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**Subject:** Closure of Stoney Creek Arena

I am writing in regards to the proposal to close Stoney Creek Arena.

As a member of the hockey community; I coach 3 separate hockey teams, am on ice for IP training, as well as help develop new skaters through the FIRST SHIFT program at Rosedale Arena. I believe the closure of Stoney Creek is an absolute tragic and ill advised decision.

Skating and Hockey being a national sport that we all feel Canada hangs its hat on, are already not the most accessible sports to families wanting to participate due to rising cost of equipment as well as member fees etc. More so the available ice time accessible for those that wish to just participate in open skate, stick and puck, or parent and tot is already so limited city wide. The rise of organizations like AAA Hockey programs have bought all the existing ice times forcing people to have to purchase full ice times (if they can even find it available) rather than entry fee to skate. We need to be doing the opposite of what this is proposing, we need to keep more arenas open, allow for more accessible ice times and available rental slots. A sport that is rooted in the veins of our national heritage hangs on a thread as it is, and making it harder by collapsing one arena and piecing its load out to other arenas to burden is a tremendous fail.

As a community member, Coach, and most importantly father of 3 kids who currently are trying their best to become the best hockey players they can be, I beg of you to cancel this proposal. Be a champion of the city, people, community, and national pride. Promote easier arena access, more available ice time, and keep Stoney Creek Arena open for the future generations to enjoy and learn how to skate and be with family.

I am always available for discussion and look forward to you all sitting down and making the right decision.

With Faith

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