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Subject: Memo to Mayor and Council - Kitsilano Outdoor Pool Update (2025-05-06)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached a status update on the current work underway to prepare Kitsilano Outdoor Pool for the upcoming outdoor aquatics season. The information contained in this memo is also being shared with the Park Board Commissioners through Parks & Recreation staff.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me or Steve Jackson.

Regards,

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MEMORANDUM

May 6, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Kitsilano Outdoor Pool – Status Update

RTS #: N/A

This memo provides Mayor and Council with a status update on the current work underway to prepare Kitsilano Outdoor Pool for the upcoming outdoor aquatics season. The information contained in this memo is also being shared with the Park Board Commissioners through Parks & Recreation staff.

As the pool is more than 50 years old and, in its end-of-life phase, annual maintenance and potential repairs continue to be necessary and are anticipated as we plan for replacement of Kitsilano Outdoor Pool. Facilities Management and Operations Excellence (FMOE) has completed several planned repairs in the offseason, initiated as soon as weather permitted, including the replacement of remaining (4) expansion joints, repairing multiple supply jet heads, membrane repairs in the deep end and other related piping work. This year, while preparing the facility for the summer season, staff identified the need for additional repairs of a fractured water supply pipe.

The full extent of the repairs to the pipe fracture is currently under investigation. Once the additional concrete removal is complete, the pipe damage can be fully assessed, and a repair strategy will be confirmed.

Once the pool is in operating condition, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) will attend the annual prerequisite inspection to permit the facility's operation.

Based on the current information available, the tentative timeline for repairs is:

- *May 1 – May 18*
 - Scan, core and cut additional concrete for additional plumbing repairs
 - Form work and pipe encasement for expansion joint locations
 - Additional plumbing repairs **(full extent of repairs is unknown)*
 - Review by Structural Engineer
 - Concrete Excavation
 - Plumbing repairs (Full extent of repairs is not known until concrete removed)
 - Concrete Pour
- *Week of May 19*
 - Pool membrane and lines (*weather dependent)
- *Week of May 26 onwards (approximately 2.5 weeks)*
 - Fill pool
 - Cleaning, Heating and Testing to follow

The pool is expected to open approximately mid-June. We recognize that the pool holds a special place in the hearts of Vancouverites as an iconic facility, synonymous with summer. Staff are working hard to open the pool as soon as it's safe to do so and remain committed to providing timely updates on the opening date and any potential delays.

To help meet demand as warmer weather approaches, the Park Board will be extending operating hours at Second Beach Pool to support additional public access.

Park Board staff and REFM staff will work together closely to release joint communication regarding the operational changes to the public this week.

As a reminder to the Council, work is currently underway to plan for the renewal of Kitsilano Outdoor Pool. It is expected that a report will be presented later this year for Council and Board approval, and that a Feasibility Study will be completed that will inform a renewal ask for the replacement of Kitsilano Outdoor Pool as part of the upcoming proposed 2027-2030 Capital Plan.

Sincerely,



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