



November 14, 2025

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Recreation Services
Director, Facilities Management and Operational Excellence

SUBJECT : **Vancouver Aquatic Centre Closure – Update – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to update you on the current status of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre (VAC) following the [November 3, 2025, Board Briefing Memo](#).

Project Update

The source of the concrete spalling at VAC has been under active investigation over the past week, during which time the facility has remained closed. On November 4, 2025, REFM–Facilities Management and Operational Excellence (FMOE) promptly engaged a structural engineer to conduct an on-site assessment, identify the root cause of the deterioration, and provide recommendations for mitigation. In parallel, FMOE staff reviewed potential short-term mitigation options in keeping with the facility renewal timeline and completed a preliminary feasibility review for the installation of overhead safety netting beneath the affected concrete beams.

Next Steps

As a temporary safety measure, overhead netting will be installed beneath affected concrete elements to contain and prevent falling debris resulting from spalling. This approach serves several key purposes while the VAC renewal is being planned and executed:

- Immediate Risk Containment: Netting captures loose concrete fragments, significantly reducing the risk of injury or damage in occupied or accessible areas.
- Maintaining Operations: Netting allows for the reopening, minimizing disruption to services and programming.
- Visual and Physical Barrier: It acts as a visible indicator of compromised structural zones, supporting safety protocols and access control.
- Compliance and Due Diligence: Demonstrates a commitment to proactive risk management and adherence to occupational health and safety standards during the interim period.

The timeline for the overhead netting installation is scheduled to begin on November 15 and will take approximately 5-6 days to complete. The facility is expected to stay closed during the installation of the netting.

Park Board staff have been in contact with affected user groups and will continue to notify them of expected impacts to their rental times and will continue to accommodate if alternative space is available.



Communication will be updated accordingly through regular communication channels, and further updates will be provided as they are available.

Regards,

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Steve Kellock (he/him)
Director, Recreation Services

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Carrie Hughes (she/her)
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