



MEMO

To: Recreation and Culture Standing Committee
From: Kari Kluge, Director of Recreation and Culture
Date: January 29th, 2025
Subject: Pool Update

Since opening the pool in late December, operations have been running very well, and staff continue to expand programming. There has been a positive response from the community as users return to the Ruben Yli-Juuti Centre. Staff have also been actively addressing deficiencies as they arise. Contractors have resolved the hot water issues in the family change room and public female washroom and have replaced the toilets in both facilities. These areas have now been re-opened for public use.

Repairs on the hot tub are nearly complete. Staff are currently waiting for the grout to cure before filling the hot tub with water. Once filled, they will balance the water chemistry and coordinate with Algoma Public Health to schedule an inspection before re-opening it to the public.

The new saunas for both the female and male change rooms have arrived, and staff are working on the necessary electrical installations.

In addition to facility updates, a lifeguard course is currently underway, which will result in newly certified lifeguards. Following this course, staff will continue to offer additional training sessions to recruit and certify more lifeguards and swim instructors.

Registration for winter swimming lessons will begin soon. However, due to a limited number of certified swim instructors currently on staff, the number of lessons offered this session will be reduced. As a result, only group lessons will be available at this time. Private lessons will be introduced once more instructors are available to accommodate them.

Updates on the availability of the hot tub, saunas, and swimming programs will be shared with the public via the City's social media channels and website.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Kari Kluge in black ink, consisting of two stylized, cursive initials.

Kari Kluge
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