



STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 9, 2021

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TO: Chair and Commissioners,
Strathcona Gardens Commission

FROM: Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: STRATHCONA GARDENS RESTART PLAN – PHASE 3

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To provide the Strathcona Gardens Commission with information pertaining to the restart of services and programming given the latest COVID-19 updates and orders from the Provincial Health Officer under Phase 3.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In March 2020, the BC government declared a provincial state of emergency in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) worldwide pandemic. WorkSafeBC required employers and all facility booking users to develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan that outlined the protocols and policies in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the workplace. All organizations were required by the order of the provincial health officer to post a copy of these COVID-19 Safety Plans.

As vaccinations have become widely available to BC residents, the overall risk of COVID-19 transmission is reduced. However, the virus may still circulate, as will the viruses for other communicable diseases, such as seasonal influenza, norovirus, and others.

The BC government's Restart plan outlines the four steps to reduce restrictions in public spaces and in workplaces. Step 3 began on July 1, 2021, it started a transition period in how COVID-19 is managed in all workplaces and establishments.

In Step 3 of the Restart plan, organizations are no longer required to maintain a COVID-19 Safety Plan and can instead transition to communicable disease prevention. Some other key takeaways from a recreation facility perspective are the following:

- Physical distancing markers no longer required
- Masking (now recommended for those 12 and over who are not double vaccinated)
- No requirement for enhanced cleaning protocols
- Use of showers, change rooms, lobby space, and other facility amenities can be reopened

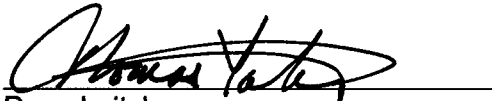
In short, all returns to pre-pandemic normal for recreation except seated organized gatherings is (50 per cent of capacity both indoors and outdoors). Staff have attached a reference sheet for the occupancy levels for seated gatherings in all the spaces throughout the facility (Appendix A). The occupancy levels will assist staff and user groups booking facilities at Strathcona Gardens until the introduction of Phase 4 that is set to start September 7 at the earliest.

In terms of the aquatic facilities, the protocols for pre-registration will stay in place as customers had already booked activities until July 14. With the pool set to close for the required summer maintenance beginning July 23, it was best to transition processes from registration to drop-in attendance and memberships when the facility reopens in September (this applies to the reintroduction of the steam room, sauna, and waterslide).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

Respectfully:



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Attachments: Phase 3 Occupancy Levels (Appendix A)



Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex

Phase 3 - COVID-19 Restart Plan Room Capacities

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Phase 3 Occupancy Limits (50% of Pre-COVID-19)</u>
Rod Brind'Amour - Arena #1	371 spectators + staff, players, coaches, etc...
Arena #2	75 spectators + staff, players, coaches, etc...
Dogwood Room	41 persons
Pinecrest Room	13 persons
V.I.P. North	6 persons
Main Pool (Lanes & Shallow)	224 persons
Leisure Pool	58 persons
Hot Tub	7 persons
Pool Viewing Room	13 persons
Fitness Studio	50 persons
Weight Room	37 persons