

Mayfair Pool Background and Project History

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.

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 neighbourhoods.

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.

In June of 2009, 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. Key representatives from the community also participated in providing the architect with input. Three concept plans were developed and the plans were available to view during the summer program season at Mayfair Pool. Residents were 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. Approximately 130 people submitted comment forms

Based on the feedback and comments received, throughout the summer, a revised version of Option 3 was created. This revised option was presented along with the three original concept plans, at an Open House on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at Caswell School Gymnasium. 23 people attended the open house where there was overwhelming support for the revised Option 3 concept plan.

All of the feedback collected was summarized and presented in a report to City Council on September 28, 2009. The report provided a recommendation to proceed with the detailed design of the community's preferred concept plan (revised Option 3) along with the anticipated capital costs for construction and ongoing operating costs associated with this concept plan.

In May 2010 Stantec Consulting Ltd. was selected for the development of the Mayfair Pool detailed design. The design of Mayfair Pool has now progressed to include program and facility operation considerations as well as proposed drawings of the building and pool layout. The proposed detail design for Mayfair Pool will be presented to the public at an open house on November 2, 2010.