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Dear Claire Doble,

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Brock Minor Hockey Association, I am writing to formally request early access to ice facilities at Beaverton for the upcoming 2024-2025 season.

Our organization relies heavily on access to ice for training, programming, and preparing for the competitive season. However, recent changes in scheduling and requirements, particularly those imposed by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and Hockey Canada, have necessitated an adjustment in our approach to ice allocation.

In the past few years, these new requirements have mandated pre-skates before our tryouts can commence, forcing us to book additional ice time in Woodville and Lindsay to accommodate these mandatory pre-skates. Due to the closure of the Sunderland facility this season, our scheduling options have become further limited, which is why we are writing this letter, however, once Sunderland Re-Opens, we hope that early ice would continue to be available at a sooner date for every year moving forward beyond 2024.

Our season is scheduled to begin on October 7th, 2024. To adequately prepare our teams, we require one week for pre-skates, two weeks for tryouts, and an additional week of practice before the commencement of the season. Delays in access to ice facilities would put our organization at a significant disadvantage compared to others in neighboring centers, all of whom have access to ice between August 26<sup>th</sup> through September 9<sup>th</sup> at various facilities in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Therefore, we are formally requesting early access to ice facilities at Beaverton with the aim of having the ice installed and available for use no later than Friday, September 9th, 2024. We strongly prefer that the ice be available for use by Tuesday, September 6th, following Labour Day, to align with our preparation timeline, if possible.

In terms of commitment, we anticipate utilizing 12-22.5 hours per week for the first two weeks after Labour Day and up to 40+ hours per week thereafter, or as close to a full schedule as already provided to the ice allocation committee.

Early access to ice would not only benefit our organization in meeting OMHA/Hockey Canada requirements but also enhance player development, team cohesion, and overall performance, thereby contributing positively to our goals for the season.

We understand the importance of timeliness and are prepared to submit any necessary documentation or further information to support our request. We kindly ask for your favorable consideration of this matter at the upcoming council meeting.

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Thank you for your attention to our request. Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mgross.bmha@gmail.com](mailto:mgross.bmha@gmail.com) or 905-925-4767.

Yours sincerely,

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