

Community Services Report to  
Public Hearing Meeting of Council  
2024 October 08

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## **Permanent Closure of Inglewood Aquatic Centre**

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to confirm Administration's decision to advance the permanent closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre, effective 2024 December 22.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

In CPS2021-0748 Council previously directed Administration to:

- Invest \$45 million to upgrade the Repsol Sport Centre (now MNP Community & Sport Centre), to address aquatic needs in the city centre.
- Allocate funding to keep the Inglewood Aquatic Centre open, contingent on meeting previously established operating targets.
- Close the Inglewood Aquatic Centre when the new amenities at the Repsol Centre (now MNP Community & Sport Centre) are ready.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council confirm Administration's decision to advance the permanent closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre, effective 2024 December 22.

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

GM Katie Black concurs with the content of this report.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Inglewood Aquatic Centre will close permanently on 2024 December 22 due to aging infrastructure and significant electrical issues.
- \$1.4 million in immediate repair and operational costs will be saved by advancing the closure timeline.
- The facility has provided recreation services since 1963 and a public event will celebrate its legacy before closure.

### **DISCUSSION**

Generally, operational decisions like closure of a facility are within the authority of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). However, in 2021 Council approved the closure of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre when MNP Community & Sport Centre's Leisure Expansion Aquatics Project (LEAP) is complete (Attachment 1). Council's 2021 direction may have constrained the CAO's authority to accelerate this closure. Administration now seeks confirmation of the advanced closure decision previously shared with Council via briefing C2024-0415, on 2024 May 12.

Construction of MNP Community & Sport Centre's LEAP has begun, with the facility planned to open in 2027. However, a recent assessment of the Inglewood Aquatic Centre identified significant electrical issues, which could result in the electrical system failing. This electrical

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system risk has prompted Administration to advance the timeline to close this facility to 2024 December 22 and to release the additional investment required to complete the electrical repairs (estimated at \$600,000) as well as two years (\$800,000) of operating funding.

Electrical repairs would require closure of the facility for approximately three months. There is a risk the electrical system could fail if these repairs are not completed, resulting in the facility being inoperable, an unplanned closure, and disruption to user groups and customers. The risk of electrical failure occurring increases the longer the facility remains open. If the electrical repairs were to be completed, additional repairs may be identified, increasing the investment needed to maintain this facility and extending the temporary closure for repairs.

**EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public/interested parties were informed | <input type="checkbox"/> Public communication or engagement was not required |

User groups and the public were informed about the advanced closure date in May 2024. User groups have been accommodated at other City facilities, effective January 2025. A public event will be held at the Inglewood Aquatic Centre to celebrate the facility's legacy prior to its closure.

**IMPLICATIONS**

**Social**

User groups have been accommodated in alignment with the advanced closure date. Users of the facility are impacted sooner than they previously anticipated.

**Environmental**

Not applicable.

**Economic**

Not applicable.

**Service and Financial Implications**

**Current and Future Operating Budget:**

Saves \$1.4 million in immediate electrical repairs (approximately \$600,000) and two years of operational funding (\$800,000).

**Current and Future Capital Budget:**

Costs of demolition and site remediation are anticipated in 2025.

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### RISK

The risk if the recommendation is not approved, is that the facility will need to close for about three months for electrical repairs. The repairs are estimated at \$600,000 and could reveal further issues, increasing costs and prolonging the closure where the facility is not available to users and is not generating revenue. Failure to complete these repairs risks an unplanned closure and disruption for users. The longer the facility remains open, the higher the risk of failure.

The risk if the recommendation is approved is the community concern over the closure of an amenity.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Previous Council Direction, Background
2. Presentation
3. **Public Submission**

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
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