

Construction costs and funding sources

Cost estimates for the basic structure and cooling system are \$5 million. We have hired a local architecture firm to complete the design development plans for the new rink and will work with area contractors to reduce costs and keep funds local.

We acquired the Spokane Arena dasher boards in 2015 and used lighting fixtures from a Portland ice rink in 2017 to help reduce our project costs. However, we still need significant funding for the new rink to be completed.

The PIR presented a request to the Moscow City Council in August 2016 for \$1 million of the Hamilton Fund to be made available for a new ice rink. The council unanimously passed a resolution to commit the funds.

Projected funding sources

Committed Hamilton fund	\$1,000,000
Committed individual and business donations	\$ 400,000
Expected private foundation/grants	\$1,200,000
Expected facility naming donation	\$1,500,000
Additional naming opportunities	\$ 500,000
Additional local individual and business donations	\$ 500,000

Total funding raised: \$2,300,000

Total funding needed: \$5,000,000

Your donation can make a difference in our community! To donate now, or to find out about some of our naming opportunities, visit PalouseIceRink.com, where you can also view our new videos and sign up for our newsletter!

Robert Hamilton's generosity has resulted in the completion of many large capital projects that offer children in the local community better recreational resources. Most likely, many of these would not have been built without his help. Palouse Ice Rink is looking for more people like Mr. Hamilton who can donate toward the funds needed for this project. All major donors will be recognized to acknowledge support, as requested by the donors.

Please consider making a significant pledge or donation to this project.
Learn more at PalouseIceRink.com or call 208-874-2948 if you have questions.

Help us raise the rink in 2020!



Frequently asked questions

Why are we called the Palouse Ice Rink?

We wanted our facility to be viewed as a community resource that enriches the lives of people in this region.

Why build at the existing location?

The ice rink has successfully operated at the existing site for more than 16 years. We have a 50-year lease with reasonable costs with Latah County. The board has investigated other options and has deemed the current location to be the best.

Why not borrow the money?

We currently operate with positive cash flow and can service a modest level of debt. A project this size has the potential for cost overruns, and debt will be used if necessary to finish construction.

Is my donation tax deductible?

The Palouse Ice Rink is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All contributions are fully tax deductible, but please consult your tax advisor for your personal situation.

When will the new ice rink be built?

PIR is working diligently to find donors and corporate sponsors to raise the money needed to break ground by spring of 2020.



a rendering of the new Palouse Ice Rink

Raise the Rink!

help us build a new Palouse Ice Rink

"I had the privilege to visit with Bobby Hamilton about his desire to support the kids of Moscow and the surrounding area with facilities that he didn't have access to as a child. I know he would be pleased to see the ice rink built and would encourage community members to offer their financial support.

Let's work together to get this done!"

-Jon Kimberling, Kimberling Insurance

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Who we are

The Palouse Ice Rink was originally constructed in 2001 as a temporary facility on the Latah County Fairgrounds, hosting a 3/4 size sheet of ice. The local Rotary spearheaded this effort and raised funds for construction as well as a Zamboni® and a chiller.

Today, the facility does not look much different than it did 17 years ago, with no concessions available, a small set of benches at one end of the facility for spectators, and portable toilets for bathrooms. Nonetheless, this facility is used by more than **35,000 patrons each year** from at least five surrounding counties in Washington and Idaho, providing safe, family-friendly recreational opportunities for area residents during the winter months.

In 2012, the Rotary handed operations and fundraising efforts to a newly formed Board of Directors. The current facility resides on the Latah County Fairgrounds. A 50-year lease with Latah County will allow the rink to remain there. The mission of the Palouse Ice Rink is “To provide the people in the Palouse region with opportunities and programs for healthy and safe recreational and educational activities with emphasis on youth and family fun.”

Why the current facility is not adequate

- The current ice surface is 3/4 standard size. Hockey players by the age of 13 must play games on a full-sized rink, either in Coeur d’Alene or Cheney. Figure skaters are not able to practice or perform beyond a beginner level because of the size of the rink, and are also forced to travel to advance in the sport.
- The current structure has a canvas shell exterior that is not insulated and is not sound proof. This provides no warmth to users and negatively impacts the length of our season.
- The current structure has no indoor plumbing or restroom facilities; a single portable restroom is our only facility at his time.



The local high school team won its league tournament in Castlegar, B.C., March 2016

Programs offered at Palouse Ice Rink

Youth hockey - More than 200 children ages 5-18 participate on teams offered by the Palouse Youth Hockey Association (PYHA) and Polar Bears each year. Youth hockey is given priority ice time Monday through Saturday for practices and games. Scholarships are available for families in need.

Science on Ice - More than 500 fifth graders from Idaho and Washington participate in the Science on Ice program each year. Close to 20 volunteers, many with college degrees (6 with a Ph.D.) as well as University of Idaho students, provide instruction.

Public skating - The Palouse Ice Rink has open sessions for all ages and has skate rental available. The environment provides patrons the opportunity for exercise without the athletic demands of an organized sport. Birthday parties are a popular activity as well. Special sessions are available weekdays for home-schooled students.

Figure skating/Learn to skate - More than 70 children participate in this program each year, but because figure skating requires a full-size rink to perform routines beyond a beginner level, it has been difficult to keep coaches.

Adult hockey and curling - Adult programs help generate revenue for the rink, but time availability is restricted to ensure youth programs are given preference.

Private rentals - Businesses, non-profit organizations, and college living groups rent the Palouse Ice Rink for one to two hours. Both UI women’s and men’s club hockey teams also practice at PIR.

Summer use - Football and soccer teams use the PIR as a practice field when the weather is not favorable. Roller hockey and roller derby also practice in the facility during summer months.

“Our son loves hockey, but his team’s “home” ice is in Cheney. If we had a regulation rink, our kids could play games at home and cut down on our travel; many regional youth organizations won’t play here because of the ice size.” -Andy Norton, SEL employee

“The ice rink and its expansion contributes important economic impacts to the Palouse region. It attracts hundreds of visiting hockey players and their families to the area each season who spend generously in area motels, retail, and dining establishments.” -Steven Peterson, Economist, University of Idaho



Science on Ice teaches students about the properties of water and Newton’s law of motion with hands-on experiments.



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