

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Nanaimo Aquatic Centre to close for annual maintenance and upgrades

#### Summary

The Nanaimo Aquatic Centre (NAC) will be closing for annual maintenance and upgrades starting Monday, September 7 and will reopen Monday, September 28.

The work being done in the pools this year includes pump and plumbing maintenance, upgrading the leisure pool lighting to high efficiency LED, adding the slide and crawl net back on the boat play feature and painting the exterior of the building. Crews will also be adding a new air handling unit for the leisure pool and will be rebuilding the dehumidification compressors on both air handling units for the large pool.

The weight room will reopen earlier this year but with limited hours. From Monday, September 14 through Sunday, September 27 the weight room will be open from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm daily.

*Strategic Link:* The Nanaimo Aquatic Centre maintenance shutdown supports the Asset Management priority in the 2012-2015 Corporate Strategic Plan.

#### Key Points

- Nanaimo Aquatic Centre will be closed for annual maintenance and upgrades Monday, September 7 through Sunday, September 27.
- The weight room in the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre will be open 8:30 am to 7:00 pm daily from September 14 - 27. Drop-in rate during this time will be \$3.00. Users will have access to the weight room and hallway washrooms. Childminding will not be available during this time.
- Beban Park pool and weight room will reopen Tuesday, September 8 with extended hours for the duration of the maintenance shutdown at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre.
- Please note City facilities are closed on Labour Day, Monday, September 7 however, lifeguards will be on duty at Westwood Lake from 12 pm to 6 pm that day.

#### Quotes

"We are committed to ensuring the long term sustainability of our pools which means closing them for a period of time annually to perform work and deep cleaning that is difficult to do when they are open. We thank the public for their patience and invite them to join us at Beban Park pool and weight room starting September 8."

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#### Quick Facts

- Maintenance of City facilities happens on a daily basis, but major jobs like painting, fixing equipment and deep cleaning can only be done when the facility is empty for an extended period of time.

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