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### DAKOTA CC'S JONATHAN TOEWS SPORTSPLEX NEW HOME FOR MJHL'S WINNIPEG FREEZE

**Winnipeg, MB - August 9, 2021** - Dakota Community Centre (DCC) is the new home of MJHL's Winnipeg Freeze. The partnership between Dakota Community Centre and the Winnipeg Freeze will see the team practice, train and play all home games in the Jonathan Toews Sportsplex at DCC starting this fall.

The Winnipeg Freeze are a junior hockey team with a focus on training and developing some of Manitoba's future hockey stars. The Dakota Community Centre has been a St. Vital community staple for over 30 years. Programming growth and site expansion have made Dakota Community Centre one of largest and fastest growing sport and recreation complexes in Winnipeg.

"It's no secret that our city and community love watching and playing hockey," says Michele Augert, CEO Dakota Community Centre. "We have the ideal setup at our centre with superior ice and training facilities and we are very excited to welcome the Winnipeg Freeze to Dakota CC this fall."

"We're extremely excited to bring the MJHL back to Dakota and engage with members of the community." Said Winnipeg Freeze Governor Jake Heisinger. "The new 60,000 sq. ft. world class field house and training facilities at the Centre will allow us to continue to develop and focus on the players."

"Dakota Community Centre has played a significant part in hockey development for many young athletes throughout our nearly 35 years in our community," says Christian Kennedy, DCC Board Chair. "We are thrilled to have the Winnipeg Freeze and their players continue this important tradition and know that our community is excited to have them join the Dakota CC family."

#### About Dakota Community Centre

Incorporated in 1987, the Dakota Community Centre has significantly contributed to shaping Winnipeg's sport and recreation landscape. It is one of the largest and most successful community centre operations in the City of Winnipeg. Serving nearly 12,000 households in South St. Vital for over 30 years, it offers a broad range of sport and recreation programs for our community and beyond.

#### About the Winnipeg Freeze

The Winnipeg Freeze are one of 12 member clubs and the most recent in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL). The Freeze are one of two teams in the league who play out of Winnipeg. The MJHL consists of Manitoba markets only and are proud members of the Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL).

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