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Ovaverva: Renovation concept elaborated

The Ovaverva indoor swimming pool renovation project in St. Moritz has now been elaborated. In order to repair the structural defects, it will be closed for 13 months. Restructuring is scheduled to start in mid-2024 at an estimated cost of 8.7 million CHF.

Since June 2021, a commission of St. Moritz municipal councillors and board members has been monitoring the project for renovating the Ovaverva indoor pool, spa and sports centre. Proceedings for the preservation of evidence were ordered by the court in 2019 in order to determine and document the structural defects. Based on this, the Ovaverva Renovation Commission initiated the preparation of a renovation concept in December 2021, which is now available.

Extensive renovations that cannot be carried out during ongoing operation

The renovation concept weighed and prioritised which deficiencies for the indoor swimming pool must be urgently addressed. These are construction defects in the groundwater sealing of the underground building shell, in the sealing under the slab coverings of floors, walls and pools, the steam baths, gutters, drains and glass mosaics. This extensive renovation work cannot be carried out during the usual maintenance and upkeep phase. The current estimate is that it will take 13 months to remedy the defects. The indoor pool and spa are to remain closed for this period. In the best-case scenario, renovation work should start in mid-2024. Until then, ongoing operations will not be restricted.

The companies responsible will be held accountable.

According to the current estimate, reconstruction costs for the renovation amount to 8.7 million Swiss francs. This estimate corresponds to the preliminary project planning stage. Also taken into account are revenue losses and operating expenses of 4 million francs as well as the advance payments, which will amount to about 1.7 million francs by the end of 2023. These calculations are based on the assumption that alternative employment

opportunities will be found for the staff during the renovation phase; the Municipal Board has committed to this. The responsible companies are to be held accountable for the renovation costs. Should the companies involved refuse to carry out repairs and renovations at their own expense, the municipality must make advance payment accordingly in view of the urgency of the situation. In this case, the municipality will have recourse to the responsible companies after renovation has been completed. Final decision on the outlay lies with the municipal council, as it comprises tied expenditure for a project of several millions over several years.

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