

APPENDIX B

Other Aquatic Services Provided by the City of Greater Sudbury

In addition to indoor pools, the City offers aquatic services through splash pads and supervised waterfront areas. As these amenities are on the spectrum of aquatic offerings, it is recommended that they form part of the directed comprehensive review.

Splash pads are open seasonally from June 1st to the end of Labour Day weekend, weather permitting. Splash pads are unsupervised play areas. The City has 17 splash pads located across Greater Sudbury:

- Adélie Splash Pad - Centennial Park, Coniston
- Capreol Splash Pad - Doug Mohns Park, Capreol
- Côté Park – Côté Avenue, Chelmsford
- DJ Hancock Memorial Park - Walford Road, Sudbury
- Delki Dozzi Splash Pad - Mary Street, Sudbury
- Garson Splash Pad - Lions Park, Garson
- Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre - Elmview Drive, Valley East
- Kinsmen Sports Complex - Mikkola Road, Walden
- Memorial Park - Brady Street, Sudbury
- Morel Family Foundation Park, Second Avenue, Sudbury
- O'Connor Playground – St. George Street, Sudbury
- Onaping Community Centre - Hillside Avenue, Onaping
- Ridgecrest Playground - Roy Avenue, Sudbury
- Twin Forks Playground - Gary Avenue, Sudbury
- Victory Park - Froad Road, Sudbury
- Westmount Playground- Kipling Court, Sudbury
- Whitewater Lake - Laurier Street, Azilda

The City of Greater Sudbury Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review (2014) called for the expansion of splash pad inventory using a 1.5-kilometre service radius within urban residential areas. The plan notes that splash pads are facilities that contribute to the City's goal of creating a healthy community providing no cost recreation opportunities for children and families. The plan noted that seven to eight new splash pads would need to be added to meet targets, including sites within Garson, Onaping/Dowling, Capreol, Sudbury (South End, Minnow Lake and Bell Park), and possibly Azilda and Val Caron.

A report titled Splash Pad Update presented to the Community Services Committee on February 10, 2020 noted that as provision targets in the Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review (2014) had been met, no further development of these types of assets beyond committed projects is recommended.

The City of Greater Sudbury (City) provides supervised waterfront services at the following locations:

- Bell Park Main Beach
- Capreol Public Beach
- Centennial Park*
- Kalmo Beach
- Moonlight Beach

- Nepawhin Lake Park
- Whitewater Lake Park

*Interim location servicing Walden area following the disposition of Meatbird Lake Park.

Lifeguards are on duty at each location seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. between mid-June and the third week of August.

Historical participant (bather) numbers for supervised beaches are detailed below. These figures represent the number of bathers using the designated swimming area during guarded hours only. The City of Greater Sudbury suspended lifeguard services in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

Bather Numbers for Supervised Beaches					
Facility	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Bell Park	3350	3092	n/a	1524	1906
Capreol	302	1056	n/a	1389	813
Kalmo	1953	1624	n/a	1659	1482
Meatbird/Centennial	2270	2382	n/a	940	582
Moonlight	3080	3534	n/a	2702	2134
Nepawhin	2768	2190	n/a	2091	1647
Whitewater	1031	1260	n/a	1482	1454
Total	14754	15138	n/a	11787	10018

There is no prescribed service level recommended for waterfront areas in the City's Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan (POSLPM). The POSLPM notes that the City's supervised beaches are generally well distributed and are in proximity to concentrated populations. The following action item relating to beaches is included with the POSLMP:

“Continue to maintain municipally supervised beaches and to ensure that beach access routes meet or exceed the technical requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Additional public engagement should be undertaken to determine possible areas for improvement to beach areas.”