Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – June 30, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 13 Public Swim Programming at Sherbrook Pool

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Community Services concurred in the Council Motion of June 25, 2026, and recommended to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review and report back in 60 days on the feasibility of reinstating early morning public swim programming at Sherbrook Pool, including an assessment of current staffing requirements, operating costs, attendance history, and anticipated community demand.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That the Council Motion of June 25, 2026, be concurred in, and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On June 25, 2026, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS early morning public swim programming at Sherbrook Pool was a well-attended and valued recreational opportunity for residents of the surrounding community;

AND WHEREAS the program provided an affordable and accessible form of physical activity that supported health, wellness, and active living for residents of all ages, particularly seniors and individuals with flexible work schedules;

AND WHEREAS the surrounding neighbourhood is home to a growing aging population that benefits from low-impact recreational activities such as swimming, which contribute to physical health, mental well-being, and social connection;

AND WHEREAS the early morning swim program was discontinued during a period when the City was experiencing significant lifeguard staffing shortages;

AND WHEREAS the City's lifeguard staffing situation has improved since that time, creating an opportunity to review and potentially restore previously suspended aquatic programming;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the operating costs associated with the early morning swim program were relatively modest compared to the community benefits provided;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Service be directed to review and report back in 60 days on the feasibility of reinstating early morning public swim programming at Sherbrook Pool, including an assessment of current staffing requirements, operating costs, attendance history, and anticipated community demand.