EAST HANTS SKATING CLUB

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Dear Councillor Tingley,

We are writing this letter to highlight the importance of having affordable ice time for local, non profit organizations at The East Hants Sportsplex. Our club has nearly 150 members all from the local area, they range in age from three to seventy years old. We offer nationally recognized learn to skate and figure skating programs. Every year we have skaters on wait lists that we are not able to accommodate because of a lack of ice time. We have a growing figure skating program that is at risk of losing skaters and coaches to clubs that are able to offer more ice time with consistency. The ice time that we were able to secure this year was Fridays from 3pm to 7pm, as you can imagine ice time before 4:30pm is very difficult for many families to work into their schedules but it was the only ice time that the rink could consistently allow us to have. The sessions before 4:30pm have low registration numbers and operate at a loss to the club. We also have ice on Saturday mornings from 7:30am to 9am and we run our adult program on Sundays at 6pm. We have requested more ice time but have not been able to secure it. If we are able to secure a few more hours of ice time each week we are confident that we could increase our registration numbers to more than 200 skaters and offer our figure skaters the ice time required for them to stay in East Hants.

We appreciate your time and would be happy to discuss our concerns with you further

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Sincerely,

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