

It is hard to believe that yet another hockey season is drawing to a close. As we write this article the Major Pratt Trojans High School Team has finished its season and most other Russell Minor Hockey Teams have begun their playoffs. When the hockey season began back in October, most were unsure of how the community or the teams were going to get along without an arena in Russell for an entire season. Although it hasn't been perfect, easy, nor ideal, the season has been salvaged, thanks in great part to wonderful hosts, in Waywayseecappo and Angusville. The year without hockey in Russell is just about over and as the walls of the new Multiplex start to rise, so too does the anticipation and excitement as we start to look forward to next year and the new Multiplex facility.



On the west side where the new construction is taking place, the dressing rooms are starting to take shape and the bowl seating will soon be in place. Construction of the concourse level will be initiated shortly and the facility finally gets closed in. Construction of the floor for the ice surface and installation of the new ice plant will start shortly after the building has been closed from the elements. On the east side renovations of the entire area are

well underway. The ground water problem has been fixed and construction of the new Fitness Centre space has begun. Gutting of the first and second floor is complete and renovations of those areas will start within days.

We are only a few short months away from officially opening a facility that will change the face of recreation in the community and area. From the walking track to the ice surface and from movie nights to concerts, the Russell Regional Multiplex will be a multi-functional, multi-generational, multi-use facility that we will all be proud of . . . . . can't wait.



For further information on the progress of the Russell Regional Multiplex please visit the Town of Russell website at [russellmb.com](http://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, Eldon Montgomery and Terry Rolfe.