

Community Notice

Outdoor Rink Operations During Provincewide Shutdown

December 26, 2020 – We previously advised that the Garden Village Outdoor Rink would open on December 27th, however the warm weather has delayed these plans and the ***new tentative opening date is Thursday, December 31st*** (subject to further change depending on weather conditions). The outdoor rink in Duchesnay will be closed this season due to a shortage of workers to maintain and monitor the rink.

When the Garden Village Outdoor Rink opens, additional Ministry of Health guidelines will be in effect during the 14-day provincewide shutdown that begins today and will last until at least Saturday, January 9th. The dates and conditions of this shutdown are subject to change based on COVID-19 activity in our district.

Additional Guidelines during Provincewide Shutdown

- **Maximum capacity is reduced to 10 people** (previous limit of 25 people)
- **Rink is open for SKATING ONLY (no hockey sticks or pucks permitted)**
Per the provincial guidelines, outdoor recreational facilities are only permitted to open if team sports are not practiced or played with the facility.
- **** NEW BOOKING PROCEDURE **** to ensure equal access to the rink for all members, timeslots must be booked in advance according to the schedule, which includes designated times for east end residents. Drop-ins are permitted, however advance bookings have priority.
 - **Book a timeslot at the Garden Village Outdoor Rink**
- **All Recreation programs are cancelled during this time** (including the Learn to Skate program).
- **Washrooms and change rooms are closed and not accessible.**

Accessing the Outdoor Rink

The rink will be open for day use (**10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**), except on all holidays when the rink will be closed. The lights will automatically turn off at 8:00 p.m.

Use of the rink is limited to NFN Debendaagziwaad (members) and Endaawaad (individuals who live on NFN, but are not members). Non-member parents/guardians may attend the facility with their child(ren) who are NFN member(s). Other guests accompanying members or visitors will not be permitted to access the rink.

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.

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 10, 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. Hockey sticks or pucks are not permitted during the provincewide shutdown. APS may be notified if numbers exceed the limit.
- **Use of the rink is limited to NFN members and individuals who are not members but reside on NFN only** (or have a child who is an NFN members) Other guests accompanying members or visitors will not be permitted to access the rink.
- **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.
- **Washrooms and change rooms are closed.**
- 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.
- 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 consider wearing a mask and practice physical distancing from others using the facility at all times (excluding members of the same household).
- Maintain proper physical 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.
- 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.

Contact

If 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.

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.***