

Crystal Pool Replacement Project

Quarterly Update Report – Q3 2025

Summary

The project is currently in the planning and design phase and on track with the schedule and budget.

Schematic design kicked off in mid-October and preliminary technical site studies have wrapped up. Project management services have been awarded, and procurement of construction management services is underway. A grant application was submitted to the UCBM Strategic Priorities Fund for up to \$7 million in funding.

Staff liaised with community partners to develop a new plan to provide pool access during the Crystal Pool construction closure and is finalizing an agreement with Concert Properties to use the building at Quadra and Broughton Street, currently used by the YMCA/YWCA. The interim facility will have space for the City to continue offering a variety of fitness and recreation programs.

Once the YMCA/YWCA moves to their new location at the Bay Centre in early 2026, the City will begin upgrades at the Broughton Street location to make the space suitable for City operation for the planned five-year construction period of the new facility. In fall 2026, the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre will close permanently, and the interim City facility will open for use. Recreation services planning is underway.



Project Progress



Key Tasks

Complete

- Project management services contract award
- Concept design
- Confirmation of interim recreation services location
- UCBM Strategic Priorities Fund grant application

Underway

- Construction management services procurement
- Schematic design
- Interim recreation services planning
- Grant applications
- Exploring fundraising campaign feasibility
- Technical studies

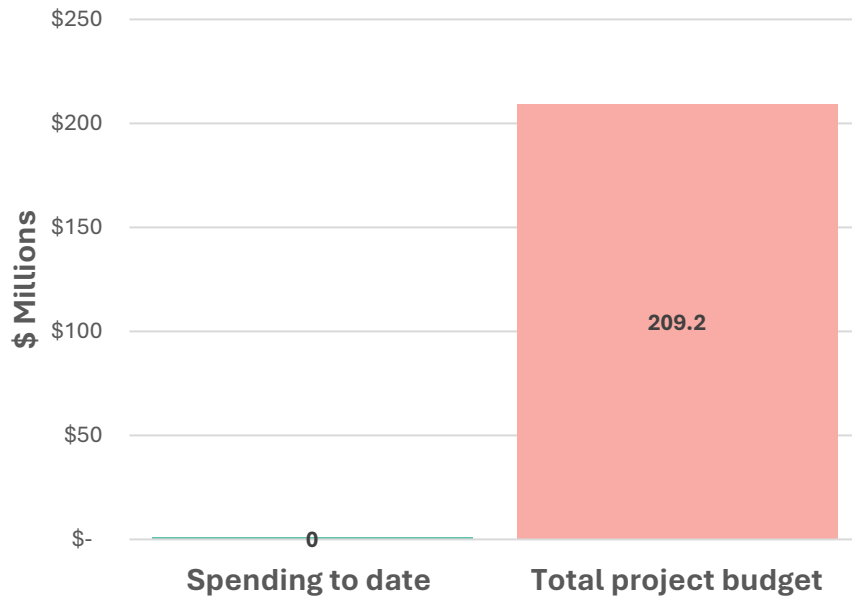
Upcoming

- Confirmation of project schedule
- Design development
- Confirmation of existing facility closure date



Budget Overview

To date, 0.06 per cent of the budget is expensed and 0.9 per cent of the budget is committed, amounts too low to be visible on the graph below.



Grant support

The project team continues to identify and apply for third party funding that can reduce or offset eligible project costs associated with planning, design and construction.

Three grant opportunities are currently being pursued:

1. Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program
 - Requested up to \$25 million
2. BC Hydro Commercial New Construction Whole Building Design Offer
 - Eligible for up to \$100,000
3. UBCM Strategic Priorities Fund, Capital Infrastructure stream
 - Eligible for up to \$7 million



Risk Management

Risk	Mitigation Strategy	Status
Project Resourcing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expedite key procurements • Dedicated internal resources 	■
Scope Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed with approved design • Develop a decision-making framework for major changes 	■
Pool User Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim location at 851 Broughton St. that includes aquatic amenities • Early planning and communication • Work with regional partners to minimize impacts 	■
Supply Chain Uncertainty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor market conditions to anticipate shifts • Strategic procurements • Contractual safeguards to manage impacts 	■

LEGEND ■ On Track ◆ Minor Challenges ■ Major Challenges

