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SKP Phase One Opening Delayed

Central Cariboo, B.C. – The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) and the City of Williams Lake advise the opening schedule for Phase One of the Sam Ketcham Pool will be delayed by about a month. Phase One is now expected to open in early June 2017.

While construction crews have made significant progress since the pool closed 11 weeks ago, it is taking longer than expected to complete the extensive scope of Phase One. The goal is to produce a high quality product, which means it is critical to maintain quality work and not rush to meet an opening date.

The CRD and the City recognize the inconvenience this causes for pool patrons and appreciate the public's patience with the delay.

The Sam Ketcham Pool closed on Feb. 6, 2017, to facilitate the transition between Phase One and Phase Two of construction. When Phase One construction is finished, the new lap pool will open along with the improved change rooms, fitness centre, hot tub, sauna and steam room.

Phase Two construction continues concurrently with the finalization of Phase One. The demolition of the original lap pool is complete and construction of the new leisure pool is underway. The leisure pool, including a three-loop water slide and lazy river, remains on target for full completion along with a grand opening of the entire aquatic facility in the fall of 2017.

The Sam Ketcham Pool upgrade project is a joint initiative of the Cariboo Regional District and City of Williams Lake. For more information and regular updates, follow the project's Facebook page at facebook.com/SamKetchamPool or Twitter feed at [@SKPPProject](https://twitter.com/SKPPProject). Find further information on the Cariboo Regional District website at cariboord.ca and on the City of Williams Lake site at williamslake.ca.

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