

## 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 Saturday, August 30 and will reopen Monday, September 29.

The work being done in the pools this year include maintenance of the boat play feature, moveable floor, bulkhead, tanks and wave machine. Just as with the Beban Park pool, NAC will be converting the pools from chlorine gas to chlorine pucks. New showers will be installed in the disabled change rooms.

Beban Park pool and weight room will reopen Tuesday, September 2 with extended hours during the NAC shutdown. Please note all facilities are closed on Labour Day, Monday, September 1 however, lifeguards will be on duty at Westwood Lake from 12 pm to 6 pm that day.

*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 Saturday, August 30 through Sunday, September 28.
- Beban Park pool and weight rooms will reopen Tuesday, September 2,
- The City aims to keep shutdowns as short as possible, and schedules them during the summer months when outdoor activities are the focus for many people.
- To view Beban's extended hours, visit the Public Schedules page online: [www.nanaimo.ca/schedules/parks-recreation-culture/](http://www.nanaimo.ca/schedules/parks-recreation-culture/)

#### Quotes

"This annual maintenance and cleaning closure helps to sustain the long term use and enjoyment of Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. We thank the public for their patience and invite them to join us at Beban Park pool and weight room starting September 2."

Laara Clarkson  
Manager, Aquatics  
City of Nanaimo

#### 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.
- It takes a few days just to empty the pool before work can begin.
- Lifeguards will be on duty at Westwood Lake on Monday, September 1.

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