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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council President Mary Sheffield

FROM: Crystal Perkins, Deputy Director, General Services Department
City of Detroit *Crystal Perkins*

DATE: February 27, 2023

RE: **Jack Adams Skating Rink Update (Adams Butzel Rec Center)**

Over two separate weekends, one in December 2022 and February 2023, there was a power surge at the Adams Butzel Rec Center which affected the Jack Adams Skating Rink. This power surge caused the chillers and/or compressors to shutdown which resulted in the melting of the ice during each time the center was closed.

Each time there's a power surge the machinery has to be manually reset by a licensed operator, by the time the surge was discovered the ice had already begun to melt. Our operators worked quickly to make the necessary repairs to the equipment and reset the machinery to return the ice to its solid state. To prevent these issues from happening in the future, we are installing a smart alert system that will notify our team in the event of a future power surge/ power outage so our team can respond right away.

These outages are not normal occurrences, and our department has plans to work with DTE to determine and mitigate future risk.

We apologize for any inconvenience this outage has caused as we understand and value the impact that this facility and its programming has on the community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.