

File No.: 04-1000-20-2024-409

August 9, 2024

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Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of July 5, 2024 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act)*** for:

**Regarding the June 5, 2024 announcement that Kitsilano Pool would not open in summer 2024 and the July 5, 2024 announcement that Kitsilano Pool would reopen on August 7, 2024, record of the expert report that led to the June 5 announcement and a record of the expert report that led to the July 5 announcement.**

All responsive records are attached.\*

\*Please note, Civic Facilities Maintenance & Operations confirm there is no expert report that led to the announcement.

Under section 52 of the Act, and within 30 business days of receipt of this letter, you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your FOI request by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, [info@oipc.bc.ca](mailto:info@oipc.bc.ca) or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2024-409); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly,

*[Signed by Cobi Falconer]*

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If you have any questions, please email us at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) and we will respond to you as soon as possible. You may also contact 3-1-1 (604-873-7000) if you require accommodation or do not have access to email.

Encl. (Response Package)

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# Vancouver Coastal Health

## Pool Inspection Report

Inspected By: Garret Brouwer

<b>Site Address:</b> 2305 Cornwall Ave Vancouver BC V6K	<b>Inspection #:</b> INS310813
<b>Facility Inspected:</b> Kitsilano - Outdoor Pool	<b>Inspection Date:</b> 30-May-2024
<b>Facility Number:</b> 01996	<b>Facility Type:</b> Pool
<b>Primary Owner/Licensee:</b> Vancouver Park Board - City of Vancouver	<b>Inspection Type:</b> Routine
<b>Primary Operator/Manager:</b> Tony Syskakis	<b>Delivery Method:</b> Email

### Opening Comments and Observations:

Pre-opening inspection for outdoor seasonal pool with Parks Board - Aquatics Supervisor, Tony Syskakis, and onsite pool operator, Aaron La Valley, and Robin Singh, Supervisor of Maintenance Technicians. Pool is not ready for patron use at this time and should not be opened to the public. There appears to be serious issues with pool water leakage and replenishment that is adversely impacting maintaining adequate pool water parameters as per the Pool Regulation.

NIC = Not in compliance IC = In compliance N/A = Not applicable

### Pool

#### Pool Water

- The water is clear so that the pattern of the main drain is clearly visible IC
- The pool water temperature is properly maintained  
Observation:  
Due to the addition of make-up water, the water temperature is lower than the normal operating temperature.
- The pool disinfectant is properly maintained NIC  
**Follow up by: 31-May-2024**  
*- Free available chlorine is less than 0.5 ppm at temperature of 30°C or below.*  
Observation:  
Current free available chlorine concentration is too low (below minimum 0.5 ppm).  
Due to the volume of make-up water being added constantly, the chlorine levels are being impacted negatively.  
  
Readings Taken: Free available chlorine : 0.26ppm
- The pool combined chlorine level is properly maintained IC  
Observation:  
The total chlorine concentration tested at 0.40 ppm, so the combined chlorine was low 0.14 ppm.
- The pool pH level is properly maintained IC  
Readings Taken: pH of pool water : 7.34pH
- The pool alkalinity is properly maintained NIC  
*- Total Alkalinity is too low and is not at a level to maintain chemically balanced pool water.*  
Readings Taken: Total alkalinity : 74ppm

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- 7. The pool cyanuric acid stabilizer level is properly maintained

Observation:

The ideal range for stabilizer is 30 -50 ppm.

Readings Taken: Cyanuric acid stabilizer : 12ppm

**Operation and Maintenance**

- 8. The pool has controlled access IC

- 9. The pool does not present any suction or entrapment hazards to pool patrons IC

- 10. The operator maintains the pool in good repair. NIC

Observation:

The water leakage from the pool appears to have significantly increased from last year.

The amount of make-up water (mostly potable water) is significantly greater than last year and is affecting consistent water chemistry parameters (e.g. chlorine, stabilizer).

Concurrently, there have been problems noted by staff regarding some lifting of patch work done to pool basin which is causing sharp edges that may present cutting hazards.

**Response:**

**>The current water problems with the pool appear unsustainable and should be addressed to allow for consistent maintenance of pool water parameters.**

**>Any patches in pool basin should be checked and corrected so that surface is smooth and free of sharp edges.**

- 11. Pool equipment is regularly tested for safety and maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' specifications NIC

- Skimmer does not adequately draw surface water from the pool.

Observation:

The pool water level was below the skimmer edging so that surface water was not being skimmed.

It appears that the pool water leakage was drawing the water level down below the skimmer edge.

The make-up water does not appear to keep up.

- 12. Daily pool records are adequately maintained and available on site

Observation:

Pool records have begun recently.

The goal will be to check pool water every two hours while open to patrons.

**Pool - EH - Public Pool**

**Contacts Present During Inspection**

Tony Syskakis

**Action(s) Taken**

**Actions Taken**

Information Exchanged

**Closing Comments:**

Pool is not approved for opening to the public at this time.

Received By:

Inspector:

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Garret Brouwer