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Reconstruction of Vernon Curling Rink parking lot underway

The Vernon Curling Rink parking lot is getting a significant overhaul. Work on the parking lot started on July 17 and is expected to continue until August 23. During the period of the construction, the parking lot will be closed to all traffic.

The curling rink is being used as group lodging for wildfire evacuees from the Cariboo region. Alternate parking has been designated for these evacuees by the City.

The curling rink parking lot is badly deteriorated and in need of replacement. The overall project includes the replacement of the blacktop surface and substrate, the replacement of sidewalks on the north end of the Vernon Recreation Centre, replacement of the existing 1966 water main that runs through the parking lot, updating a fire hydrant, new storm and sewer lines, new catch basins, and a new garbage bin enclosure. The parking stall layout will also be realigned and re-painted to increase parking capacity.

The overall cost to complete the project in one phase, including all consultation fees and contingencies, is estimated at \$439,109. The parking lot upgrades were approved by Vernon Council as part of the 2017 budget. The City of Vernon owns the parking lot but not the curling club.