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## March 15, 2011 - Renovation Update

PITT MEADOWS ARENA RENOVATION UPDATE March 15, 2011  
CITY ACCELERATES ARENA UPGRADES PITT MEADOWS, BC -

Council has accelerated upgrades to the Pitt Meadows Arena to occur as part of the current renovation to be completed in 2011. This essentially completes the project ahead of the original 3 phase schedule and brings the facility in line with seismic upgrades and operational efficiencies.

In late 2009, the City of Pitt Meadows, after purchasing the Arena, planned an upgrade to occur in 3 phases over 5 years. At that time, the total project cost was estimated at \$7.5 million. Over 50% of the proposed budget focused on mechanical and electrical improvements, as well as, exterior and interior improvements. Once the project began, the City monitored and reviewed project priorities. Work on the project revealed some deterioration in piles under the substructure that required replacement. To ensure that public safety was maintained, these upgrades were made a top priority. The dollars spent ensured that the facility was protected as a long-term community asset. In addition, the City accelerated replacement of the ice plant and some mechanical work to increase the certainty of maintaining ongoing operations.

More recently, the City has revised the timing to include work on the remediation of the second floor, rebuilding the change rooms and washrooms in red rink, remediation of blue and gold rink change rooms, new referee rooms, installation of a sound system, plus new bleachers and heaters. These fixes are expected to be completed near the end of 2011 and will bring the arena upgrades very near to completion providing arena users with a much improved experience.

The construction cost for completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 work plus the additional work to repair the structural foundation will now cost \$8.6 million. Mayor MacLean states that "this investment protects and improves one of the City's most valuable and well used assets and notes that replacement value for the three rinks is assessed at over \$21 million."

Only two items will be left to complete as part of the overall upgrade, including a bar and a catering kitchen in the upstairs mezzanine. Conducting this work later will allow Nustadia Recreation Inc, the new arena operator beginning May 1, 2011, the opportunity to contribute to planning these services.

The City appreciates the patience and support shown by the current user groups and the interim operator, Recreation Excellence. In the end the Arenas will become a long term facility that reflects well on the community and one that user groups can be proud of.

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