



**Presentation to
Emergency and
Community Services
Committee**

Ancaster Minor Hockey League

May 2, 2019

1:30pm

Presenter: Paul Empringham, President



Operational Update

- ❑ Last year celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a fundraising event raising nearly \$10,000 for charity
- ❑ Working with our OMHA partners to adapt our programs as a result of changing needs and realities
- ❑ Half-ice usage for our younger teams under the Hockey Canada mandate has reduced our needs per child – while our youngest age groups have seen a boost in numbers over last year as a direct result of our development focus for this age group.
- ❑ We continue to operate one of the only Juvenile House League programs in the city and brought 2 Chedoke Minor Hockey teams into our HL loop to provide additional opportunities (18-20 year olds)



Request for Consideration

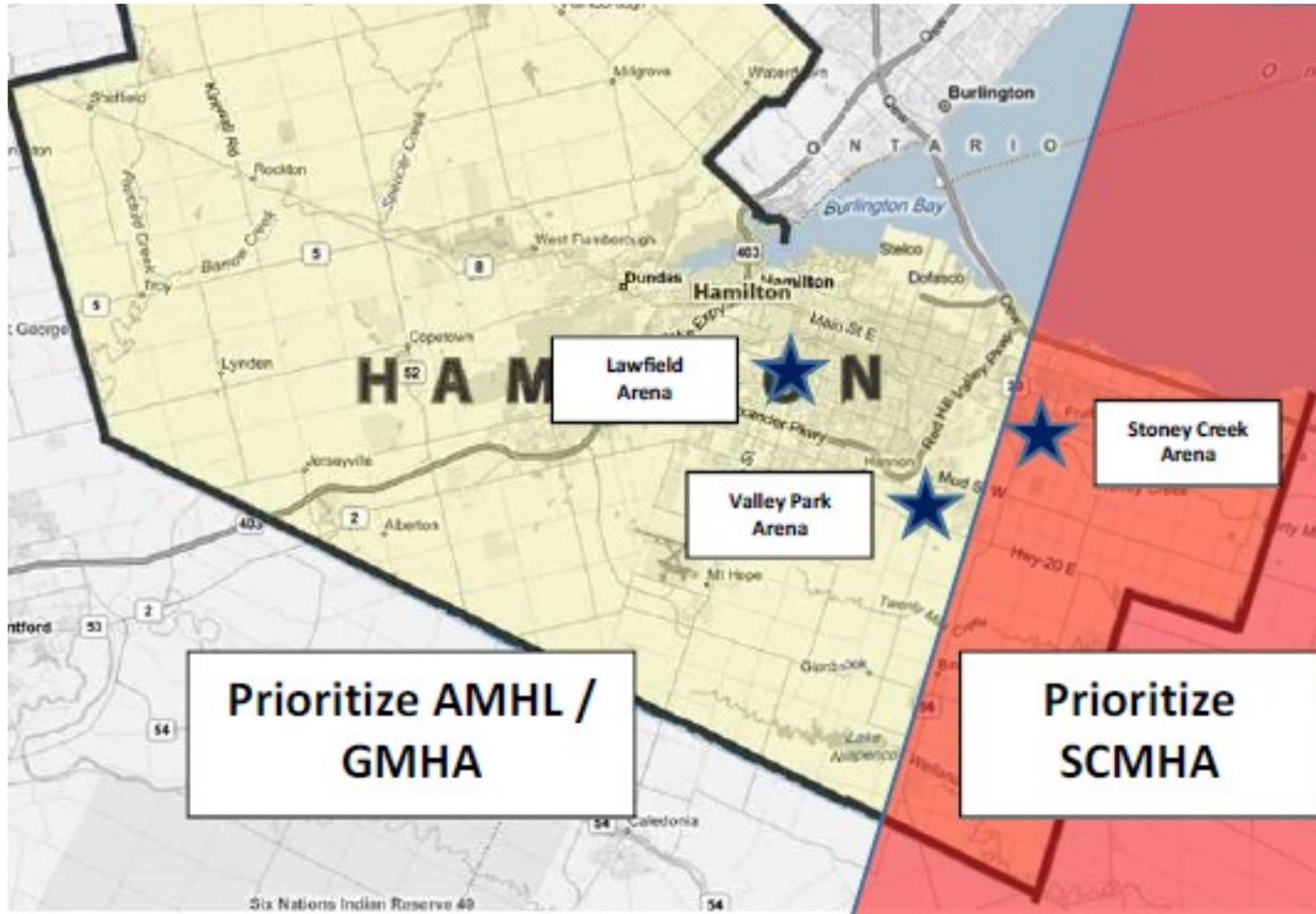
Ice Allocations

We fundamentally agree with the formula presented by Steve Sevor regarding facility allocations. Our concerns centre around implementation:

Ice Times – we have a wide range of ages participating in our recreational programs from 4 year olds to 20 year olds. Loading 7:00am starting times for a 17 year old is VERY difficult, while 9:00pm starting times for a 9 year old are even more impossible.

Geography – we are very fortunate and grateful for the facilities we have directly in Ancaster. Our FULL House League programming runs at our local rinks at set, prime ice times. We also currently have ice times all over the city, where we operate Rep (competitive) Teams practice ice – from Coronation Arena, Mountain Arena, Chedoke and Mohawk 4Pad.

- ❑ Next year we face additional challenges as we merge our Representative Programs with Glanbrook to operate the new GLANCASTER BOMBERS teams. While this reduces our overall ice requirements as a result of fewer Rep teams, it enhances our sensitivity to the Geography challenges





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System Upgrades and Usability

A huge challenge we face on a day-to-day basis in working with our partners at the City is the booking system for facilities (arenas). Our Ice Scheduler (which must be one of only two paid positions in our organization as a result) faces significant hurdles in allocating ice between our programs.

- ❑ We would ask that our base – Schedule G – ice package be released far **earlier** in the process (rather than August/September timeframe) as it would allow better preparation of our programs, and better communication to our families
- ❑ We **NEED** the **facilities booking system** to operate in a manner that allows us to do our jobs. We need to see available hours and be able to book and re-book ice times. Currently this process is all but unusable. Ice times have sat empty with the City because we have been unable to see where the openings are and communicate to book the time with the City department.



Shared Goals

Ancaster Minor Hockey and the City of Hamilton

Partners in Recreation, Partners in Service

We both serve the same constituents and strive to provide a safe, fun environment for the development of our youth. Getting more residents involved and engaged is absolutely the goal, and can be met by working together to create the simplest, fairest processes for all.