



To: East Zorra Tavistock,

This letter is in regards to the upcoming possibility of no longer having ice available in the Tavistock Arena till after fair weekend.

With the Tavistock Braves Junior Hockey Club, whom have been a big part in the hockey community of Tavistock for over 55 years now.

We have typically started the 1st or 2nd week of August for training camp in Tavistock for the upcoming season.

Were we would usually take a Monday and Wednesday night or a Wednesday and Friday night for 2 hours each night, to start gearing up for the upcoming seasons.

Then we usually have 2-4 Exhibition games as well in preparation.
With two of them being in Tavistock mid to end of August to show the community our team and start drawing more interest for the upcoming hockey season.

If the ice is not available to us in Tavistock till after the fair weekend.
We would basically have to load up everything and go and support another township or city and be paying a higher premium for Ice in Stratford, Kitchener or New Hamburg.
And that is only if we can even get ice there to train and prepare for the 2025-26 season.

Then come back to Tavistock for our Friday home opener on Sept 12th/2025.
What shape would the ice even be in by Friday for our home opener after only being installed a day or two prior to our first league game?

Is there a possibility of meeting in the middle with this and other user groups?

Could we push the ice installation till the week of Aug 18th maybe?
Weather typically is not as hot as the first couple weeks of August.
Then it would not cause so much stress on the units having to run as hard.

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The Braves could likely try and go off site for a week or two to make everything work better for both sides, if pushing the installation of the ice off a couple weeks.

Another solution to this and maybe helps costs, I'm sure us and other user groups would be ok to pay more of a premium as well during the hotter months of the season.

Would raising the cost \$10-20 an hour, help out if the ice was installed August 18th till end of September.

I'd think it would.

If the ice wasn't installed until the week of August 18th this would help both the Township on saving costs, as well as helping out the people this building is provided for. The user groups and community still being able to use it for what it is meant for.

I know this seems like its about the Dollar value, Compressor and refrigeration unit usage and we understand that.

But it is also not our fault or any other user group's fault that this has been neglected or not properly budgeted for repairs or new units to be installed down the road.

Another way to possibly help out, is also on the community social media pages and so on, is there much advertising for what ice is still available on these days or open ice for kids, adults or user groups that might be interested in more ice to be used and to create more revenue in the community for this.

Rather then the ice sitting empty at times.

We used to have \$5-\$10.00 Ice per person/user before, when the ice sat empty during the day at times anyways.

Would that extra money not help to if that was brought back?

I used to go down on a Friday morning when I had a day off work with 5-10 guys and just play shinny hockey with half the lights on years ago.

And the ice would not be bothered enough to have to worry about flooding it either for the next group.

That is another idea and a bit extra money to bring back as well potentially?

If it is posted somewhere for people to see, rather then calling and checking all the time. That would create more interest as well I believe.

I know you can go on the website and find it somewhere in bookings.

But does everyone know where to look for that, like young kids with snow days and so on in the community?

Maybe a couple of posts promoting about open Ice some days, or early in the year and end of the year would create more people in the community or outside of it to get a 3 on 3 league or more spring camps or training camps or just single rentals coming to Tavistock to bring in more revenue to help offset costs.

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Those are just a few ideas I am trying to help out with to meet in the middle here. I'd much rather support our community if we the Braves can by renting the ice in Tavistock.

If we have to go off site for a couple weeks, I can understand that at the start of August.

But the mention of abundances of open ice in cities with ice in (indicated in the report) there are other teams whose ice does not go in until September looking for open ice as well. So, it is harder to get then you think and It will also come at an added cost to the team.

Is the Township going to lower the ice rate then, to cover these added expenses to the organizations?

By putting the ice in after the fair weekend, I don't think is the solution.

If we can meet in the middle and have it installed in the mid August would be very helpful to us and many other user groups I believe, as I assume we the user groups would all share in the same opinion.

I just want to thank you all for our consideration on this topic. We appreciate all the township does, and Matt along with his staff at the arena do to make this place a great place to come and use in the hockey community.

We look forward to hearing back on this.

Sincerely,

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