

## Mayfair Pool Condition

Mayfair Pool opened in July 1959 and is the oldest operating pool in Saskatoon. It has now reached the expected life for this type of facility. In the Spring of 2006, approximately 7,000 gallons of water were lost per day on a total pool volume of 312,000 gallons. The City hired Cochrane Engineering in 2006 to examine the condition of the pool, including the structure of the pool basin and deck, and various mechanical and piping systems. The condition assessment indicated extensive repairs were required to address water leakage from buried piping and observed basin deficiencies. Additional needed repairs would require major upgrades to the pool, meaning that the entire pool would need to be rebuilt.

## Community Meetings

Two public meetings were held at Caswell School in the Fall of 2008 (October 28 and November 1), to update residents on the current condition of the facility, and to gather input into the future use of the Mayfair Pool site. Input was also received through emails and through letters to City Council.

Approximately 91 people from the community and surrounding areas provided input into the value and benefits that the pool has provided to the surrounding neighborhoods, including:

- bringing the community together by having a safe, supervised place for children and families to recreate, as well as a place where diverse groups of people can get to know each other;
- it is within walking distance for many, provides water activities for those who don't have cottages or can't afford to drive to other facilities, and is a financially accessible form of recreation;
- having a pool can be a draw to the neighbourhood, attracting new residents, and retaining current ones.

All of the input gathered from the community, stated clearly and emphatically that an outdoor pool was preferred over any other kind of facility.

Some additional amenities were suggested by the community, but it was stated that these should not be at the expense of a pool. Most wanted a somewhat bigger pool, though there was not complete agreement on what size or shape it might be. Suggested amenities included a water slide, diving boards and seating around the pool. Some wanted lanes for adult swimming, a beach area (i.e. zero depth) with the pool gradually getting deep enough for diving, bubbles, and jets.

For the green space and other areas around the pool, suggestions were made to have barbecue pits and stands along with picnic tables for family outings. Other suggestions included areas for volleyball and space for free play, such as Frisbee.

At their May 4, 2009 meeting, City Council approved a report recommending that \$50,000 be allocated to hire an architect to develop options for conceptual designs for Mayfair Pool based on the public input that has been gathered to date. An additional \$25,000 will be allocated for further public consultation to assist in determining the community's preference of the conceptual design options.

## Next Steps

In early June, the architect began work to develop concept plans for the Mayfair Pool site, based on the input already received from the community meetings held in the Fall of 2008. In addition, key representatives from the community will also participate in providing the architect with input into the concept plans, and then the plans will be available to view during the summer program season at Mayfair Pool. Residents will be asked to provide their feedback on the options presented in a number of ways – through surveys conducted

at Mayfair Pool throughout the months of July and August, through email, fax, phone, and online submissions available through the City of Saskatoon's website. An Open House is also being planned for Wednesday, September 2.

All feedback collected will be summarized and presented in a report to City Council this fall. The report will provide a recommendation for the community's preferred concept plan, along with the anticipated capital costs for construction and ongoing operating costs associated with the preferred concept plan. This will then be considered during the 2010 Capital Budget deliberations.

The estimated cost of replacement for an outdoor pool is estimated at \$5 million (in 2006 dollars), so that number is being used when determining design and future construction costs for a new facility. Once the type of facility has been determined, a detailed design will occur, along with more accurate construction costs.

Mayfair Pool will be operational this summer, as long as the infrastructure does not show significant deterioration, and allows us to be operational within local and provincial regulations.

Watch for further updates throughout the summer! For more information on the Mayfair Pool Project, contact:

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Or

Visit the City of Saskatoon's website at [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca) and click on 'M' for Mayfair Pool.

**Mayfair Pool Summer 2009**  
1025 Avenue F N  
Ph: 975-3352

**Hours of Operation**  
**Open June 8 – August 16**

**Public Swim**

1:00pm – 8:00 pm Monday to Friday  
(July 6-17 1:00pm – 6:00 pm Mon. to Fri)

10:00am – 7:00 pm Saturday and Sunday

**AquaMotion 1**

12:00pm – 12:45 pm Wednesday.  
July 8 – Aug 12

**Outdoor Pool Admission Rates**

	Single Admission	Group Rate (6+)	Bulk Tickets (10 pack)
Adult (19+)	\$5.75	\$5.25	\$46.00
Child/Youth (6-18yrs)	\$3.45	\$2.95	\$27.60
Preschool (0-5yrs)	FREE	FREE	FREE
Family	\$11.50	N/A	\$92.00

**Swimming Lessons**

This year at Mayfair Pool we are offering block lessons! You will spend less time at the pool waiting for your children to finish their lessons. When you register, identify what level your children are in, we will then coordinate all children within that group to swim at once. Levels included are Red Cross Swim Preschool to Level 6. Enrollment is limited.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Monday to Friday  
July 6 – 17

For registration information, please contact Lawson Civic Centre at 975-7873 or register through Leisure Online at [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca)