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**Subject:** letter for council  
**Date:** Monday, September 20, 2021 2:34:10 PM

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Your Worship & Members,

Pls see below which will be added to the agenda on the 27th for receipt.

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From: noreply@strathroy-caradoc.ca <noreply@strathroy-caradoc.ca> On Behalf Of Chris Das  
Sent: September 20, 2021 2:29 PM  
To: Fred Tranquilli <ftranquilli@strathroy-caradoc.ca>  
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As a resident of Strathroy I would like to support the conclusions developed by Nustudia (and supported by the staff of our municipality). While I am sympathetic to the concerns to a number of vocal groups concerning the proposed closure of the Tri Township Arena I am also committed to a community that:

- 1) provides services that the community requires and
- 2) does so in a financially responsible manner.

As our community grows and changes, (and the sports landscape changes-Pickleball anyone?), the facilities we support with tax dollars need to be reasonable and reflective of the tax payers who are using and paying for the facilities. With an aging population it is foolish to continue to spend so much of our limited resources on ice rinks. The surveys completed by Nustudia also show that there is a need for different activity spaces-it is foolish posturing to glibly say 'I disagree with the survey', as was mentioned in one of the presentations to council without providing valid data. The closing of the Tri Township Area does not mean that the affected families can no longer enjoy the sports they love, nor does it mean that there will no longer exist places for people to gather and enjoy activities (I seem to remember a large multi use domed field in the list of suggestions!!) It just means there will be different facilities that are more reflective of the community they serve. Combining facilities under one roof in order to share operating costs might result in a few families driving 10 mins longer to reach their destination but also in an affordable tax bill for the majority. It is easy for people to put a sign in their lawn or attach it to a petition however when the tax bill arrives and housing costs go up the happiness is quickly eroded. While there was some agreement with an increase in property taxes for the improvement of recreational facilities most of the improvements that respondents would like to see seemed to reflect a diversification from 'ice' activities.

Finally, communities all over have experienced the closing of one facility as a result of age and the subsequent development of a new facility-usable life is a function of the age of a building. This is the result of time and change. SDCI is but one example that has happened in our municipality. I would encourage you as the council of Strathroy Caradoc to strongly heed the advice you paid for from Nustudia (along with that of your staff) and from this resident who reflects those who stress prudence in spending. The residents of Strathroy that I represent with this letter are not likely to voice support via meeting attendance or letter writing, however we are many!

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