

MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University community

From: Tim Maloney, Executive Director, Athletics & Recreation
Peter Coutts, Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Re: Event Centre update

We are writing to provide an update on the construction of the new Dalhousie Event Centre.

The project site on South Street behind LeMarchant Place is fenced and work continues to prepare for next steps in construction. Wickwire Field has been reconfigured and the short-term parking lot has been moved further west on South Street, across from Dalplex. Preparations continue for the new Event Centre to tie into Dalhousie's current mechanical and electrical infrastructure. The Studley gym annex is being demolished.

While we remain committed to moving forward with the Event Centre, the current state of the construction industry presents several challenges and we have decided to pause the project until conditions improve.

The construction market in HRM is very busy at this time, and we are challenged with cost pressures and the availability of construction labour. While we had hoped to break ground on the Event Centre structure this fall, we have been unable to secure competitive pricing for some project elements. We will keep a close eye on developments in the marketplace and will move forward as we are able with the next project elements.

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

The new Dalhousie Event Centre will provide an on-campus home for student ice-related programming (intramurals and clubs), varsity athletics, and the broader Dal 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 as well.

The project site on South Street behind LeMarchant Place will remain fenced. You can learn more about the Event Centre [on the project website](#).

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Executive Director, Athletics & Recreation

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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.