

Think Aquatics

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Final motion:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation initiate a comprehensive public engagement process to assess community interest, gather feedback, and explore the feasibility of installing an indoor or outdoor pool at the Sunset Community Centre;
- B. THAT this public engagement process include:
 - A review of the historical context regarding the removal of the original outdoor pool and any past commitments made concerning its replacement;
 - ii. Consideration of the current and future aquatic needs of the Sunset neighbourhood, especially in light of the Langara Family YMCA redevelopment plans that do not include a replacement aquatic centre;
 - iii. Collaboration with local residents, community groups, Sunset Community Centre, Langara College and other stakeholders to ensure diverse perspectives are considered in the planning process;
 - iv. Consideration of the broader aquatics community and the existing gaps in the park board's facility inventory, with particular attention to the implications of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre renewal decision. This engagement should assess the need for a 50-meter competition pool versus a leisure pool and other aquatic amenities, ensuring that public input helps balance community preferences with the city's requirements to meet both competitive swimming and broader recreational needs.
 - v. Exploration of potential federal funding opportunities, in light of Minister Taleeb Noormohamed's commitment to support this initiative:
- C. THAT the findings from this public engagement process be compiled into a report and presented to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation for consideration and potential action regarding the installation of a pool at the Sunset Community Centre.

Following debate, this motion was

DEFEATED

In Favour: Commissioner Haer

Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Absent: Commissioners Howard, Virdi