

# Explore Winter Recreation in Ponoka



lights operate between 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Indoor changerooms can be accessed at the north end of the Ponoka Arena Complex and are available from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- **Ice Skating Trail at Lions Centennial Park (at Highway 2A and 54 Street):** Citizens can enjoy the skating trail in the daytime or evening as the trail winds below tens of thousands of festive lights strung throughout the park. The skating trail can be accessed from the north-end gazebo at the park. Benches and rubber mats have been installed, providing a place to lace up. Please note the trail is for leisurely ice skating only. Hockey is not permitted.

## Indoor Skating

The Town of Ponoka offers drop-in public skating and shinny hockey throughout the week at the Ponoka Arena Complex (4410 54 Street). Shinny players are reminded to please wear a helmet when using the ice surface. To see a schedule and for more information, please visit the Town website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/ice-season-programming](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/ice-season-programming).

## Cross Country Skiing

Cross-country ski trails are available at the Ponoka Golf Club. The starting and finishing point is down below the main parking lot near the member cart shed. When skiing, citizens are asked to please stay on the trails at all times. For more information, please contact the Ponoka Golf Club at 403-783-4626.

## Tobogganing and Sledding

Citizens can toboggan and sled at the Tom Hamilton Memorial Hill, located in the southwest corner of Froman Industrial Park behind Siding 14 Brewery on 36 Avenue.

## Walking Trails

The Battle River Valley trail system has about 10 kilometres of paved trails that wind along the east banks of the scenic Battle River. To view a trail map, please visit the Town of Ponoka's website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/trail-system](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/trail-system).

Looking for reasons to get outside and get active? There are a number of winter recreation options in Ponoka that the whole family can enjoy!

Lace up your skates at the following outdoor ice surfaces in Ponoka:

- **Outdoor Rink (ODR) next to the Ponoka Arena Complex (4410 54 Street):** Citizens can enjoy the ODR in the daytime and in the evening as the outdoor

# Ice Sculpture Village Closes for the Season

Due to unseasonably warm temperatures, the Ice Sculpture Village in downtown Ponoka has closed for the season.

"While we had hoped to enjoy the ice sculptures longer, we're really proud that the Town was able to bring this fantastic winter attraction to Ponoka this year," said Sandra Lund, Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Ponoka.

"The ice sculptures mesmerized and entertained hundreds of visitors from Ponoka and other communities who travelled here to enjoy their beauty and take photos with their friends and families," she said. "It was amazing how quickly word of the sculptures spread and attracted visitors from Ponoka and beyond over the past couple of weeks," she added.

"The ice sculptures put a smile on many people's faces. It was a wonderful attraction that we hope to bring back again next year," said Lund, adding, "While I'm certainly not going to complain about above zero temperatures in January, I do hope that next year will bring more seasonal weather so we can enjoy the beauty and magic of the ice sculptures longer."

## ~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Got a Question or Service Request for the Town of Ponoka?** Visit the Town website at [www.ponoka.ca](http://www.ponoka.ca), scroll down and click on 'File an Online Service Request' or you can phone the Town Office at 403-783-4431 where Town staff can help fill out the online form for you. By submitting an online service request, your question or concern is delivered directly to the appropriate department, which allows the matter to be addressed in the most timely manner. If you provide your email address, you will also receive notification when your request has been completed.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on January 25, 26 and 27 – depending on your Zone.
- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on February 1, 2 and 3 – depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Missed Pickups** – If your curbside recycling, compost (green cart) or waste (grey cart) was not picked up on your designated collection day, please contact E360S dispatch at 403-341-9300 or by email at [rddispatch@e360s.ca](mailto:rddispatch@e360s.ca). For more information on the curbside waste collection program, please visit the Town website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management) or call the Town office at 403-783-4431.



## ~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, February 14 at 6 p.m.**
- **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, February 21 at 6 p.m.**
- The public is welcome to attend all Regular Council and Council Committee meetings. Meetings will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).



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