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Construction Underway for the New Dressing Room at Oceanside Place Arena

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and the Oceanside Generals are pleased to announce that construction of the new dressing room at Oceanside Place Arena is underway. Establishing a dressing room for the Oceanside Generals has been an organizational goal for the team for many years and has become a requirement from BC Hockey due to reclassification of the league's status from Junior B to Junior A. For the RDN, it adds a valuable addition to the arena for use by local minor sport teams and other groups for special events during the hockey off season. Construction is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2026.

The new dressing room will occupy the previous recreation equipment storage space and provide direct access to the Howie Meeker rink for players and team staff. To accommodate the needs of the hockey team, it will feature individual player lockers, laundry machines, shower and washroom facilities and audio/video equipment.

The dressing room is being funded by \$250,000 from the RDN's Oceanside Place Reserve Fund and the remaining balance by fundraising initiatives and in-kind labour through the Oceanside Generals. The final cost will be dependent on the amount of in-kind labour and material contributions which will be determined at project completion. It will be an asset owned by the RDN once completed and leased to the Oceanside Generals. The agreement includes a review following the first year of operations and a 5-year term with opportunity for renewal for an additional 5 years. The Oceanside Generals will reimburse the RDN for any additional annual operating or other associated costs once construction is completed.

Quotes

“We are pleased to see the construction of this great addition to Oceanside Place Arena underway. The partnership with the Oceanside Generals is another example of the RDN working with partners to improve recreation facilities and services for the benefit of many within our region. We look forward to the completion of the dressing room and seeing it put to good use by the Oceanside Generals and other groups in our community.”

Sean Wood, Chair, RDN Oceanside Services Committee, Regional District of Nanaimo

“The Oceanside Generals Junior hockey club are excited to finally have a place to call home. It has been a long time coming and a lot of hard work has gone into making this happen. The RDN has been a great partner throughout this process, and we look forward to continuing and expanding this relationship into the future. Having our own room is not only a tremendous milestone for our organization, but also a valuable recruiting tool and a wonderful way to showcase all of our hard work.”

Rick Hannibal, General Manager, Oceanside Generals

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