



July 2, 2021

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Donnie Rosa - General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT : Outdoor Pool Study Update – Board Briefing Memo

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the ongoing Outdoor Pool Study project. As noted in the May 17 GM's Report, a public Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued seeking consultants to develop an Outdoor Pool Study. This RFP closed on June 10, 2021, and the submissions are currently under review.

Background

The Board approved VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatics Strategy in October 2019. At the 2020 Service Plan Operating and Capital Budgets Special meeting held on December 2, 2019, the Board discussed utilizing a portion of the 2019-2022 Capital Plan funds allocated to the Oak Park outdoor pool (Marpole), for planning and scoping of the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool. The plan was then to return to the Board with more information for consideration for the next capital plan (2023-2026).

In November 2020, the Board received a VanSplash Implementation update presentation. Staff illustrated the facility planning and development process and its overlay with VanSplash approval and capital planning process timeline (See Figure 1 below).

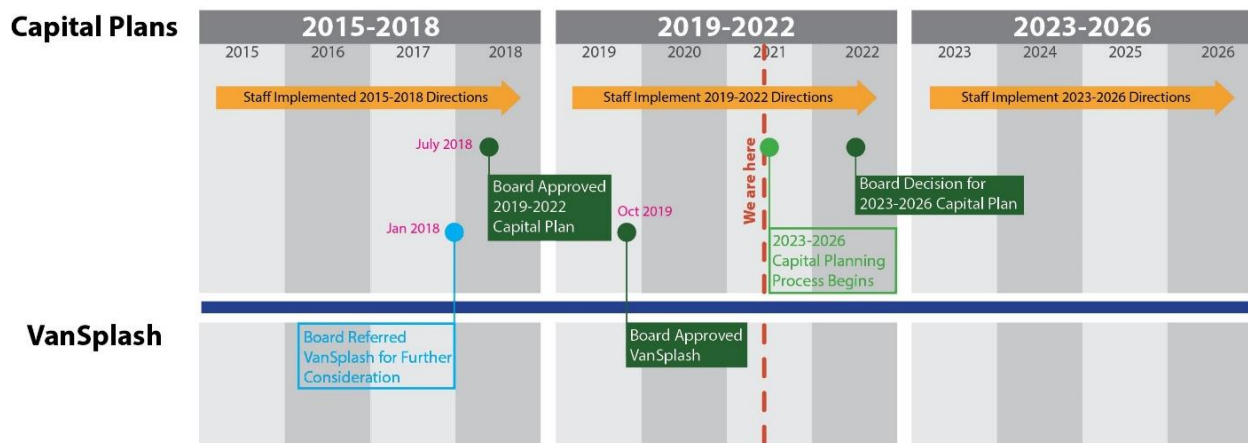


Figure 1: Capital Planning Process Timeline (2015-2026)

In September 2020, during the 2019-2022 Capital Plan - Midterm Update, and in November 2020, at the 2021 Service Plan, Operating & Capital Budgets Special meeting, staff confirmed that there is funding available for scoping and planning of the Mount Pleasant Outdoor Pool. This scoping and planning work has been ongoing. There is no budget for design and construction in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan.

Scope of Outdoor Pool Study

The Outdoor Pool Study will investigate the following VanSplash Recommendations:

- 8 - Renovate Hillcrest Outdoor Pool;
- 9 - Investigate the feasibility of operating (an) outdoor pool(s) with the extended season;
- 10 - Provide a new outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant Park.

The ongoing work includes archaeological, geotechnical, environmental, and cultural assessments. The outcome will provide high-level cost estimates to inform capital planning deliberations for both a Mount Pleasant Outdoor Pool and a renovated Hillcrest Outdoor Pool, along with their associated amenities (e.g. change rooms and washrooms). The Outdoor Pool Study does not include public engagement, as it relies on engagement conducted during VanSplash. Future engagements will be a component of the design phase (see Figure 2 below for project phases).



Figure 2: Outdoor Pool Study & Project Process/Phases

Next Steps

Staff are expecting to report back with the outcomes of the outdoor pool study at the annual VanSplash Implementation update this fall, in order to prepare the Board for 2023-2026 Capital Planning discussions.

Regards,



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