



October 9, 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 current status of the Kerrisdale Arena, following the [September 5, 2025, Board Briefing Memo](#).

Project Update

The source of the brine leak at Kerrisdale Arena has been under investigation over the last several weeks, and the facility has remained closed during that time. The leak has now been localized to a few pipes in the brine circulation system. Park Board maintenance staff are working closely with Facilities Management and Operational Excellence (FMOE-REFM) staff, as well as various contractors, to determine potential solutions.

Progress to Date

After the unsuccessful installation of Pro-Seal on September 4, 2025, several investigative measures have been employed, including a Ground Penetrating Radar scan, multiple pressure tests of the brine pipes, and the installation of valves to isolate segments of the brine circulation system. Through this combination of measures, staff and contractors have discovered four broken brine lines.

Next Steps

Repair work is currently underway and involves jackhammering into the rink slab and repairing the four brine lines. If the repairs are successful, the next step would be to restore the concrete and install ice.

Arena staff have been in contact with affected user groups and will continue to notify them of expected impacts to their rental times and will continue to accommodate as alternative space is available.

Communication will be updated accordingly through regular communication channels, and further updates will be provided as they are available.

Regards,

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

Steve Kellock (*he/him*)
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