

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services

COPY TO: Andy Taylor, CAO
Morgan Jones, Commissioner, Community Services

DATE: June 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Request to provide Additional Swim Opportunities - Summer 2021

At the DSC meeting of June 22, 2021 Council requested Recreation Services to investigate two aquatic options to increase time and space at outdoor pools available for community use:

- 1) Installation of temporary lights at Morgan Pool to extend hours;
- 2) Open Rouge River pool (Legacy) to increase recreational swim and aquafit opportunities.

Staff have investigated as per Council direction and provide the following information and considerations for each of the sites:

Morgan Pool: Installation of Temporary Lights to extend hours

- Staff have met with the Life Saving Society to discuss this from a legislative compliance perspective. The Life Saving Society has advised to ensure legislative compliance, a lighting safety audit be completed.
- Staff have authorized the Life Saving Society to complete the Lighting Safety Audit.
- Staff engaged Cooper Rental, whom were onsite with one test light pole on Thursday June 24th, to confirm if sufficient lighting can be provided to meet legislative requirements. Based on the initial investigation, it is believed that three (3) temporary lighting units will provide adequate lighting levels to meet legislative guideline. The temporary lighting unit is diesel powered, noise levels were tested and the units runs at a low frequency level.
 - However to ensure the impact of sound to the nearby residential space, Recreation have also added noise barriers around the units.
- Staff recommends that Morgan Pool be open until 10:30 pm.
 - This will increase the number of operating hours by 3 hours per day for a total of an additional 21 hours per week.
- The current capacity for Recreation swims is 38 people per hour.
 - The additional time would increase the weekly Recreation Swims with an additional 665 opportunities.

Financial Considerations

The following table outlines the additional costs of implementing temporary lighting at Morgan pool for 3 months (July, August and September).

ITEM	MONTHLY COSTS	TOTAL COST FOR SEASON
3 x Temporary Light Poles	\$1,000 per pole x 3 = \$3,000	\$9,000
Fuel	\$400	\$1,200
Life Saving Lighting Audit	One time cost	\$1,500
Additional Staffing	\$6,739.46	\$20,218
Additional Cleaning	\$960	\$2,880
	Total Expense	\$48,298
Additional Revenue	-\$6,500	-\$19,500
	Net Cost	\$28,798

Staff could have the temporary lighting in place and the safety audit completed the week of June 28th, with an anticipated activation of the extended hours no later than Monday, July 5th

Rouge River Pool: Consideration to Open for community access

Rouge River Pool has been unused for the past 22 months. Opening of the Rouge River Pool for the 2021 season is possible with the following considerations:

- Significant work is required to get the site operational. Work includes, but is not limited to:
 - Pulling weeds, power washing deck and change room clean up. Part time staff would be hired to assist with the startup process.
 - Pool would need to be drained, acid washed and necessary tile work deferred from 2020 season, must be completed prior to opening. Estimated time for this is 2 – 2.5 weeks.
 - Staff have contacted Todd Pools, who currently services Morgan Pool. Todd Pools indicate that they are available to begin work the week of Monday, July 5th.
- At this point, Recreation believe staffing the pool is not an issue, however based on staffing availability it could limit the number of hours available for public access. Cannot determine this until we officially reach out to staff.
- To open Rouge River pool, Recreation will recall one (1) Full Time Aquatic Supervisor from the vaccination clinic to manage the site.
- Rouge River pool will offer Recreation swims, Aquafit and Private Rentals (if swims that do not fill).
- Staff are not recommending the provision of temporary lighting based on capacity limitation of pool.
- Anticipated opening date is Saturday July 17th assuming there are no mechanical issues upon start up.
 - Staff are recommending that the pool would be open from 10 am to 7 pm seven days a week.
- Staff will work with the Montessori School on site, who is currently using the washrooms in the pool change room area. Staff will make washrooms available on the golf side of the facility, which is normal practice during regular operations. With COVID-19 restrictions in place, staff

will have to designate one of the washrooms for daycare only and ensure no cross over of daycare children and golfers occurs.

Financial Considerations

The following table outlines the costs of opening Rouge River pool for an 8 week period (July/Aug)

ITEM	MONTHLY COSTS	TOTAL COST FOR SEASON
Todd Pools – cleaning/tiling pool	One time costs	\$15,000
Site Clean Up	One time costs	\$1,200
Operating Net Costs	\$23,500	\$47,000
Site Supervisor	\$7,888 (includes benefits)	\$15,776
Total Operating Costs (net)		\$78,976

If approved staff will activate the work to start immediately. Assuming we do not run into any unforeseen issues the date of opening is planned for Saturday July 17th.