



City of Prince Albert

RPT 2025-16

TITLE: Frank Dunn Pool Decommissioning

DATE: December 6, 2024

TO: Budget Committee

PUBLIC: X

INCAMERA:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City's 50% share in the Decommissioning of the Frank Dunn Pool be approved as part of the 2025 Budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Saskatchewan Rivers School Division is the owner and operator of the Frank Dunn Pool. The School Division and the City have operated in partnership at the Frank Dunn Pool under a Joint Use Agreement since 1973. Negotiations with the Sask Rivers School Division commenced in early 2023 regarding the City's discontinuance of aquatics programming at the Frank Dunn Pool once the new Lake Country Co-op Leisure Centre is open to the public. During the negotiations, the Sask Rivers School Division confirmed they do not plan to operate the pool once the City's programming is discontinued. As a result, the School Division decided to proceed with the Decommissioning process to prepare the facility in a safe state until they arrive at a decision regarding the future use of the space within the Carlton Comprehensive High School. Under the Joint Use Agreement, the parties equally participate on a 50/50% basis for any Capital requirements. This report outlines the City's commitment to the Decommissioning process in 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The City Manager and Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture issued notice to the Sask Rivers School Division and hosted meetings with their Senior Management Team to discuss the next steps to discontinue the City's programming at the Frank Dunn Pool. The discussions resulted in the decision to proceed with the Decommissioning process. The purpose of this report is to provide a copy of the Decommissioning Report submitted to the Sask Rivers School Division which outlines the projected financial requirements to complete the Decommissioning process for consideration at the 2025 Budget Committee deliberations.

PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:

Attached for reference purposes is the Joint Use Agreement and the Decommissioning Report for Frank Dunn Pool. The School Division does not have plans to continue operating the pool once the City opens the new Lake Country Co-op Leisure Centre. Until confirmation of their plans for the space are finalized, the short-term plan is for the School Division to decommission the space. The expectation is for the City to participate in the costs for decommissioning on a 50/50% basis similar to other Capital requirements funded under the Joint Use Agreement.

Mike Hurd, Superintendent of Facilities with the Sask Rivers School Division committed to providing the cost projection for the decommissioning process as outlined in the attached report from HAD Engineering.

CONSULTATIONS:

The City Manager and Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture hosted meetings with the following Sask Rivers School Division representatives:

- Neil Finch, Director
- Mike Hurd, Superintendent of Facilities
- Jerrold Pidborochynski, Chief Financial Officer

The Consultations included the following discussion points in preparation for the Decommissioning process:

- Goal is to fulfill the party's mutual obligations under the Joint Use Agreement.
- Confidence in the estimate provided by HAD Engineering.
- Contingency Management Process.
- Formal Tender process to be engaged in 2025.
- Establish a central contact at the Sask Rivers School Division to negotiate aquatics programming access at the new Lake Country Co-op Leisure Centre.

COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:

A Joint Communication release was coordinated with the Sask Rivers School Division and issued on November 27th, 2024 informing the public that the Frank Dunn Pool will close upon the opening of the new Lake Country Co-op Leisure Centre. A combination of Event Hosting eligibility, programming limitations and costs related to the future upkeep of the aging facility formed the main reasons to discontinue future use of the Frank Dunn Pool.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The report from HAD Engineering contains s projected Decommissioning Budget of \$502,939.16 comprised of the following components:

Structural	\$277,300.00
Mechanical	\$86,000.00
Electrical	\$15,000.00
General Contractor Supervision (10%)	\$10,100.00
Construction Contingency (15%)	\$58,260.00
Design & Construction Fees (12.6%)	\$56,279.16
Total	\$502,939.16

As a result, the City's projected 50% share in the Decommissioning process is \$251,469.58.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:

There are no policy, privacy, legal, safety or environmental implications.

OPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION:

There are no options to the Recommendation.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The report aligns with the Strategic Priority of Delivering Professional Governance. Specifically, the Area of Focus related to an Engaged Government to strengthen relationships with external organizations to share information and collaborate on projects and services.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN:

There are no OCP Strategies or Plans to this report.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Frank Dunn Pool Joint Use Agreement
2. Frank Dunn Pool Decommissioning Report

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