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To: West Grey Council

Dear Council,

For the past 10 plus years, Special Olympics Ontario has been running a speed skating program at the Walkerton arena. During that time, we have had 1 athlete, Helen Clancy qualify for the World Games and several others qualify for the National Games. Because we always used non-prime time ice, the Municipality of Brockton was always able to waive the ice fees for our program. Due to recent renovations done to the arena, they no longer have room to store the safety pads required to run our program.

At this time, we have confirmed that all 5 of our athletes are eager to return this year and at least 1 new athlete has registered. This season will be a tune-up for the National Games in Calgary AB in 2024. We anticipate at least 4 of our 6 athletes once again qualifying for these games. Including a West Grey resident, Jessica Carr. This would be her third National Games representing both Special Olympics Ontario and our local chapter.

I have approached the arena attendant in Ayton, and he believes there is abundant space to store our pads and ice time available on Weds at 4pm for us to use. Because we will again be using non-prime time ice, we are requesting that the Municipality of West Grey waive the ice fees for our program.

Special Olympics Ontario is an amazing program for athletes that allows them to gain confidence, meet new friends and excel in all areas of their lives. We sincerely hope that the Municipality of West Grey will be eager to become a partner in helping our athletes achieve their goals.

Sincerely,

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