

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to formally request your support and financial commitment towards a critical infrastructure project concerning the replacement of the failing Arena 1 ice pad. The estimated cost of this necessary project is \$2 million, and we are seeking approval from all three municipal units—Municipality of Argyle, Municipality of Yarmouth, and the Town of Yarmouth—to contribute their respective portions towards its completion.

The ice pad at Arena 1 has suffered from multiple leaks due to deteriorating pipes beneath the floor. Experts have advised that the system is at the end of its lifespan, and failure is now inevitable. To ensure the continued safe operation of this facility, it is imperative that we undertake this work in the spring and summer of 2026. The likelihood of third-party funding for this maintenance/ capital project is extremely low. Although we have been keeping in touch with the Province of NS and will continue to do so.

It is important to note that during the construction period, the arena space will be unavailable for events. Early approval of this funding request is crucial to allow sufficient time to notify users and organizers of normal events so they can make alternative arrangements well in advance.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and would be happy to provide any additional information required. We look forward to your response at your earliest convenience to allow planning and scheduling to proceed accordingly.

Thank you for your time and support.

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Board Chair

