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TOWN OPENS FIVE ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR ICE-SKATING RINKS

Openings come after successful trial at Greenwood Park

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – The Town has announced the openings of five more outdoor ice-skating rinks following a very successful two-week trial at Greenwood Park. In addition to the Greenwood Park outdoor rink, rinks at Sunnyridge Park, Wheler's Mill Park, Madori Park, Gar Lehman Park and Vandorf Parks are now open, effective immediately.

With the Town having six ice rinks now open and properly maintained, we remind residents once again to enjoy these rinks and not stormwater ponds for skating. These ponds are designed to prevent flooding in the community and are extremely dangerous to skate on with their unpredictable freezing conditions.

“I am very thankful that residents have taken our new safety protocols at Greenwood Park Ice Pad seriously,” said Mayor Iain Lovatt. “I am happy that, with Mother Nature’s cooperation, we are able to open 5 other ice pads for public use immediately.”

All current COVID-19 provincial restrictions and self-screening are to be followed while using the Town’s outdoor rinks. Measures to follow include:

- All skaters **MUST** wear a mask while waiting and while skating on the ice
- All skaters **MUST** always maintain at least 9 feet (3 meters) apart from others outside of their household
- Capacity limits remain at 25 people per surface, keeping in mind distancing requirements.
- No hockey or game play allowed, casual skating only.

In addition, there are signs at each rink with specific protocol guidelines that must be followed in order to skate. If a “Rink Closed” sign is posted at any of the rinks, please refrain from using the surface as it may be unsafe.

The Town thanks residents once again for following the rules during the two-week trial period at Greenwood Park ice rink. It is because of this great behavior that we can open more ice rinks for everyone to enjoy.

About the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is one of the jewels of the GTA, located just north of Toronto on Highway 404. We are a community rich in heritage and character and we are committed to offering our residents and businesses 'Country Close to the City'.

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