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Letter: Greetings,

Encourage South Huron Council to Consider New Rec Centre

South Huron Council is currently facing a decision on recreational facilities in our municipality, including sinking between \$1.5 Million and \$2 Million dollars on repairs to a dated outdoor swimming pool.

Some Council members may feel that the community would not benefit or prosper from an indoor pool, recreation facility (possible future twin pad arena) and multi-use community space as depicted in the Municipality Staff report found here: [A Path Forward](#) which includes conceptual drawings of a new recreational facility as well as cost breakdown of refurbishing the existing pool. Right now our elected officials are faced with deciding between significant investment into aged infrastructure, or to fulfill their responsibility to revitalize the vibrancy of the community, spur economic development, and attract people of all ages to live, work, and play in our community.

Municipal staff should be encouraged to undergo the necessary assessments and planning to bring a much needed, well deserved, and community hub to our community, not spend tax dollars or debt on fixing an outdoor pool to the tune of over a million dollars.

A new recreation facility presents the opportunity for financial recoveries through revenue generation, sponsorship opportunities, and Federal and Provincial grants. It also allows an opportunity for community building, to incorporate a "hub" model that can bring people of all ages under one roof, a model that has proven highly effective in both large urban and rural communities.

I ask you, the citizens of South Huron to sign this petition asking Council to Direct Civic Administration to pursue the development of a new recreation facility which incorporates an indoor pool, walking track, community hub and wellness space, and the potential for a twin pad arena. If we do not speak up as a community, council will revert to their own decision making prowess, which is a risk that could leave our community treading water while our families go elsewhere for recreational activities and other Municipalities collect the revenue.

In addition to signing this petition to make your voice heard, you can also attend a community consultation meeting regarding the outdoor pool on Wednesday September 13th 6:00-8:00pm at the Rec Centre

OR

A public consultation meeting regarding the Rec Centre/Community Hub plan on Tuesday October 4th 6:00-8:00pm at the Rec Centre

For more information see the recent edition of The HUB

Please make your voices heard.

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
annette denomme	Exeter Ontario, Canada	2017-09-12	Long overdue!!
Bobbi Jo Vandeworp	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	All ages would benefit in our community all year round
Shannon Datars	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	An indoor pool would be an incredible benefit for our community and I feel strongly would not go underused
Peggy Hohner	Dashwood, Canada	2017-09-12	We need something in our area for our young and our seniors. Spend the money wisely..
Rachel Jaques	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	Having a pool facility that could be used 12 months a year versus the current 2 would be fantastic!
Juanita Ryan	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	Can't justify spending millions on a pool that is only used for 8 weeks out of the year and by very few community members.
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Lindsay Arnold	South huron, Canada	2017-09-12	This would be fantastic for our community! Would get way more use out of it . I think it would benefit this community in big ways !
Chene Malott	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	Team South Huron Community deserves this!!! (team- a little word with a big meaning..)
JoAnne Pickering	Dashwood, Canada	2017-09-12	I agree if your going to do it do it right so it can be used a lot more!!
Dixie Van Amerongen	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	I currently drive to Vanastra a couple of times each week for Aqua Fit classes. Exeter deserves an indoor pool that can be used 12 months of the year instead of just a summer pool
Mike Kerslake	Toronto, Canada	2017-09-12	This would be great for the community. Long overdue. Exeter ont
Andrea Gordon	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	This would be great for the community
Ruth Petersen	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	An indoor pool is something for people of all ages. It is the best exercise being a workout without the force of gravity. This makes it possible for people with painful conditions to get the exercise they desperately need. It is something that can be used year round.
Wendy Meidinger	Bayfield, Canada	2017-09-12	I have Grandchildren in South Huron that will use the arena.
Dianne Waun	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	Let's not spend money upgrading our tired facilities passing the problem on to the next generation. I know that the walking track

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			would be well used. Let the fund-raising begin so we can do it right and have a pool/arena/rec centre we can be proud of.
Holly Bunyak	Hagar, Canada	2017-09-12	I grew up in the Exeter area and have many family members living there. I think it's time for Exeter to invest into creating a centre to grow with the community.
Corlette Elder	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	I totally agree spending any capital dollars on the old outside pool is a poor decision..... it is only open on a part time basis for 2 months of the year vs what an indoor, year round pool would offer. We are losing Exeter residents to other centres with indoor pool and walking tracks vs Exeter because of this.
Patricia Spence	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	It's time! We need to stay current and entice new families to move to our great town!!!!
Chantelle Linton	London, Canada	2017-09-12	This is long overdue and the community would greatly benefit from having this much better idea and better use of monies, implemented on a new rec centre by town counsel. Hopefully they hear the voices of the majority of residents who elected them when deciding.
Barbara Potter	Exeter, Ontario, Canada	2017-09-12	South Huron needs a facility to appeals to all residents. I believe many dollars have been wasted on consultants and drawings that do not represent the community needs. Please! Let's stop wasting money on Band-Aid solutions. Make the committment to the future requirements of our community today.
Barbara Potter	Exeter, Ontario, Canada	2017-09-12	South Huron needs a facility to appeals to all residents. Please! Let's stop wasting money on Band-Aid solutions. Lets make a committment to the future requirements of our community today!
Tara Jesney	Clinton, Canada	2017-09-12	That rec centre needs more hasn't been updated since I remember maybe outside of it and I'm 33 .
lindsay groot	Crediton, Canada	2017-09-12	As a young and growing family, I support my dollars 100% for a new facility catering to these needs. I want a healthy future for my children with plentiful opportunities for activity.We experience more foul weather in this region than good, and an outdoor refurbished pool which is used less than 1/3 of the year, seems wasteful to community dollars when a four season alternative could be used daily all year long hosting aqua fit; prenatal swims; winter swim lessons; implement a swim team sport and more. The walking track/area would be ideal for our senior population, and those with disabilities, as we are not equipped as a rural community to provide a safe space for them to walk when the risk of falls in winter is so high. No to mention, obesity and sedentary lifestyle is a national issue in Canada and abroad, let's support the fight against obesity by supporting a healthy and active lifestyle by providing proper facilities. Our children need opportunities for extracurriculars to healthy lifestyle development
heather strano	Ilderton, Ontario, Canada	2017-09-12	YES!!! Long long overdue! Is something exeter and area definitely needs!
Brooke Moffatt	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	There is a huge need of an indoor swimming pool for Exeter

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chris macdonald	exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	The kids around south Huron deserve an upgraded sports complex
Daniel Heywood	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	Because we need something here to draw different demographics to South Huron and its time to say goodbye to the outdoor pool. It has long served its purpose!!
Michelle Durand-Sereda	Centralia, Canada	2017-09-12	I definitely support a new, improved Rec facility in our community....much needed and will be well used!
Janita Johns	Woodham, Canada	2017-09-12	Born and raised in and around the community of Exeter, and currently raising my family here--- I believe a new recreational facility would be an awesome addition to the community. I know many people who drive 20-45 minutes to have heir kids take indoor swimming lessons-- year round!!This year my family paid \$120 per month for 8 months to be members at the YMCA of Stoney creek/ north London. I was surprised to see many familiar faces from the community of Exeter.Hopefuly! this petition is helpful in hearing from some true stakeholders that this decision will impact!
Melissa Veldman	Hensall, Canada	2017-09-12	It would be wonderful for our community!
Ron Van Amerongen	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	The pool should be indoors so it can be used year round. Why spend money on something only usable at most for 3 months.
Karen Brown	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	It's time our community got moving. When I look at the vitality of Lucan just down the road I am heartsick to see how quickly they have pulled ahead of Exeter. It doesn't have to be so difficult to make this community 'the place to be' but it does take will and commitment on the part of council.
Ireen Taylor	West Hempstead, US	2017-09-12	for all my family young and old this would be a nice place to go to
Hilary Huisman	Chatham-Kent, Canada	2017-09-12	I see the value for the community that I grew up in. Much needed.
Barbara Mitchell	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-12	Huron County needs this uplift
Tasia MacGregor	Ailsa Craig, Canada	2017-09-12	I want to see Exeter with a multifunctional rec centre
Julie Knoblauch	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-13	I believe we need an accessible and updated recreation facility to service the current residents of South Huron and to encourage new families to move to our municipality too.
janis bisback	hensall, Canada	2017-09-13	All ages ,all year round would benefit from an indoor pool.
Kim Young	Toronto, Canada	2017-09-13	This community needs this!
greg graham	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-13	It would be great for the community
Pat Katool	Strathroy, Canada	2017-09-13	I used to live in the area and there needs to be more for all to enjoy, great area to visit, terrific shops and friendly town!
James Vellenga	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-13	South Huron needed this for years, all the way back to before the new Library was built. It would be great to see a council that looks

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			to the long term rather than sticking with worn out and outdated facilities that do nothing to bring the community together or provide services like swimming and indoor walking and running year round.
Marlene Thornton	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-13	Walking is hard on my legs (even though I do it. I have missed Kicks Aquatic. Swimming is good exercise for weight loss. In the winter, the weather is so changeable that I hesitate to drive to another community to swim, in case I can't get home.
Wendy Case	Hensall, Canada	2017-09-13	The municipality of South Huron would absolutely benefit from more ice pads but, particularly an indoor competition size swimming pool. Not all kids play hockey or wish to skate for that matter. A swim team would be well received. Our boys swam competitively but we had to drive outside the area, early mornings for that to happen. An indoor pool would allow seniors to participate in aquasize classes which is a huge benefit to physical and mental health and well being. Kids who don't wish to skate could take year round swimming lessons, which actually is a life skill and should be more encouraged and promoted. The Pyramid Centre in St. Marys is a fantastic facility and so is the YMCA in Goderich. I see no point in putting tax dollars into the outdated arena and pool. It is time South Huron!
Heather Ray-Armstrong	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-13	Can I book my kids birthday party there? See?? Money made back already! I think anything that helps keep my family and I active year round would be a great addition to our community!
Kerri Fulton	Walkerton, Canada	2017-09-13	Long over due...this would attract young families to the area
Monica Masse	Goderich, Canada	2017-09-14	What is this town waiting for. So need an indoor facility
Justin Konikow	London, Canada	2017-09-14	South Huron is in a great position right now and poised for growth. We know from experience that a project like this would be something many families are looking for in a community. We wholeheartedly support this project and would be happy to sponsor it.
Laura Hull	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-14	I could not agree more. Sinking money into a very limited use outdoor pool is outrageous. I would love to have access to indoor, YEAR ROUND community recreation facilities, well beyond accommodation for hockey. Updating and modernizing a centralized community hub is essential to keep residents active and happy, so let's be progressive for once and keep it local.
Joanna Gilarski	Exeter, Canada	2017-09-17	Having an indoor pool would be great for the community. It would offer seniors to have classes for arthritis, day swims. Would encourage parents to take their children to swimming lessons, and is an overall beneficial sport for anyone of any age.