

Blade 1 Professional Power Skating School

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Good Morning Mayor and Council

Hope everyone is doing well. My name is Brigitte Wolf-Taulbee and I am the Director and Head Professional of the Blade 1 Professional Power Skating School. I have been running the Blade 1 program for at least 10 yrs. in the Ayton arena and before that I was in Port Elgin for at least 8. I have approximately 174 yearly participants ranging from the ages of 5-19yrs of age for 5 hrs. nightly for 10 days. I employ a staff that are still participating in the Blade 1 Professional Power Skating School or were formerly participants of the Blade 1 Professional Power Skating program.

I am sure many you know or may have children or grandchildren which have or are suffering for lack of organized sports as a direct result of the covid-19 pandemic. The coming year for many of the older participants is an extremely important year if they have aspirations of a hockey career or school scholarship through hockey.

At the current time I am only permitted to have 14 participants and myself on the ice at one time. I would like to continue to provide some sort of program in the Ayton area during this time difficult time. I am requesting the hourly cost of the ice be lowered to allow the program to be able to go forward and allow these kids to pursue their goals. The current hourly cost of the ice makes it impossible to run a program with the numbers that the Province permits on the ice. I understand there is the new legislation as of July 13, 2020 which allows 50 participants so may not need to request the ice cost reduction but would need to have that confirmed before I go forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Brigitte Wolf-Taulbee*

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