



Frank Crane Area Upgrades Begin

For Immediate Release

March 31, 2010 – Facility upgrades to Frank Crane Arena are scheduled to begin next week as part of the federal government's Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) grant program.

Upgrades to Frank Crane Arena will begin on April 12th, with the demolition of the existing office space and arena floor. Throughout the summer, the refrigeration plant, brine lines, dasher boards, and concrete slab that make up the ice surface will be replaced. Additional upgrades include elevator installation, box office construction, staff office restructuring, and lower roof repairs.

There will be no access to the arena during the construction; however other services at Beban Park including the swimming pool, Cliff McNabb Arena, and the Social Centre will remain open to the public.

In addition to the construction at Frank Crane Arena, upgrades to the Beban Park Social Centre are scheduled to begin in July. Improvements will include reconfiguration of the entrance, enhancement of the building's accessibility from the parking lot, and replacement of the flat sections of roof. Both projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

One million dollars of RInC funding was announced for Nanaimo in December by local Member of Parliament Dr. James Lunney. The total project is expected to cost 4.6 million dollars, and will address a number of crucial upgrades needed at Beban Park.

Updates will be available throughout the construction period on our website at www.nanaimo.ca. For more information, please contact Suzanne Samborski, Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture at 250-755-7518 or by email at suzanne.samborski@nanaimo.ca.

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