



## INFORMATION REPORT

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| <b>TO:</b>                | Chair and Members<br>Emergency and Community Services Committee                           |
| <b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>    | October 8, 2020   |
| <b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b> | 2020 Arena Opening Plan (HSC20031(a)) (City Wide)   |
| <b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>  | City Wide   |
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### COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not Applicable

### INFORMATION

Recreation staff initially reported in August 2020 about the reopening plan for City operated ice arenas. At that time, the intention was to open five arenas on August 31, 2020 for immediate use by affiliated youth ice groups. The initial arena opening schedule was a conservative plan based on the pre-season needs for the months of September and October. Following consultations with various ice users, the opening date was shifted at their request to September 8, 2020 so that they would have more time to prepare their volunteers.

The ice user groups are continuing to accept registration to their various programs. To date, based on late August/early September discussions with groups, we adjusted the opening schedule as follows:

- Mohawk 4 Ice Centre – September 1, 2020 (completed)
- Chedoke Twin Pad Arena – September 8, 2020 (completed)
- Harry Howell Twin Pad Arena – September 8, 2020 (completed)
- Morgan Firestone Arena – September 8, 2020 (completed)

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- Rosedale Arena – September 8, 2020 (completed)
- Inch Park Arena – September 15, 2020 (completed)
- Glanbrook Arena – October 1, 2020
- J.L. Grightmire Arena – October 1, 2020
- Westoby (Olympic) Arena – October 19, 2020
- Valley Park Arena – November 2, 2020
- Bill Friday (Lawfield) Arena – November 2, 2020
- Mountain Skating Centre – November 2, 2020
- Dave Andreychuk Arena – November 2, 2020

Many precautions are being implemented in our centres and significant procedures for cleaning and sanitization are now part of our standard operational routines. These procedures along with the provincial gathering limits have resulted in the reduction of available ice opportunities. At the present time, we are focusing on providing limited access to our seasonal affiliated ice users (youth organizations that have met our affiliation standards). Without knowing what each sport governing body would implement as it relates to future programming restrictions, recreation staff started with providing affiliated user groups with 50% of their projected requests of allocated ice time for the month of September. Recreation staff were cognizant that ice users still needed more time in September and October to validate their membership numbers.

Public programming (public skate, seniors skate, parent and tot skate, shinny), ad-hoc rentals including adult groups were planned to be open in January 2021; however, there is a possibility of reviewing this sooner provided that the availability of ice slots increases.

Recreation staff are ensuring that arenas are not opened unnecessarily and that we are being efficient with the operation of the arenas in light of the current pandemic. Staff have requested firm membership numbers as well as information from all ice users on type of programming by October 15, 2020. This will give user groups time to complete their registrations and it will also provide staff with more concrete membership numbers instead of relying on projections. It will also provide staff with a better understanding if the programming being planned is permitted by the respective provincial sport organization. Following the submission deadline, Recreation staff will be able to determine if any other arenas need to be open to support the demand for the remainder of the ice season.

## **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES**

None