



Key Information Report Recreation and Culture

June 9, 2021

Subject: Update on Municipal Pools

The Recreation & Culture Department is working hard to develop a plan to open our pools for the season; which is in compliance with the rules & regulations set out by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, the Red Cross, and the Lifesaving Society.

We are left with a full-time staff of 7 people this summer, including the Pool Coordinator, instead of a typical staff of 13. Most of these staff members require recertification of their National Lifesaving Society qualification, in order to be a lifeguard and/or their Water Safety Instructor qualification, in order to be able to teach swim lessons. Typically, these individuals would be responsible for sourcing and enrolling in a recertification course, however, no courses have been available due to the stay-at-home directive. In order to ensure that our pools had an adequate number of certified staff, which would allow us to open the pools this season, the Recreation & Culture Department has sourced a National Lifesaving Society Course, which will take place at the Cornwall Aquatic Complex this weekend. We have been working closely with the Cornwall Aquatic Complex's Supervisor of Recreation Programming, Planning, and Development, to register our staff for these recertification courses that are being facilitated for municipal pool staff only.

Although planning continues and details are not yet confirmed as we are awaiting further direction from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, the draft operating plan includes offering an alternating daily schedule for our 2 our municipal pools. This would entail the Chesterville Public Pool being open 3 days each week and the Winchester Centennial Pool being open 4 days each week due to past trends of higher attendance.

The pools will be divided into 3 lanes (zones) for the summer. Zones will be available for rental for both swim lessons and for public swimming, during respective, designated times.

It is proposed that public swim be free of charge this summer, in order to substantially cut down on close, in-person interactions. For the same reasons, canteen sales and goggle rentals will not take place this year.

Swim lessons are planned to be offered at both pools, in a private lesson structure, where parents & guardians can book up to 5 private lessons for any single level, for the same price that the level is typically offered. In normal circumstances, each level would include 10 group lessons, however, private lessons will ensure that directives, including

social distancing, are easily followed and achieved, while providing more one-on-one learning opportunity. This will aid participants in passing each swim level in less time.

Due to the decrease in the number of individuals that can be accommodated through the draft operating plan, it is likely that registrations will be open to North Dundas residents, before being opened to non-residents.

Although the provincial government is allowing outdoor public pools to open as early as June 11th, our pools normally open the 3rd weekend in June. As such, our target date for our season opening, will be Saturday, June 19th.