

Parks and Recreation

OUTDOOR RINKS: ADOPT-A-RINK PROGRAM

- The Adopt-a-Rink program has been successfully operated for the past 20 years in Medicine Hat.
- The City of Medicine Hat currently has (3) high board rinks and (5) low board rinks that can be developed and operated.
- Each area is set up in a park environment and most have nearby water service and in many cases outdoor lighting.

LOCATIONS:

Type	Rink	Typical Activities	Location	Size & Amenities	Has Leader?
High Board Rinks	East Glen Rink	Hockey / Leisure Skating	East Glen Drive SE	165' long, 61' wide, lights, shack, nets, portable toilet	✓
	Jeffries Park	Hockey / Leisure Skating	8 Street & 4 Avenue NE	100' long, 42' wide, lights, shack, nets, portable toilet	✓
	Southlands Rink	Hockey / Leisure Skating	Southlands Drive SE	165' long, 61' wide, lights, shack, nets, portable toilet	✓
Specialty Surfaces	Lions Park	Croki curl	Minto Street SE	For the recreational game of Croki curl	✓
Low Board Rinks	Kiwanis Central Park	Leisure / Family Skating	11 Street & 3 Avenue SE	80' long, 40' wide, lights	✓
	Palliser Crescent	Leisure / Family Skating	Palliser Way NE	73' long, 40' wide, lights	✓
	River Heights Park	Leisure / Family Skating	In alley behind 4 Street SW	81' long, 43' wide, lights, shack	✓
	Upland Drive Park	Leisure / Family Skating	Upland Drive SE	80' long, 40' wide, lights, shack	✓
	Viterra Park (Hull Way)	Leisure / Family Skating	Hull Way NE	66' long, 40' wide, lights, nets	✓
Pond Rinks	Leinweber Park (Closed)	Hockey / Leisure Skating	Collins Crescent SE	Closed for Season	✗
	South Ridge Community Park (Ice Depth Not Safe)	Hockey / Leisure Skating / Family Skating	Stratton Way SE	No leader / Ice Depth Currently Not Safe	✗

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Service Objectives

- Provide, through volunteers, a safe and economical outdoor recreation activity for neighbourhoods within Medicine Hat.
- Provide a high quality, outdoor skating surface, that has “local ownership” and support so that youth and adults can access and participate in spontaneous, non-regulated activities such as hockey, figure skating, recreation skating, skating games, ball hockey and other similar activities.

What is Required to Adopt-a-Rink?

- Ideally 2-5 volunteers per location, along with one main person who acts as the Leader and City liaison.
- Build the ice in layers late in the year and maintain the facility weekly until the spring thaw.
- On a weekly basis remove the accumulation of snow and provide a fresh flood of water to fill in cracks and remove bumps.
- Ensures that the shelter is in good condition.
- If a major snowfall occurs and you need assistance to remove the snow or have any major maintenance issues telephone 403.529.8333 or email parks@medicinehat.ca.

What Does the City Provide?

- The City ensures that the boards (high or low) are in an acceptable condition for the making of ice.
- Installs low boards in the fall and removes in the spring.
- Ensures that the water source, water services key, hoses, etc., are in good condition.
- Ensures that the shelter is in good condition at the start of the season.
- Assists volunteers with snow removal if a major snowfall occurs that requires heavier machinery to remove the snow.
- Provides training as required.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER LEADER AND SUPPORT SPONTANEOUS WINTER ACTIVITIES IN YOUR AREA, WE CAN USE YOUR SUPPORT!
PLEASE FILL OUT THE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 88 KIPLING STREET SE OR
EMAIL TO parks@medicinehat.ca