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NCC to convert ice stadium in Karlstad into indoor arena

NCC, in partnership with Karlstad Municipality, will convert the Tingvalla ice stadium into a modern indoor arena for all types of ice sports. The construction contract has now been signed, and the order value is approximately SEK 180 million.

“The new Tingvalla ice stadium will be the largest sheltered rink in Northern Europe. A functional facility and social meeting place that both people with an active lifestyle and spectators can be proud of for a long time to come,” says Micael Johansson, project manager for Karlstad Municipality.

The current Tingvalla ice stadium was built in 1967, and at just over 12,000 square meters it is one of Europe’s largest artificial rinks. With walls and a roof, the ice stadium will be converted from an outdoor arena into a modern indoor arena with three playing areas: a bandy rink and two ice rinks. There will be space here for all types of ice sports such as bandy, figure skating, ice skating, ice hockey and public skating.

The framework will be made of steel, while the bleachers and certain other parts will be made of laminated wood. A central divider can be retracted to make a full-length skating track for competitions. The bleachers will be able to hold up to 1,500 spectators. There will also be changing rooms, meeting areas and a large foyer with a café and conference rooms.

To achieve a low level of energy consumption, the heat generated by the cooling plant that makes the ice will be used to heat the temperate areas of the arena and to produce hot water. The roof of the facility will be fitted with 300 square meters of solar cells.

The collaboration between NCC and Karlstad Municipality is carried out in the form of a partnering arrangement that was initiated in June of 2020. Since then, the partners planned and designed in an initial phase to reach an agreement on the target cost of the assignment, and now a construction contract has been signed.

“Through partnering as the form of collaboration, we have the best conditions for converting the illustrious Tingvalla ice stadium into a modern indoor arena that will promote the development of future sporting life for both athletic clubs and the general public in Värmland,” says Martin Smederöd, Project Manager for NCC Building Sweden.

Piling and groundwork will begin in January 2021. The bandy rink will be ready for the start of the season in autumn of 2021. The entire facility will be completed in autumn 2022.

The assignment is valued at approximately SEK 180 million and will be registered among orders in the first quarter of 2021 in the NCC Building Sweden business area.

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