

1. What is the current condition of Mayfair Pool?

Mayfair Pool was opened in July 1959 and has now reached the expected life for this type of facility. In spring of 2006, approximately 7,000 gallons of water were lost per day on a total pool volume of 312,000 gallons. The City hired Cochrane Engineering to examine the condition of the pool, including the structure of the pool basin and deck, and various mechanical and piping systems. The condition assessment recommended extensive repair, both structural and mechanical.

2. Is the Engineers' Report available for people to look at?

This is a technical report and not designed for the general public. City staff would be happy to meet with residents who would like to go through the report.

3. Can Mayfair Pool be repaired?

The upgrades that would be required for Mayfair Pool are so major that the entire pool would need to be rebuilt.

3. Why hasn't the City kept up with the repairs?

All City of Saskatoon facilities, including Mayfair Pool, are looked after under an ongoing Comprehensive Maintenance Program to make sure all components are maintained to the appropriate standards. However, eventually, facilities do wear out. Mayfair Pool has reached the point where repairs are so extensive that it will need to be entirely rebuilt.

4. Why did the City attempt to close the pool 15 years ago and why were amenities such as diving board and bleachers taken away?

In the early 1990's, City Council undertook a budget downsizing exercise to keep mil rate increases to a reasonable level. The cost per attendance at civic outdoor pools was part of the analysis requested and provided. As Mayfair Pool had the least favorable cost per attendance, closure of the facility was identified as an option for City Council to consider. The community was a very strong advocate for

keeping the pool open; as a result City Council did not close Mayfair Pool.

5. Why has the City not acted on any of the Local Area Plan proposals – a spray park could have been added at any time or a park and community centre in the south?

A number of the recommendations from the Caswell Hill Local Area Plan have been implemented. Mayfair Pool was discussed as part of the LAP, specifically the green space within the fenced area of Mayfair Pool and the importance of having that space accessible to the community without having to enter the pool area. This concept will be brought forward as part of the discussions on the future use of this site in regards to the entire area drawing people to the outdoor pool.

6. Why is the City putting new facilities on the outskirts when central communities are growing, with younger families?

As Saskatoon grows, the City incorporates leisure facilities within its plans. This same principle was followed when other neighbourhoods were built. However, the method of delivering amenities has evolved over the years. Also demographics of older neighbourhoods have changed, resulting in some recreation facility deficiencies. The City has adopted new strategies in light of these changes. For example, the City of Saskatoon is working with a number of partner agencies including school divisions to build new facilities in all areas of the city. Recent examples are the Shaw Centre, the community room at the new W.P. Bate School in Meadowgreen, and the community room that will be integrated with the new St. Mary's School in Pleasant Hill.

7. Did upgrades to Gordie Howe Bowl go through a community consultation process?

With each public consultation process, stakeholders are identified and input is collected. In the case of Gordon Howe Bowl, the stakeholders are the user groups (football, soccer, track and field clubs) and there was extensive consultation with these groups on the design of the Master Plan.

8. What capital and maintenance dollars have been put into the pool since the last attempt to close it 15 years ago?

The Facilities Branch spends between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually on maintenance and operations.

9. How did you measure the water loss in 2006?

The standing water level was measured over a period of time, and the volume of water lost was converted to gallons.

10. Will Mayfair Pool be operational for the summer of 2009, and how long will it continue to operate?

Mayfair Pool will be operational in 2009, as long as the infrastructure does not show significant deterioration, and allows us to be operational within local and provincial regulations.

11. Can you provide clarification on all the codes required to be met to operate the pool?

An example of some of the code deficiencies include; recirculation capacity, piping is not resistant to corrosion, no overflow channels, no skimmers, filter flow is below standard, filter system is not adequate.

12. Is there money set aside for pool replacement or any other facility that might be built? How will the budgeting process work?

Over the years the City has worked toward creating major repair or replacement reserves for its infrastructure. Although there has been some funding allocated for this purpose, a significant portion of our city's infrastructure does not have funding set aside for major repair or replacement. In recent years, the City has begun allocating annual funds for outdoor pool basins.

The Community Services Department is requesting City Council to consider a capital project in 2009 for the design of a new facility on the Mayfair Pool site, subject to surrounding communities' input. The City will take the rest of 2008 and 2009 to finalize community consultation and design, and to identify

construction costs to City Council for the 2010 Capital Budget. The cost of replacement for an outdoor pool is estimated at \$5 million, so that number is being used when determining design and future construction costs for a new facility. Once the type of facility has been determined, design will occur, along with more accurate construction costs.

13. What are the options being discussed for the Mayfair Pool site?

The City of Saskatoon recognizes and appreciates the value of the community's voice in reaching the most positive outcome possible regarding future programming at the Mayfair Pool site. Potential uses that could be considered for this site might include, but are not limited to, a new outdoor pool, a spray park, or a community centre.

14. What steps are involved in this process and how long will the public input process take?

This spring City Council gave initial approval to proceed with public consultations. The City will be facilitating various opportunities such as open houses and public input meetings with both external and internal stakeholders over the course of fall 2008. Following these consultations, a report will be submitted to City Council recommending future use options for the site.

15. Can you give a rough estimate of the length of time required to get a new facility finished and how long would the community be without any kind of facility?

Our best estimate is that the current facility would be closed for one season during construction of a replacement facility.

16. How can I ensure that my opinions on the future use of the Mayfair Pool site are heard?

The public is encouraged to attend the upcoming open house/public input meetings for residents of Caswell Hill and surrounding neighbourhoods. Comments can also be sent via e-mail, fax, regular mail or made by phone, as indicated on page one of this flyer.