



Twin Arena Gets Upgraded

~ Dawn Smith, Airdrie City View

The twin arenas are open for business and looking better than ever. Recent upgrades to the twin arenas are now finished, and users will notice an increase in the quality of the ice, a new set of boards for the blue side, and an Airdrie centennial logo placed at the centre line.



"It looks great," said Greg Lockert, Manager of Genesis Place and the arenas. "The biggest thing the skater will notice is a difference in the speed and the quality of the ice, which the staff will be able to manage better."

The upgrade, which was a \$335,000 capital project, was completed on time and included a new condenser, dehumidifying unit, new ice chiller, as well as the new boards used to replace the preexisting boards which were extremely warped and offered a less than ideal surface. The new repairs will not only boost the quality of the ice, but will also save the City money in energy savings.



The new chiller, for example, will only run 8-10 hours a day compared to the previous chiller which ran 16-18 hours a day to maintain the ice.

The arena, which sees over 1,300 users in various programs such as minor hockey, figure skating, and ringette each season, is now open for summer training camps, tryouts and conditioning.