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Re: Nome Swimming Pool Repairs Update

Contractors with Polar Pools are in the process of completing necessary repairs to the Nome Swimming Pool.

The conversion of the pool from a chlorine system to a saltwater system caused extensive damage to the pool and the mechanical systems that keep the water safe and comfortable to swim in. The City Manager made the decision to close the pool and address the deferred maintenance issues to prevent further damage to the pool and its systems. This needed maintenance to the mechanical systems will extend the life of the pool; though, further improvements will need to be made over the next few years, specifically to the gutters, tiles, and deck drains.

To this end, the mechanical systems being replaced must be customized to fit in the small space available and chemical mixing improvements need to meet State of Alaska Administrative Code and AK OSHA requirements. Unfortunately, delays have occurred in procuring the specialized parts; delays were also further aggravated by damages that occurred in shipment.

Manufacturer representatives for the new mechanical system will be in Nome the week of February 26th to commission and warranty the new system and afterwards provide training to staff in its operation. The pool will open when it is safe to do so and staff have received adequate training.

Anyone wanting a tour of the pool improvements should contact the City Manager's Office at 907-443-6600.

City of Nome Staff thanks the community for their patience as maintenance to this critical facility wraps up. The current investment will allow for safe community enjoyment of the facility for years to come.