

Rodney Shuffleboard and Carpet Bowlers  
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West Elgin Municipal Council  
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November 30, 2020

Dear Mayor and Councillor:

We are writing on behalf of the Rodney Shuffleboard and Carpet Bowler members to request a continuation of our rental agreement approved by former council members as a result of an earlier request. We agreed to pay the Municipality \$50.00 per month for using the recreation centre arena from 9:00 am until approximately 11:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays from October to May each year.

Please note, we are not casual or occasional renters. We are seasonal and our play times are not high demand times. However this changed recently, when Municipal Council undertook to use the Centre Thursday mornings for meeting the public on Council business.


Prior to the recent renovation and upgrades of the arena, arising from a federal government grant, we had access to 7 shuffleboard courts. As a result of the renovations, we have been reduced to four courts carrying 16 playing positions. This situation creates difficulty in being able to accommodate the current membership of 20 people in 16 spaces. Asking members to "sit out a game or two" defeats the whole purpose of coming out in the first place. Increased fees will further aggravate a tricky situation.

We require little or no support from the staff at Parks and Recreation. We recycle glass beads that are used as anti-friction aids in playing shuffleboard. Therefore, we sweep all of the courts before commencing play. We also sweep up and recycle the glass beads after finishing play. All of the equipment for shuffleboard and carpet bowling has been brought to the Rodney Recreation Centre over the years through grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation as well as from local service clubs (Kiwanis, Lions and others).

We are up to date in following Covid-19 guidelines for health and safety. All of our players are over 60 years of age and will not take undue chances with their health. We will help enforce safety protocols among all members and expel from the Recreation Centre any player breaching safety guidelines.

Please give our request serious consideration. If further information is required, please call at 519-785-2184 or email [ahrabinski@teksavvy.com](mailto:ahrabinski@teksavvy.com)

Sincerely yours,

  
Adam Hrabinski  
Shuffleboard co-ordinator