

To the clerk of brock township for submission to the Mayor and members of council

We last wrote to council asking about the availability of renting a portion of the ice surface at the curling club. At the time of writing it was refused. It is understood that at the time some positions were vacant or being covered by others that didn't have the knowledge or expertise to make an informed decision. We understand and appreciate the decision. Now that these people are in place, we would like this matter to be reassessed by the Facilities Co-ordinator as mentioned in your memorandum of December 14 2020. This is regarding the rental of half of the ice surface space for use to accommodate fitness classes. The gym equipment will remain in the original area as the weight of it would require a substantial base. Covid has impacted these classes because we don't have the space required for social distancing. One class has been unable to run due to the lack of space and the extensive cleaning of all the equipment used in it. This class pre covid was covering over half of the rent on its own with many unable to attend class due to lack of space. We would like to hear any thought or concerns from the Facility co-ordinator or meet in person.

When this pandemic started there was no way of anyone knowing the longevity of it. We are all still suffering the physical and financial restraints almost 2 years later. For whatever reason the government deemed gyms and fitness facilities to be a hot spot therefore incurring a longer period of limited access and closures. This is a near impossible task to overcome with a new business, especially one that requires in person attendance. During these closures Zoom classes were available at half the rate to help anyone wishing to attend. From the beginning Devils Fitness has put members safety first and will continue to do so. We have ample supply of cleaning products readily available for members use not including the daily cleaning by Devils fitness with a hospital grade disinfectant. As owners we have taken the responsibility of being vaccinated to help promote a safe facility. Through every closure we incurred by the Government we suspended members existing memberships at our expense. In these trying times we have seen expenses climb and taking with it money needed to promote and advertise the business as well as cosmetic upgrades. Our membership is currently about 60 members (13-65) through word of mouth, social media and the recognition of Natasha Percival from her extensive contributions to previous gyms in town. Some members coming from Beaverton, Sunderland and the Cannington area. A gym and fitness facility is different than other forms of business because it extends past the initial purchase. The facility is not limited to amount of usage during the purchased period. Any gains whether physical, mental or social can extend past the membership.

Devils Fitness has invested a significant amount of money in equipment needed for this type of business. We plan to explore new equipment and upgrade where necessary. At this time, we are unable to hire staff due to lack of funds. We fully intend to employ staff in the future.

Devils Fitness is aware that rent has been in arrears of the rent this year. We are doing everything possible to have that brought up to date. It has been increasingly difficult due to ZERO support from the Provincial Government. All attempts for assistance from them from and their programs resulted in exactly \$0 for us. This shouldn't have affected our rental agreement for that we sincerely apologize and are appreciative of your understanding. You will notice the frequency of payments as of late. This is mainly due to new and existing members coming back. All rent will be sent as soon as it becomes available. Everything will be paid up to date prior to signing a new lease agreement.

Devils Fitness would like to ask for a reduction in rent for the upcoming lease agreement. We are asking for any assistance whether it be monthly or the entire term of the lease. Any assistance would be greatly

appreciated to help stabilize the business for the future. We believe this business within this facility could do very well for a long time.

Thank you for your time. Myself and my husband would like the opportunity to speak on this at the upcoming meeting any answer and questions or concerns.