necessary repairs and open on schedule is contingent on favourable weather. Of note, weather has only recently been consistent enough to this week complete the initial membrane repairs.

With repairs complete, staff are currently cleaning and filling the pool in preparation for opening. As the pool fills, water pressure may cause additional membrane damage, which would require

repair before the pool can safely open. The need to make these additional repairs is unpredictable, making it difficult to determine with certainty opening timelines for the pool. Staff would need to assess the extent of the damage, if any, and adjust opening dates accordingly.

Real Estate, Environment, and Facilities Management (REFM) will continue to provide updates over the next week to Park Board staff on the membrane condition as the pool fills. If there is no additional membrane damage once the pool is full, staff anticipate opening on June 1, 2024.

Kitsilano Pool has reached end-of-life with many failing and deteriorating components, including the membrane, expansion joints and the concrete structure, which has added complexity to maintenance, repair, and preparation for opening. It is important to note that there are risks to opening; specifically, there is a possibility of ongoing deterioration resulting in failure during the season. If that occurs it would result in a closure of the pool prior to the end of the season.

REFM have identified medium-term solutions to address known failing components, including a strategy to repair damaged water supply piping and implement a pool liner in 2025 to address concrete failures and membrane delamination.

REFM and Park Board staff are working on joint messaging that will provide the public with an update regarding the 2024 operating season. Park Board staff are also exploring opportunities to extend hours at Second Beach Pool to partially offset the delayed opening at Kitsilano Pool.

Best Regards,



Armin Amrolia  
Deputy City Manager

Best Regards,



Steve Jackson  
General Manager