



Hamilton

# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members Board of Health
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	May 15, 2017
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Proposed Standardization of Outdoor Swimming Pool Hours (CES16050(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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## Council Direction:

The Board of Health Committee at its meeting of December 5, 2016 requested the following:

“Recreation staff were directed to report back to the Board of Health on the feasibility of standardized hours of operation across all City of Hamilton recreational pools.”

## Information:

There are 10 Outdoor Pools operating in the City of Hamilton which run a nine week season commencing with the end of the elementary school year and remain open until Labour Day. The season’s operational hours and dates have been designed in consultation with the HWDSB school calendar.

Hours of operation vary by location, based on historical agreements (from pre-amalgamation), pool amenities such as heated versus non-heated, lighting levels, and community usage and average annual attendance.

Standardization of hours could only be achieved with a substantial financial investment and a change to long standing agreements and schedules. However, small changes to the weekend program offerings could be achieved with minimal cost and overall positive program impact which would move the programs closer to achieving some standardization in the hours of operation at the outdoor pools.

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Proposed Equalization of Hours

The majority of the outdoor pool public program hours will remain the same, with the exception of Inch Park, which would receive a reduction of one weekend evening swim (5:00-7:00 pm) per week.

Chedoke, Birge, Coronation, Victoria, Green Acres, Rosedale and Walker Outdoor Pools, each will add one weekend evening swim either Saturday or Sunday from 5:00-7:00 pm. This will provide a greater amount of public access, increased weekend evening swims throughout the City for a total of eight locations offering weekend evening swims, from a previous two evening swims per weekend at one location. The proposed 2017 operating season for all outdoor pools is attached as appendix A to Report CES16050(a).

The Parkdale Outdoor Pool program will not change due to its proximity to Sir Winston Churchill Recreation Centre, the lack of a pool heating system and public demand. This facility is scheduled to close in 2018 for a complete retrofit and adding additional programs such as evening swims will be addressed when the facility reopens in summer of 2019.

There are no changes being made to the Ancaster Outdoor Pool due to historical agreements and special programming which is being offered in 2017 due to the closure of Ancaster Aquatic Centre. This schedule will be reviewed in 2018.

**Appendices and Schedules Attached**

Appendix A to Report CES16050(a): City of Hamilton Outdoor Pool - Hours of Operation  
(Proposed 2017 Season)