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Electric Vehicle Lowering Emissions at the Jasper Arena

Ice removal just got a little greener (and a lot healthier) at the Jasper Arena. The Municipality of Jasper, with the assistance of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre grant, has purchased an electric Polaris Ranger side by side to perform seasonal ice removal at the arena and curling rink.

“The Electric Polaris Ranger has performed beyond our expectations and we are so grateful for the opportunity to purchase it with the support of the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre grant. We hope that this is just the beginning of the Municipality of Jasper moving towards the use of electric vehicles in an effort to lower our greenhouse gas emissions,” says Peter Bridge, Arena Manager.

Previously a diesel tractor was used to remove the ice, generating toxic fumes in both the arena and curling rink, which accelerated the move to an electric alternative. The electric side by side also takes only an hour to clear the ice, where the tractor took three hours.

“We’re very excited about the addition of the electric side by side to our operation. It is incumbent upon us to be a community leader in environmental stewardship, and integrate these values into our organization whenever possible,” says Mayor Richard Ireland. “Our goal is to achieve zero emissions whenever possible. This is one further step on that important path.”

The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre is a partnership of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and Rural Municipalities of Alberta. The organization provides funding, technical assistance, and education to municipalities, schools, and community organizations, helping them lower energy costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve climate resilience.

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