



The following questions are a few that were asked by pool clients during the community engagement open house sessions, held in October 2019. As we move forward with the construction process, we will be providing responses to 5 questions at a time.

Why isn't the new pool bigger than the current pool?

As part of the Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment, the Stan Stronge Pool will be moving into a new building. Within this new building, we have been allocated a space that is roughly the same size as our current space; the new pool, change area, and other pool-related facilities must stay within this allocated space.

The pool will be placed lengthwise, along the wall to take advantage of the windows on the western side of the building. In order to have a hot tub, the hot tub has to be placed at the shallow end of the pool partially into the main pool basin. The pool layout, slope, and hot tub must all meet the current standards for pool design, as required by the BC Guidelines for Pool Design, and also in accordance with BC Building Code. These standards will impact the overall size and depth of the pool.

If the pool is roughly the same size and the classes are bigger how will this all work?

We do not anticipate a sudden increase in class size when the new pool opens. The pool will remain a facility for health care and clients will still be screened before attending. Also, we will experience a change in one of our main programs which will affect the pool schedule. Our GPC resident program will change and with this change, we will be able to program the pool to better accommodate the beginning and ending of the classes so the demand for change room space can be spread out. We are seeking recommendations from clients and pool staff on which classes will best meet the needs of the pool users. Once we understand the programs we need to offer and how best to offer them, we will set up the schedule in a way that best disperses the need for space.





What will the transition time between the old pool and new pool be?

The current pool will remain in place and operational during the construction of the new pool. There may be a short transition, one or two weeks possibly, once the new pool is ready for occupation while the staff make the new pool ready. As we get closer to the occupation date of the new pool we will be in a better position to give you a more accurate time period.

What is the location of the new pool?

The new pool will be constructed off of 57th Ave, approximately where the Farmers on 57th Garden used to be, or across from the Langara Gardens townhomes. There will be a new street created which will allow vehicles to turn off 57th Ave to enter the underground parking area.

When will the new pool open?

As with any major construction project, the exact opening date will not be known until quite late into the building construction. Currently, Onni, the builder, is working with an estimated completion timeline of mid-2023.



Next Steps

The next set of questions should be posted in April 2020. Feedback can be provided via our project website at www.vch.ca/pearsondogwood or by emailing pcqo@vch.ca.

