



# Town of Kindersley

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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Pool Closure Signals Fresh Start for Phase 2 Fundraising**

The Kindersley Aquatic Centre is permanently closed, effective immediately, and preparation will begin to demolish the facility and fast-track efforts to fundraise and plan for a new facility.

Kindersley Town Council made the decision to not invest any more money into repairing the pool or pool building, which had yet to open for the season due to structural concerns and cracks in the filter pipes. Around 30 taxpayers in attendance voted in favour of a decision to close the 40-year old pool and focus efforts of raising money for a new aquatic facility. Mayor John Enns-Wind requested the informal poll following an hour-long forum to discuss the pool during which 10 residents addressed Council.

Citing details from a commissioned structural engineering report, Chief Administrative Officer Bernie Morton reported that repairs to replace or rehabilitate the cracked building walls and fix filter pipes would cost upwards of \$70,000, in addition to almost \$10,000 spent this spring to address the problems. The work discussed was expected to take 4-6 weeks to complete.

The official resolution of Council reads as follows:

*Moved by Councillor Sackville. Seconded by Councillor Biberdorf  
That the Council of the Town of Kindersley direct Administration to no longer repair the pool and building. Further, that Administration take all reasonable steps to secure the facility to ensure it is safe against any accidents. Also, that Administration start steps to demolish the facility. As a result, the pool is closed effective immediately.*

Council encourages community members to become involved in the fundraising for Phase 2 of the West Central Community Centre and will be announcing a meeting very soon to secure involvement of volunteers and interested fund-raisers.

Adventure DayCamp has already been permanently re-located to the West Central Events Centre and will proceed without interruption this summer. Contact 306-463-2675 or [kindersleypool@kindersley.ca](mailto:kindersleypool@kindersley.ca) to register.

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