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Subject: Request for South Huron Council to reconsider an "indoor pool" to be added to the community hub/arena proposed

Good afternoon South Huron Council Members:

We attended last night's meeting at the Rec centre. We are not in favour of spending any dollars on an old, outside pool until consideration is given to various options for an indoor pool when developing the concept of a net zero community hub. The outdoor pool is only utilized 8 weeks a year.....children, adults including seniors are currently heading out of town to other area pools (Goderich/London/St Marys) as we do not offer this type of facility. Also in the past two months, at least two families we know of have moved away from Exeter due to no indoor pool being available....I am sure there are many more....A new complex including an indoor pool would also help to bring young families/more growth to Exeter which is needed.....perhaps a 1 pad ice service along with indoor pool should be looked at versus a 2 pad arena when we have two ice pads with indoor pool should be looked at versus a 2 pad arena when we have two ice pads close at Hensall and Huron Park.

As such, our request is that council revisit their earlier motion to take an "indoor pool off the table" . This would at least allow administration to explore what options might be available including the energy efficiencies/grants etc. that would assist with the capital cost of such. Again, one of the ideas that Julianne Varley had was a good one....we don't need a pool like the one in Goderich/St Marys but one perhaps in between this size and the one Deb Oke ran for many years. Instead of spending \$1.5-2.5M on an old pool with 8 week utilization, these funds could be put toward a pool that could be utilized by all members of South Huron and surrounding area for 12 months in a year.

Our community deserves at least to be able to look at the various options including the economics of an indoor pool rather than it just being "off the table".

For the council that was in attendance at last night's meeting, it was pretty clear the vast majority of the group in attendance was also in favour of this change to the prior resolution. I trust the council members were listening....

Respectively submitted,

Corlette and Brad Elder