

JUNE 28, 2021**BURST PIPE DELAYS OUTDOOR POOL OPENING AT CENTENNIAL PARK****Opening date still to be determined**

A burst pipe has delayed opening Campbell River's outdoor pool this summer.

When the COVID-19 pandemic closed the pool for public safety reasons last year, the City went ahead with maintenance improvements to the pool's plumbing systems. During the pool systems start-up last week, a specialty pipe fitting in the mechanical room burst. City employees and a maintenance contractor have completed the repair and are now confirming that all new system improvements are working as intended.

"We understand this temporary delay is very disappointing, especially because the weather is so hot now, and we know people have been looking forward to using the pool again after it was closed last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic," says Amber Zirnhelt, the City's director of planning and recreation. *"We were preparing to announce that the pool was ready to open when this part burst and began to leak water. Unfortunately, the time needed for the repair and checking all the other fittings has delayed opening day."*

"As soon as we're ready to open, we'll get the word out and look forward to welcoming people back," says pool supervisor, Dayna Stevenson. *"We appreciate the patience and understanding of the swimmers as we try to get the pool open as quickly as possible."*

Other places to enjoy the water in Campbell River include:

- Willow Point Splash Park (open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)
- Strathcona Gardens pool (book a swim and lessons at www.strathconagardens.com)
- McIvor Lake (open daily 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.)
- Local beaches (for swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, tide pool exploring and more)

The City will share updates on Centennial Pool opening at campbellriver.ca, through a news release, and on social media.

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