

ARENA ENHANCEMENTS

Since opening its doors in September 2000 Saint Paul Arena Company, an affiliate of Minnesota Sports & Entertainment has made the following enhancements and upgrades to Xcel Energy Center.

All Areas

- Upgraded to Sony LCD high definition televisions
- Added music to all passenger elevators
- Added an internal antenna system for increase mobile phone service
- Installed TurboTap® spigots in place of standard beer spouts for better tasting and faster beer pouring capabilities
- Upgraded all point-of-sale stations at retail stores and concession stands
- Concession stand menu boards are digital LCD Sony monitors
- Implemented MasterCard *PayPass*, a contactless payment option, throughout Xcel Energy Center
- As part of the arena's commitment to sustainability, high velocity hand-dryers were installed in 18 restrooms

Exterior

- Xcel Energy Center employs two full-time painters to maintain its cosmetic appearance
- A combination of 23 Black Hills Spruce, Colorado Green and Blue Spruce, and Dwarf White Pine trees were planted around the complex.
- A Northwood's feel was achieved by landscaping with 16 tons of Minnesota's own Mesabi Iron Range rock, 20 tons of limestone, 50 yards of Cypress mulch, 725 rolls of sod, and numerous native plants and grasses.
- Installed an underground lawn sprinkler system.

Main & Upper Concourses

- Opened Hockey Lodge retail locations at Gate 2 on the main concourse and on the upper level
- Added additional drink rails on the main concourse

- Opened carvery stations on the main and upper levels
- Added counter tops around columns on the main and upper level concourses
- Opened the Phillips Old Time Hockey Lounge on the upper concourse

Premium Areas

- Added the exclusive Fishing Lodge entertainment lounge on the event level
- The Gate 5 entrance was completely carpeted and two 40" LCD flat screens were installed to highlight upcoming events and display live coverage on Minnesota Wild game nights. Additionally, the "State of Hockey" logo was hoisted to anchor 500 sq. ft. of cultured stone added to walls and wrapped around columns to enhance the space.
- Appropriately, Cambria counter tops were installed on the Club Cambria Executive Suite Level and in Headwaters Restaurant on the Treasure Island Resort & Casino Club Level
- Added the Headwaters Bistro eatery on the club Level
- A water feature and refinished bar highlight the upgrades to the north bar on club level, which also includes faux painting to the soffit over the bar area, a new pendant and track lighting to enhance the space.
- Added touch-free devices to the suite and club level restrooms

Locker Rooms

- Full height Maple paneling and custom-built entry doors inlaid with the Minnesota Wild logo were added, creating an impressive entrance to the home team's locker room. Each aspect of the logo was made from a different type of wood to achieve the appropriate likeness.
- The Minnesota Wild locker room was expanded to include a 480 sq. ft. mezzanine area used for cycling, 135 sq. ft. of office space, 90 sq. ft. hockey stick room, and a 340 sq. ft. addition to the weight room.
- As part of this expansion, a fifth 550 sq. ft. auxiliary locker room was constructed to supplement the needs of other events like concerts and the Western Collegiate Hockey Association's conference championship held each spring.