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Kitsilano Pool Opens for Extended Summer Season After Repairs

VANCOUVER, BC - Today, Mayor Ken Sim announced the reopening of Kitsilano Pool on the promised August 7th date. Vancouverites will be able to enjoy this iconic pool for an extended season until September 22, 2024. The on-time reopening was made possible through a remarkable collaborative effort involving the City of Vancouver, Kitsilano Pool operations team, Scott Construction, and Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS).

“This truly was an all-hands-on-deck effort,” said Mayor Ken Sim. “Our City staff, construction teams, Kits Pool operations team, VFRS, and community partners all came together to make this happen. It’s because of their dedication and hard work that we could welcome everyone back to Kits Pool for an extended summer 2024 season.”

Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services played a crucial role in the early reopening by utilizing their hydraulic-driven portable submersible floating pump to supplement the filling of Kits Pool in under 24 hours, a task that typically takes up to five days. This operation provided VFRS with a unique training opportunity, allowing them to practice using equipment that enhances their emergency response preparedness.

Despite renovations in 2018, Kitsilano Pool faced significant challenges, including ongoing leaks that posed health and safety risks, resulting in its closure last summer. To address these challenges, repairs were made to extend the pool's lifespan by approximately two years while plans for a new facility are developed.

In June, Mayor Ken Sim and Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung passed a motion to pave the way for a modernized replacement for Kits Pool. Innovative funding methods, such as a dedicated fund for donations and corporate sponsorships, are being explored to make this crucial project a reality.

“Our goal is to ensure that Kits Pool remains a cherished community asset while we work towards a new, state-of-the-art facility,” said Mayor Sim. “Make no mistake, we’re committed to preserving and enhancing our city’s community assets that make Vancouver such a vibrant place to live, work, and play.”

With plans for a modernized replacement underway and innovative funding approaches being explored, this Council is confident that Kitsilano Pool will continue to serve as a vibrant centerpiece of Vancouver's identity for generations to come.

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