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His Workship, Mayor Bob Bratina, and Council
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Your Worship:

It has come to our attention by the various OHA members within your constituency, that they are being required to pay higher ice costs based on player residency, comprising their rosters.

The members of the Ontario Hockey Association currently affected by this policy are the Hamilton Red Wings junior A, the Stoney Creek Warriors Junior B, the Glanbrook Rangers Junior C, and the Dundas Blues Junior C teams.

Within our Junior hockey program, our teams are provided with districts and zones from which they can draw players, in order to ensure that they are competitive within their leagues, and beyond those leagues, should they be successful in pursuing an OHA championship.

The very nature of junior hockey is cyclical, and there are numerous years when a bumper crop of competitive players may be resident within the immediate municipality from which the team operates, and of course there are those years where they might not be local residents although from the area.

Choosing players for the team based on ice costs, rather than competitive ability, would be counter-productive to the overall mandate of the teams' operational philosophy.

We are hoping on behalf of our members that you could reconsider this policy. The cost of operating Junior hockey teams in this day and age is challenging, and policies of this nature, render it even more difficult.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brent Lacroix, President.

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