

# DO YOU SUPPORT THE CITY BORROWING TO BUILD THE AQUATIC CENTRE?



Conceptual Image: Yellowknife Aquatic Centre

The City of Yellowknife is proposing to build an Aquatic Centre and must borrow a portion of the costs.

A referendum is being held on **November 23, 2021** to determine if voters approve the City borrowing up to **\$10,001,000**.

## Background

The Ruth Inch Memorial Pool is aging rapidly and is too small to meet community needs. The City started planning for a new Aquatic Centre in 2016 and secured \$12.9M in federal funding that can only go towards this project. In 2018, a pre-design plan was adopted by Council and, earlier this year, Clark Builders was selected to build the proposed new Aquatic Centre.

## How much will this cost?

The cost to build the Aquatic Centre is \$67,735,329, excluding GST. The City has reserve funds and savings, and has secured federal funding, so we only need to borrow a portion of this cost. Council voted to seek Voter Approval for the borrowing of up to \$10,001,000 to help finance the development of the Aquatic Centre.

## How does this impact me?

If Yellowknifers support the City borrowing to build the Aquatic Centre, construction is scheduled to begin in 2022 and finish in 2024. Annual municipal taxes are expected to increase by an estimated 1.27% to cover the annual operation and maintenance costs of the proposed Aquatic Centre, once the facility is open.

If the proposed Aquatic Centre is not built: costs to run the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool will go up, and capital expenditures may be needed if major refurbishments are undertaken. Annual maintenance closures are also likely to increase.

## The new Aquatic Centre will have:

- 25m, 8-lane lap pool
- 25m, 3-lane leisure pool with beach entry
- 1m and 3m springboards
  - Lazy river
- Amusement park-style water slide
  - Tot slide
  - Splash pad
- Hot tub/therapy pool
- Steam room



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# Why does Yellowknife need an Aquatic Centre?



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**CAPACITY:** The Ruth Inch Memorial Pool is too small, does not meet the community's needs, and is reaching the end of its effective life;

**COMMUNITY HEALTH:** Swimming is an excellent form of physical activity, especially for a Winter City;

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** Learning to swim is an essential life skill and plays a key role in child and youth development;

**EXPANDED PROGRAMMING:** Recreational swims, competitive swimming and diving, fitness and aqua classes, rehabilitation classes and more will be possible;

**ACCESS FOR ALL:** All Yellowknifers, regardless of economic means, will be able to enjoy the Aquatic Centre and its benefits;

**ATTRACTION AND INVESTMENT:** Economic benefits include sport and recreation tourism; and

**ACCESSIBILITY:** The accessible facility would include a pool with a beach entry, a therapeutic pool, accessible change rooms, spectator seating, signage and more.

## VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 23, 2021 BORROWING REFERENDUM

supports the City  
borrowing to build  
the Aquatic Centre

**YES**



**NO**

does not support the  
City borrowing to build  
the Aquatic Centre

### How to vote:

A ballot has been mailed to each eligible voter on the Voters List. Ballots may be returned by pre-paid mail, dropped off at City Hall, or taken to one of the two Voter Assistance locations - the Tree of Peace and Multiplex Gym - between 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on November 23, 2021.

**All ballots must be received by the City by 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 23, 2021.**

Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot or require voting assistance may visit a Voter Assistance location.

### You are eligible to vote if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen;
- Have attained 18 years of age; and
- Have resided within the municipal boundary of Yellowknife for 12 consecutive months immediately before the day you cast your vote.



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