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### **Ice Sheets Undergoing Emergency Lifecycle Repairs at Planet Ice Facility**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** The City of Maple Ridge has been working in conjunction with the operator of the Planet Ice facility on the ice plant components for the ice arenas and Golden Ears Winter Club curling sheet. During the final testing of the renovated systems there were deficiencies found in other major components that will require immediate attention.

The Golden Ears Winter Club ice sheet is expected to be up and running as scheduled at the end of September pending some final inspections.

The two ice sheets at Planet Ice require both a new condenser and repairs to the brine pipes under the concrete between the playing surfaces. The new compressor is not an 'off the shelf item' and is expected to take approximately 10 to 12 weeks to be manufactured and delivered. This time will be used to do the required repairs to the pipe network that chills the ice surfaces.

"Our team is reaching out to the facility users to provide them with information and the anticipated timelines of this work. We are working with neighbouring arena operators to identify potential open ice times to address the priority needs of our clubs while Planet Ice undertakes these essential equipment replacements and repairs," said Valoree Richmond, Director of Parks & Facilities for the City of Maple Ridge.

She continued, "Our proposed January reopening estimate allows the full time needed to make the essential repairs. Our focus will be to do this work as quickly as we can recognizing the impact this has on our ice user community."

The replacement of these essential components of the ice plant system will result in both improved ice quality and efficiency for all three rinks.