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## ***Plainsmen Arena Ice User Groups working with City***

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie is working with ice user groups to ensure that they all get ice time for core programs during the month of October.

The Plainsmen Arena, originally built in 1974, is receiving a much-needed renovation that includes new ice surface, ice plant, rink boards, player’s benches and spectator seating. It will be completed and ready for skaters by October 31, 2011.

Upgrades also include an indoor snow melt pit and water management through changes in site grading.

The project’s original construction schedule was designed to minimize the impact on ice users, however, wet, cold summer weather, pre-existing ground water issues and site foundation issues uncovered during the renovation have impacted the project timelines, delaying completion by three weeks.

“Working together on options to ensure that all users get ice time for their core programs has been very positive,” says Michelle Lock, Director, Community Services. “Those options include shared ice, purchasing ice time outside of Airdrie, reduced ice time for all groups and limiting ice time to child and youth teams only, for the month of October.”

Bird Construction is working to minimize the impact by working extended hours, compressing the schedule and overlapping trades as much as possible.

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