



## Media Release

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### **UPDATE: Repairs to Kal Tire Place - South Main Ice Chiller Underway**

Work to repair the main ice chiller at Kal Tire Place - South is now underway.

At approximately 9:00 p.m. Saturday, March 9, the Kal Tire Place ammonia alarm was activated, prompting the automatic and immediate shutdown of the system. The safety system worked as designed, effectively isolating the ammonia. With the ammonia from the ice chiller isolated, crews were able to conduct a safety check, identifying a small leak.

It was originally estimated that repairs would take one to two days. However, a further assessment has revealed that the repairs will take longer.

“The main ice chiller requires urgent repairs before the ice sheet at Kal Tire Place - South can be used,” said Shayne Wright, Manager, Community Recreation. “In order to safely facilitate the repair work, the refrigeration system must remain off resulting in the existing ice surface thawing and needing removal. Once the repairs have been completed, installation of a new ice surface will take place, requiring at least five days. While this urgent repair has disrupted some programs and user groups, it is essential that the City prioritize and ensure the safety of staff, contractors and public during.”

All ice bookings and programs from March 11 to March 17 for Kal Tire Place - South, Kal Tire Place - North, and Priest Valley Arena are being adjusted. More information on reopening Kal Tire – South will be available once repairs are complete.

All user groups will be contacted regarding their rentals for this time period. Kal Tire Place - South will remain open for the in-door walking program as well as for meeting room booking.

Kal Tire Place - North uses a separate system and was not affected and will remain open.

The City appreciates everyone’s patience while this important work is being completed.

For more information, please visit [Gvrec.ca](http://Gvrec.ca).

