

## Planning for the Future

The City of Kamloops regards recreation as an essential component of improving quality of life, supporting health and wellness, and contributing to a sense of community. The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department (PRCS) mission is to meet these objectives by providing the opportunity for an outstanding quality of life with a wide range of recreational opportunities that meet the needs of residents, regardless of age, gender, ability, or economic status. Kamloops is an active community, and its residents value a healthy lifestyle through recreation. This is evidenced by over two million visits to recreational facilities each year.

## Aging Infrastructure

According to the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association, the majority of communities invested heavily in recreation infrastructure from mid-1960s to early 1980s in response to growing public demand from the baby boomers demographic. Kamloops is experiencing the same issue, and renewal of and reinvestment in these facilities is required to serve a growing population and to effectively respond to changing demands for recreational services.

In 2005, the Kamloops Joint Aquatic Facility and Services Review was completed. It examined three indoor pools (Kamloops Community YMCA-YWCA, Canada Games Aquatic Centre, and Westsyde Pool) and two outdoor pools (Brocklehurst Pool and McDonald Pool). This review recommended a phased approach to consolidating and repurposing existing aquatic facilities and investing in new pools on the North Shore and downtown. The 2005 study projected these aging aquatics facilities would require substantial investments to extend their useful lives that are in line with the present timelines.

McDonald Park, an outdoor pool that was constructed in 1958, will require a \$200,000 repair to remain operational this season. Westsyde Community Centre and Pool (WCCP) was built in 1975 and now requires a new \$4.9 million structural support system, roof, and dehumidification and air handling system, primarily due to a poor original design, which caused failure of the air vapour barrier system. Brocklehurst Pool was constructed in the early 1970s and will require a new pool water boiler heating system in 2017.

## A New Concept for Recreation Facilities

How does the City provide recreation facilities and services that are more cost-effective and serve the needs of the greater community? In light of a recent private ice rink closure and aging infrastructure that requires reinvestment, City Council is proposing to review the feasibility and cost options, which may include alternate community use of existing facilities, including:

- An opportunity to explore the feasibility and cost of constructing a **leisure-focused aquatic facility** at McArthur Island Sport and Event Centre.
- Converting the WCCP to a **community centre and multi-purpose gymnasium**, with programming, such as pickleball, targeted to active agers. There would be no changes to the fitness facility, hot tub, steam room, sauna, and change rooms.
- Adding an **additional ice rink** at the Brocklehurst Recreation Centre.
- Converting the outdoor pool at McDonald Park to a **water spray park and/or wading pool**.

## Let's Talk

It is important that the community is involved in these planning conversations. So, come talk to us about recreation services and a concept for our city. Everyone is welcome, please come to a public meeting near you. Visit [www.kamloops.ca](http://www.kamloops.ca) for more information.

March 3, 2016 - 7:00-9:00 pm - Arthur Stevenson Elementary School gym  
March 7, 2016 - 7:00-9:00 pm - Parkcrest Elementary School gym  
March 9, 2016 - 7:00-9:00 pm - NorKam Senior Secondary School cafeteria  
March 15, 2016 - 7:00-9:00 pm - Sandman Centre

## At A Glance - Visitation, Cost Recovery Data, and Sales by Neighbourhood

### 2010-2015 Pool Visits

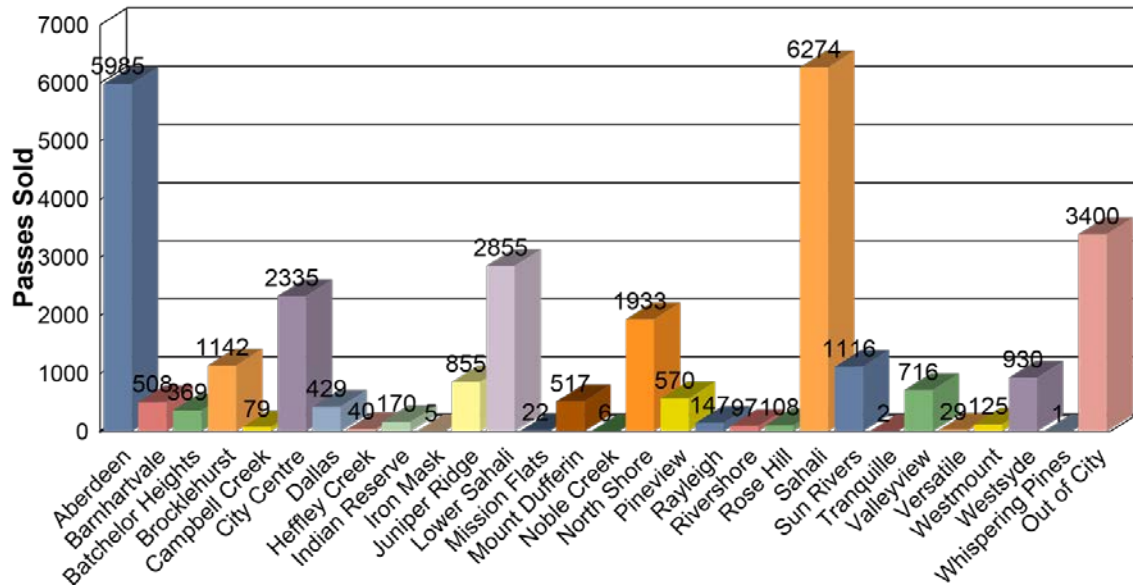
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Canada Games Aquatic Centre</b>						
Course Registrants	4,703	4,265	4,478	4,678	4,774	4,933
Drop-in and TCC	124,650	116,368	118,993	120,896	105,035	93,684
Unique Clients and TCC	13,096	14,031	14,468	14,418	14,180	13,858
<b>Total</b>	<b>142,449</b>	<b>134,664</b>	<b>137,939</b>	<b>139,992</b>	<b>123,989</b>	<b>112,475</b>
<b>Westsyde Community Centre and Pool</b>						
Course Registrants	1,005	950	946	948	972	578
Drop-in	16,361	15,791	11,534	9,743	10,072	3,886
Unique Clients	46	242	832	1,066	1,500	1,329
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,412</b>	<b>16,983</b>	<b>13,312</b>	<b>11,757</b>	<b>12,544</b>	<b>5,793</b>
<b>Brocklehurst Pool</b>						
Course Registrants	598	606	622	585	571	585
Drop-in	*	7,886	5,555	7,984	12,219	8,142
<b>Total</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>6,177</b>	<b>8,569</b>	<b>12,790</b>	<b>8,727</b>
<b>McDonald Pool</b>						
Course Registrants	104	117	98	112	108	201
Drop-in	*	3,401	5,080	5,572	4,984	5,812
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3,518</b>	<b>5,178</b>	<b>5,684</b>	<b>5,092</b>	<b>6,013</b>

Note that the drop-in count does not include unique clients and the course registrant count could include repeat clients.

## 2014 Pool Operating Subsidy (Tax)

Location	Revenue	Expenses	Tax Subsidy	Cost Recovery
Canada Games Aquatic Centre/TCC	\$3,056,000	\$3,782,000	-\$726,000	81.0%
Westsyde Community Centre and Pool	\$149,400	\$622,600	-\$473,200	24.0%
Brocklehurst Pool	\$53,000	\$164,800	-\$111,800	32.0%
McDonald Pool	\$19,200	\$124,800	-\$105,600	15.0%

## 2015 CGP - TCC Membership Pass Sales by Neighbourhood



## 2015 Westsyde Membership Pass Sales by Neighbourhood

