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**Subject:** Re: Council April 29, 2024 - Request for Early Ice in Beaverton  
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Dear Deena,

I hope this email finds you well.

The BMHA recently met with Wayne Ward, along with representatives from the Beaverton Fair Board, Sunderland Ringette, Beaverton Skating Club, and the Beaverton Lions Club to discuss the possibility of early ice installation for the 2025/2026 season.

After further review and in consideration of the negative impact on the Beaverton Lions Club and Beaverton Fair Board due to lack of time to adjust, we have decided to adjust our request. We are officially withdrawing our proposal for early access to ice for the 2025/2026 season and instead request that this change be implemented starting in the Fall of 2026.

To support this adjustment, we plan to hold a series of meetings with the Fair Board in the coming months. Based on the outcomes of those discussions, we will submit an official request for September ice use at Beaverton Arena for the start of the 2026/2027 season no later than April 30, 2025.

That said, in light of our withdrawal for Fall 2025 and the new challenges we face due to changes in the landscape of Minor Hockey, we would like to officially request that Council extend BMHA's access to ice for the remainder of the 2024/2025 season until May 11, 2025. This extension would allow us to hold spring tryouts in compliance with the new regulations set forth by the OHF.

We appreciate the urgency of this request and understand the constraints it places on your timeline. Unfortunately, due to being notified of these new requirements only in late December, we were unable to provide the advance notice we would have preferred. While we understand a request of this nature typically requires more deliberation, we kindly ask that Council consider this matter at its next earliest opportunity to help us make the necessary arrangements should this extension not be feasible, although, preliminary conversations with Wayne indicate that this isn't a huge stretch, although further investigation is indeed required.

Thank you for your time and understanding, and we greatly appreciate your attention to these matters.

Best regards,  
Matt Gross  
President, Brock Minor Hockey Association