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The Bold Centre New Aquatics Facility Completes Early Works and Enters Next Stage

The “early works” phase of construction, which kicked off in February 2024, has wrapped for the Bold Centre New Aquatics Facility. Progress continues this week as work begins on the construction of the building’s piling and foundation systems. This milestone marks the start of the main phase of construction and is expected to take approximately 24 months.

"It's been a long road to get here and it's exciting to be at the point in this project where work has commenced and we're successfully moving through construction phases," said Lac La Biche County's Manager of Parks & Facilities, Gary Harman. "The New Aquatics Facility is going to benefit the community in many ways, including improving quality of life and we're committed to bringing the vision to life."

Completed early works involved clearing the site of above and below ground obstructions to prepare it for the main phase of construction. The existing water main was relocated, new sections of sanitary and storm sewers were installed and select external portions of the existing Bold Centre within the planned footprint of the new building were demolished, such as the wooden pergola, landscaping and traffic circle. The feather sculpture in the traffic circle has been retained and will be re-instated.

As the project enters the foundations stage of main construction, work will begin with site stripping, earthworks and piling, followed by the excavation of the pool basement and competition lap pool. The underground mechanical and electrical services for the multi-feature project will be installed next, before the building’s concrete foundations are completed.

The public should be aware the construction site has been expanded south toward 91 Ave to support increased productivity, and the site fence will remain in place until completion of the project in mid-2026.

Harman says that despite the project's size, the team is planning ahead to minimize impacts to the Bold Centre, Public Library and JA Williams High School. "It's a large undertaking, with many moving parts, and it's only possible through the continued support of our community," he said.

Please visit the project splash page BoldCentreAquatics.com for ongoing updates throughout construction, including Bold Centre access and operations. Follow Bold Centre and Lac La Biche County social media for highlights and email aquatics@laclabichedcounty.com for any questions.

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The Bold Centre New Aquatics Facility is a multi-feature project that includes dynamic elements like a teaching and leisure pool, a competitive six-lane 25-metre pool, waterslide, lazy river, an outdoor spa and a wellness area, among other amenities. This highlight of the Bold Centre will showcase the facility as a destination that attracts new residents and visitors, keeps families in the County, offers a broad range of opportunities for fitness, leisure and competitive enthusiasts, and supports the community's growth and sustainability. Slated for completion in mid-2026, the approved project budget is \$44.9 million.

Lac La Biche County

Lac La Biche County is a diverse, healthy and safe community with engaged citizens who enjoy enhanced social and recreational amenities. The County is both economically resilient with investments in top-quality infrastructure and services, and environmentally responsible as stewards who promote and protect the area's natural assets. Lac La Biche County is the destination choice of northern Alberta.

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