

To: Weyburn City Council

From: Richard Henning | Director of Leisure Services

Re: New Aquatic Facility Progress Update

Date: March 5, 2026

Background

The Harry Church Indoor Pool, also known as the Weyburn Leisure Centre, opened in November 1990. The facility was unable to operate during the 2024/25 winter season due to significant degradation of the pool basin occurring beneath the tiled surface. Following a ground-penetrating radar (GPR) scan and engineering assessment, it was determined that the basin structure cannot be repaired and would require full demolition and replacement. Additional assessments completed in 2024 noted that the mechanical and filtration systems, as well as pool piping and components, are at or nearing end-of-life and require replacement within the next 1–5 years.

A feasibility study conducted by RC Strategies received 1,166 public responses, including eight meetings with ten organizations. From this study, several facility options were presented to Council, along with high-level construction and operational cost projections.

In November 2025, Council directed administration to proceed with the construction of a new single-basin aquatic facility with a budget of \$30,000,000. Council also instructed administration to further assess the existing facility structure for potential repurposing before demolition is considered.

Discussion

Administration issued an RFP for Project Management services to support the full project lifecycle, including planning, design, tendering, construction oversight, and post-construction turnover. Colliers Project Leaders were the successful proponent. Contracts were signed in February, followed by virtual project kickoff meetings.

In early March, Administration met in person with Colliers to review the initial planning for the Weyburn Leisure Centre redevelopment. The session confirmed the project scope, including aquatic program elements, support and operational spaces, accessibility expectations, and requirements for continued operation of the existing outdoor pool. Other discussion items included:

- Preliminary milestone schedule and the relationship between time, cost, and schedule constraints.
- Governance structure: City Council → Steering Committee → Project Management Team → Community Stakeholders.
- Risk-management planning, identification, and controls.
- Review of potential project delivery methods: Design-Bid-Build, Construction Management, and Design-Build.

Next Steps

Colliers will develop a terms-of-reference document to guide both parties throughout the project. Additionally, Administration and Colliers are preparing RFPs for geotechnical investigations on the WLC grounds to support new site selection. A separate RFP is being developed for a structural condition assessment of the existing WLC facility to help evaluate the best course of action for the building.

Recommendation:

I recommend that Council accepts this report as a project update.

Regards,



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