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Temporary closure of Vernon Aquatic Centre caused by minor water line break

The Vernon Aquatic Centre was temporarily closed following a minor water line break on Monday afternoon.

On December 2, 2019 at 1:30 pm, a minor break in a water line occurred in the Centre's chlorination room. Due to this, the chlorine detection sensors activated an alarm. Although no chlorine gas was released, the detector is very sensitive and was able to detect the chlorine odor from the water on the floor.

Aquatic Centre staff followed established safety protocols and evacuated the pool guests to the auditorium until the source of the alarm could be determined. Staff have since had the line repaired and the pool reopened within an hour of the initial alarm.

“Although this was a false alarm, it served to demonstrate the effectiveness of the safety system and the training of our team to carry out our safety procedures”, said Gary Lefebvre, Aquatic Manager.

At no time were staff or the public at risk.