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Dear West Grey Council:

As you may be aware, the West Grey Soccer Club, along with many soccer clubs in Ontario, was not able to operate last season (2020) due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Although we were not allowed to continue as a club - obtaining monies through registrations and fundraisers - we were still responsible for the maintenance and bills associated with the fields and building located in Durham. Our volunteers were happy to keep the area usable for all community members, but nothing is completely free.

Sadly, due to multiple break and enter occurrences to our pavilion and surrounding residences, we made the decision to install a security system. Yet another unplanned cost to help protect the public space.

Although we have incurred bills during this closure, we would love for them not to affect our coming season and the registration costs to the families of our community. We have managed to keep our fees the same for the past five years, and would like to do our best to keep participation as affordable as possible.

It has been brought to our attention that money has been set aside in the budget to help with the operation of the West Grey Soccer Club. Our club would appreciate any assistance council may be able to provide.

As we progress through the pandemic we are not sure what 2021 will bring, but we sincerely hope we will be back up and running this summer. Our players and families miss the game!

We would like to thank you in advance for your consideration, and for your support to keep soccer alive in our community.

Sincerely, The West Grey Soccer Club Executive