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AGT Community Centre Shake the Foundation Project

The ice surface project at Eston's AGT Community Centre is receiving overwhelming community support, according to CAO Jody Schmidt. "A lot has happened since the project was announced in mid-March."

The contract was tendered and awarded to Stevenson Industrial Refrigeration Services which has worked on more than 120 plants.

Subcontractors are Bry Sand Ice Arena Ltd., the leading floor contractor in Western Canada with 40 years experience and OmniSport, the leading Western Canada Manufacturer of Dasher Board Systems. These contractors have worked together on more than 100 projects including many arenas in the area and come highly recommended, she said.

To date the old ice plant has been removed, the concrete surfaces have been cut into blocks and removed, the sand and gravel has also been removed and brought down to the desired elevation; new drainage tile is being installed on the curling surface.

As work continues, new heat lines will be installed as will underfloor insulation and then polyfusion piping before the pouring of both ice surfaces. A new ice plant will be installed with new pumps and an oversized condenser to run the plant more efficiently and minimize water use.

When this work is finished, OmniSport will install the new boards.

Target date for completion of the project is September 30, 2021, in time for the start of the 2021-22 hockey season.

The project cost is forecast at \$1,626,261.00.

While the R.M. of Snipe Lake and the Town of Eston will be responsible for most of the costs, local fundraising is also playing a significant part in financing the project.

The recent Shake the Foundation auction raised \$117,722. The Shake the Foundation Squares sales has raised \$90,024 to date. Sales of the concrete slabs has raised some \$30,000.

Thanks to the volunteers and staff who spent hours of labor intensive work cutting the concrete and hauling it out of the rink, savings of approximately \$30,000 were realized.

In addition, administration has applied for several grants to assist with the project funding.

There are still opportunities for individuals to be involved in the project through the purchase of Shake the Foundation squares. See the website eston.ca/ice-surface-project/ or call the Town Office at 306-962-4444

