

Tall Timber Leisure Park Pool

The indoor pool was built in 1985 when the park was still a growing campground. At the time of opening, Sundre had a small outdoor pool that closed shortly after we opened. At that time Tall Timber opened its doors to the Sundre area. Consequently the pool activity was strong as lifeguards were on site and Red Cross swimming programs were offered. Today many of the young married folks that grew up in the Sundre area remember using the pool for swim classes and pleasure.

The inside pool building was remodeled in 1992 for approximately \$40,000 which gave the aging pool a complete facelift.

The beautifully designed artificially and natural light pool area accommodates an approximate 15 by 7.5 meter pool which at its deepest end is 1.6 meter, sloping to 1.2 meters at the halfway point, and 1 meter deep at the shallow end. Adjacent to the pool is a 6.2 by 1.85 meter hot tub for relaxation. The pool itself is kept at approximately 86 degrees Fahrenheit and the hot tub is set at 104 degrees.

Because there are no lifeguards on duty, children under the age of 16 are required to be accompanied in the water by an adult who is properly attired.

Adjacent to the pool are male and female change rooms each with 20 lockers, washroom facilities and showers.

The pool building entrance has an approximate forty square meter waiting area which has windows on one side viewing the pool area. A counter at the side of the waiting room is the check-in point for the pool and also offers light snack and coffee service.

Opening off the south end of the pool area is an outside two level sun deck which is enclosed in low brick and regal railing walls. The enclosed sun deck area is approximately 160 square meters in size and also has viewing into the inside pool and hot tub area.

On the outside of the building housing the pool are public washrooms with showers for day use.

In 2002 the Town of Sundre Aquaplex opened which had a major impact on the Tall Timber Leisure Park pool activity including the loss of Red Cross swim classes, on site lifeguards, fitness classes and shortened the hours that the pool was open. The Tall Timber Leisure Park remains as one of the very few camping locations in central Alberta which does provide both guests and owners with an indoor facility which can be enjoyed in any weather during the summer camping season.

As is typical of nearly all pools, there is a significant expense and manpower to operate a pool. Tall Timber Pool is no different and the board carefully monitors that expense against the benefits the pool adds.

A large number of the short stay campers using the area adjacent to the pool have families which find access to an indoor pool at their doorstep a real bonus for camping at Tall Timber. The revenue generated by those campers both by their camping rental and pool use help to minimize the expense of operating the pool.

In 2011 the board of directors also implemented significant one time benefit to condominium owners of purchasing pool pass bracelets which have continued to be honoured annually. The bracelets were in recognition of the support the owners provided on two major park improvements as well as providing the owners with a fitness opportunity at a very nominal cost.

In 2013 a survey of the condominium owners valued having the pool as the third most important amenity in the park after cable TV and WiFi even though the use of the pool was rated as 6th of 11 amenities available in the park.

Pool hours and day and annual pass fees may be adjusted annually. The details of the operating cost are available to owners on an annual basis.