



## CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE OF REPORT:** March 19, 2024  
**DATE & TYPE OF MEETING:** April 24, 2024 Joint Committee Meeting  
**AUTHOR:** Stacey Miranda, Director of Community Services  
**SUBJECT:** NATATORIUM SLIPPERY DECK UPDATE  
**FILE:** 7900-10-03

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### Recommendation

That the Central Cariboo Joint Committee receive this report for information.

### Purpose

To update the Central Cariboo Joint Committee on a new type of matting for the deck hallways that is working effectively.

### Discussion

#### **Background**

At the May 24, 2023 Central Cariboo Joint Committee Meeting a report was brought forward outlining the concerns around the natatorium deck slips and falls. Subsequent research has determined a matting that has had positive results to date. Photos of the matting are attached to this report.

#### **Analysis**

The Community Services Department is continually working hard with other pools to ensure a safe aquatic facility. There are several municipalities in contact regarding the latest innovations to mitigate slip and fall hazards in natatoriums.

Even with matting, water on the matt (floor) will equate to a slippery surface in a naturally warm and wet environment. The Community Services Department recently purchased a new matt that seems to provide some stability and does not affect drainage or cleaning. This is our third attempt to find adequate matting to assist with mitigation of slips and falls.

After investigation, it was determined the hall was not wide enough to install a midway railing. We will continue to research ways to mitigate slips and falls in the natatorium.

### Financial Considerations (Cost and Resource Allocation)

☐ Yes

☒ N/A

**Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws)**☐ Yes☒ N/A**This project aligns with the following Focus Areas of Council's Strategic Plan:**☐ Collaboration and Partnerships☐ Indigenous Relations☒ Livability / Positive Atmosphere☐ Housing☒ Infrastructure☐ Organizational Effectiveness

OR

☐ \*Core Service (not identified in Focus Areas, but necessary local government function)**This report has been prepared in consultation with:**

- Brandy Links, Community Services Facility Manager, City of Williams Lake

**Approved for Agenda by:**

Chief Administrative Officer

Respectfully submitted,

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Stacey Miranda

Director of Community Services

**ATTACHMENTS:****Attachment A – Report from May 24, 2023 CCJC meeting****Attachment B – Photos of current matting**