

## City's curling rink set to receive \$107,000 grant

(Penticton, BC – November 22, 2018) – One of Penticton's most popular ice surface facilities will soon receive newly installed ice making equipment thanks to a grant from the Community Gaming Branch of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

The \$107,000 is a matching capital grant awarded to the Penticton Curling Club and will go towards upgrading the facility's ice plant with the purchase of a replacement condenser and compressor. This is in addition to a new chiller that the club installed this summer in preparation for the 2018/19 curling season. The new equipment will ensure the facility and Club are in compliance with ice plant requirements and allow them to continue their operations uninterrupted.

"I am grateful for the opportunities given to allow us to apply for grants and hope to be at the receiving end. Our members are so full of life and enthusiasm to continue the growth and volunteering the club needs each and every year," said Penticton Curling Club Manager, Cathy Jones. "This grant will finally give us a bit of breathing room."

"Working with Cathy Jones and the Curling Club has been a pleasure. They have been proactive in determining their needs and pursuing funding opportunities. Cathy has been instrumental to the success of the Club in receiving this important grant," said Director of Recreation and Facilities, Bregje Kozak.

The City of Penticton, which owns the curling rink facility, works closely with the Penticton Curling Club to ensure the building is up to standards. Earlier this year the City supported the club by providing them a loan to complete the chiller replacement. With the additional equipment added by way of the grant, combined with additional fundraising provided by the club, the curling rink will be operated with a fully upgraded ice making facility.

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