



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHANGE TO POOL SCHEDULE

Pool Schedule Reduced in Non-Peak Times to Reduce Closures

PRINCE RUPERT, SEPTEMBER 7th, 2022 – Anyone who has followed the City’s Recreation Department on social media, or have had their family’s attempt to go swimming thwarted by a closure, may have noticed that the City is currently short on lifeguards. Given the Canada-wide lifeguard shortage that has been impacting our pool as well as others, the Department will be opening the pool facilities slightly later, and closing earlier.

This change will be effective as of the September 12th reopening of the pool, and is aimed at reducing the frequency of closures. This change will ensure that the Department can operate more consistently, and give patrons greater surety around pool availability. Changes to opening hours have been focused specifically on non-peak times, in order to impact the lowest possible number of users.

Recreation staff have reached out to our frequent users that we know access the facility during non-peak times, who will be most impacted by the changes. In addition, the City has and will continue to offer lifeguard training to support local capacity to fill these critical lifeguarding positions. If and when additional capacity is available, this schedule change will be revisited.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a lifeguard, please contact the Recreation Department at (250) 624 6707 or email the Recreation Manager at ashley.daigle@princerupert.ca.

BACKGROUND:

Legally, the City is required to have a minimum number of lifeguards per patron to operate our facility.

The updated schedule for the pool is below, with the main changes being that the pool will be open for lane swim only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 am – 8:00 am, the pool will open at 9:00 am Tuesdays and Thursdays for Aquafit and then open for limited use after 10:00 am. There will also be a midday closure Mondays and Wednesday from 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm.

FALL POOL SCHEDULE

AQUATIC CENTRE SCHEDULE							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PUBLIC SWIM	2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm	6:30pm - 8:30pm	6:30pm - 8:30pm	6:30pm - 8:30pm	6:30pm - 8:30pm	6:30pm - 8:30pm	2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm
LANE SWIM		6:30am - 8am		6:30am - 8am		6:30am - 8am	
LIMITED USE		8am - 12pm 3:30pm - 6:30pm	10am - 2pm	8am - 12pm 3:30pm - 6:30pm	10am - 2pm	8am - 10am 12pm - 2pm	
16 & OVER			4pm - 6:30pm		4pm - 6:30pm	4pm - 6:30pm	
FAMILY SWIM	12pm - 2pm 4pm - 6pm		2pm - 4pm		2pm - 4pm	10am - 12pm 2pm - 4pm	12pm - 2pm 4pm - 6pm
FITNESS CENTRE	9am - 8pm	6:30am - 8:30pm	6:30am - 8:30pm	6:30am - 8:30pm	6:30am - 8:30pm	6:30am - 8:30pm	9am - 8pm

Limited Use (13+ unless accompanied by an adult)

Both pools open; diving board & rope swing may be available. Sauna & hot tub open. Main pool has minimum of 1 lane for lap swimming.

Family Swim (16+ unless accompanied by an adult)

Spend family time together while being active. Adults are welcome to attend without children. Both pools open; diving board & rope available. Sauna & hot tub open. Minimum of 1 lane for lap swimming.

Public Swim (All ages)

Both pools open; diving board & rope swing available. Sauna & hot tub open. Main pool has minimum of 1 lane for lap swimming.

Please Remember: Children under 7 years, attending a public or family swim, must be accompanied and directly supervised by a responsible caregiver 16+ years of age. (3 children to 1 caregiver, within arms reach)