

Why has the opening dates for tēməsewtx^w Aquatic and Community Centre changed?

Several factors have impacted the construction schedule of the new facility including ongoing issues related to poor ground conditions, delays with off-site sanitary and stormwater work, and supply chain issues resulting in delayed shipment of some materials. These factors have had a compounding effect on the construction timeline and affected subsequent work.

Many of these factors were previously identified as potential risks and efforts were made to compress the overall construction timeline to make up for earlier delays, such as the 2022 concrete labour dispute. While efforts to compress the critical path was achieved for some areas, not all work could be accelerated and completed simultaneously to meet the original opening date.

When will the facility open?

tēməsewtx^w Aquatic and Community Centre is now expected to open for public use in phases commencing in April 2024. Registered general recreation and preschool programs, along with group fitness programs and drop-in weight room activities are anticipated to begin in late April 2024. Registered and drop-in aquatic programs and services are anticipated to commence in May 2024. New programming specifically for youth and seniors will continue to be introduced in a phased approach leading up to a grand opening celebration June 1, 2024.

When can I register for programs?

Registration for programs at tēməsewtx^w Aquatic and Community Centre is anticipated to take place in February 2024. More information will be provided in early 2024.

When can community groups and organizations begin booking space?

Information will be sent to local New Westminster sport organizations and historical user groups in February 2024. Space will be allocated in a coordinated approach across all facilities to balance the needs of both the City and community users. To be added to an allocation distribution list or to learn more about our allocation policy, please email active@newwestcity.ca. One-time bookings to rent space for events and meetings, will commence in June of 2024. The booking window for one-time rentals will open in April 2024.

When will the child care facility open?

The new child care facility will open in spring 2024. We are currently in the final stages of selecting a licensed operator.

Is Centennial Community Centre still going to close this fall?

The closure of Centennial Community Centre will remain scheduled for November 3, 2023. Despite the opening delay of tēməsewtx^w Aquatic and Community Centre, Centennial must close in order for decommissioning work to proceed and to ensure that overall construction timelines are met.

A farewell event for Centennial Community Centre is being planned for November 5, 2023. Stay tuned for more details.

What are my fitness and other general recreation programming options during the closure of Centennial Community Centre and the opening of tēməsewtx^w Aquatic and Community Centre?

All programs previously offered at Centennial Community Centre will be relocated to alternative temporary locations until the opening of tēməsewtx^w Aquatic and Community Centre. Active Pass users can utilize Queensborough

Community Centre or Century House for weight training and group fitness programs. Cycle classes will be relocated to the Queen's Park boardroom, located behind the rose garden in Queen's Park. General recreation programs, such as dance and art classes, will be relocated to Queensborough Community Centre, Century House, and Massey Theater. Information about these programs can be found in the current issues of the [Active Living Guide](#).

Will refunds be issued for active passes once Centennial Community Centre closes?

Active passes can be used at all recreation facility locations. However, refunds will be issued for all 30, 90, and annual Active pass users. Refund requests must be initiated by pass users before December 31, 2023. Refunds will be prorated from the day the request is made.

Will Phase 2 of the project also be delayed?

Phase 2 of the construction project, which includes exterior site work and landscaping, is on track to be completed as originally scheduled for July 2024.

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