

ITEM NO.	C.12/0819	FILE REF.	
SUBJECT	Unbudgeted Expenditure – Bridgetown Leisure Centre Aquatics Complex		
OFFICER	Executive Manager Community Services		
DATE OF REPORT	27 August 2019		

Reason for Urgent Business: Informal feedback recently received from the Department Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety indicates changes to the AS2927-201 will require capital works to the gas chlorine shed in excess of the budget allocations, prior to the commencement of the 2019/2020 aquatics season.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION: That Item C.12/0819 is accepted as urgent business.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION: That Council endorses unbudgeted expenditure of \$8,500 via transfer from the Building Maintenance Reserve for the purpose of:

- *Installation of a new windsock* \$3,000
- *Installation of a new fire alarm* \$1,500
- *Installation of a new eyewash station* \$4,000

Summary/Purpose

The recommendations seek to ensure compliance with the requirements for chlorine installations at public swimming pools to ensure safety of staff, facility operations, patrons and the wider community.

Background

At the June Concept Forum, the Executive Manager Community Services tabled a report providing a cost benefit and risk analysis and assessment of different chlorination options for the aquatic complex. Input was received from Leisure Centre WA Aquatics, the Leisure Institute of WA Aquatics, Local Government Insurance Services and a number of aquatic centre managers. Four options were assessed in the cost benefit and risk analysis. These were gas chlorine (920kg drum); gas chlorine (70kg gas cylinder); calcium hypochlorite (granular); sodium hypochlorite (liquid). The conclusion of the analysis was to retain the existing 920kg drum gas chlorination system.

A funding allocation of \$7,200 was included in the 2019/2020 budget for the purchase of a new automatic shutdown system for the gas chlorine shed (due to damage done to the previous system in the gas leak incident). In the past 2 – 3 weeks officers have identified forthcoming changes to the relevant safety standard which will require the installation of a new fire alarm, windsock and eyewash station which were not considered in the original assessment of post incident action items and subsequent budget preparations.

The Building Maintenance Reserve balance is \$149,462.

Officer Comment

Standards Australia has recently released an updated version of Draft AS2927-2019 for a second round of public comment. While the draft revised standards are not yet finalized, it is anticipated that they will be during the forthcoming summer/pool season and therefore a proactive approach to comply with these standards is considered prudent. Officers continue to liaise with the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (Dangerous Goods and Critical Risks Directorate). A site inspection and audit will be conducted by the Department prior to the commencement of the 2019/2020 summer/pool season. The windsock, fire alarm and eyewash station are works that will determine current and future compliance to allow for the provision of a dangerous goods license prior to the installation of the 920kg gas chlorine cylinder.

Statutory Environment

Compliance with current (including anticipated changes) to AS2927-2019 requirements for chlorine installations at public swimming pool is a regulatory requirement to ensure safe operations of the facility and safety of the wider community.

Integrated Planning

➤ Strategic Community Plan 2017

- Key Goal 3 – Our built environment is maintained, protected and enhanced
- Objective 3.2- Outdoor spaces, places and buildings are fit for purpose

➤ Corporate Business Plan 2019

- Strategy 3.2.5 – Provide and maintain a range of facilities that cater for the community's needs.

➤ Long Term Financial Plan - Nil

➤ Asset Management Plans – Nil

➤ Workforce Plan - Nil

➤ Other Integrated Planning – Nil

Policy/Strategic Implications - Nil

Budget Implications

The item relates to unbudgeted expenditure and seeks Council approval for specified works via the Building Maintenance Reserve. The Building Maintenance Reserve balance is \$149,462.

Fiscal Equity – Nil

Whole of Life Accounting – Nil

Social Equity – Nil

Ecological Equity – Nil

Cultural Equity – Nil

Risk Management

The recommendations mitigate Council's potential exposure to risk due to compliance at the commencement of the 2019/2020 summer/pool season with existing and known (forthcoming) safety standard requirements. Given the chlorine gas leak incident in the 2018/2019 summer/pool season it is considered prudent to be proactive in this matter.

Continuous Improvement

Principles of continuous improvement are achieved via proactive approach to imminent changes to operations and infrastructure that ensure safety standards at the facility are compliant and safe to best practice standards.

Voting Requirements – Absolute Majority