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Two Natural Swimming Ponds at Millennium Park Closed for Maintenance

Two of the natural swimming ponds at Castlegar's Millennium Park are closed for maintenance as the result of increased algae.

Algae, which is a naturally-occurring water plant, may not look pretty but it is not harmful to people and it does not indicate poor water quality.

We're voluntarily closing two of three ponds for maintenance so we can try to get a handle on the algae. The City regularly tests the water quality and submits the results to Interior Health Authority (IHA) officials for review, following the Canadian Recreational Water Guidelines. All tests this year have met the guidelines.

"We heard concerns from the community and we want to assure swimmers the water is safe," says Mayor, Bruno Tassone. "The natural ponds normally close for the season around this time of the year but Council asked staff to extend the season this year so we're hoping our efforts are successful so we can get all ponds open for the public to enjoy."

One of the City's strategic priorities is to create special places and recreation for everyone. As part of creating special places, the City is committed to building on its recreation assets, both built and natural, to provide recreational and cultural services.

The City of Castlegar is a service centre in the West Kootenay. The diversified and growing economy is focused on the forestry, energy and mining sectors in the valley, and commercial services in the City. Quality of life features backcountry adventure and an increasingly dynamic urban culture, including the Millennium Park & Ponds and Sculpture Walk.

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