MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University community  
From: Tim Maloney, Executive Director, Athletics & Recreation  
        Peter Coutts, Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management  
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023  
Re: Construction to resume on Dalhousie Event Centre  

We are pleased to let our Dalhousie community know that we are resuming construction of the new Dalhousie Event Centre.

The Dalhousie Event Centre will provide an on-campus home for student ice-related programming (intramurals and clubs), varsity athletics, and the broader Dalhousie community. Featuring an NHL-sized ice sheet with an alternate floor surface, a state-of-the-art physiotherapy clinic and event spaces with catering capabilities, the centre will be a dynamic and inclusive space for Dalhousie and the greater Halifax community.

The Dalhousie Event Centre will be a home for Tigers of all stripes and the addition of a multi-use facility will offer significant potential for those valued members of our greater Halifax community. Dalhousie is also aiming for Rick Hansen accessibility certification for the venue.

Funding for this project is coming from a variety of sources, including contributions from a lead donor, alumni and supporters in addition to university funds. Student fees have not been raised to pay for the centre.

The project was paused in November 2022 due to dynamic market conditions in the Nova Scotia construction industry. We are confident now that conditions will allow a timely and cost-effective construction process beginning as early as August 22, 2023, with completion in late 2025. Regular updates will be posted on the project website: dal.ca/event-centre.

In the meantime, all of Dalhousie’s ice-related activities will continue to operate out of the Halifax Forum.

Tim Maloney  
Executive Director, Athletics & Recreation  

Peter Coutts  
Assistant Vice-President, Facilities Management  

Dalhousie University is located in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq. We are all Treaty people.
We recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.