

# Town of Lamont

## Arena Update, January 27, 2021

As you know, the Alberta government declared the pandemic situation as 'critical' back on December 13, 2020. Mandatory restrictions were imposed affecting sport and recreation, province-wide until further notice. All indoor recreation facilities were closed, and group physical activities, including team sports, fitness classes and training sessions, were prohibited or restricted across Alberta, and those restrictions remain in effect today.

During the January 26, 2021 Council meeting, Council made an incredibly tough decision to cease operations of the Lamont Arena for the remainder of the season. With the extension of restrictions in place for indoor gatherings and further restrictions keeping facilities closed for an undetermined amount of time, it is not financially feasible to maintain the ice in the arena with no revenue coming in.

Council understands that sport, physical activity, recreation, and community connections builds our overall well-being. The impact to our community members and outside groups using the arena is well understood and Council appreciates the support and understanding provided during this incredibly challenging season.

The Town has had to make numerous changes to arena operations over the last year, and we worked together to ensure that the requirements worked for everyone. We look forward to continuing on with that collaborative energy towards a successful next season.

Thank you for your understanding, stay well.

