

## ABOUT THE POOLS - NEW CHANGES COMING

This fall our Recreation Excellence leadership team conducted a facility analysis of the schedules, programs, and services, including registration, attendance, and drop-ins.

The Stan Siwik Family Leisure Pool, Nicholas Sheran Family Leisure Pool, Fritz Sick Pool, and Henderson Outdoor Pool are community treasures that serve the people of Lethbridge and Southern Alberta.

Efficient facility schedules maximize opportunities that reflect the current usage and user trends. The facility attendance for public swimming has decreased significantly since the pandemic started and has not returned to pre-pandemic levels and the data also identified an imbalance of programming across City quadrants. The proposed changes were approved by the City of Lethbridge and will be effective January 2, 2023. The new schedule provides efficiencies for pool operations and staffing while providing an equal distribution of programming across the City of Lethbridge quadrants.

### Key highlights of the new schedules include:

- 10 additional weekly aquafit classes, featuring a new class on Saturdays.
- A new Friday Youth swim from 2-5 pm.
- 2 new Adult Leisure swims on Fridays and Saturdays.
- 8 New Parent & Tot and Preschool Lessons on Friday mornings .
- Expanded Learn to Swim program with an additional 48 lesson spots for children.
- More Rental space opportunities for private bookings.
- Programs with lower attendance are shifting to new times or to another Recreation Excellence facility.

### Why is the schedule changing?

The facility attendance for public swimming has decreased significantly since the pandemic started and has not returned to pre-pandemic levels. As an essential part of the fiscal mandate, we strive to achieve an efficient facility schedule that maximizes usage and creates fiscally responsible recreation facilities.

### Why is my class time changed?

Your class may have been moved to another facility to maximize facility usage, pool space, staffing hours, and other operational needs. We certainly understand that changes to your regular class time can be difficult to comprehend, and with 10 new classes opening, we encourage you to try one of the other available offerings.

### Will it ever go back?

We don't know. Recreation Excellence will continue to monitor and analyze the usage of the facilities along with attendance and user trends. Future schedules may be adjusted to meet the needs of the greater community while ensuring fiscally responsible recreation facilities.

### How can I find out more information?

RecEx.ca has more information that you might find helpful, or you are welcome to send us an email at [leth@recreationexcellence.com](mailto:leth@recreationexcellence.com)