

May 3rd, 2017

To Mayor Cole, Members of Council and Staff,

On behalf of the South Huron Optimist Club, we encourage council and staff to continue to seek public input as you go through the planning process of the pool and arena projects. We believe that hearing the voice of many stakeholders is important when working towards a goal that will have an impact on the whole community. During the process of building the splash pad, one of the effective methods that was used in order to include public input was to have a project steering committee that included members of council, staff, Optimist and Lions Club members, and other members of the general public. We believe that it would be ideal for council and staff to hear ideas from representatives of various community groups, service clubs, and of different ages and points of view as you create your plan for the pool and arena. We encourage you to allow the general public to have an opportunity to have their voice heard, at a time during the day when it is convenient for many, such as an open house in the evening, or by inviting members of the public to serve on a steering committee. We look forward to putting forth our ideas and continuing our partnership with the municipality on future projects. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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