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Community Message from Mayor Virginia Hackson

As the Province continues to re-open, the Town is exploring options for a safe recovery and re-opening of Town facilities. At this time, I am pleased to announce that the Atlas/East ice pad at the East Gwillimbury Sports Complex will re-open on August 24, 2020.

Staff have been working closely with York Region Community and Health Services to ensure we have the proper health precautions in place and Provincial legislation is being followed. This is a phased in re-opening to allow some permits and programs to resume while also providing staff an opportunity to pilot initial safety precautions and guidelines to prepare for future re-opening of other municipal facilities.

To ensure we are protecting the safety of visitors to the Sports Complex, as well as employees, the Sports Complex will remain locked and will only be open for access by permit holders and only for the duration of the permitted program time. In addition, no more than 50 people will be allowed in the building at any one time. Those who enter the facility are required to wear a mask, sanitize their hands, and arrive ready to put on their skates and proceed directly to the ice. These precautions will help to limit access throughout the building and ensure the safety of all users.

For more information on how to book a permit or to sign-up for one of our EG programs please visit our website at www.eastgwillimbury.ca

Town staff will continue to review the guidelines and precautions to prepare for our next phase of re-opening which will include the NewRoads/West ice pad, the Ross Family Complex, Holland Landing Community Centre and public libraries. We are hopeful that if all goes well, we can re-open those facilities following Labour Day.

These slow and cautious steps allow us to offer programs and activities that have been on-hold since March. However, we must be mindful that with re-openings the risk of COVID-19 remains. Our precautions and guidelines help to mitigate the risk, but we will continue to monitor cases and adjust our plans accordingly.

To learn more about the Town's response to COVID-19 please visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID.