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As a tax payer, a facility user and a parent I must respond to the Curling Clubs Power Point Presentation. There are many points that could be addressed however I have only chosen what I believe to be relevant.

Curling Club calls it a Pilot as the Municipality labelled it a trial.

- 1) Met all Financial Obligations to Town. False. Amended contract in March, reduced hours and requested payment extension.
- 2) Total curling Revenue \$43,701.92 is false. Revenue is \$10,527.22
- 3) The schools have always had programming at the Community Center at no cost to the parents and kids for all grades.
- 4) Members at nearly 100. What was the actual participation numbers broken down to average per hour?
- 5) Have Ontario Curling been in contact with the staff regarding the statement "they want to come back"? How do we know this is certain?
- 6) The March letter and meeting with Council does not support this statement. "Grew interest and demand for Curling by Local residents." It reads completely opposite.
- 7) Succeeded in Pilot Program. Saturdays saw very limited participation and I refer to 1)
- 8) BMCC wants to be treated like all other... Stop going to council with requests. No other user does this. Follow the procedures and book the ice based on availability.
- 9) Sport Tourism would only apply with Bonspiels. Last year's model saw little to zero economic development outside of the last event. In comparison, hockey tournaments hosted at this facility bring in multiple teams and the parents or families. These occur several times a year and do support economic development.
- 10) Secure, on a rolling % year basis, an Ice Time commitment with TBM. We have seen how that worked in the trial year. This is an unrealistic expectation from either side to accommodate.

- 11) BVCS will not have a 100% increase in enrollment over last year. False.
- 12) BVCS has asked to expand program scope to five on ice session for each group – in addition to classroom sessions. False.
- 13) Planning for 3 x 5 week semesters... unrealistic to ask the parents or students for this commitment.
- 14) BMCC is not the saviour for the future of the Community Center. They are currently 1 of approximately 13 users. This number does not include private rentals throughout the holiday season. The financials should show a very different picture with curling vs. the previous year without it.
- 15) Working around PD Days. It's appears that the success for the curling club relies on the fees that they are obtaining from the parents of the participants. These are the same parents who were not charged to have their kids participate in skating for the past several years. Has anyone thought to ask the parents if given the choice between curling and skating what you and your child/children would prefer? I know the answer from the class that my child attends.

The tax payer should not be responsible for the financial requests that the Curling group chose not to disclose nor should they be entertained by this council. All other user groups purchase what is required for their particular needs. Not the municipality. They state on slide 10 we do not believe in public = Free and they want to be treated like all other community service groups.

Of all the statements made #12 represents the lack of credibility, ethics, and morals of this user group. As a parent I found it questionable and therefore showed the Principal the statement. My suspicions were correct in that BVCS had never asked such a thing. This is unacceptable!

I would like to point out that there are several Friday afternoon/evening ice requests from reputable groups. These include 2 minor hockey organizations and

historic users. All of which abide by the rules and procedures of ice scheduling requests and payments. No additional asks.

The staff may have times available that will not disrupt or displace any users. For example 9am – 2pm. Perhaps if they want “to be like all other community service user groups” they should have already been aware of this. This example is a perfectly viable resolution. Win for the several users and the community for all that are involved.

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