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Subject: Arena
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We need our arena in Mt. Brydges to stay. Either fix it up or build a new one. What has been proposed is not what this town wants. Listen to the tax payers of this town. We are tired of being told what you think we need .we need our ARENA.

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From: [Jeff Poaps](#)
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Subject: Question about recreation facility renewal
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Hello

I have a few concerns and questions with regards to the recreation facility renewal plan. I haven't been to any meetings due to time constraints but have been reading the minutes/reports which are available online.

1. Is there a general consensus that this is 100 percent needed in the community? I can see some upgrades are needed but the tax hit is quite significant.
2. Is it worth "updating" the existing facilities? Correct me if I am wrong but wasn't the memorial arena already "upgraded" not that long ago? This is still a good facility to use and shouldn't be "demolished/decommissioned". I am unsure about the facility in Mt. Brydges.
3. The total net tax increase is absurd. 12.8% net total taxation rate increase. This will affect low/fixed income individuals. Our family came to Strathroy for the lifestyle and to save a little on taxes. An increase of 12.8 percent (or more) makes me second guess our move compared to what we paid previously and the services offered in the "city" comparatively in Strathroy where services are limited. I am not sure if there have been any other complaints with regards to the tax increase we could be seeing. It's just a bit much in my opinion.
4. Are there any federal or provincial grants available or any partnerships available (ie. ymca)?
5. How about let the voters decide? Put it to a vote - it's an option.

Jeff

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