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Recreation Services reviewing possible re-opening of Kal Tire Place North Arena

Recreation Services is currently reviewing the possibility of re-opening Kal Tire Place North Arena for user groups beginning July 6, 2020.

Recreation staff are currently canvassing arena users to determine the level of interest for booking ice times. As per the BC Recreation & Parks Association's *Guideline for Restarting Operations – COVID-19 Recovery Through Recreation & Parks* and *viaSport Guidelines for Return to Sport for BC*, user groups will be restricted to the number of participants they can have on the ice. User groups will also need to follow safe return to play guidelines as provided by their Provincial and Local Sport Organizations.

“By canvassing the user groups, we can assess the level of demand as well as determine the financial viability of re-opening the arena,” said Leah Walker, Manager, Customer Service – Recreation.

Prior to re-opening any of the recreation facilities, City of Vernon Council will need to review the financial impact of re-opening the facilities and endorse a *Risk Mitigation Plan – Safe Reopening Guideline* that is being presented by Recreation Services staff on June 22.

There are still ice times available for rent, specifically mid-day, Monday-Friday. “If groups are interested in booking ice, we need to hear from them,” said Walker.

Groups interested in renting ice can email arenabookings@vernon.ca.