

## Swim for Life & Leisure

### Referendum Question

The referendum question asks the same overall question, however the question is slightly different depending on if you live within the Vanderhoof municipal boundary, or the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Area "F".

#### **Vanderhoof Municipality Referendum Question:**

*Are you in favour of the Council of the District of Vanderhoof adopting Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1121 which would authorize the District to borrow an amount up to \$4 million to be repaid with an annual requisition up to a maximum of \$0.2234 per \$1,000 of taxable residential assessed value to re-pay the loan over a 30 year period to be used for the construction of an up to \$12 million Aquatic Centre?*

#### **Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Area "F" Referendum Question:**

*Are you in favour of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) Vanderhoof Swimming Pool Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1644, 2012, which establishes a service within the boundaries of Electoral Area "F" to contribute to the cost of a swimming pool in Vanderhoof, and authorizes taxation on improvements only, to a maximum annual amount determined by applying a rate of \$0.74 per \$1,000 to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area, or \$256,000, whichever is greater?*

**Come and vote on February 16, 2013 on this important referendum.**

### Frequently Asked Questions

We are constantly updating our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of our website. Please email us your FAQ: [info@vanderhoofpool.ca](mailto:info@vanderhoofpool.ca) and we will work quickly to get the answer and post it at [http://www.vanderhoofpool.ca/pool\\_FAQ.html](http://www.vanderhoofpool.ca/pool_FAQ.html).

Be sure to visit our website often for up-to-date information on community meetings, FAQs and more.

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## The **Facts** about Building and Operating an **Aquatic Centre** in Vanderhoof

*Last Updated: January 13, 2013*



**Referendum Date:**

**February 16, 2013**

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## Cost of Building

- The estimated cost of construction of the Aquatic Centre is \$12 million.
- Grants and donations will be pursued for 2/3 of the capital costs or \$8 million.
- Capital Cost to the taxpayers is \$4 million. These funds will be acquired through borrowing.
- Annual cost Principal and Interest (30 Years) \$275,732.

## Costs of Operation

### Revenues

Taxation.....	\$905,732
User Fees.....	\$165,500
	<b>\$1,071,232</b>

### Expenditures

Operating Expenses .....	\$645,500
Operating Contingency .....	\$100,000
Contribution to Capital Reserve.....	\$50,000
Debt Repayment (Principal and Interest)*	<u>\$275,732</u>
	<b>\$1,071,232</b>

\*Debt repayments are based on debenture of \$4,065,041 (net \$4 million) over 30 years at 5% interest.

## Who Pays What

The District of Vanderhoof and RDBN Area "F" will **share** in the costs of **building and operating** the Aquatic Centre.

The formula utilizes the converted assessments from each area. The total converted assessment is calculated and then the percentage for each area. This gives us the percentage of the costs associated with the Aquatic Centre that each area will pay.

	Converted Assessment	%
Vanderhoof	\$60,082,196	72%
Area "F"	\$23,694,930	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83,777,126</b>	

Annual Operations	\$630,000
Annual Loan Repayment	\$275,732
<b>Total Annual Cost</b>	<b>\$905,732</b>
Vanderhoof Operations	\$453,600
Vanderhoof Loan Repayment	\$198,527
<b>Vanderhoof Total Share (72%)</b>	<b>\$652,127</b>
Area "F" Operations	\$176,400
Area "F" Loan Repayment	\$77,205
<b>Area "F" Total Share (28%)</b>	<b>\$253,605</b>

## Municipal Tax Implications

Residential	+0.8681
Utilities	+4.2971
Major Industry	+6.1288
Light Industry	+4.5228
Business	+2.6304
Recreation Non-Profit	+1.0938
Farm	+0.2518

## RDBN Tax Implications

Farm and Rural Land Assessments are excluded from the tax increase. This value is based on building assessment only.

Residential	+1.08
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## Increase for Residential Properties

Tax Rate	\$100,000 Home	Average Home	\$200,000 Home
Change		<b>\$159,000</b>	

Operating/Capital**	+0.8681	\$86.81	<b>\$138.03</b>	\$173.62
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\*\* \$4 million loan amortized over 30 years.

The annual average property tax increase for residential property in Vanderhoof is about \$138.00, or approximately 19%.

This annual increase is equivalent to \$0.38 per day, which is less than the cost of two cups of coffee a week; about ¼ the cost of Cable TV; or about two and a half tanks of gas for a 50 litre vehicle.

## The Facility

The preferred facility includes four 25 metre lanes with a separate leisure pool. The leisure pool would have a separate mechanical system allowing the water temperature to be kept slightly warmer than the main pool.

The architectural program summary is listed below:

### Public Spaces (1,000 sq ft)

- Public washrooms
- Lobby, viewing and entry

### Aquatic Spaces (7,000 sq ft)

- Four lane 25 metre pool (2,400 sq ft)
- Leisure pool (1,500 sq ft)
- Whirl pool (150 sq ft)
- Steam room or sauna (150 sq ft)
- On deck viewing

### Activity Spaces (4,800 sq ft)

- One fitness space (1,800 sq ft)
- Three multipurpose rooms (3 @ 800 sq ft ea)

### Change Rooms (2,600 sq ft)

- Men's change room
- Women's change room
- Universal change room

### Administration and Control (500 sq ft)

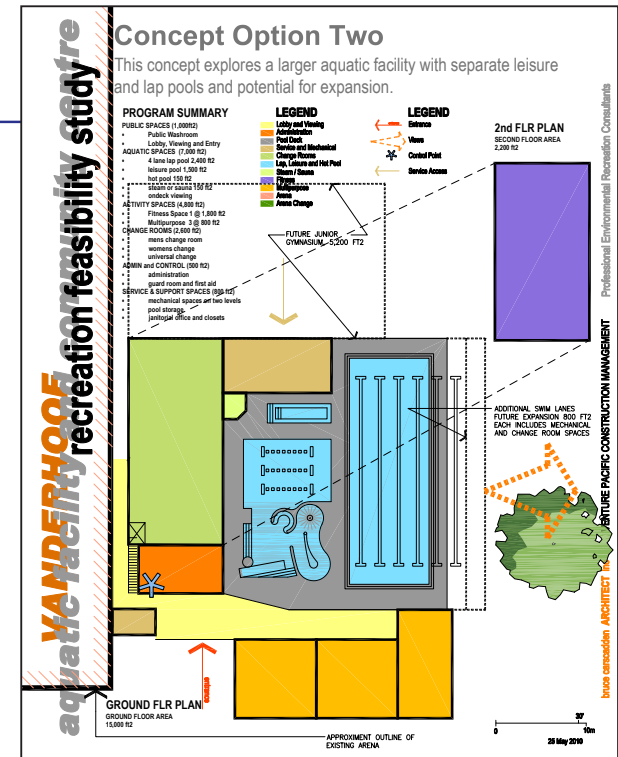
- Administration
- Lifeguard/ instructor room and first aid

### Service and Support Spaces (800 sq ft)

- Mechanical spaces on two levels
- Pool storage
- Janitorial office and closets

## The Location

The preferred site for the Aquatic Centre is beside the Vanderhoof Arena.



## Benefits to Community

An Aquatic Centre is central to a healthy, athletic and active population and provides a host of benefits for life and leisure.

### Long-term Health

Swimming is beneficial both for mental and physical health for people of all ages.

### Rehabilitation and Hydro Therapy

Pools provide a low impact environment for rehabilitation, hydro therapy, and exercise for people with injury or physical disabilities.

### Youth Involvement

Aquatic Centres are a safe and central location for youth to stay active.

### Swimming Lessons

A local pool would allow all children to learn how to swim.

### Recreation

A year-round indoor recreational facility.

### Employment Opportunities

Would provide full-time and part-time jobs in the communities.

### Job Force Retention

Business and families are attracted to communities with an Aquatic Centre.