6. QUEEN ELIZABETH II POOLS REDEVELOPMENT: PROGRESS REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to update the Projects and Property Committee on progress with the QEII Pools Redevelopment

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 5 JULY 2000

General

Construction of the enclosure for the 51 metre pool is progressing well. The insulated roofing panels to the east side have been installed and approximately one-third of the exterior wall framing has been completed. Scaffolding to provide ceiling access has been completed to the east side of the pool hall. Most of the main air-conditioning ducts have been installed and painting of the ducts is underway.

All pool sub-floor pipework has been installed and the last of the pipework is being pressure tested.

Construction of the pool tank is going well, with approximately two-thirds of the floor slabs and three-quarters of the walls having been poured.

A value management session to identify potential savings on the remaining areas of the project and to revisit all exclusions from the project is planned for 20 July 2000. The session will include Vic Davies, our specialist pool architect from Canada.

Outstanding issues

The Leisure Unit Manager has been requested by the Annual Plan Working Party to report on the importance of the hydroslide to the QEII operation, the financial implications of this attraction and its on-going use.

Approvals required

There are no approvals being sought from the meeting.

Programme

The main contractor has confirmed that completion of the 51 metre pool is still on programme for 8 December 2000.

However, they have advised that their tile supplier is having problems with obtaining the floor tiles for the bottom of the pool tank. They are currently investigating a number of options, including alternative tiles.

Cost control

The approved budget is \$20,707,850. The forecast total cost is \$19,924,645. The total remaining contingency is \$783,205.

(See <u>attached</u> monthly financial summary report.)

The major changes for the month were an additional \$12,000 for an upgraded paint finish to the pool hall ductwork, and \$16,204 for upgrading the public address system to the training pool area. The upgraded public address system will provide sharper and clearer speech. The need for upgrading the public address system in the leisure pool area is under further investigation.

Note: \$150,000 of the contingency has been "frozen" to cover the cost of resurfacing the dive pool concourse and retention of the existing hydroslide.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.