

Community Notice

New COVID-19 Guidelines re: Garden Village Outdoor Rink

December 18, 2020 – This notice is to advise Nipissing First Nation community members that the outdoor rink in Duchesnay will be closed this winter season and the outdoor rink in Garden Village will open with new COVID-19 guidelines.

We are currently working on preparing the outdoor rink in Garden Village and our plans are to open on **Sunday, December 27th, 2020**. To ensure the safety of our community, the rink will be open for day use (10:00 AM to 8:00 PM), except on all holidays when the rink will be closed.

Use of the rink is limited to NFN Debendaagziwaad (members) and Endaawaad (individuals who live on NFN, but are not members). Other guests accompanying members or visitors will not be permitted to access the rink.

Accessing the Outdoor Rink

During the winter months, the entrance and exit will be clearly marked near the rink. Snow guards and ice dam prevention material have been installed on the metal roofing to ensure the safety of facility users, however please be aware that falling snow or ice may still be a hazard. Washrooms and change rooms will be closed and not accessible. Lights will automatically turn off at 8:00 PM.

General Guidelines for Using the Facility

The following guidelines are in place to ensure the safe enjoyment of the facility by community members:

- There will be a rink monitor on duty periodically, however the facility is unsupervised.
- Children must be supervised at all times by a parent, guardian or caregiver.
- Helmet use is strongly recommended.
- The property is monitored by video surveillance.
- Users assume full risk and individual responsibility for use of the facilities.
- NFN Management is not responsible for any accidents or injuries resulting from use of the facility.
- No smoking, alcohol or drugs are permitted on the property.
- No glass or food is permitted on the rink surface. No pets are permitted on the property.
- Users are asked to remove all personal property and litter upon leaving the facility and to notify the nearest NFN representative immediately upon recognizing any potential or existing hazard.

The availability of the rink will change seasonally as this is a shared use facility with NFN Recreation Programming and the facility is not available for rental at this time.

Additional COVID-19 Guidelines

The following COVID-19 guidelines apply to everyone using and attending the Garden Village outdoor rink:

- The **maximum number of people permitted in the facility and/or on the ice at any given time is 25** including spectators. Families should be prepared to minimize the number of parents, guardians or spectators that attend to limit the number of people in the facility. APS may be notified if numbers exceed the limit.
- **Use of the rink is limited to NFN members and individuals not members but reside on NFN only.** Other guests accompanying members or visitors will not be permitted to access the rink.

- A system will be in place to limit the number of patrons entering and exiting the facility at one time. The rink will have one entry and one exit designated.
- **Washrooms and change rooms are closed.**
- For on-ice sessions, participants should be prepared to come dressed in as much equipment as possible to reduce the time at the facility before and after on-ice sessions. Benches will be provided to put on skates.
- Please wearing a mask and practicing social distancing when less than 6 feet.
- Maintain proper social distance and/or wear a mask when using the parking lot for drop-off/pick-ups, entering and leaving the facilities.
- NFN Maintenance/Recreation Monitor will be on site in case of emergency and will be able access to an AED in case of emergency.
- Participants not feeling well while at the rink are to go home and contact the Public Health Unit.
- If a participant does not feel well prior to attending the rink, such as having a fever or a cold (runny nose, sore throat, cough, etc.), they should stay home and avoid contact with others.
- Please practice good hand hygiene before and after. If possible, participants should be encouraged to carry hand sanitizer and tissue.
- Everyone using and attending this facility will be required to provide contact information on the contact tracing form for the purpose of being notified of a possible exposure to COVID-19. All personal information will remain confidential.
- We encourage participants to download the Government of Canada COVID app as it will notify you if you may have been exposed to COVID-19. The app does not collect any personal information. No one will know who you are or where you've been.
- Participants should have their own plastic water bottles labelled with their names. Use only that water bottle when participating in the activity. Parents/players should wash water bottles after each session.
- When arriving at the facility, participants should be instructed to leave their bags in their cars since the dressing room/area and washrooms are not available.

Hours of Operations & NFN Programs

The new rink hours will be reduced to **10:00 AM to 8:00 PM**, except holidays when the rink will be closed.

Every Tuesday starting on January 5, 2021, NFN will provide a **Learn to Skate Program** from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and **Adult Hockey** from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. For more information on the skating program, please call Vicky Laforge, Recreation Activator at 705-753-3312 ext. 6971 or email vickyl@nfn.ca.

Contact

Should you have any questions, concerns or comments about using the Outdoor Rink, please contact Patrick Stevens, Director of Community Infrastructure at (705) 753-2050 ext. 1220 or patrick@nfn.ca during office hours.

To report incidents or occurrences after-hours, call (705) 498-2519. In the event of serious injuries, health and safety related issues, or other emergencies, call 9-1-1 immediately.

**Miigwech for your cooperation with these new COVID-19 guidelines
to ensure that all users can safely enjoy the outdoor rink.**