

July 29, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Aaron Bisson, Recreation and Culture Manager

RE: Community Services Re-opening plan

Memorial Sports Center

- Projected Opening Date Wednesday August 5, 2020 for pool, weight room, cardio, squash courts
- Projected hours of operation will be 6:00am until 8:00pm
- These hours will allow us to offer 6 pool time slots and 5 gym time slots.
- We will be open by appointment only, walk in traffic will not be accepted at this time.
- We are working to have the building open 7 days a week but may only be able to staff Monday to Friday for an initial period.
- We will schedule appointments for the pool and gym in blocks at specific times to allow for the staggered intake and screening of patrons
- We have dedicated blocks of time set aside for cleaning to allow the staff to disinfect all areas between groups per the health unit guidelines
- We will be limiting pool users to 5, 10 or 15 people depending on the activity being planned during the timeslot
- The Gym will be limited to 6 users per time slot and users will be asked to clean each machine they use immediately after its use as per COVID guidelines
- We will be taking reservations and recording when users arrive and leave the facility to facilitate contact tracing if the information is requested by the health unit
- We will have a roped off area from the front doors to the front desk as the lobby and arena areas will be off limits at this time
- All staff will wear a mask or face shield and we will encourage patrons to do the same. The exception for patrons will be on the pool deck area where a mask is not possible due to the water and humidity.
- Due to the guidelines for pools we will ask users to come dressed for the pool, they can wear pants/shorts and a shirt over their swimwear and remove once on the pool deck. The pool area will be accessed by the door beside the lifeguard station and not through the changerooms. A new shower has been installed on the pool deck area to allow users to rinse off before entering the pool.
- Upon completion of the activity in the pool the users will be allowed to enter the changerooms and change out of their swimwear. We ask that patrons do this as quickly as possible and avoid showering if possible. Only 3 people will be allowed in the changeroom at one time, and social distancing is to be practiced.
- Gym users will be asked to come ready for the gym and avoid using the changerooms if possible.
- The saunas are to remain closed as per Covid restrictions
- We will need to call back 4 additional cleaning staff to be able to manage the cleaning requirements, the projected cost of this from August 5, 2020 to the end of the year is \$97,950.

Arena

- We do not have an ice in date for our arenas at this point. Two of our four main ice users are unable to operate under the current Hockey Canada guidelines. Without commitments from our main ice users we are not in a position at this time to operate the arenas. When this changes we will re-evaluate ice in dates.

Museum

- No set day for opening to the public at this point.
- Our curator is working on an opening plan, there is some concern around being able to sanitize properly without potentially damaging artifacts
- Our tourism clientele are unable to cross the border and thus demand for this service remains low at this time

Library

- No set day for opening to the public at this point
- Our library CEO is working on an opening plan and continues to offer curbside service and virtual programming
- Library decisions are approved at a Library board level

Marina

- Operating under Covid guidelines

Sunny Cove

- Will not operate in 2020 due to COVID restrictions

Recommendation

The Community Service Division recommends to Mayor & Council to support the proposed Re-opening strategies outlined in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Bisson

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Manager of Recreation and Culture

<p>Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Recreation and Culture Manager to support the proposed Re-opening strategies outlines in this report.</p>
