



VANCOUVER
BOARD OF
PARKS AND
RECREATION

July 17, 2025

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Recreation Services

SUBJECT : **Water Quality Advisories at Beaches – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to brief you on the current water quality advisories in effect at three swimming locations in Vancouver: Trout Lake, Third Beach, and Sunset Beach. These advisories have been issued by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) due to elevated E. coli levels exceeding water safety thresholds.

When water quality tests show that a swimming area is not microbiologically safe, a **“Not Suitable for Swimming”** advisory is posted both online and on signs at the beach. While swimming is discouraged, access to beach sand and nearby facilities is allowed. The advisory remains in effect until follow-up testing confirms water quality has returned to safe levels, with resampling conducted more frequently during this period.

You can find more information about public beach water quality on Vancouver Coastal Health’s website: [Vancouver Coastal Health Information](#)

Park Board Response:

- Signage has been posted at all affected sites to inform the public of the advisories.
- Communications have been updated on the City and Park Board websites and through social media to ensure public awareness.
- Staff teams, including lifeguards and rangers, have been briefed to help educate beachgoers and support compliance with the advisories.
- Coordination is ongoing with VCH to monitor resampling schedules.
- Media is handled in coordination with Vancouver Coast Health’s communications team.

Regards,

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Steve Kellock (*he/him*)
Director, Recreation Services – Vancouver Parks and Recreation

Copy to: PB Leadership Team
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