



Operations Begin

The Russell Regional Multiplex Management Committee has been meeting for the past number of weeks in anticipation of the opening of the facility. The Committee, made up of user groups and funding municipalities has been busy putting together the operational framework for the Multiplex.

The process of hiring staff has begun. Wes Anderson has been hired as the new General Manager for the facility. Wes's job will be 2-fold, splitting his time between management of the Multiplex and continuing in his role as the community's Festival and Events Coordinator. Additional maintenance staff will be hired in the next couple of weeks. Although the Multiplex will not yet be open to the public, employees will be helping with final touchups in the construction in advance of getting the facility ready for the upcoming winter season.

The Board has established new rates for use of the facility including per hour costs for use of the ice surface, access fees and fitness memberships. Those rates are being shared with user groups such as Russell Minor Hockey and the Russell Figure Skating Club so that they can establish fees and rates for their members.

Developing a new POS System for the kitchen, negotiating with food and beverage suppliers, examining the possibility of obtaining a permanent liquor license for the venue are other operating issues that have kept the Board and staff busy in anticipation of the opening of the building.

Finally, the Board along with the new General Manager has started to develop the schedule for use of the building. The complex has a significant variety of users and ensuring that the facility can accommodate all of their needs will be an exciting challenge.

The Fundraising Committee remains active over the summer with all aspects of the campaign progressing including personal and corporate fundraising as well as special events. For further information on the progress of the Russell Regional Multiplex please visit the Town of Russell website at www.russellmb.com. If you have any questions or comments regarding the facility please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Multiplex Funding Campaign Committee. The Committee members are Chris Radford, Bruce Christopher, Alan Stanchuk, Symantha Dunn, Keith Popp, Gerald Keating and Terry Rolfe.