



Media Release

Closure of NSSRC gives staff time to safely give facility a full makeover

May 14, 2020 – It's been two months since the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre (NSSRC) was closed to the public as the COVID-19 pandemic began to change the way we live. However, in that time, NSSRC staff have been hard at work giving the facility, which includes the Askennonnia Seniors Centre and Boys & Girls Club of North Simcoe, a much-needed makeover in preparation for an eventual reopening.

“Our team has done an amazing job giving the NSSRC a full refresh,” said Dave Bressette, NSSRC Operations Manager. “They made the seamless transition from operating the facility, to starting to renovate and update the building, so that when we reopen, residents will have a pristine recreation centre to make use of.”

Over the past eight weeks, staff have undertaken numerous projects, including:

- Painting dressing rooms, arena walls, stands, hallways, bathrooms, meeting rooms, and more;
- Refinishing the floors throughout the entire building;
- Replacing baseboards and damaged floor tiles;
- Repairing damaged drywall and repainting;
- Repairing arena boards;
- Repainting lines on the arena floors;
- Replacing worn rubber in player boxes and player entrances; and
- Refinishing the gym floor and painting the walls.

For photos of these projects, please see the accompanying pages.

“It's like walking into a brand-new facility,” said Shawn Berriault, Director of Community Services. “We try to keep our workforce small, so we operate efficiently. As a result, when the facility is operating, much of this work gets put off until slower times in the year. This closure provided the time to tackle all of these needed improvements at once, so that the NSSRC can be fully operational when we're clear to reopen.”

The NSSRC is currently closed under the Government of Ontario's Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act – Regulation 51/20: Closure of Establishments.

The Town of Midland will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide updates on the Town of Midland website at [Midland.ca/COVID-19](https://www.midland.ca/COVID-19), and we encourage residents to follow our social media channels for updates as well, [@MidlandON](https://twitter.com/MidlandON) on Twitter, and [@townofmidland](https://www.facebook.com/townofmidland) on Facebook.

For more information on the state of COVID-19 in our area, please contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit their website at [simcoemuskokahealth.org](https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).



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