

ASSET TARGETS

AQUATICS



Vancouver's pools, beaches and spray parks are vital in providing healthy recreation opportunities and connections to the community.

VanSplash, Vancouver Aquatic Strategy (2019) presents a 25-year vision for the future of aquatics in Vancouver, in anticipation of a changing and aging population. Its mission is to deliver a wide range of accessible aquatic experiences for residents and visitors that support Vancouver as a highly-liveable, world-leading coastal city.

The recommendations outlined here represent an excerpt of VanSplash Vancouver's Aquatic Strategy and focus on city-wide, service approach type actions. Detailed, site specific recommendations can be found in the strategy document.

Asset Needs

- Continue the renewal of indoor facilities reaching the end of their functional lifespan.
- Increase the capacity of the system to accommodate anticipated population growth and to achieve the renewed and increased aquatics use across all facilities.
- Provide a balanced range of aquatic experiences throughout the system.
- Support a balanced delivery model that includes small scale pools as well as large scale facilities to deliver a greater diversity of aquatic experiences.
- Renewal of outdoor pool facilities that are considered jewels in the system but need investment to maintain and extend their functional lifespan.
- Improve the geographic distribution of outdoor pools while providing a balanced range of aquatic experiences throughout the system.
- Provide a balance of recreation, fun, socializing, and fitness including lane swimming, instructional and skill development at each outdoor pool facility where possible.

Service Needs

- Investigate the feasibility of operating (an) outdoor pool(s) with extended season.
- Consider activating or enhancing the range of aquatic experiences offered at beaches, i.e. temporary water play.
- Find a better way to collect information on how many people use our beaches and how they use them.
- Invest in maintaining and enhancing existing beaches by upgrading and replacing changing facilities, food and beverage offerings, shade and all abilities accessibility.
- Consider enhancing the diversity of experiences offered at/ from the beach including ocean play and floating structures and ocean swimming lessons.
- Support the enrichment of Vancouver's aquatic services to offer fun, spectacle, diverse, and vibrant experiences by implementing one innovation per capital plan.

2040 Asset Targets

- 5.0 swims per capita* per year by 2045
- One aquatic innovation per capital plan

**Recognizing that full pools can be perceived by some as over-crowded, the strategy recommendations support a capacity of between 5.0 and 6.0 swims per capita.*