

Sunderland Lions Club



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Mayor Walter Schummer
Township of Brock
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Dear Members of the Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Sunderland Lions Club to express our interest in sponsoring public skating at the Sunderland Memorial Arena for approximately 20 Friday evenings, starting in November, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 season. Our goal is to offer free public skating sessions for youth between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., providing a safe, fun, and active environment for the young people in our community.

Currently, the rental cost for the arena is \$262.16 for a two-hour session. We respectfully request that the Council consider granting an exemption to the current pricing policy by reducing the rental fee to the equivalent of a one-hour session, i.e., approximately 50% of the current rate. The reasons for this request are as follows:

- Providing a safe, engaging space for our youth is one of the best ways to promote physical activity and encourage community involvement.
- Offering this program will help keep local youth off the streets and engaged in positive, healthy activities.
- The alternative revenue the Township might generate during this time would be comparable.

The Sunderland Lions Club is deeply committed to two of the Lions' "Global Causes": supporting youth and promoting physical activities to prevent diabetes. These initiatives are central to our mission, and we believe that offering public skating aligns with these values. Therefore, we hope that the Council will consider granting a special exemption to the rental fee policy.

We kindly ask that this matter be placed on an upcoming Committee or Council agenda to facilitate the planning and promotion of this initiative. Should you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bagshaw
President, Sunderland Lions Club

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