



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Will Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 8215-16

PC: Doug Ross, Director, Recreation Services **DATE:** September 16, 2022
Dustin Pridham, Manager, Recreation Operations
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FROM: Stan Mitchell, Manager, Recreation Facilities

SUBJECT: AQUATICS WATERSLIDE UPDATE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with an update on the Aquatic Centre Waterslide. In the spring of 2021, staff discovered corrosion on the waterslide platform and identified the need to have the waterslide closed until repairs could be carried out. Following inspection by an engineer, temporary repairs were made to the upper platform during the maintenance shutdown and the waterslide was reopened for use. In the fall of 2021, Council approved a project in the Recreation Services budget to replace the upper platform at a cost of \$96,425. The replacement was to be carried out during this year's annual maintenance shutdown in September.

In May of this year, staff noticed that some rusted material was falling from the platform and the waterslide was closed again for safety reasons. After an initial inspection by the engineer, it was believed that the planned replacement of the upper deck would allow the waterslide to be reopened. Following a further inspection during this year's maintenance shutdown, including opening up the walls where the waterslide platform and stairs are secured to the building structure, the engineer identified additional issues and has now recommended that the entire waterslide platform and stairs be repaired or replaced.

Because of this, the waterslide will need to remain closed for an undetermined period of time. Administration is in the process of looking at options for materials and how and when the work to repair or replace the platform and stairs could be carried out. Once estimates are available for the various options, Administration will provide Council with an update and a recommended course of action.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Aquatics Waterslide Update", dated September 16, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Recreation Facilities.

Respectfully submitted:

Stan Mitchell
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