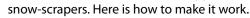
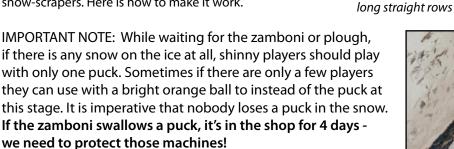
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RINK SHOVELING

for Central - Toronto outdoor rinks

The City's outdoor single-pad hockey rinks in Central Toronto have fewer staff and less equipment then the same-sized City rinks in Etobicoke and North York. That means they often get ice maintenance only once or twice a day. When those rinks have lots of skaters, or there are snowflurries, the only way to keep the ice playable is for the skaters and the on-site Recreation staff to shovel. Most of the rinks has been supplied with shovels metal





use a bright ball when there is too much snow

The rules:

- A staff person MUST be around for the shoveling from start to finish. >
- Nobody gets to play until everyone is done working. >
- > No snow may be piled anywhere on the ice, especially against the boards.
- The snow, as it is cleared, must be brought out of the rink > through the gate and shoveled to the side so that a Zamboni or a tractor can still get through the gate.
- At least one of the players has to change from skates to shoes > and help the staff person shovel the snow out of the rink.
- If there are more helpers than shovels, a couple of people should > continually skate around the rink and push snow from the boards into the centre with their hockey sticks.
- > If there are not enough people around to clear the entire rink you can clear half of the rink (the half closer to the gate).
- In the rinks that have snack bars, everyone who helps to clear the rink gets a free pizza or cookie and a free > drink.
- If players have used up their own playing time (age-related or permit time) to shovel the rink, they get an > extra half hour to continue playing.



keep exit clear for zamboni

Be vigilant about two things:

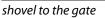
- 1. No pucks hidden under snow on the ice surface
- 2. No piles of snow on the ice surface especially against boards or
 - blocking the entrance to the rink







Why isn't everyone helping?



CELOS JANUARY LIST of outdoor rink facts

This list is inspired by the "Harper's Index," a monthly list of surprising numbers published by Harper's Magazine. Our numbers show surprising, sometimes downright astonishing facts about Toronto's outdoor rinks.

- Rink with the best view: Prince of Wales (Lakeshore and Third Street)
- Rink with the best ice in any weather (sun, rain, or snow): Rennie
- Rink with the best food: Dufferin
- Total hours of ice maintenance staffing at each Etobicoke single-pad outdoor hockey rink, per week..... **72 to 112 hours**
- Total hours of ice maintenance staffing at each North York single-pad outdoor hockey rink, per week: *112 hours*
- Total hours of ice maintenance staffing at 10 out of 11 Central-Toronto single-pad outdoor hockey rinks, per week: **7** to **21** hours
- Total hours of ice maintenance staffing *per day* at 12 of the city's 13 double-pad outdoor ice rinks: **14**
- Total hours of ice maintenance staffing at Wallace double-pad outdoor ice rink for *the entire month* of December: **28**
- Hourly wages of outdoor rink maintenance staff (work with ice resurfacing vehicles): **\$23/hour** (for 24 staff) and **\$27/hour** (for 73 staff)
- Hourly wages of outdoor rink program staff (work with skaters): \$9 mostly, a few at \$16.
- Number of rinks that have posted mandatory helmet laws for shinny hockey: 49
- Number of rinks that do consistent helmet enforcement according to the posted rules: 2
- Number of rink-injury legal claims against the city since the beginning of amalgamated information collection (1998): **2**
- Number of rink-injury legal claims involving an outdoor rink: 0
- Number of rink-injury claims relating to helmets: 0
- City-estimated "direct costs" of running the outdoor rinks for three months: \$3.7 million
- City-estimated "full costs" of outdoor rinks, counting associated parks and recreation costs (including administration and strategic planning): **\$5.7 million**
- City-estimated costs of outdoor rinks, counting all associated City staffing and infrastructure costs: **\$12 million**
- Number of City-owned outdoor rink pads with hockey boards: 33
- Number of City outdoor rinks with hockey boards that offer *less than 10 hours a week* of free public shinny time at prime time (after 4 on weekdays, all day on weekends): **8**
- Number of City outdoor hockey rinks that offer *more than 25 hours a week* of free public shinny time at prime time (after 4 on weekdays, all day on weekends): **16**
- City's "full cost recovery" target for outdoor rink permit/ registration revenue, per season: \$3.3 –
 \$4 million *
- What that target permit/registration income translates into per rink: *a revenue target of* \$100,000 to \$121,000 per season, that's \$1190 to \$1440 per day
- City outdoor rink revenue from permits, at the current highest-earning rink (West Mall): **\$20,000** per season, that's **\$238** per day
- Number of City-owned rinks with City-owned kitchen facilities within 20 meters: 13
- Number of City-owned rinks that use these facilities to run a daily snack bar: 2

*The Management Services Director of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, **Ann Ulusoy,** has offered to sit down with CELOS sometime, and explain how they calculated their rink costs recovery numbers



