

Gateway to install assignment monitor

NORTH KILDONAN

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Gateway Recreation Centre is taking a step into the future.

The club, located at 1717 Gateway Rd., will install a dressing room and assignment monitor to direct players, coaches and parents. Club general manager Denis Van Laeken said the current manual system of writing all the assignments by hand onto a board just didn't cut it anymore.

"We're basically going digital," he said. "It will make the facility look a lot nicer. We're joining the 2000s."

Van Laeken said the 60-inch monitor will be located near the front entrance of the centre to guide people immediately upon setting foot in the building. The monitor is expected to be installed in February.

The installation of the monitor was made possible by a \$5,000 contribution from Plezia Insurance Brokers.

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Gateway Recreation Centre general manager Denis Van Laeken (left) and president Andrew Skogen (right) accept a \$5,000 donation from Michele Plezia Edwards and Keith Plezia of Plezia Insurance Brokers.

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Company president Keith Plezia grew up playing sports through the centre, as did his sister and business partner Michele. He said Michele's children have also competed through Gateway, where Michele has served as a board member.

"Gateway Rec Centre has always been a big part of our family's history in North Kildonan," he said. "Even though Michele's boys have played hockey at a higher level

than the community club level, we've always felt that it was important to support Gateway at a grassroots level so that all kids who are playing hockey or baseball or soccer have an opportunity to do that."

Van Laeken said the Plezia family has done plenty to help the centre over the years.

"Plezia Insurance has always been a great contributor to our centre," said Van Laeken. "They volunteer. They help us with a lot of our programs including winter and summer carnival."