



MEDIA RELEASE

City of Welland Offers Free Public Skating Today at the Main Arena

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Welland – The City of Welland is organizing **Free Public Skating Today** from 4:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. – Monday, January 12 – at the City’s Main Arena located at 501 King Street.

The City of Welland is offering **Free Public Skating Today** to recognize the inconvenience to the community due to the work stoppage over the past four days.

“We recognize that things will be getting back to normal over the course of the next few days and this is our start to that process”, said Craig Stirtzinger, Welland’s City Manager. “We have discussed this initiative with the representatives of CAW Local 523 and have their support in providing this to the public.”

We encourage everyone to come out and take advantage of the free ice time. To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time on the ice this afternoon and this evening, **Free Public Skating Today** will be for skating only; no pucks or sticks will be permitted.

Bill Fenwick, General Manager of Parks, Facilities and Leisure Services, added, “If you are with a hockey or skating club, or another organization that typically wears jerseys, jackets, or other clothing that identifies your organization, you are encouraged to wear it this afternoon and evening to let other members of the community know about your organization.”

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