

City of Wetaskiwin announces timeline for re-opening remaining City facilities

June 23, 2020

(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) — The City of Wetaskiwin has been working to satisfy the opening requirements of Stage 2 of the provincial relaunch strategy. On June 29, the City will begin to re-open its facilities in a multi-phase approach that ensures compliance with public health and safety standards.

“The City’s re-opening strategy strikes a balance of meeting the needs of the community while ensuring everyone’s safety,” remarked Tyler Gandam, Mayor of the City of Wetaskiwin. “We will continue to modify our approach in alignment with provincial recommendations while remaining mindful of what makes sense here at home.”

Wetaskiwin City Council considered and approved the following facility re-opening schedule at their regular June 22, 2020 Council meeting:

Date	Facilities re-opening
June 29	Sports fields; Multi-Plex
July 6	Rental space at Drill Hall, Memorial Arts Centre, and By-the-Lake Park Hall
July 13	Wetaskiwin City Hall; Public Works Office
July 24	The fitness area of the Manluk Centre: Wetaskiwin Regional Aquatics & Fitness
July 31	The pool area of the Manluk Centre: Wetaskiwin Regional Aquatics & Fitness
August 24	The Civic Centre (Twin Arenas)

The City’s goal is to re-open the facilities as soon as possible for the public to enjoy while trying to minimize the financial realities of doing so. Each facility will re-open with a set of restrictions aligning with current provincial orders. The multi-phased opening approach allows for a more thorough implementation of the City’s new health and safety protocols to ensure everyone can safely access these facilities.

Early estimates show a net budget loss of roughly \$115,000 due to the approved re-opening timeline. City Council has instructed City administrators to fund this shortfall from reserves—a move designed to keep the tax base unaffected.

Details about the restrictions being implemented for each facility will be shared online in the coming days at wetaskiwin.ca/COVID-19.

About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000

people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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