

# UPPER SKEENA RECREATION CENTRE NEWSLETTER

February 2024

## Hazelton Skating Club

The Hazelton Skating Club will be hosting their year end skating event "Come Dance with Us" Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Come out and cheer on our local skaters and celebrate their hard work.



The Upper Skeena Recreation Centre is located on the unceded traditional Gitxsan Laxyp of Wilp Nikate'en.

## About the USRC

The Upper Skeena Recreation Centre (USRC) is owned by the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) and operated by Recreation Excellence. The USRC operations is funded by three local governments, (the Village of Hazelton, the District of New Hazelton, and the RDKS), grants, and donations.

## Temporary Closure

March 24<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>

The USRC will be undergoing some sewer line repairs this spring. The facility will be closed to the public, to ensure health and safety of everyone. Stay tuned to the USRC webpage for opening details.

## Upcoming HMHA Tournaments

- U11-February 17-18, 2024

Come cheer on Hazelton Minor Hockey



# Community Events

## Hazelton Skating Club

The Hazelton Skating Club has about fifty skaters registered. With Stacey Brown coaching and assistance from Jayda Adams, Ava Starr and the Star Skaters Olivia Pole, Jorja Strachan, Sila Katz-Kupperman, Layla Henderson and Amelie Fraenkle, we have been able to help many youth learn to skate and get better at skating. There have been around 20 PreCan skaters who have gone from never-ever skaters to being able to move around on their skates. It is amazing to see! We also have an older group of skaters who started as never-ever and who can now skate, stop, jump, glide on one foot. It is fantastic to see the growth of skaters in CanSkate to improve their skating for hockey, and those who just want to be better skaters. We also have six skaters in Figure Skating aka Star Skate. These skaters have attended seminars in Prince George, skated at the Klahowya skating competition and are attending a skating seminar in Kitimat in February with Emanuel Sandu who represented Canada in Men's Figure Skating. Next year the USRC is taking over the Learn to Skate program. Stacey will continue to coach figure skating next year and is looking forward to advancing Can Skaters and new skaters joining the Star Skate program.

**February 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** – Hazelton Minor Hockey Tournament

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Family Day- USRC will be open during the day, with lots of family activities.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** – “Come Dance With Us” Hazelton Skating Club year end.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Ice out- Get your skating in before the ice comes out

**August 2024** – NHL Community Event

Have any upcoming community events that you want the community to know about? Share them with us by emailing [info@rdks.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdks.bc.ca).

### Appreciations

Help us in thanking the wonderful Upper Skeena Recreation Centre staff for their hard work in keeping the facility running and delivering such great programs!



## Sewer Line Repair Project

The Regional District of Kitimat Stikine (RDKS) has been working on addressing sewer line deficiencies at the Upper Skeena Recreation Centre (USRC) for the past few years. In the fall of 2023, a contract for the repairs was awarded, and work was scheduled for Spring 2024.

The time has come to begin the repairs, and to ensure the safety of workers and the public the RDKS has made the difficult decision to close the USRC to the public from March 24<sup>th</sup>- June 15<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping that work will be completed ahead of schedule, so make sure to follow the USRC website and social media pages.

During the shut down USRC staff will be hard at work doing preventative maintenance and other tasks that are difficult to complete when the facility is open.

Parts of the parking lot will need to be closed to accommodate work and equipment. If you are coming to the USRC to use the trails, we encourage you to park in the upper parking area and be aware of ongoing construction.

We look forward to seeing all the users back at the facility in June! For more information contact [info@rdks.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdks.bc.ca) or via phone at 250-615-6100.

