

Request to South Huron Council

I understand that the municipality is actively looking at a new recreational complex. I would like to encourage you to think about a multi faceted facility including an arena, but also one that includes an indoor facility that would be used all year, similar to the Royal Distributing Athletic Performance Centre near Guelph.

This type of facility is sadly lacking in our region, which forces citizens to go to facilities in London. This facility would have an artificial turf surface. It would be surrounded by a four lane walking-jogging track separated by a floor to ceiling curtain. A small viewing area could be added upstairs on one side.

The centre in Guelph is twice the size that would be required here, but is not "gold plated". It seemed to be built for functionality and is able to host many activities that currently is not available in this area. Examples of this include off season hockey, soccer, all types of ball , golf and of course my sport of field hockey.

The facility is very suitable for fitness and yoga classes.

The track allows people of all ages to pursue life long activity as our summers become more hot and humid and of course during our long winters when outside walking is hazardous.

No other municipality in this region, except for London has this type of facility and with proper marketing, it could be rented to individuals and groups from this and surrounding communities.

It provides a safe, accessible environment to people with physical activities

It provides a safe environment for all ages, from children in strollers to all seniors.

It gives many more opportunities for youth to be actively involved in many new challenges.

Please consider the advantages and opportunitites in providing this type of facility.

Sincerely,

Jim Workman