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As part of the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre's (MCCAC) Recreation Energy Conservation (REC) program, the Town of Drayton Valley completed an energy efficiency lighting retrofit of the ice surface areas of the Omniplex with the project being completed in May 2020. This retrofit switched out fluorescent lights with LED highbay lights at both Omni One and Omni Two. LED lights provides much better illumination of the ice surface areas thereby improving visibility and safety. At the same time, LEDs cut electricity consumption in half when compared to fluorescent lights, this allows the Town to reduce operating costs and its environmental impact.

Did you know that of all the municipal facilities in Drayton Valley, the Omniplex is the highest energy consumer? To some extent, this is understandable. The Omniplex is huge! Occupying over 32,000 square-feet the Omniplex arenas hosts a variety of activities year-round ranging from sporting events such as hockey and rodeos to concerts, jousts and other family-oriented events.

Understanding the importance of the Omniplex to the community, the Town of Drayton Valley commissioned an energy audit at the Omniplex to identify areas of energy and cost savings without compromising on the level of service provided. The latest measure to be implemented is a lighting retrofit over ice surfaces at both Omni One and Omni Two. Fluorescent lights were switched out for LED highbay lights that reduces energy consumption by half but provides even better illumination of the ice surfaces.

The Town of Drayton Valley is proud to be a recipient of the Recreation Energy Conservation Program grant through MCCAC and is excited to upgrade Omni One and Omni Two for the enjoyment of the community as well as visitors to the complex!" says Mayor Michael Doerksen. "I was very impressed with the outcome,". "It's much brighter in here, and I believe the improved visibility will create a safer environment for our skaters. I am excited for our facility to re-open and welcome our residents and visitors back to the Omniplex. I think our users will be impressed by the difference this retrofit has made to the facility and will add to the user experience."

This lighting retrofit exercise for ice surfaces at Omni One and Omni Two was completed in May 2020 with partial funding from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC). Established in 2009, MCCAC empowers Alberta's municipalities to be leaders in climate change action through energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.