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**Maple Ridge Leisure Centre's Aquatics Facility Will Reopen on Monday, July 18**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** The Maple Ridge Leisure Centre's (MRLC) Aquatic Facility will reopen to the public on Monday, July 18. An investigation by the City's maintenance staff determined the source of the metal debris in some pool tanks was residue from cables connected to the decommissioned overhead speaker system on the structural beams above the pool decks.

A two-week shut down of the Aquatics Facility will allow the maintenance team the ability to drain all of the pools, clean all of the overhead struts, do a full magnetic sweep of the pool tanks and refill and chemically balance the water for customers to return on July 18.

Recognizing the impact on pool users and our swim clubs, the regularly scheduled four-week maintenance shutdown in August and September has been cancelled and all other planned maintenance will be done during this emergency two-week shutdown.

"The maintenance work to ensure that we have no further debris contamination of our aquatic facility is already underway. We recognize that this has disrupted lessons, swim clubs and people's social use of the Aquatic Centre and our staff will work with customers to ensure that refunds, credits and membership extensions are offered as appropriate," said Stephane Labonne, General Manager of Parks Recreation and Culture.

He continued, "Eliminating the four-week shutdown in August and September will enrich the programming we can offer during that period. Our staff are also working on updated schedules for the Hammond Outdoor Pool to reduce the impacts on some of our group programming. We know that this is inconvenient for our regular pool customers, and I want to assure everyone that we are moving as quickly as possible to deal with this unforeseen situation and get the doors open as quickly as possible without compromise to the safety of our guests."

You can find a link to the MRLC Aquatics Facility Closure FAQ at [mapleridge.ca/1452](https://mapleridge.ca/1452). The temporary schedules for the Hammond Outdoor Pool can be found at [mapleridge.ca/2446](https://mapleridge.ca/2446).