



The Balgonie Swimming Pool to Remain Closed for 2020 Season

The Town of Balgonie and the Swimming Pool Board and Staff have reviewed the recent guidelines and restrictions issued by the Province of Saskatchewan in relation to safely re-opening of outdoor pool facilities.

A full review was conducted of the current protocols regarding sanitation, staffing, supervision and capacity management in our local pool. Many strategies were contemplated including:

- Setting a maximum limit to 50 participants (swimmers and parents) as per Royal Life Saving Society's and Saskatchewan Health Agency recommendations for a pool the size of the Balgonie Pool.
- Designating each swim to 2 hours maximum during peak capacity.
- No swimming lessons.
- Adults to accompany all swimmers under 16 years of age.
- Lifeguards would provide coaching of all first aid treatments (including CPR) to adults instead of providing any first aid interventions directly.

After considerable thought of all of these potential strategies and a review of the other pool openings in the Province, there was no viable way to open the pool for the summer season.

Until such time as it is determined that the pool can be operated safely for the swimmers and the lifeguards, with full compliance of provincial requirements, it will remain closed.