

Garden Village Outdoor Rink Update

Rink Reopens February 22nd as Health Unit Lifts Restrictions

February 19, 2021 – The Garden Village Outdoor Rink will reopen on **Monday, February 22nd** to allow individuals and families to exercise, in compliance with the latest enhanced public health measures. This is in accordance with the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit's [media release](#) announcing the reopening of outdoor rinks, sliding hills and OFS snowmobile trails and trails on Crown land.

Rink operations continue to be in-line with Ministry of Health guidelines, and we have the capacity to monitor for compliance with the guidelines that are in place to ensure the health and safety of all facility users.

Sticks and pucks are still permitted at designated times (per the attached schedule), and we encourage skaters to book ice-time in advance. We also encourage all users to wear a mask or face covering when arriving, putting on skates, and when it isn't possible to maintain a 6ft/2m distance from other users who do not reside in the same household as you.

Guidelines during Extended Shutdown

- **Maximum capacity is reduced to 15 people**
- **Sticks & Pucks are permitted at designated times** (please be courteous to other users)
Per the provincial guidelines, outdoor recreational facilities are only permitted to open if team sports are not practiced or played with the facility. This rule will be enforced by the rink monitor.
- **** NEW BOOKING PROCEDURE **** to ensure equal access to the rink for all members, timeslots should be booked in advance according to the schedule. Drop-ins are permitted, however advance bookings have priority.
 - **Book a timeslot at the Garden Village Outdoor Rink** - For any issues with this booking system, please contact Vicky Laforge at 705-753-6971 or vickyl@nfn.ca.
- **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 10:00 p.m.**), except on all holidays when the rink will be closed. The lights will automatically turn off at 10:00 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

- 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 15, 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 who are not members but reside on NFN only** (or have a child who is an NFN member). 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.***



GARDEN VILLAGE OUTDOOR RINK SCHEDULE

TIME	WEEKDAY					WEEKEND	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:00am-10:00am	Rink Maintenance <i>Closed</i>						
10:00am-1:00 pm	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks
1:00 pm-4:30 pm	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Rink Maintenance <i>Closed</i>						
5:00pm-7:00pm	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks	Open Skate No Sticks or Pucks
7:00 pm-7:30 pm	Rink Maintenance <i>Closed</i>						
7:30 pm-10:00 pm	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks	Sticks & Pucks
10:00 Closed	CLOSED						

Any safety issues or concerns should be reported to Patrick Stevens, Facilities Manager at 705-753-2050 during office hours (Monday to Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm). To report incidents or occurrences after hours call 705-498-2519.

For any issues with registering via the Timify booking site, please contact Vicky Laforge at vickyl@nfn or leave a message at 705-753-6971.

Please consider wearing a mask and practice physical distancing from others using the facility at all times (excluding members of the same household).

Call 911 in the event of serious injuries, health related issues, or other emergencies.

AED is located in the first dressing room

Schedule is subject to change from time to time due to Special Programming.
Notices of changes will be posted.

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