
POWELL RIVER CURLING CLUB NEWS FLASH

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BACK IN BUSINESS

From bad news to good news in a short time. Working with Technical Safety and Worksafe BC, we managed to keep the club open and safe for operations until the season finished. But our 40 year old ammonia plant had to finally be shut down.

Thanks to Community Forest a grant was just approved for a new Freon plant replacement.

Plans are underway to get the Club back open in October – **THIS YEAR!**



Hope to see this picture again in October

Questions and Answers

Q: Will it be enough?

A: YES. Before we applied to Community Forest, we asked for quotes from three BC-based Refrigeration and Ice Plant companies. After comparing timing and costs we requested \$150,000 from Community Forest to help pay for the plant, along with our restricted capital funds that had been reserved for just this type of scenario.

Q: When will curling start?

A: It does depend on the manufacturing process and when parts arrive, but so far, the schedule looks promising for an early October opening. We should have a more definite timeline by end of June.

Q: What happens next?

A: We'll be removing the old plant and making sure we safely dispose of any asbestos that is found. Bill Hunter and Chris Hearder will be working on this project in late June. Thanks to Tony and Fred at the Mill for checking out our samples and providing tips for disposal.

Q: What else is planned?

A: Hopefully a big celebration at our Fall AGM thanking Community Forest and the City for this contribution and opening our new plant to start another year of curling. It would be great to have our organizing volunteer specialists step up again for this balloon-worthy event

Q: Anything else in the works?

A: Nothing firm yet, but we're applying for a grant to introduce a new stick curling league in the fall using Canadian Stick Curling rules (2 per team, 6 ends, 6 rocks and no sweeping between hog lines). We're also planning on applying for 2019 capital grants to try and leverage the \$150,000 Community Forest funds. Stay tuned and stay positive.

Q: Who should we thank?

A: First of all, thanks to all of you who registered to curl last year and stayed to play during the plant maintenance and ammonia alarm testing. Of course, thanks to the City and Community Forest for approving our grant. And special thanks to Bill, Barry, Roger, and Chris for dealing with the emergency plant upgrades that kept us open. Finally, thanks to all the volunteers who kept us going in our Special O, junior and school programs. This was key in providing us with Letters of Support from across the community. So many many more, and now I'm out of space!