

MOODY PARK ARENA



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Established 1975
Ice Size 85' X 200'
location 701 Eighth Avenue

Ammenities

- One sheet of ice and four changerooms
- Ice rentals
- Skating & hockey programs

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- Concessions
- Public & family skates
- Special events

The City of New Westminster originally acquired a five-acre, unused section of the former 1861 cemetery reserve in 1925, and constructed the Loyal Protestant Home on the site. In need of financial aid the orphanage sold a portion of the land back to the City and a new ice arena was built on it in 1974 - 75 at a cost of \$1,000,000. The arena served as a year-round sports facility for both ice sports and lacrosse and was in high demand: the growth of the city was causing major overcrowding at Queen's Park Arena and local children were missing out on local sports. The new arena was officially opened on March 27, 1975 by Mayor Muni Evers and the local MLA, the Honorable Dennis Cocke, Minister of Health for BC.

Behind the Name...Moody Park Arena:

Despite its name, Moody Park Arena is not actually located in Moody Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission held a 'Name the Arena' contest to come up with a moniker for the new facility. The winner was 12 year old Ben Hoskin, who suggested the name because of its proximity to the well-known Moody Park.