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Subject: Stoney Creek Arena

Good morning,

I am writing to express my family's strong opposition to the proposed closure of Stoney Creek Arena.

As a Stoney Creek family of five with three children playing hockey, that beautiful arena is truly a second home to us. My daughter regularly practices and plays games there with the Stoney Creek Sabres. Due to limited ice availability across the city, my son's team, the Glanaster Bombers, now also practices at Stoney Creek Arena, despite their home arena being all the way in Ancaster. Other arenas in Stoney Creek will not be able to cover demand and are smaller and in far worse shape (Saltfleet) or are owned and operated privately and charge exorbitant ice time fees (Gateway Arena).

Beyond youth hockey, Stoney Creek Arena is also home to the Stoney Creek Tigers Sr. AAA hockey club, which provides affordable, community-focused entertainment during some of the most difficult and isolating months of the year. This highlights just how vital this facility is—not only to my family and our immediate community, but to residents across the city and of all ages.

If revenue is a concern, there are opportunities to expand the arena's year-round use by hosting activities such as ball hockey, craft shows, and other community events. The building and its central location are far too important to lose. It's a valued community hub that hardworking taxpayers rely on and deserve to keep. It's closure would be devastating to the local community and the downtown Stoney Creek area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rob Wagner