

## **2022 Maintenance Work at Donald D. Summerville Olympic Pools**

**Date:** June 24, 2022

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

**Wards:** 19 - Beaches-East York

### **SUMMARY**

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This report responds to City Council direction to report to the Toronto and East York Community Council on the urgent maintenance work currently underway at Donald D. Summerville Olympic Pools.

While preparing the Donald D. Summerville Olympic Pools for the 2022 season, staff discovered that inclement winter weather significantly damaged the liners in the 50 and 25 metre pools rendering them irreparable and requiring full replacement. To ensure the facility is able to partially open for the 2022 season, staff are expediting an emergency liner replacement for the 25 metre pool. The liner replacement is underway and will take approximately six weeks to complete. The diving pool and the 25 metre pool are anticipated to open at the end of July.

The vendor is unable to source the 50 metre pool liner replacement for this season, and it will remain closed for summer 2022. The replacement will be completed as part of a comprehensive state of good repair project planned for 2023.

To mitigate service impacts, staff have:

- relocated permit holders to nearby pools
- relocated CampTO swims to other nearby indoor and outdoor pools
- communicated alternative outdoor and indoor pool options to lane and leisure swim participants through the City's website, signage and direct communication to permit holders
- offered displaced aquatics staff shifts at other pools

The washrooms located on the exterior of the building in addition to the food vendor will remain operational.

Impacts to the 2023 pool season will be determined through further investigation and preliminary design this fall.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that:

1. The Toronto and East York Community Council receive this report for information.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications relating to the recommendation in this report.

The estimated cost for the emergency replacement of the 25 metre pool liner is \$0.297 million including contingency which will be funded through Parks, Forestry and Recreation's Capital Asset Management Program for State of Good Repair (SOGR) of Pools sub-project, included in the 2022 Council Approved Capital Budget.

The 2022-2031 Council Approved Capital Budget and Plan for PFR also includes \$0.050 million in 2022 to begin design work and \$1.147 million in 2023 for construction for the SOGR rehabilitation of Donald D. Summerville Olympic Pools.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact section.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its June 15, 2022 meeting, City Council adopted a recommendation requesting the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the June 29 and 30, 2022 meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council on maintenance work required for the Donald D. Summerville Pool.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2022.MM45.53>

## **COMMENTS**

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Donald D. Summerville Olympic Pools is a large complex that hosts three pools – a 50 metre Olympic sized pool, a 25 metre pool and a diving pool. Since opening in 1963, the pools have been a prominent summer destination for Torontonians.

Various preventative maintenance projects have been undertaken at the pools over the last several years, including deck repair and filter replacement, but after decades of use, the facility requires significant rehabilitation. To improve safety, functionality and longevity, a comprehensive state of good repair project for the facility is scheduled and budgeted to begin construction in spring 2023.

## **2022 Timeline**

Preparations to open PFR's 58 outdoor pools begin in the spring, weather depending. Preparations begin with debris and standing water removal and pool basin cleaning to remove algae build-up and foliage staining. It is often at this time that items requiring repair are identified. Where repairs cannot be made or are unsuccessful, emergency replacement of equipment or other pool components is required which can result in a pool's delayed opening or closure for the season.

In preparing to open the Donald D. Summerville Olympic Pools for the 2022 season, staff conducted a visual inspection of the pool liners in mid-May and discovered that inclement winter weather had caused significant damage. Staff provided details of the damage to the pool liners to the vendor in late-May. In early June, through in-person inspection by the vendor, they determined that the damage was more significant than initially expected, rendering the liners irreparable and requiring full replacement in order for the pools to be filled, retain water and operate safely.

To ensure the facility is able to partially open for the 2022 season, staff are expediting an emergency liner replacement for the 25 metre pool. The liner replacement is underway and will take approximately six weeks to complete. Decking repairs, including levelling, concrete restoration and installation of anti-slip deck paint, will also be undertaken during this time. The diving pool and the 25 metre pool are anticipated to open to the public at the end of July.

Due to the vendor's inability to source material for a new liner for the 50 metre pool in time for this season, it will remain closed for summer 2022 and the replacement will be completed as a part of the planned broader state of good repair rehabilitation project in 2023. The scope of work for the broader project will be determined during the condition assessment and investigations stage, followed by the preliminary design stage of the project that will start later in 2022.

## **Mitigating Service Impacts**

The Donald D. Summerville Olympic Pools is one of the most popular pools in Toronto. It is a staple in the community and is enjoyed by thousands of residents each summer. The closure of the 50 metre pool in 2022 will impact users, including three permit holders and CampTO participants.

To mitigate service impacts associated with this work, staff have relocated permit holders and CampTO swims to nearby pools, and communicated alternative outdoor and indoor pool options to lane and leisure swim participants through the City's website, signage and direct communication with permit holders. There is sufficient capacity at nearby outdoor and indoor pools to accommodate lane and leisure swimmers, camp participants and permit groups until the facility re-opens.

The washrooms located on the exterior of the building and the food vendor will remain operational.

Impacts to the 2023 pool season are to be determined through further investigation and preliminary design work this fall.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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