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PNE COMMUNITY NEWS

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Happy New Year from the PNE! Register Now for Our Free Community Skate Day

Join us on Saturday, January 18 for a free neighbourhood skate in the Agrodome. Sessions run between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Skate rentals will be available for \$5/pair. Advance registration is required.

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Italian Garden Fountain Revitalized for Future Generations

Last fall, the Italian Garden Fountain underwent a much-needed restoration, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the PNE's Project Management Office. With careful attention to both its historical significance and craftsmanship, the fountain has been revitalized to ensure it will continue to welcome visitors for generations.

"Renovating the Italian Fountain has been a rewarding experience," says Jerry Zhao, Project Management Coordinator, who led the project. "Our goal was to repair it using modern techniques while preserving its timeless design. It's an honour to restore such an important community landmark."

The restoration involved removing old tiles and membrane, cleaning the substrate, installing waterproofing, applying a liquid seal, adding a new screed layer, and finishing with fresh tiles. The final step was a thorough clean-up, restoring the fountain's beauty.

A key outcome of the renovation is a dramatic reduction in water leakage, which has been reduced by more than 80%, ensuring water conservation for many years to come.



PNE President and CEO Shelley Frost gives the keys for the future Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre to JCHPICS President Daniel Tokawa.

Honouring History: New Interpretive Centre to Shed Light on Japanese Canadian Incarceration at Hastings Park

Last November, a partnership was formalized between the PNE and the Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre Society (JCHPICS), marking a significant step toward preserving a dark chapter of Canadian history. The agreement allows JCHPICS to create an Interpretive Centre within the historic Livestock Barns, previously known as the Country Kitchen.

This project holds deep historical importance. The JCHPICS, a dedicated non-profit, is committed to educating the public about the wrongful imprisonment of over 8,000 Japanese Canadians at Hastings Park between March 1942 and March 1943. During this period, families were unjustly held in deplorable conditions before being sent to internment camps across the country.

Once completed, the Interpretive Centre will stand as a year-round tribute to the resilience and strength of those affected by this tragedy. A thoughtfully designed outdoor space outside the centre will welcome visitors to its north entrance, and visitors will be invited to reflect on the lives of those incarcerated

and the impact of such injustice, ensuring that this painful history is not forgotten.

For the PNE, this collaboration is a proud moment, as we help bring this important story to light. Together, we are laying the foundation for future generations to understand, remember, and honour the experiences of Japanese Canadians at Hastings Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE PNE



Free Neighbourhood Skate Day

January 18 & February 23 - PNE Agrodome

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PNE Public Board Meeting

January 30

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Visit www.PNE.ca to learn more about upcoming events at Hastings Park.

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