



December 4, 2018

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Sunset Rink Re-opening**

Dear Commissioners,

Sunset Rink is re-opening on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 6:00am.

The rink was closed on September 25, 2018 due to a mechanical failure in the heat recovery system.

A temporary external refrigeration plant has been commissioned and permitted at the rink, which allowed us to install ice. While this temporary refrigeration unit is operating and keeping sunset open, Real Estate and Facilities Management (REFM) and third party contractors will perform repairs and upgrades on the permanent refrigeration plant. It is expected to be up and running in the spring.

Staff are now in the process of scheduling drop-in activities and migrating sport groups back to the rink. Registered programming such as skate lessons will not return to the rink until January 2019.

Staff are also working on details of a free public skate for later this month to thank skaters for their patience.

The Sunset Rink closure affected a significant amount of rental ice used by the Thunderbird Hockey Association and the Sunset Figure Skating Club, in addition to public skates and lessons. Park Board staff mediated transfers of ice times permitted to other minor sport groups who stepped up to help these organizations and also sourced ice times from external venues in the Metro Vancouver areas. The Ice Allocation Committee also assisted with the process.

The Thunderbirds were able to recover enough essential game times to meet their scheduling needs for the remaining fall season. Sunset Figure Skating Club has secured ice from Park Board rinks and external venues. They are also coordinating with other figure skating clubs to share ice times and accommodate beginners into available Learn to Skate lesson spots. Many of Sunset Arena's Learn to Skate lessons were relocated to other rinks along with the skate instructors. Adult Hockey rental groups were also provided support in recovering lost ice.

Overall, 11 minor sports groups made a great effort to be flexible and adjust to the Sunset Rink situation.



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Sunset Rink was built in 1976 and – like all of our ice rinks with ammonia cooling systems – is regularly maintained to a high standard and subject to regular testing.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm Bromley".

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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Copy to: PB Senior Leadership Team
PB Communications