



VANCOUVER
BOARD OF
PARKS AND
RECREATION

June 13, 2023

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Steve Kellock - Director, Recreation Services
SUBJECT : **Dog Swim at Kitsilano Pool**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about the proposed Outdoor Dog Swim at Kitsilano Pool and to provide you with an update on conversations with Vancouver Coastal Health.

Public pools are governed by the [BC Pool Regulation](#) which prohibits an operator from allowing animals within the pool enclosure. As the pool operator abiding by the regulation, Vancouver Park Board could not hold such an event.

Through discussion with Vancouver Coastal Health, the BC Pool Regulation does not have an exemption process. The pool is both fully operational and open for use by pool patrons, or it is closed; there is no in-between as far as the operator's responsibility to the pool regulation.

The BC Pool Regulation states:

Animals prohibited

12 An operator must not permit an animal to enter the pool enclosure, other than a guide dog or a service dog, as defined in the [Guide Dog and Service Dog Act](#).

While events may have taken place in the past, the amendment to Section 12 occurred in 2015, thus eliminating any animal to enter a pool enclosure.

Regards,

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Steve Kellock
Director, Recreation Services - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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