

CITY OF ABBOTSFORD

**AQUATIC SERVICES &
FACILITIES STRATEGY
2026**

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INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

The City of Abbotsford has completed an Aquatic Services & Facilities Strategy to guide the planning of future aquatic infrastructure in the community. The Strategy is a 20-year plan to address demand, replace aging pools and diversify programming to meet the evolving needs and aspirations of Abbotsford residents.

The Strategy provides a path for the provision of aquatic infrastructure in Abbotsford, projecting twenty years into the future (until 2046). It considers the community's needs, future population projections, trends in aquatics participation, and the current state of Abbotsford's aquatic infrastructure with respect to lifecycle funding requirements, accessibility, and energy efficiency. This work is designed to inform Abbotsford's approach in delivering aquatic services and facilities and to serve as a foundation for long-term infrastructure and financial planning. It does not make recommendations regarding procedures, allocation, scheduling practices, staffing, or rates and fees.



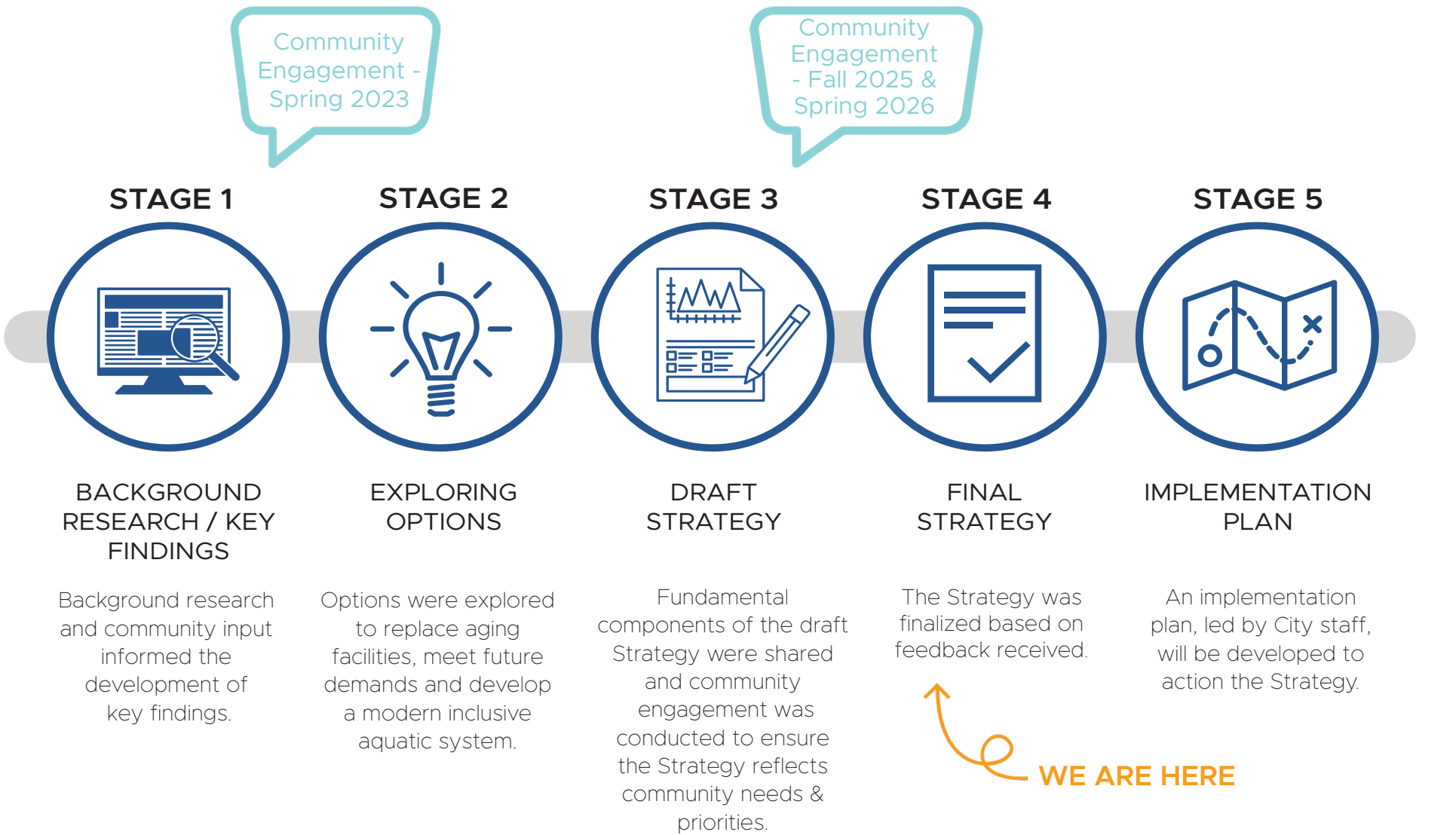
BACKGROUND

Abbotsford's aquatic facilities are well used and deeply valued. From family swim lessons to competitive sport training, they serve as essential hubs of community activity. However, the infrastructure that supports these experiences is aging and under increasing strain due to high demand. The Abbotsford Recreation Centre (ARC) and Matsqui Recreation Centre (MRC) pools, along with Centennial Pool, are all aging facilities, built 54, 35, and 68 years ago, respectively. At the same time, population growth, demographic shifts, and rising demand for flexible, unstructured aquatic programs are intensifying pressure on these facilities.

To address these pressures while maintaining existing service levels, the City has completed an Aquatic Services & Facilities Strategy study. This document presents an overview of the comprehensive research, data analysis, and proposed infrastructure strategy completed between 2023 and 2026.

STRATEGY PROCESS

The Strategy was completed over a three-year period, from 2023 to 2026, in alignment with the City of Abbotsford’s five-stage planning approach. With the Strategy now finalized, the final stage consists of developing an implementation plan which will be led by City staff.





CURRENT AQUATIC FACILITY SUPPLY

FACILITY INVENTORY

Within the City of Abbotsford, there are 3 facilities that currently support recreational and organized aquatic activities. Two of these facilities - ARC and MRC, are indoor pools owned and operated by the City of Abbotsford. The third facility, Centennial Outdoor Pool, is owned by the City and operated by a third party on the City's behalf. All three pools are aging, assessed as being in fair to poor or poor to critical condition*, and require significant investment to remain functional.

*Condition is sourced from facility condition reports prepared in 2023.



LEVEL OF SERVICE

A key consideration in planning for future aquatic services and facilities in Abbotsford is understanding current service levels and establishing clear service level targets. Defining target service levels is essential for future planning, as it sets clear expectations for service delivery and provides a baseline to guide goal setting and decision-making. An aquatic level of service assessment was completed in the early stages of this project and is summarized below.

- The assessment is based on 4 key components of aquatic service delivery:
 1. Facilities (quantity, capacity, and quality)
 2. Service delivery model
 3. Programming
 4. Governance
- Each component and its criteria were assessed and assigned a ranking of BASIC, ENHANCED or ELITE.
- All components are considered in determining an overall service level score.
- Each level of service is defined in the table below, which also outlines the corresponding estimated system capacity targets (swims per capita).

Level of Service	Description	Estimated System Capacity
Basic	Represents a foundational or essential level of aquatic service that focuses on meeting minimum community needs. Facilities are generally functional but limited in number, size, condition, or range of amenities, and may primarily support instructional and recreational uses. Service delivery relies largely on the City, with limited involvement from partners. Programming focuses on core offerings such as swim lessons, public swim times, and basic fitness activities, with constrained capacity, variety, or scheduling flexibility. Governance tools are primarily operational, with limited long-term planning, policy direction, or formal partnerships guiding service delivery.	3.5 swims/capita
Enhanced	Represents a well-developed level of aquatic service that goes beyond basic provision and addresses a wider range of community needs. Facilities are in good condition, offer increased capacity, and support a broader mix of recreational, instructional, and competitive activities, often with added amenities or leisure features. Service delivery involves collaboration between the City and community or private partners to expand access and efficiency. Programming is diverse and well-attended, including specialized, age-specific, and skill-based offerings. Governance includes established planning documents, policies, and partnerships that provide strategic direction and support continuous service improvement.	5.0 swims/capita
Elite	Represents a leading or best-in-class level of aquatic service characterized by innovation, scale, and excellence. Facilities are modern, high-quality, and purpose-built to accommodate advanced training, hosting of competitions, and high participation levels, including provincial or national-level sport. Service delivery is highly coordinated, with strong multi-partner involvement and clearly defined roles that maximize expertise and resources. Programming is comprehensive and high-performing, supporting recreational participation through to elite athlete development. Governance is proactive and strategic, guided by robust long-term plans, performance measures, and strong policy frameworks that position the City as a regional or provincial leader in aquatic services.	7.0 swims/capita

- Based on the assessment, the City of Abbotsford currently provides a **BASIC** level of aquatic service to the community.

SYSTEM CAPACITY AND FACILITY UTILIZATION

Several key planning metrics were reviewed to establish a baseline for future planning of Abbotsford's aquatic services and facilities. These metrics include facility utilization and practical capacity, as introduced below.

Practical Capacity

- Practical Capacity is defined as: The number of annual visits that one facility can accommodate considering pool surface area and water depth. This capacity is always less than the legal / building code capacity of the facility.
- Generally, indoor pools shallower than 1.5 meters in depth that have warmer water temperatures (above 29 degrees Celsius) can accommodate the highest number of visitors at a given time.
- The practical capacity of Abbotsford's aquatic facility system is estimated at 555,000 annual swims.

Facility Utilization

- A utilization analysis found that Abbotsford's indoor pools were operating at or above their theoretical maximum utilization. Two methods to estimate pool utilization were used:
 1. Using data from the year 2019, the first method identified the number of people who visited the pools annually - summarized in the table below.

	ARC	MRC	Centennial	Combined Totals
Total Annual Visitation	229,765	329,061	2,466	561,292
Practical Annual Visitation Capacity	200,000	325,000	30,000	555,000
Utilization	115%	101%	8%	101%

- 2019 was selected as the baseline year due to significant variability in usage in recent years resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Consultation with City staff indicated that data for Centennial Pool is limited due to inconsistent recording of programming and bookings; therefore, visit estimates are conservative.
- 2. The second method identified whether an activity was scheduled or booked during regular operating hours. The facility utilization rate ranged between **77% and 98%**, indicating that the facilities were well-utilized and running at or near full capacity.

The background of the page is a close-up, high-resolution image of water ripples. The ripples are in various stages of formation, creating a complex, organic pattern of light and dark blue-green tones. The lighting highlights the crests of the ripples, giving them a shimmering, three-dimensional appearance.

COMMUNITY DEMAND

DEMAND INDICATORS

There are several future demand indicators and planning assumptions that inform how aquatic services and facilities will evolve over time. These factors are introduced below.

City population and demographic changes

Population growth and demographic trends highlight the need for future facility planning that accommodates diverse preferences and provides amenities tailored to varying needs, ensuring inclusive and active opportunities for residents of all ages.

Shifting recreation trends

National recreation trends indicate growing participation in leisure-oriented activities, with unstructured and informal uses attracting a broader and more diverse range of participants than organized sports. At the same time, demand for competitive sports infrastructure is shifting toward more specialized facilities designed to support events and function as regional destinations.

Future development patterns

As Abbotsford's population grows over the next 20 years, development is expected to concentrate in specific areas. The City's Updated 2025 OCP identifies that 75% of new residential growth will occur in centres and existing neighbourhoods, with the greatest intensification in the Urban Core along the South Fraser Way transit corridor. These patterns suggest that future aquatic facilities should be prioritized in areas experiencing the highest population densities to support walkable, complete, and vibrant communities.

Community aspirations

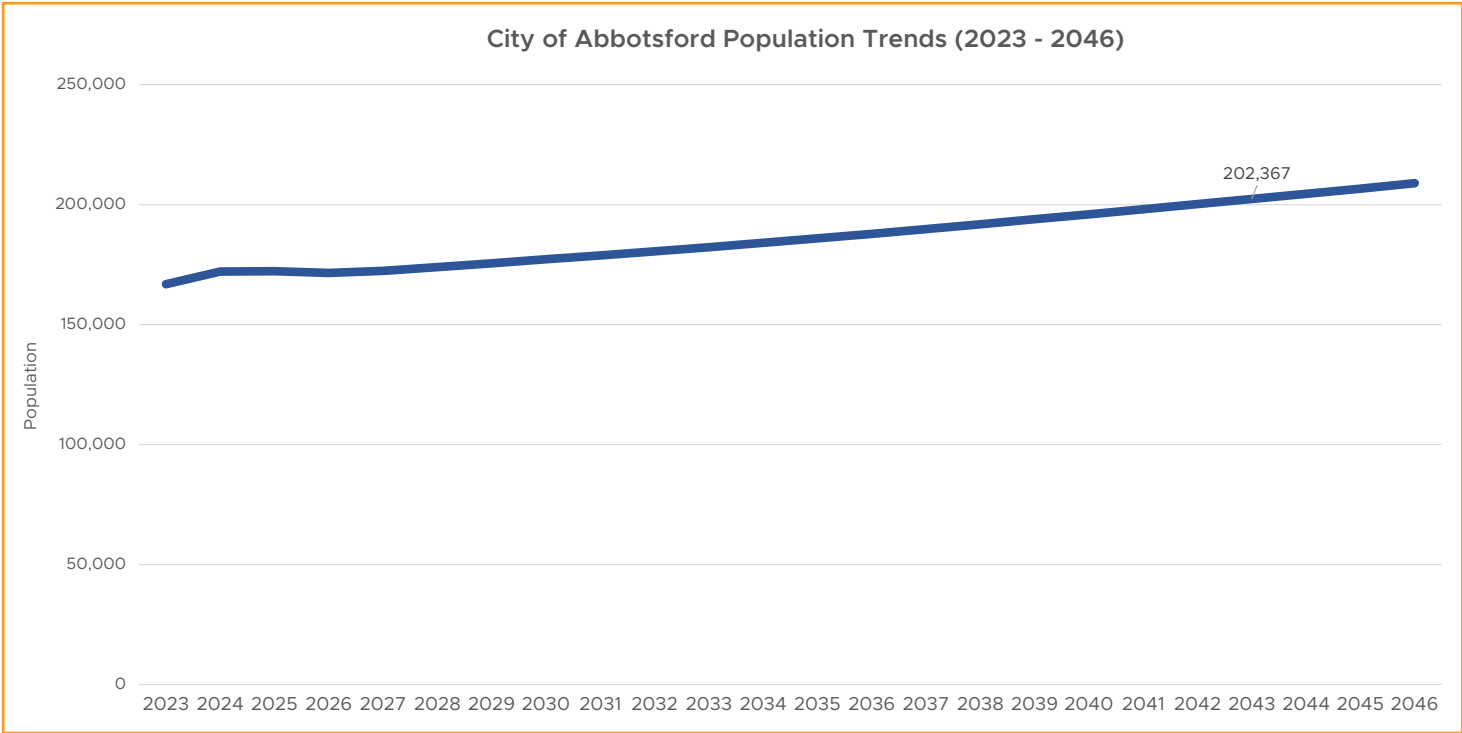
Engagement activities highlighted strong community aspirations for improved and expanded aquatic infrastructure to support a broader range of programs and experiences. Increasing the number of pools consistently emerged as the top priority, reflecting a desire for facilities that better meet current needs and accommodate future growth.



POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

Abbotsford’s population is projected to grow to 202,367 residents by 2043*, which represents a 19% increase over the 20-year planning horizon. In addition to the overall increase in population, the following demographic trends are also anticipated:

- An increase in older adults: the population of adults 75+ will also increase considerably over the next 20 years.
- A shift in age distribution: a shift from younger age groups (1 - 29 years) towards middle-aged groups (30 -54 years) is anticipated.



As a result of these population and demographics changes, impacts on demand for aquatic services and facilities are expected to include:

- A need for future facilities to better reflect the needs and preferences of older adults.
- Increased emphasis on age-friendly amenities that support active, inclusive participation across all ages.

***A note on population projections:** Data for the Stage 2 population projections (shown in the figure above) was sourced in February 2025 using updated BC Statistics (BC P.E.O.P.L.E. Population Estimates and Projections). The updated data indicates slower projected growth than both the Stage 1 analysis completed in 2023 and the City’s Official Community Plan. BC Statistics updates its projections annually based on observed population trends and demographic factors such as births, deaths, and migration, with scenarios adjusted to reflect potential future changes in growth patterns. For Abbotsford, historical population growth has exceeded earlier expectations, resulting in population milestones being reached sooner than originally projected.

RECREATION TRENDS

BROAD RECREATION TRENDS

National recreation trends are expected to shape future participation and influence demand for aquatic services and facilities in Abbotsford.

Key trends include:

- Lower physical activity levels due to time, cost, facility access, and sedentary lifestyles.
- Growing preference for unstructured, informal activities over organized sports.
- Changing demographics and increasing diversity, requiring age-appropriate and culturally inclusive programming.
- Affordability barriers affecting participation, highlighting the need for low-cost options and financial assistance.
- Shifts in preferences post-COVID, with increased interest in outdoor activities.



AQUATIC ACTIVITY TRENDS

Aquatic activity trends likely to impact service and facility planning efforts have been identified and are detailed below.

Increased Focus on Recreation & Leisure Activities

Aquatic users want to spend more time on recreation and leisure activities and less on structured, more traditional aquatic sports.

Aquatics for Social Connection

Aquatic facilities are playing a large role in social connection. Aquatic facilities provide opportunities for socializing and can host special events that rally community identity, spirit, and pride.

A Growing Need for Rehabilitation & Therapy

As the population continues to trend towards an aging demographic, the demand for aquatic facilities that cater to rehabilitation and therapy is expected to increase.

Increased Demand for Skill Development & Leadership Training

There is a growing emphasis on the role that aquatic facilities play in skill development and leadership training.

Preference for Personal Fitness & Wellness

Community members are increasingly seeking out aquatic facilities to support personal fitness and wellness, specifically aquatic users that access the pools for lane swimming and fitness activities.

Continued Demand for Competitive Sports & Training

There is a focused participation group that will require aquatic facilities that can support competitive sport and athletic programming.

COMMUNITY NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS

Community engagement was a key component of Stage 1 in developing Abbotsford's Aquatic Services & Facilities Strategy. The purpose of this engagement was to understand the needs and aspirations of the community and to inform demand modeling for future aquatic services and facilities. A range of activities were undertaken to gather perspectives. These included interview sessions with community user groups, lifeguarding and aquatics staff, and City personnel involved in operations, maintenance, planning, culture, and tourism, ensuring that both user experience and operational considerations were reflected in the analysis.

A public survey was developed and hosted on the City's Let's Talk platform. The survey was designed to capture the perspectives of both pool visitors and non-visitors alike. Over the course of one month, the survey garnered 434 responses with 99% of survey respondents being Abbotsford residents. The following key themes emerged as a result of the completed Stage 1 community engagement:



Abbotsford pools are popular

Abbotsford's pools are well used, with strong demand for drop-in swimming, fitness swimming, and swim lessons. Limited availability of swim lessons is a commonly identified frustration among users.

Accessibility and inclusion

Existing aquatic facilities face barriers related to physical and sensory accessibility, affordability, transit access, and language, limiting equitable access for some community members.

Demand for additional aquatic facilities

Increasing indoor aquatic capacity was identified as the top priority through public and stakeholder engagement. A new indoor aquatic facility was widely viewed as the most effective way to expand access to drop-in swimming and other aquatic programming.

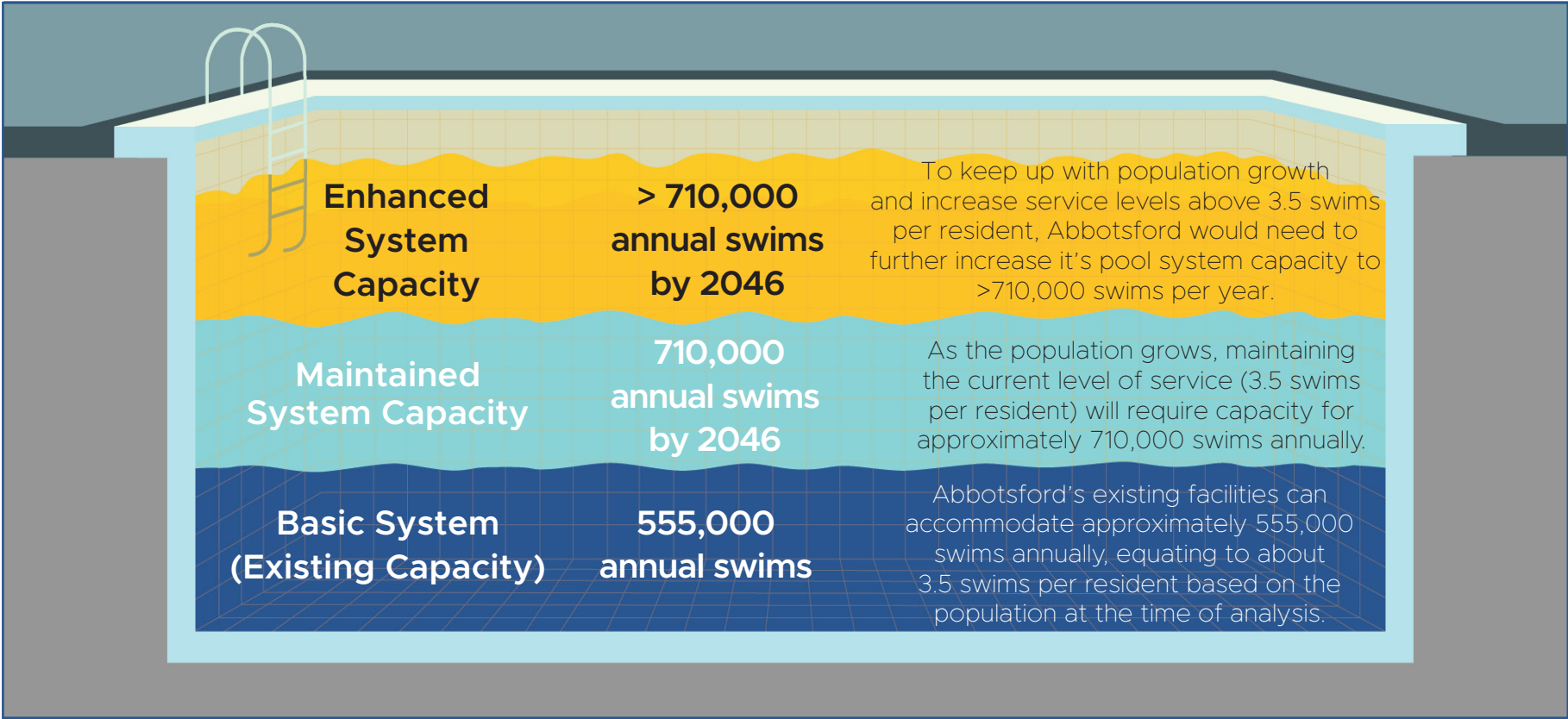
Enhancing aquatic facilities

Consistently identified facility enhancements include additional teaching, leisure, and therapy tanks; competition-capable facilities; gradual entry points; interactive aquatic amenities; and improved change room spaces.

FUTURE AQUATIC DEMAND

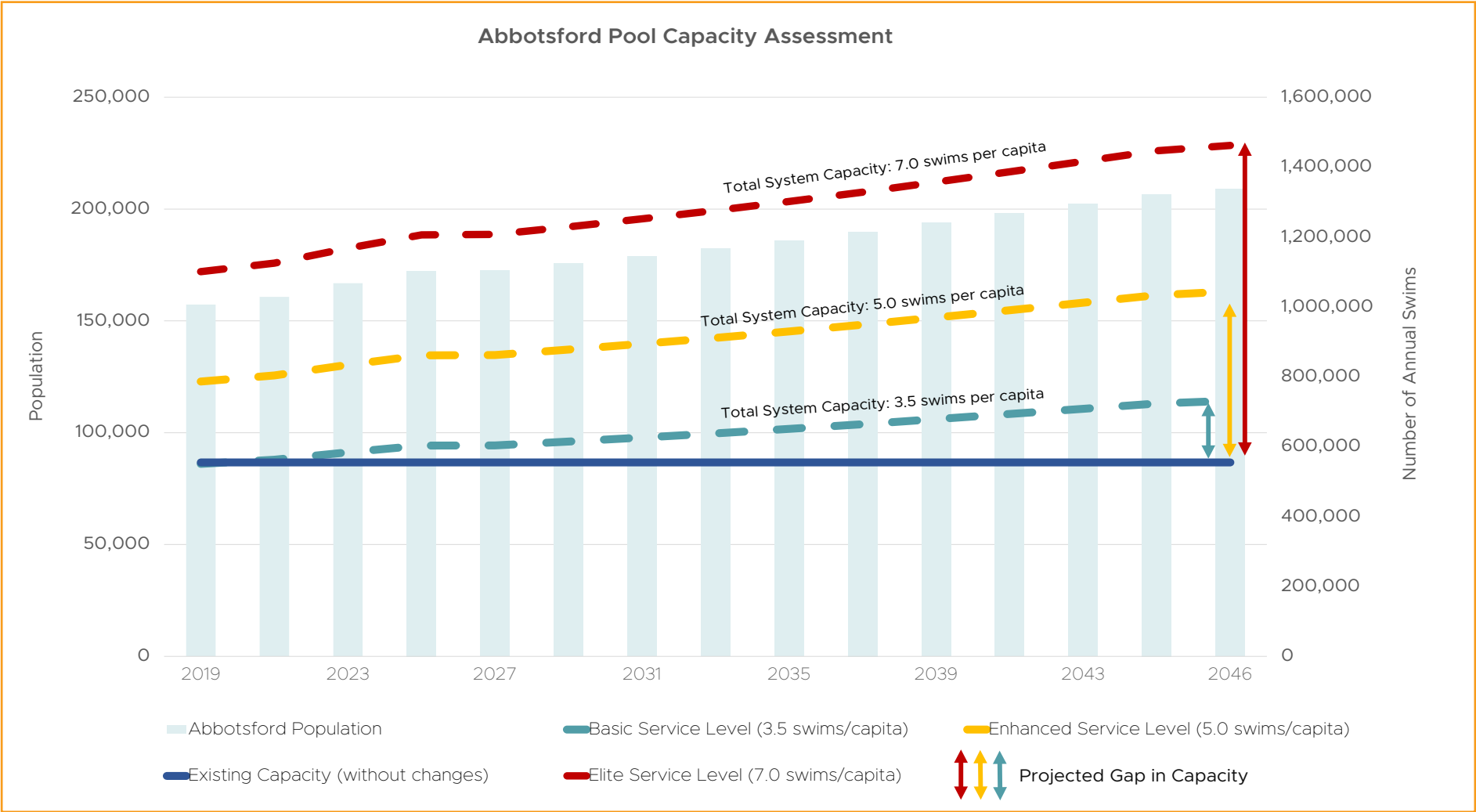
To model future aquatic demand for a growing and changing community, the study used a projection model to estimate the number of swims a system of aquatic facilities can support. The model evaluates both the current level of service (approximately 3.5 swims per capita) and an enhanced level of service (approximately 5.0 swims per capita). As the population grows, additional pool space will be required to accommodate increased demand. Achieving an enhanced level of service would require even greater increases in aquatic capacity over time.

The following figure illustrates the estimated capacity Abbotsford’s aquatic facility system would need to accommodate in order to maintain current service levels or to achieve enhanced service levels.



Pursuing an Elite level of service (~ 7.0 swims per capita) carries the risk of developing an aquatic system whose capacity exceeds realistic demand, potentially resulting in underutilized facilities and inefficient use of public resources. For this reason, Elite level of service has not been explored in detail.

To further understand projected aquatic demand as the community grows, the following figure illustrates the system capacity required—measured by annual swims—to maintain the current level of service and to achieve an enhanced level of service. As shown, both scenarios indicate a growing gap between the capacity of existing infrastructure and future community demand.



As shown in the figure above, the existing system capacity is below the level required to meet the BASIC service target of 3.5 swims per capita (in 2026). Based on current population estimates, Abbotsford’s aquatic system is providing approximately 3.2 swims per resident.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

PLANNING PRIORITIES

Through research, analysis, and community engagement, a set of aquatic planning priorities was identified to guide the proposed Strategy. Key factors considered included community feedback and sentiments, industry best practices and City-owned land availability, amongst others. These priorities ensure the Strategy reflects community needs while aligning with the City's broader policies, strategies, and long-term goals. The Strategy should prioritize:



A system which responds to the increased demand from the community.



A system which improves the service levels to above basic.



The renewal/replacement of ARC and MRC at their current sites.



The use of the MSA site to expand system capacity.



The inclusion of multiple, strategically located facilities instead of one single, central facility to provide the best reasonable access to services.



The inclusion of a 50-metre training pool as part of the larger system of infrastructure.

SCALE OF FACILITIES

There are multiple approaches to planning an aquatic infrastructure system to support community use. Aquatic facilities can range in size and scale from a single tank outdoor pool to a large, indoor, multi-tank facility with a wide range of amenities. Projected demand may be accommodated through a single facility or a network of smaller facilities, each with its own benefits and trade-offs.

In the development of the proposed strategy, several scales and combinations of aquatic facilities were considered, including outdoor neighbourhood pools, 50-metre indoor training pools, community-scale indoor pools, and destination aquatic facilities. The following figure introduces each facility type along with some key differentiating features of each.



Pool capacity is dependent on pool tank design. Capacity estimates shown are intended to be indicative of scale.

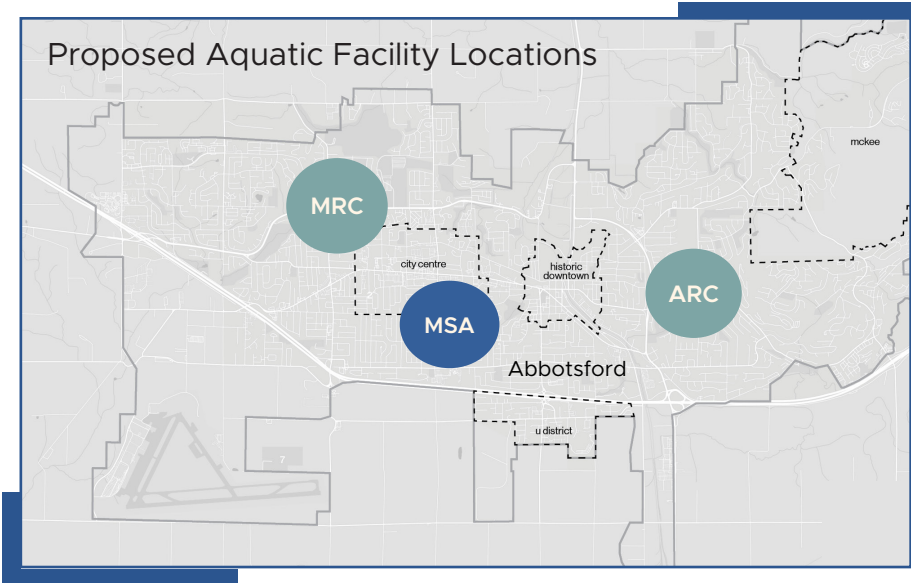


PROPOSED STRATEGY

THE STRATEGY

The Strategy proposes several key actions to ensure Abbotsford’s aquatic facility system can meet future demand while remaining accessible and inclusive for a wide range of users.

The Strategy features three aquatic facilities in total, to be located at the current ARC and MRC sites, as well as the MSA Arena site. The proposed system includes one 50-metre indoor training pool and two community pools with multiple tanks and leisure-oriented amenities. Under this strategy, the ARC and MRC pools would be redeveloped as community-scale facilities with capacity comparable to the existing MRC facility. The new facility at the MSA Arena site would feature a basic 50-metre training pool focused on competitive athlete development, including swim club use, and would accommodate a significant portion of the fitness and lap swimming demand. This approach will free up capacity at the community facilities to better support leisure, instructional, and recreational programming.



The overall pool system would support ~1,075,000 annual swims, improving aquatic service levels compared to existing conditions.

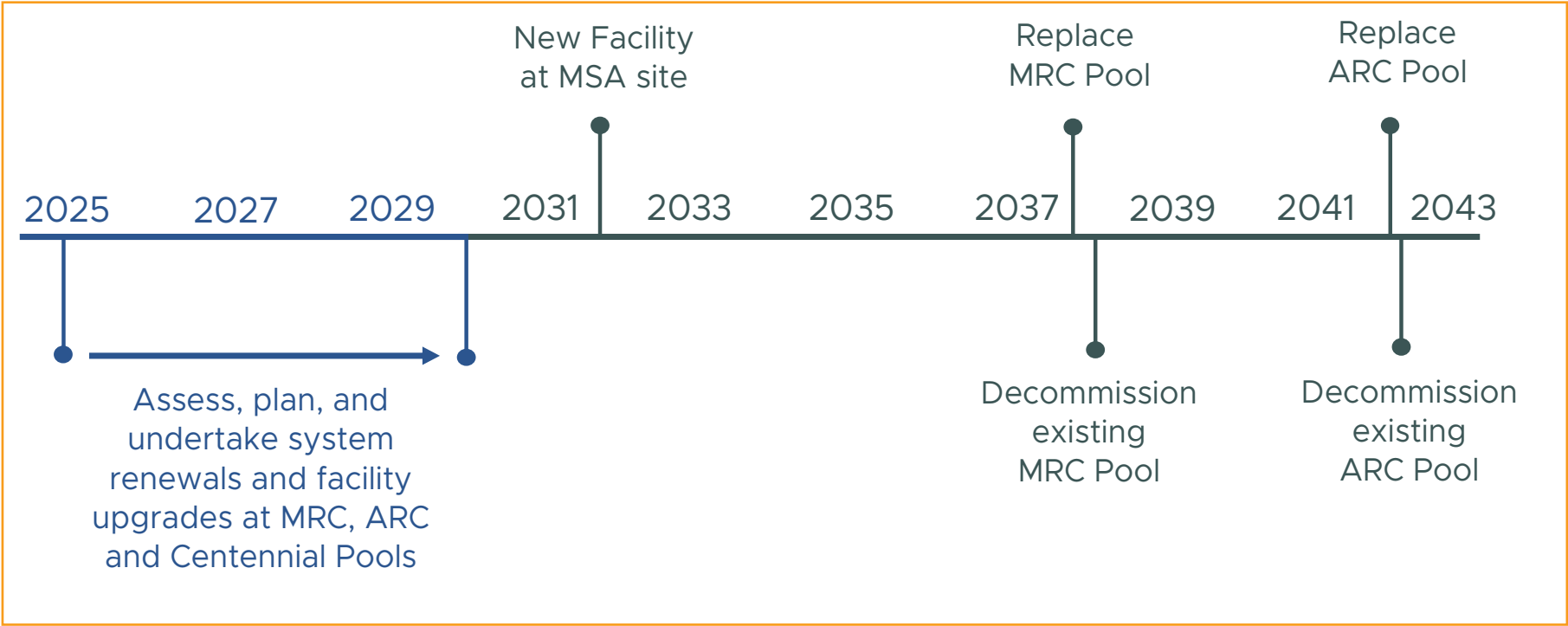
Site(s)	ARC & MRC		MSA
Project	Facility Renewal/Redevelopment		New Aquatic Facility
Facility Type	Community Pool		50-metre Training Pool
Facility Features	- MRC and ARC would be generally similar, with amenities designed to complement each other. - Both facilities are likely to include multiple pool tanks to support concurrent aquatic activities. It may features a 25-metre lap pool and a secondary leisure pool, allowing for flexible programming and varied user needs. - The design may also incorporate additional aquatic amenities such as a hot pool, sauna, steam room, or lazy river, enhancing the overall user experience. - The facility accommodates a wide range of aquatic activities, including swim lessons, leisure swimming, public swims, fitness classes, and lap swimming.		- Facility to include a 50-metre training pool with basic support features. - A movable bulkhead allowing two 25-metre pools to be used simultaneously. - Supports competitive and endurance training, athlete development and local sport hosting events.
Practical Capacity	~400,000 annual swims per facility (dependent on facility design)		~275,000 annual swims


To be confirmed
during design

PROPOSED TIMELINE

The three projects identified in the Strategy, along with their proposed sequencing and timing, are illustrated in the following timeline. A phased implementation approach is recommended to maintain continuity of aquatic services throughout development, expand system capacity in response to growing demand, and address the physical condition and lifecycle needs of existing facilities.

While certain phases may be accelerated, infrastructure projects of this scale are typically multi-year undertakings due to their complexity. The process includes regulatory approvals, detailed design and engineering, tendering, demolition, construction, and multiple review and quality-control stages from early planning through to facility opening.



Given the significant capital, operational, and lifecycle costs associated with aquatic facilities, careful planning and thorough due diligence are essential before advancing major infrastructure investments. The proposed project schedule reflects a realistic and achievable timeline that allows for comprehensive technical review, stakeholder engagement, and informed decision-making, while seeking to manage and mitigate service disruptions.

STRATEGY STRENGTHS & CHALLENGES

The proposed Aquatic Services & Facilities Strategy has been evaluated to identify its key strengths and challenges. This assessment highlights how the strategy responds to community needs, planning priorities, and long-term service objectives, while also recognizing factors that will require careful consideration and management as implementation progresses.

STRENGTHS

Alignment with Planning Priorities: The Strategy responds to established planning goals by providing multiple aquatic facilities distributed throughout the community, supporting equitable access and convenient use.

Strategic Facility Locations: Proposed facilities are located in or near areas identified for growth and development, with consideration given to access, zoning, and the use of City-owned land, supporting efficient implementation and long-term flexibility.

Balanced Mix of Aquatic Experiences: The Strategy includes a mix of training and leisure-focused aquatic spaces, featuring one 50-metre training pool and two leisure-oriented facilities. This approach supports a broad range of uses, from competitive training and fitness to recreation and family-oriented programming.

Increased System Capacity: The proposed network of facilities increases overall aquatic infrastructure capacity, resulting in an improved level of service to accommodate projected population growth.

Facility Renewal and Environmental Considerations: Redevelopment of two existing facilities at their current locations allows for renewal of aging infrastructure while potentially reducing environmental impacts associated with new site development.

Efficient Use of City-Owned Assets: The inclusion of development at the MSA Arena site leverages City-owned land that is appropriately sized and well suited to support aquatic facilities, with potential to co-locate complementary recreation amenities.

CHALLENGES

Higher Capital and Operating Costs: Implementing a three-facility aquatic system will require greater capital investment and ongoing operating costs compared to a system with fewer facilities.

Phasing and Initial Facility Demand: As proposed, the first infrastructure project is a 50-metre training pool. Demand for this facility type is lower than for leisure-focused aquatic facilities, and the pool may not operate at full capacity until anticipated community growth is realized.

Limited Competitive Functionality: The proposed 50-metre pool is intended as a basic training facility and is not designed to support competitive events that require additional amenities such as spectator seating or an adjacent 25-meter warm-up pool.

Outdoor Pool Provision: The Strategy does not include the renewal or redevelopment of an outdoor pool, despite its recognition as a valued and well-used community amenity*.

Reliance on Existing Facilities: The Strategy assumes that the existing ARC and MRC facilities can remain operational for approximately 10 and 15 years, respectively. There is some risk that aging building systems may become less reliable over time and require significant capital investment to maintain ongoing operation.

*A comprehensive lifecycle assessment, along with associated funding estimates, will be conducted early in the implementation of this Strategy to help the City determine the future of the Centennial Pool in relation to system capacity and community benefits.



STRATEGY COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

A two phased approach was undertaken to gather feedback on the draft Aquatic Services & Facilities Strategy and confirm the proposed direction for addressing the identified service and facility gaps.

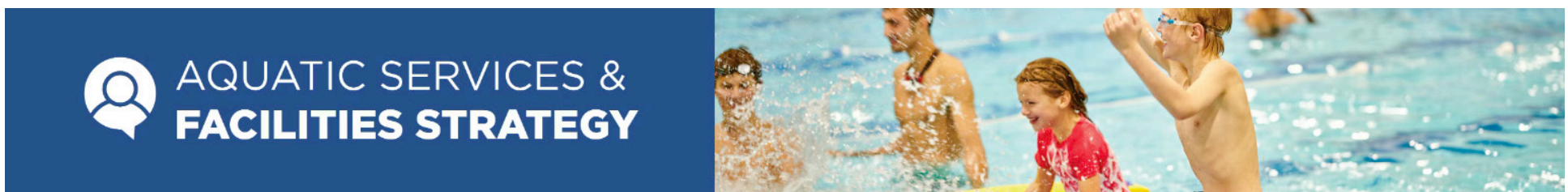
Phase 1 (Fall 2025) involved a multiple engagement activities engagement, including:

- A public survey (October 6–December 5, 2025) that received 849 responses.
- Five interest holder workshop sessions with City staff and key aquatic organizations.
- Staffed information board sessions (approximately 80 hours) targeted to specific user groups and recreation centre patrons. Information boards were displayed in highly visible locations at ARC and MRC throughout the engagement period, supported by QR codes and staff interaction to encourage feedback and survey participation.

Together, these activities reached a broad range of aquatic users, staff, community groups, and residents, providing multiple accessible opportunities for community feedback and input. The input was used to make updates to the proposed Strategy to better reflect community needs and aspirations.

Phase 2 (Spring 2026) was intended to confirm support for the two significant changes made to the Strategy in response to the 2025 community engagement feedback. Activities included:

- A feedback form comprised of four questions, accompanied by an information sheet (summary of Phase 1 engagement results and corresponding Strategy updates).
- The feedback form received 308 responses.



Community engagement marketing materials utilized through Stage 3 engagement.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE STRATEGY

The following key themes emerged from all Phase 1 engagement activities conducted in 2025:

Overall support: Engagement feedback demonstrated strong support for the proposed Aquatic Services & Facilities Strategy and its decentralized service delivery model, which was widely viewed as improving access, equity, and participation. Limited support was expressed for a centralized approach, primarily due to perceived efficiency and cost benefits.

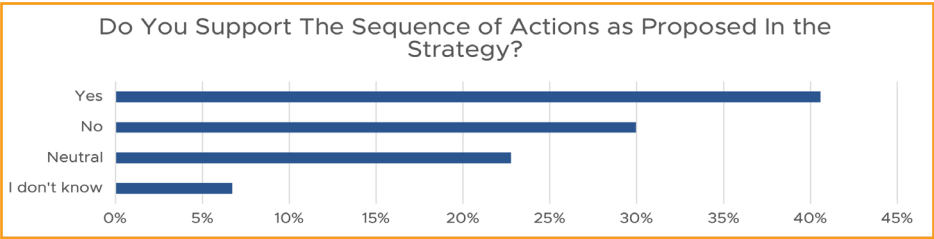
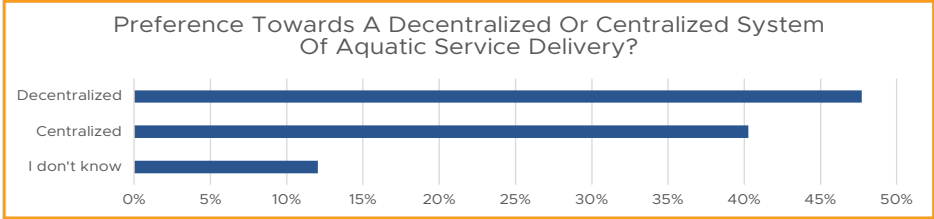
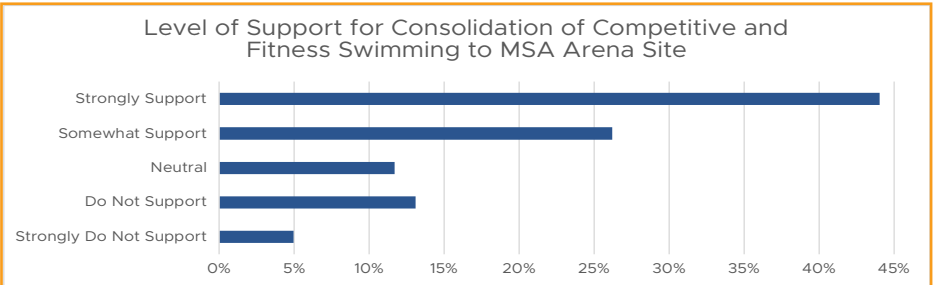
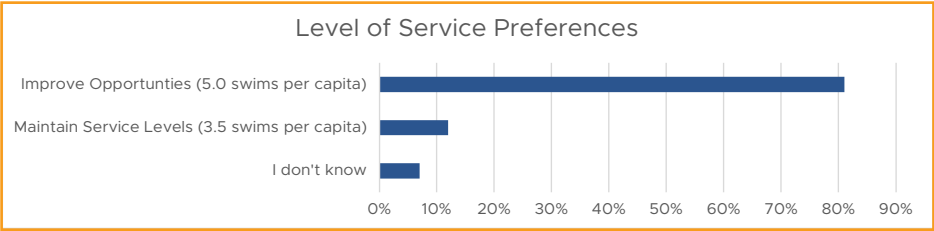
Facility types and locations: There was broad support for redeveloping MRC and ARC and for constructing a new aquatic facility at the MSA site. Participants expressed interest in enhancing the MSA 50-metre training pool to better support competitions, fitness, and leisure uses, and to function as a destination-style facility.

Timelines: Many participants expressed a desire to accelerate project timelines, while also recognizing the complexity of planning, funding, and constructing large-scale aquatic facilities and the importance of maintaining service continuity.

Programming distribution: The proposed consolidation of swim club and fitness programming at the MSA 50-metre training pool was generally supported as a means of relieving capacity pressures at ARC and MRC. Some concerns were raised about reduced access and programming flexibility at the existing facilities under the proposed consolidation model.

Aquatic service levels: A strong majority of respondents supported increasing aquatic service levels to 5.0 swims per capita due to growth and capacity constraints. Support for maintaining current service levels was limited and largely driven by cost considerations.

Key Survey Results:



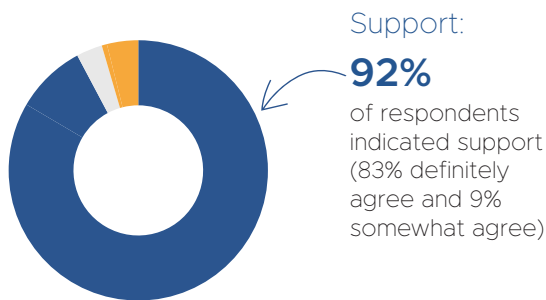
Engagement Outcomes:

Two significant changes were made to the draft Strategy in response to community engagement feedback: increasing the service level target to **above basic** (>3.5 swims per capita) and proposing a **community-scale** facility as part of the ARC redevelopment project.

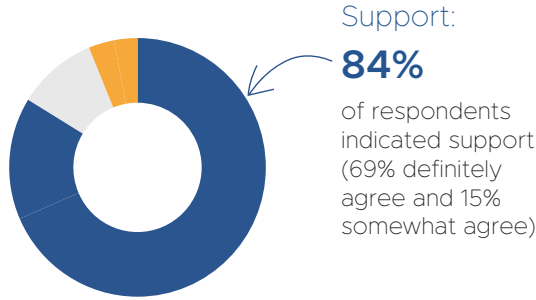
COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE STRATEGY

With two significant changes made in response to the 2025 community engagement feedback, a second phase of engagement comprised of a feedback form, was launched in Spring 2026 to gauge public support for the updates made to the Strategy. The results are summarized below - blue indicates support, yellow indicates lack of support, and grey indicates a neutral response.

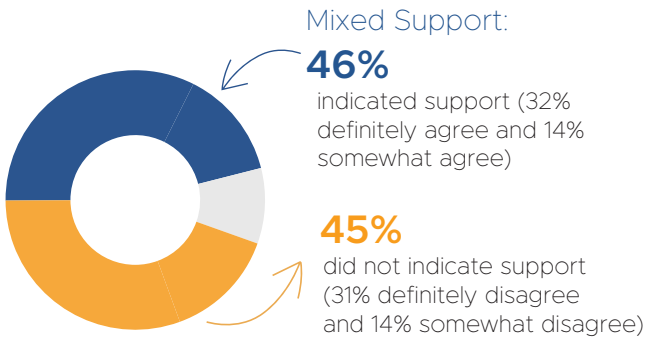
Increasing aquatic capacity through a community-scale facility at ARC



Increasing the number of lanes at the 50-metre training pool



Development timelines



The following key themes emerged from open-ended responses where respondents were invited to provide additional comments. Responses were grouped into two main categories to distinguish feedback on the Strategy from existing challenges already identified.

Existing Challenges

Capacity: Aquatic facilities are overcrowded and outdated, making it difficult to access swim lessons and public swim times. Many emphasized the necessity of upgrading and modernizing the existing facilities as well as providing more water space.

Accommodate Growth: Respondents worry recreation infrastructure isn't matching Abbotsford's rate of population and housing growth, calling for facilities built to accommodate both current and future demand.

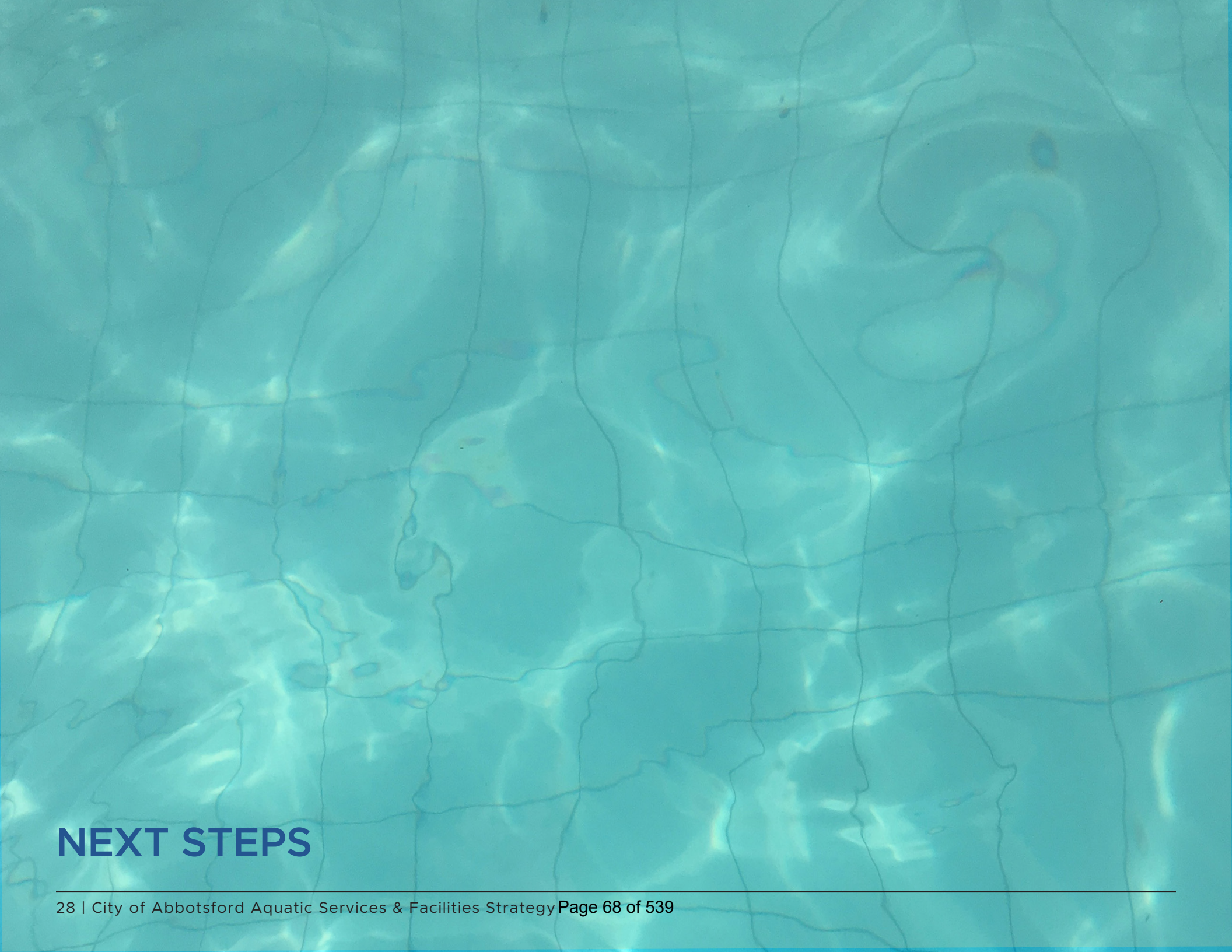
Regional Comparison: Respondents believe Abbotsford lags behind nearby municipalities, often travelling elsewhere for recreation services, especially for aquatic programs.

Strategy Feedback

Timelines: Respondents are frustrated with lengthy project timelines and want facilities built sooner, noting current delays may prevent today's families from benefitting. Many called for faster planning and construction, with some requesting ARC upgrades before MRC.

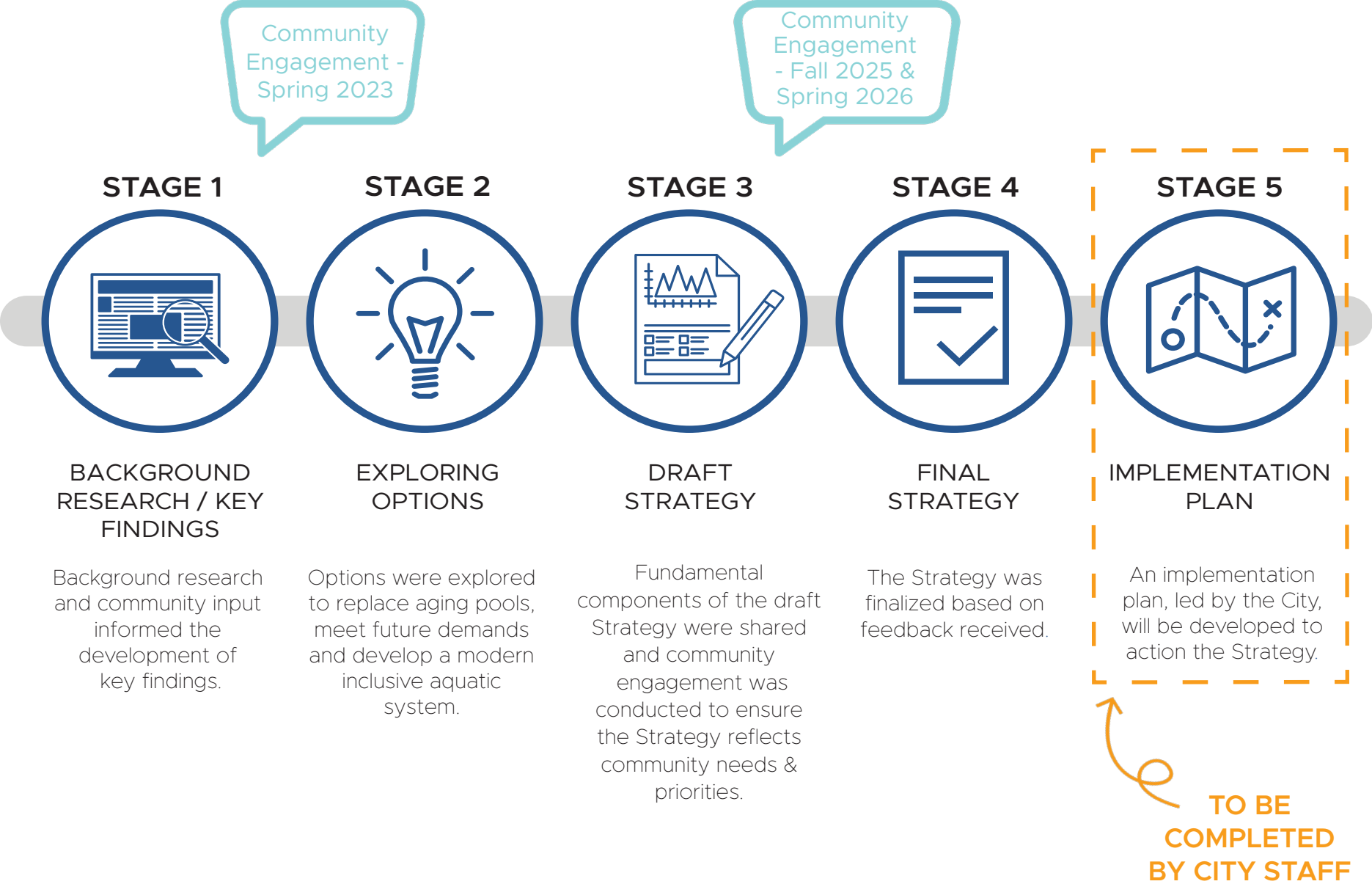
Comprehensive Facility: Respondents expressed desire to prioritize the development of large, multi-purpose recreation centres with enhanced aquatic and leisure amenities, rather than a limited training pool, as the first action proposed in the Strategy.

Many prefer investing in fewer, more comprehensive facilities that can serve the broader community and host major events.



NEXT STEPS

NEXT STEPS



City of Abbotsford
Parks, Recreation, and Culture
<https://letstalkabbotsford.ca/aquaticstrategy>

