

Executive says renovations are on schedule

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The audio system has also been upgraded, and will feature 12 speakers along with two subwoofer boxes.

The chief operating officer said renovations are on track. He expects the cinema will be ready to play its first show sometime in mid-June, but the lobby, concession and washrooms are expected to remain under construction until early July.

The first movie shown on the new laser system is meant to be *Wings Over Water*, a documentary about wetlands on the Prairies.

The new projectors are already sitting in the projection room and dwarf the theatre's old 15/70mm film workhorses, which themselves are massive. Four chillers, each roughly the size of a household central air conditioning unit, will keep the new laser projectors from overheating. The coolant lines have yet to be installed.

While Holota wouldn't specify how much all the upgrades will cost the theatre, he said an "adopt-a-laser" fundraiser is underway, with the hope of bringing in \$1 million.

This, he said, would not cover the entire cost, but would be a "great help."

More information about the system and the fundraiser can be found online at www.saskscience-centre.com/adopt-a-laser. bharder@postmedia.com



Crews work on scaffolding inside the Kramer IMAX theatre on Monday. Before the new IMAX screen is installed, new seating will be placed and the auditorium will be thoroughly cleaned. PHOTOS: KAYLE NEIS



Left, Saskatchewan Science Centre chief operating officer Ryan Holota helps guide the new screen into the Kramer IMAX theatre on Monday. Right, crews unload the lengthy container holding the screen.

Olymel to reduce hog production in region

SASKATOON Canadian meat producer and processor Olymel says it is reducing hog production in Western Canada amid financial losses and uncertainty in hog and pork markets, which has resulted in 80 layoffs.

The company said in a media release Friday that it is closing five sow units in Alberta and one in Saskatchewan, which will reduce its western sow herd to 40,000 from 57,000 sows in production.

Olymel said the barns would be wound down over the coming months and will remain closed until market conditions improve.

In the release, CEO Yanick Gervais said Olymel has experienced

"significant" losses in fresh pork production as a result of limited market access globally.

"Now coupled with stubbornly high feed costs resulting in unprecedented losses in the hog sector we have little choice but to retract and position ourselves for success in the future when conditions improve," he said in the release.

Although the closures will mean a net reduction of about 200,000 market hogs to its slaughter plant in Red Deer, Alta., from company-owned farms, Olymel said the effect won't be felt until 2024 at the earliest and will be subject to independent hog supply availability.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR INCREASED DEBT LIMIT

The City of Regina hereby gives notice, pursuant to sections 101 and 102 of *The Cities Act* and *The Public Notice Policy Bylaw*, Bylaw No. 2020-28, of its intention to consider a report which would authorize the City to apply to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board to increase the City's current debt limit which is currently approved at \$450 million.

The particulars of the report will be considered by **City Council** on June 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Citizens who want to address **City Council** may attend this meeting via teleconference or in person. To attend, you must register with the Office of the City Clerk by email to clerks@regina.ca or call 306-777-7262, no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023.

If attending by teleconference you must also provide the telephone number you will be using to call into the meeting with, when registering. You will receive meeting details and instructions after you have confirmed your attendance for the meeting.

Dated at the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 30th day of May 2023.