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**Community Update re: Wiikwemkoong Arena**

We would like to share a positive update on our Arena roof rehabilitation project and anticipated reopening information.

Construction Progress:

- Contractors have completed the replacement of the roof purlins above the rink, which was one of the longest and most time-consuming phases. We are now approaching the halfway point of the overall project!
- The purlins above the upstairs hall do not require replacement, meaning work in that section should move along faster with the installation of new insulation and steel roofing. Once this is completed, Arena staff will begin preparing the upstairs hall for rentals to resume. This projected date is in early December.
- We will also be working toward reopening our canteen operations as well.

Ice Operations:

- We have been informed that a potential date to begin turning on the ice plant to prepare for the return of hockey and ice returns is mid-December.

We understand these delays are taking valuable time away from our hockey season, and we share in that frustration. However, without this necessary rehabilitation work, we would not be in a position to offer ice rentals at all. This investment is essential to protecting our facility and ensuring its future for generations to come.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the arenas across Manitoulin Island who welcomed and accommodated our players and teams throughout construction. Miigwech for making room for our teams in your operations and ice schedules. Your support has helped keep our players on the ice during this challenging time.

Miigwech to our hockey families, community members, user groups, and everyone for your continued patience and understanding.

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