

Inspection of Memorial Arena arches begins this week

(Penticton - April 16, 2018) – A follow-up inspection of the arches at Memorial Arena will get underway this week. Crews will be removing the concrete block construction at the base of each arch to allow for further examination of the condition of the glulam beams. Further inspection of the arches was recommended by the structural engineers in the 2016 Memorial Arena Roof Structural Condition Inspection Report.

“This week involves preparing the building for the detailed inspection,” says Bregje Kozak, Director of Recreation and Facilities. “Next week, we will have a specialized team of wood remediation experts on site to help us determine our options and a plan.”

All 18 bases and the top of each of the nine arches will be examined. The area will remain open after the inspection to allow access for remediation as required. It is anticipated that remediation would occur during the summer.

Memorial Arena will remain operational while the work is underway. “Facility users will notice openings in the interior of the building, but the areas will be localized with no impact to overall operations,” says Kozak. Modu-Loc fencing will be installed on the perimeter for security. The work on the arches was approved as part of the 2018 budget.

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