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Subject: Outdoor Ice Rink Proposal
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Good morning Mrs. Nethercott,

My name is Melissa Maheux I have been a resident of West Elgin for approximately 10 years. I have 4 children and I am an active member of the community.

A few weeks ago my son asked me why we had to drive out to London to be able to skate outdoors. And wondered if our community could consider having our Outdoor ice rink again. So I started a Facebook group and used social medias to see if this is something our community would like to see again.

I understand that the ice rink has failed in the past due to our warm Winters. But other communities are very successful with the use of the proper equipment. I am aware that this would come at a cost. Perhaps with the use of a sponsor this would help offset the cost. The rink could be also rented out for family events that would also bring in revenue, group hockey games etc... We could also get volunteers to help maintain/ build the rink. For this year we could use a wood/tarp rink and work towards something more permanent with the proper equipment next year? I am willing to go out and see if we could get a company or companies to sponsor our rink.

I know that we have a great Arena in West Lorne but with my past experience the public skating are only a few times per week, sometimes cancelled due to Hockey Tournament. By having an outdoor rink families can access and enjoying skating anytime through the week. There is not much to do for our kids in the community especially during the Winter months. This would be great for everyone to enjoy. Fresh air and exercise for everyone.

Please feel free to check the Facebook group i have created and see the votes I have obtained in only 4 days. 135 families have voted and said they would like the return of the rink and would use it.

[\(2\) Let's bring back an ice rink to Rodney!! | Facebook](#)

I would like if this could be presented at the next council meeting and discussed.

Thank you for taking the time to read my proposal.

Sincerely,
Melissa Maheux