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MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Facilities Planning and Development - REFM
Director, Recreation Services – Vancouver Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Britannia Renewal - Update - Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on Britannia Community Centre and Pool Project update in response to questions Commissioners have received from the Britannia Board.

Facilities Development staff (REFM) are currently preparing a budget, scope and schedule for design development to deliver a new community recreation and aquatics facility at Britannia. This work is done in consultation with the staff from Park Board. Funding for the design work will be requested in the 2027-2030 capital plan, followed by a request for capital funding in the 2031-2034 capital plan for construction, contingent on Board and Council approval. This phasing is based on the current Park Board priority that the Britannia Pool will be the next aquatic redevelopment opportunity (following Vancouver Aquatic Centre and Kitsilano Outdoor Pool) and how Britannia ranks in the Community Centre Strategy.

The current plan includes:

- Pool,
- Gymnasium,
- Fitness centre,
- Multi-purpose rooms,
- Administrative spaces to serve facility programming,
- Skateboarding amenities, and
- Childcare (subject to funding).

Facilities Development and Park Board staff met with the Executive Director, Britannia Community Services Society in May 2025 and presented the overall timeline for capital funding requests, the proposed project scope, and a draft Terms of Reference for a Community Advisory Committee. At that time, it was agreed that city staff will update the Society at key milestones in the project delivery process. The next key milestone will be the finalization of the funding request for the 2027-2030 capital plan, which is expected to be completed in October 2025. It was agreed with the Executive Director that this would be the appropriate time to re-engage the Britannia Society Board to provide additional updates.

As Park Board has received recent inquiries from the Britannia Society Board, communication to reflect what is contained in this memo will also be presented to the Britannia Society Board.



It is also worth noting that the city is investing \$17.5M in capital maintenance at the Britannia site in 2025-2026. The 2025 projects include Direct Digital Control (DDC) upgrades, exterior block repainting of the pool and ice arena, skylight replacements in the pool building, and replacement of the ice rink slab and roof truss upgrades. In 2026, significant repairs, upgrades, and renovations will be initiated for both the ice arena and the pool, including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, pool system, HVAC, boiler, domestic hot water heating and piping, and additional DDC upgrades.

Additional information and decisions will be brought to the Board for consideration as part of the 2027-2030 Capital Plan process.

Regards,

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