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**Subject:** Stoney Creek arena

Dear Mayor, I am writing as a concerned and deeply invested member of our community regarding the proposal to remove the ice from one of Hamilton and Stoney Creek's long-standing hockey arenas.

For years, this arena has been far more than a building with ice. It has been a community landmark — a place where countless Hamiltonians and Stoney Creek residents first learned to skate, played their first games of hockey, and built lifelong memories. Many of us who once tied our skates there as children now return with our own families, passing on traditions that are uniquely Canadian and deeply rooted in our local identity.

This arena represents accessibility, inclusion, and community connection. It provides a safe, affordable space for families, youth programs, and local teams. Removing the ice would fundamentally change the purpose of a facility that has long served as a gathering place and a source of pride for our neighbourhoods.

While we understand the challenges cities face when balancing budgets and planning for the future, we strongly believe that decisions of this magnitude must consider cultural and social value alongside financial factors. Once ice is removed from a community arena, the loss is often permanent — and with it goes a piece of our shared history.

We respectfully ask that you reconsider this decision, explore alternative solutions, and meaningfully engage with the community members who rely on and cherish this space. Preserving this arena in its current form is an investment in our families, our youth, and the fabric of our city.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your consideration of the voices of Hamiltonians and Stoney Creek residents who care deeply about the future of this community staple.

Sincerely,

Christine Clannon