



2026 Hockey Calgary AGM – Arena Committee Report

In 2026, the Hockey Calgary Arena Committee was established in conjunction with members from Ringette Calgary. The committee was formed in response to the growing demand for access to ice facilities, increased competition from private programs, and lack of clear direction from the City of Calgary. Lack of sufficient ice access may require Hockey Calgary to limit registration, which works against the strategic priority to grow the game.

The committee agreed upon the following mandate:

Mission

Preparing Facilities for the Future state of sport in Calgary through collaboration, community and connection.

Vision

Building a long-term Capacity Strategy that Enables Communities to Thrive through Youth Sport

Goals

- Partnership of Sport Communities committed to ensuring continued access to sport for youth
- Ensure access to sport opportunities is not limited by youth sport facility access
- Advocate for fiscally responsible infrastructure advancement

How we can help

- Advocacy group representing key facility users
- Leveraging community connections to roadmap the path to construction
- Removing roadblocks to facility infrastructure advancement
- Provide insight to key value equation for users and community members

Connections Made in 2026

- Calgary City council representatives to help understand status of GamePlan initiative, budget cycles, potential use of undeveloped parcels zoned for recreation use
- SWAS Expansion Committee RE: plans for expansion of Flames Community Arena
- Sport Calgary, Minnesota Wild Foundation for guidance on potential programs
- Sprung Structures RE: learning about options for construction of multi-surface facilities
- Property Management developers to understand early feasibility study scoping

Next Steps

- Advocate for increased access to ice as new facilities set to come online in 2027:
 - Glenmore Twin Arena
 - SAIT
 - Scotia Place
 - Westside Rec (online forecast 2031)
- Continue developing connections with
 - Tourism Calgary
 - Calgary City Council
 - Flames Foundation

Respectfully Submitted,

Janis Rogers, Chair – Arena Committee

Additional Committee Members:

- Gary Makar
- Bart Chudleigh
- Kevin Kobelka
- Alan Roessel