



## News Release

### Notice of Pool Closures for Annual Maintenance

Sechelt, BC – May 3, 2021 — Due to annual pool maintenance, the Sunshine Coast Regional District's (SCRD) aquatic facilities will close starting with the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre in late May for all activities and programs, including weight rooms.

"Pools require annual maintenance to extend their life and to minimize unanticipated closures," says Graeme Donn, SCRD Manager of Recreation Services. "These closures at aquatic facilities are scheduled so that there is always at least one pool open and available to the public."

The dates for the annual pool maintenance closures are as follows:

- Pender Harbour Aquatic & Fitness Centre – closed from May 31 to July 18.  
Sechelt Aquatic Centre and Gibsons & District Aquatic Facility will be open during this time.
- Gibsons & District Aquatic Facility - closed from July 3 to August 2.  
The Sechelt Aquatic Centre will be open during this time and the Pender Harbour Aquatic & Fitness Centre will re-open on July 19.
- Sechelt Aquatic Centre – closed late summer to early fall (dates to be confirmed)

In previous years the Sechelt Aquatic Centre has closed for maintenance in May/June and the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre in August/September. This year, the Sechelt Aquatic Centre requires the unexpected replacement of the facility's fire sprinkler system. This replacement was discussed in depth at the February 18, 2021 Planning and Community Development Committee Meeting. The staff report can be found [here](#).

"Work is underway to secure qualified contractors to complete these essential repairs to the fire sprinkler system at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre, says Graeme Donn. "The Sechelt pool closure dates have been moved to later in the summer to increase the likelihood of contractors being able to accommodate this work in 2021. Finalizing pool closure dates will depend on the availability of these contractors which is expected to be known by the end of May."

In 2022, it is anticipated that pool maintenance closures will return to normal with Sechelt pool closing at the end of May to early June, Gibsons pool in July, and August for the pool in Pender Harbour.

Learn more [www.scrd.ca/recreation-maintenance-closures](http://www.scrd.ca/recreation-maintenance-closures).

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