



VANCOUVER
BOARD OF
PARKS AND
RECREATION

September 5, 2025

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Recreation Services

SUBJECT : **Kerrisdale Arena Opening – Update – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to update you on the delayed opening of the Kerrisdale Arena.

Ice installation at Kerrisdale Arena is currently delayed due to an unexpected brine system failure. This issue directly hinders our ability to build and maintain a safe and sustainable ice surface, making it necessary to keep the facility closed until repairs are completed. Kerrisdale Arena was originally scheduled to open on September 9, 2025.

At this time, the location of the leak in the brine system has not been identified. A product called Pro-Seal was injected into the system on September 4, 2025, attempting to repair the leak from within the pipes. This product has successfully repaired brine leaks in the past.

As of September 5, 2025, the brine leak remains at an unsustainable level, and the ammonia plant has been shut down to avoid further brine loss. CIMCO Refrigeration has been contracted to inspect the system and provide recommendations on approaches and timelines for potential solutions. If a feasible solution is identified and implemented, ice installation will take an additional 10 days once the leak is fixed.

Notices will be posted on-site, through the City website, and across our social media channels next week to inform patrons of the expected delays. Arena staff will be reaching out to user groups to notify them of expected impacts to their rental times.

Park Board staff will continue to provide updates as soon as more precise timelines become available.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Steve Kellock".

Steve Kellock (*he/him*)
Director, Recreation Services – Vancouver Parks and Recreation

Copy to: PB Leadership Team
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