



Crown Park & Pool Brief

Dear City of Camas Citizens and Supporters,

We're listening! To your Facebook comments, to your survey answers, to your concerns. Please know that the long-term plans for the future of Crown Park & Pool have *not* been finalized. Consideration of your ideas and input is still underway, and your comments are being heard.

It is our goal to be thorough and transparent in our communications and projects; we truly thank you for being engaged in our community. Please read on for more about this City of Camas endeavor.

POOL CLOSURE EXPLAINED

There were many deciding factors influencing the City Council's Jan. 2, 2018, decision to close Camas Pool for the summer of 2018.

- **Condition** – The cost to perform repairs that would bring it up to the *very minimal* code compliance was estimated to be \$300,000, with no guarantees on the longevity of the fixes. Even with the fixes, the pool will be just barely operational, continuing to decline, and not as safe as it needs to be.
 - **Cost** – The total price of bringing the existing 64-year-old pool to full code compliance is estimated at \$1.7–\$2.2 million. This figure reflects the price of ensuring the highest safety and operational standards for the citizens of Camas. To build a completely new pool, the cost would be \$1.8–\$2.2 million. However, the impacts of these options, including location, rise in use, fees, parking, and traffic, have not yet been fully reviewed.
 - **Timing** – A significant factor in the decision to close the pool for the summer of 2018 is that even if the minimal-code-compliance project had been approved, there would simply not be enough time between now and summer, working at the fastest timeline possible, to open.
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RECOMMENDATION MADE

- On November 20, 2017, The Camas Parks & Recreation Commission along with the Project Advisory Committee presented to the City Council (see materials below), and **recommended removing the aging pool in Crown Park and replacing it with an interactive water feature – with the caveat that the City continue actively pursuing (as a high priority) to fund and develop a year-round aquatic facility.**
- This is not the final decision; it is a recommendation.
- The City Council will be reviewing this recommendation at the January 26–27 conference.

MATERIALS FOR REVIEW

- **Crown Park & Pool** – The Crown Park Pool Assessment and Master Plan, along with the pool evaluation and several pieces of news coverage, can be viewed here: <http://www.cityofcamas.us/parkshome/68-parkscat/819-parksprojects> . *The Crown Park Pool Assessment and Master Plan, presented in On Nov. 20, 2017, shows the public outreach performed, the survey questions/choices/results, and the Camas Parks & Recreation Commission’s recommendation to the City Council.*
 - **City of Camas** – Agendas, meeting, minutes and video for ALL commissions, boards, and commission can be found at <http://cityofcamas.us/publicmeetings>. Agendas and meeting details are posted 2–3 days before the meeting. Live streaming is available for City Council workshops and meetings.
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Camas Parks & Recreation Commission** – Wednesday, January 24, at Lacamas Lake Lodge, 5 PM. January’s meeting will feature a presentation on the Crown Park Assessment & Master Plan. *This meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be accepted.*
- **City of Camas Annual Planning Conference** – Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27, at Lacamas Lake Lodge. The meeting begins at 1 PM on January 26, and at 9 AM on January 27. The agenda for the Planning Conference will be available by Jan. 23 at <http://www.cityofcamas.us/publicmeetings>. *These sessions are open to the public for viewing/listening, but public comment cannot be made.*
- **City Council Workshops & Meetings** – Workshop are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 4:30 PM followed by meetings at 7:00 PM. If a holiday falls on the Monday of a Council workshop/meeting, it will be held on Tuesday. *Workshops and meetings are open to the public, and public comment will be accepted at the beginning and close of each meeting.*
- **More** – There are several commissions, boards, and committee that meet regularly to take part in City plans and projects. They are all public meetings, and you are always welcome to attend or reach out. Learn more about them at www.cityofcamas.us/aboutgovern.

NOTE: If you are not able to attend a meeting or would rather comment by email or mail:

- Send email to comments@cityofcamas.us with Crown Park in the subject line.
- Send mail to City of Camas, Attn: Crown Park Comment, 616 NE 4th Ave., Camas, WA 98607.

Public comments on other topics may be submitted to the clerk’s office at administration@cityofcamas.us