

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Westwood Lake reopens for swimming**

# **Summary**

The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) has informed the City of Nanaimo that the E.Coli count at Westwood Lake is now within the allowable limit and the lake is open for swimming. Results from water tests conducted by VIHA were provided to the City Wednesday afternoon.

Strategic Link: N/A

#### **Key Points**

- The latest testing by Vancouver Island Health Authority has revealed that the E.Coli count is within acceptable standards and the lake is open for swimming.
- The lake is tested on a regular basis.
- Lifeguards are on duty at Westwood Lake Park daily 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

#### Quotes

"Westwood has reopened for the enjoyment of swimmers and beach goers. The lake will continue to be tested throughout the summer to ensure the public's health and safety."

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