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To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**

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Subject: Kitsilano Outdoor Pool - Status Update - Board Briefing Memo

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Dear Mayor and Council,

As follow up to my earlier note, please see below an information bulletin that will jointly be issued by the Park Board and City tomorrow morning.

Please keep this information embargoed pending release of the public communication at 10 am tomorrow.

Best,
Paul

Paul Mochrie (he/him)
City Manager
City of Vancouver



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Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
City of Vancouver
Information bulletin
June 6, 2024

Kitsilano Outdoor Pool to remain closed this summer

We regret to announce that Kitsilano Outdoor Pool will remain closed this summer. This decision was made after careful consideration and will allow staff to address a number of core issues with the pool.

Despite repairs made during the off-season, the pool is still losing a substantial amount of water, making it impossible to balance pool chemicals. Vancouver Coastal Health has confirmed that the pool can not be operated safely in its current state.

The extended closure will allow staff to fully investigate the ongoing water loss and make the needed repairs to the underground piping and basin required to extend the facility's useful life. Staff also plan to install a custom liner which is expected to extend the life of the pool.

Kitsilano Pool was built more than 50 years ago and is at the end of its service life, with many components failing and deteriorating and repairs.

In response to the closure and the impact on the community, the Park Board will be extending operating hours at Second Beach Pool throughout the summer. **Please check the website** for the expanded schedule, which begins June 12th.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to ensure that Kitsilano Outdoor Pool will be available in future years pending a complete reconstruction of this cherished facility.

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Please find attached for your information an update provided to Park Board Commissioners regarding the status of efforts by our REFM and Park Board teams to repair Kitsilano Pool for operation this summer. Regrettably, given the circumstances set out below, Park Board will not be in a position to open the pool for the 2024 season.

A public communication will be issued later this week. In the interim, please let me or Armin know if you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Best,
Paul

From: Park Board GM's Office <pbgmo@vancouver.ca>
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Dear Commissioners,

On May 30, Vancouver Coastal Health attended Kitsilano Outdoor Pool for the annual prerequisite inspection to permit operation of the facility. Based on the findings of the inspection, the pool was identified as non-compliant in several key areas. To gain compliance, Facilities Management and Operational Excellence (FMOE-REFM) have identified that significant repairs must be undertaken to address the on-going significant water loss. This will result in the pool remaining closed for the remainder of the 2024 season.

As identified through the Vancouver Coastal Health report, the primary issue continues to be extensive and increasing water loss despite some repairs being conducted in the offseason. Water loss has increased significantly with the pool being topped up with approximately 1.7-1.8 million litres/per day. Extensive water loss has led to the inability to balance pool chemicals which is required to safely operate a pool.

As identified during the presentation to Park Board ([December 2023](#)) and subsequent update ([April 2024](#))

due to the current age of the asset there is risk associated with both the repair work as well as the actions associated with draining and filling of the pool tank. Unfortunately, those risks were realized as work done in the offseason to repair membrane damage has reversed since filling the pool, with some cracks resurfacing and expanding, posing a potential safety hazard to patrons. This has also resulted in a substantial increase in water loss, estimated at double the rate of water loss during the 2023 operating season.

FMOE has conducted several repairs in the offseason including fixing two supply jet heads, smaller piping work, and localized repair to membrane damage in the pool basin. To resolve the water loss issue FMOE will need to fully scope water supply piping, excavate and repair any damaged piping, and potentially conduct additional work as more information is gathered through scoping.

Staff have identified solutions to address known failing components, including a plan to implement a pool liner in 2025 to address concrete failures and membrane delamination. Staff have also requested funding at the Mid-Term Update (MTU) to conduct a feasibility study to begin planning for the renewal of the pool.

As a result of the Kitsilano Outdoor Pool closure, Park Board staff will be extending operating hours at Second Beach pool to support additional public access. Park Board staff will work with REFM to release joint communication regarding the operational changes to the public this week.

Regards,

Steve Jackson, General Manager, Board of Parks and Recreation
Armin Amrolia, General Manager, Real Estate, Environment, and Facilities Management