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**Subject:** Stoeny Creek Arena

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed closure of the Stoney Creek Arena.

There is already a significant shortage of available ice time within the city. Closing Stoney Creek Arena will only worsen this issue and place additional strain on the remaining arenas, which are already operating at or near capacity. This will negatively impact local hockey teams, figure skaters, recreational users, and families who rely on consistent and accessible ice time.

At Rosedale Arena, there is already insufficient ice rental availability. The Rosedale Minor Hockey Association has already been required to give up additional ice times and dressing rooms to allow AAA and other Rep programs to take priority over our community programming. This has directly impacted our players, and families and demonstrates that existing facilities are already stretched beyond capacity.

These reductions directly affect our house league programs and essential growth and development initiatives such as First Shift, Parent and Tot, and other introductory programs. In addition, community access programs including Open Skates, Senior and Adult skates have already been limited due to the lack of available ice time. Further reductions will only restrict access to these foundational programs that support participation, inclusion, and long-term growth of hockey and skating within our community.

Further closures will only exacerbate these challenges, resulting in reduced programming opportunities, increased scheduling conflicts, and increased pressure on the remaining arenas. Rather than alleviating operational concerns, this decision risks creating widespread disruption across all facilities.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the closure of Stoney Creek Arena and explore alternative solutions that preserve ice availability while addressing any operational or financial concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope this matter will be carefully reviewed with the needs of the community in mind.

Yours truly

Mother of a Rosedale Devil and member of the Rosedale Minor Hockey Association