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**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION**

**NON-AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

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# SUBJECT: Capacity Restrictions Lifting in Arenas!

With Ontario lifting capacity limits and physical distancing requirements in the vast majority of settings where proof of vaccination is required, and the recent guidance of Lambton Public Health effective **Saturday, October 30, 2021**, capacity restrictions will be lifted in City of Sarnia Arenas.

Please note, that mask wearing continues to be mandatory and significantly important.

**Designated Entrances for All Arena’s Effective Saturday October 30:**

Designated entry times for both participant and spectator times will be lifted, therefore allowing everyone to arrive at their leisure. However, to streamline efforts for requirements around proof of vaccination, all Arena doors will remain locked except for one designated entrance per facility. The following entrances will be designated effective this Saturday, October 30, 2021:

**Progressive Auto Sales Arena:**

Everyone entering for participation or spectating will enter via **Gate 1**.

ALL participants will continue to go down the stairs to the lobby to access dressing rooms, as will spectators for Rink 2, and Rink 1 spectators may head up stairs to the concourse. Gate 2 will be available for accessibility purposes only.

**Clearwater Arena**:

ALL access to the facility will be through the **front** **doors** (doors facing Wellington). Dressing room assignments will be available in the lobby, and access to spectator spaces from the lobby.

**Sarnia Arena:**

Access to Sarnia Arena will be through the **South sliding** **doors**, off the parking lot on Wellington Street. Dressing Room assignments will be available outside the dressing room hallway.

**Dressing Rooms:**

Dressing rooms will return to regular capacities and each rental will receive 2 dressing rooms per rental, that will be available 30 minutes prior to ice time and for 30 minutes following ice time, as had been the procedure prior to capacity restrictions amongst COVID had been implemented.

All other public health measures remain in effect such as screening and contact tracing, which continue to be the responsibility of the permit holders.

We are delighted to return to many of the pre-COVID operations within our Arenas to allow our community members to access these facilities in full capacity once again.

Further updates to Public Skating capacities and procedures to follow next week.