



# Media Release

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## Replacement of arena floor at Castlegar and District Community Complex set to begin

Nelson, BC: Construction is set to begin on the replacement of the arena floor at the Castlegar & District Community Complex next week. The replacement will address brine leaks that have been occurring over the last few years. The work to replace the floor will require the closure of the arena for at the most seven months.

The Castlegar and District Community Complex and Recreation Commission awarded the contract for the project to Reward Construction Ltd. (Reward) based in Edmonton Alberta. Reward has 23 years of experience installing arena cooling floors, including Rogers Place in Edmonton, Alberta.

“We are pleased to work with Reward on this project, who will be onsite starting Monday, March 13 to start removing the existing arena floor and begin the process of replacement,” said Craig Stanley, RDCK Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management. “Throughout the construction period, the arena will be off limits to the public for the duration of the project and some areas outside of the complex will be designated as contractor parking, staging and laydown areas. There could also be parking areas at the rear of the building blocked to facilitate the contractor.”

Originally installed in 1976, the arena floor has outlived its intended life of 35-40 years. While the temporary closure of the arena will affect user groups, the timing is intended to limit the overall impact to users. Expectation is for the arena to be available for use on or before October 15, 2023. The project costs for the work is projected to be \$1.44 million.

“The project will involve removing the old concrete, some of the existing sub-grade materials and installing new subgrade materials, a new cooling floor and a heating subfloor to prevent frost,” said Stanley. “The new polished concrete cooling floor will be installed to the grades of the existing floor, allowing for the re-use of all existing boards. As well, we are working with Reward and local sub-contractors in exploring opportunities to recycle the concrete that makes up the existing floor.”

RDCK Project Management staff facilitated a project kick-off meeting last Thursday with representatives from Reward, RJC Engineering Ltd and operations management and staff in attendance virtually and in person.

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