

Hawrelak Park lake being prepared for repairs

The City of Edmonton has begun installing fencing around the lake in William Hawrelak Park in preparation for required rehabilitation work to take place later this month.

The lake is a man-made structure. The lining of the lake and the drain system are in need of repair and the lake needs to be deepened in support of Edmonton's commitment to host the International Triathlon Grand Final in September 2014.

In order to complete these repairs, the lake will be drained. The City of Edmonton follows all federal and provincial regulations with respect to water and wildlife management. Draining of the lake will not take place until all environmental requirements are met, including the ability of waterfowl to migrate from the lake for the season.

Once the lake is drained and can be fully inspected, the City will work with the contractor to determine more precise timelines for the repair work. Once timelines are set, the City will be able to determine if the lake will be available for skating over the winter.

In the meantime, the City is determining the feasibility of creating a temporary ice surface in the park for this winter, if the lake is not available.

For more information visit:

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