

December 6, 2021

From: Joe Galati, Mississauga Resident, Petition Starter for

**“Save Mississauga's Only Outdoor Covered Hockey/Skating Rink from Destruction in March 2021”**

and

**“Mississauga: Build TWO Outdoor ROOFED RINKS (replacing Chic Murray) Before Election 2022!”**

To the Mayor of Mississauga, Ward Councillors, and City Executives,

In summary, the “Outdoor Artificial Ice Facilities for City Parks” report dated November 29, 2021:

- talks about replacement rinks 3 to 5 years from now
- does not mention hockey rinks
- criticizes roofed rinks
- considers poor alternatives like synthetic and conversion rinks
- is avoiding a replacement of equal quality or better to Burnhamthorpe Outdoor Rink (aka Chic Murray Outdoor)
- does not discuss the Gulleden Park Survey results
- does not provide free indoor ice for skating/shinny until replacement roofed rink built

On Thursday November 11, 2021, I emailed my Ward 7 Councilor Dipika Damerla, along with Olav Sibille, Team Leader, Long-Term Planning for parks, along with Kristina Zietsma, Director of Recreation regarding the report promised to Council in Fall 2021 for an examination of replacement outdoor refrigerated roofed skating/hockey rinks after demolishing a rare expensive tax payer funded roofed rink at Burnhamthorpe Community Centre without widespread community consultation.

On Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>, Kristina Zietsma responded with carbon copy to Jody Robillos, Commissioner, Community Services indicating they know I have been asking questions to Ward 7 Councillor and City staff and gave me a coordinated response saying the report is coming.

And I have now seen the report prepared and dated Monday November 29, 2021.

The report seems to indicate a preference to consider replacement rinks occur with the Parks, Forestry & Environment's Future Directions Master Plan 2024 process. There is also mention of considering a pilot to use synthetic ice and a conversion ice system in 2023 to follow Brampton's lead back in 2020. I personally tested Brampton's synthetic ice and it was a poor experience and staff told me it was very

underutilized and hard to skate and glide on. I also tested the conversion rinks which had noisy generators and small surfaces with low quality ice. These options are not equal quality or better to the Burnhamthorpe Outdoor Rink.

I want to remind Council that the decision to remove the outdoor roofed rink in favour of a swimming pool was partly based on a July 25, 2012 "Arena Provision Strategy" by Monteith Brown Planning Consultants and The JF Group that states:

"Mississauga remains a favoured destination for newcomers to Canada. According to the 2006 Census, 52% of Mississauga's population are immigrants, nearly double the provincial average. The 2006 Census also revealed that 49% of Mississauga's population was a visible minority. These groups, particularly if new to the country, may have different recreational interests (such as indoor soccer or cricket) which in turn are changing the demand for traditional sports. Similarly, level of income plays a role in participation (higher incomes are correlated with greater participation); while Mississauga reported a higher median household income than the provincial average in the 2006 Census (\$71,393 compared to \$60,455), cost of living is greater in the GTA and means that costs are an increasingly important factor for arena usage, particularly sports such as hockey that have high equipment costs."

The belief that immigrants and their children are not playing costly indoor league hockey because they prefer other sports such as soccer and cricket is misleading and insulting. If the league hockey business is frustrated with declining registrations then they need a new strategy. The City should avoid making community rink decisions based on declining revenues of the indoor rink business. The community needs to support each other to experience skating and hockey outside by providing free access to outdoor rinks similar to Brampton (many immigrants live there too), Toronto and Oakville. This way, immigrants with minimal extra recreation funds can buy a stick and skates at low cost so their children can experience the Canadian tradition of embracing Winter by skating and playing hockey outside with their friends and neighbours. And, if they really like the sport then parents can invest their hard earned money into league play with more confidence similar to buying an inexpensive guitar to see if their child enjoys playing before getting an expensive one.

So, if you take away an expensive tax payer funded high quality refrigerated roofed rink, then, as the Mayor promised, it needs to be replaced with equal quality or better.

However, this report seems to be discouraging the idea of a roof for some reason. It tries to suggest that a roof causes a shadow on the ice and needs lighting and that is a huge utility cost. The lights at Burnhamthorpe Outdoor Rink (aka Chic Murray Outdoor) did not need lights during the day and I know because I went there nearly every single day the past couple of Winters. It only needs lights at night. With a solar array the sun can power the lights.

There is no mention how the roof blocks the sun making it much cheaper to cool and more than offsets the costs from lighting especially solar powered.

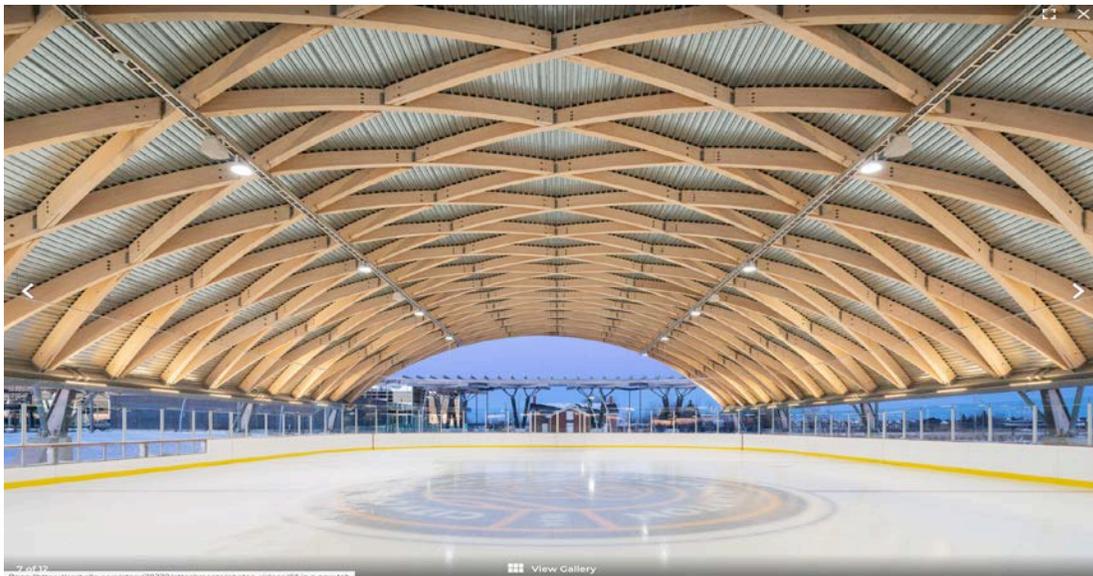
There is no mention on the quality of the ice surface that a roof provides and how much easier it is for staff to maintain. There is a suggestion in the report that historical data shows only an extra 4 days of utilized ice with a roof at Burnhamthorpe Outdoor Rink versus Woodhurst Heights. Now, whoever is looking at this data clearly has never skated at either of these two rinks especially when temperatures are above 0C. The ice gets mushy and the sides and corners are danger zones. Plus it is hard to skate and pass a puck on mushy ice. Maybe you can skate a bit however it is a poor experience. In contrast, the roof keeps the ice safe with a high quality surface making it easy to pass the puck and utilize the rink in a proper hockey experience. Quality ice must be taken into consideration with a roof. Plus, increasing global warming necessitates a roof to block the sun and historical data is useless since more days are above 0C than before moving forward.

During the COVID Winter of December 2020 to March 2021, many figure skaters came to the roofed rink and were amazed at the quality of the ice compared to Woodhurst Heights as it was almost as good as indoor ice.

Further in the report, there are examples of outdoor rinks presented and their cost however not a single example of roofed rinks and their costs are given. Now why is that?

Here are a couple examples to consider:

### **Brampton Gore Meadows Community Rink (Cost: \$2.5M) (Built: 2018)**



### Toronto Greenwood Park Community Rink (Cost: \$3.5M) (Built: 2012)



The report talks about permanent rinks at Woodhurst Heights and Celebration Square. Now, imagine at Celebration Square the permanent skating rink along with a permanent refrigerated roofed hockey rink on the grass area. This would be an attraction at City Hall rivaling Toronto's or any other. In the spring, summer and fall, it can be used for basketball, ball hockey, pickleball or an event space even when it rains. During concerts or festivals, it can be used as a "beer tent" for higher revenues. This central location would be accessible within a 15 minutes drive of all five Service Areas too.

Importantly, since volunteer rinks only give 3 weeks of usable ice between January and February when consistently below 0C and that the only reliable outdoor hockey rink with boards is now destroyed, the City should provide FREE indoor ice for the community to skate and play hockey/shinny. Once the replacement roofed refrigerated rink is built then you can charge for indoor ice during the Winter.

Finally, there is no mention in this report regarding the Gulleden Survey results and the expression from citizens of Mississauga to have a replacement refrigerated roofed rink. Residents in the community do not want poor alternatives like

synthetic or conversion rinks. They want equal quality or better to the Burnhamthorpe Outdoor rink (aka Chic Murray Outdoor) replaced quickly.

When people want outdoor recreation this Winter with COVID variants spreading, they will notice and remember that the Mayor, Council and City Executives destroyed one of the best outdoor roofed rinks in the GTA and have one less place to skate and play hockey. Residents need to travel to other cities to play hockey with actual boards and skate. They will be displeased that their property tax dollars are giving less value than neighbouring cities Brampton, Oakville, and Toronto provide for free outdoor skating and hockey.

Here are all the comments from people that filled out my survey for you to read, consider and understand from the community. Of the approximately 400 comments received among over 8600 signatures, about half are from Mississauga residents and here are their comments for your review:

**Canada 12/14/20**

"Because I love this rink and my heart would break to see it go. I've spent many winters meeting lots of friends and want to continue to for years to come."

**Canada 12/14/20**

"I grew up playing, and still continue to play here to this day! This rink has provided numerous memories and has allowed me to meet so many amazing people. We should be promoting this rink not destroying it! Thought this was Canada!"

**Canada 12/14/20**

"I have played shinny here many times and met so many friends at this spot. The question is how can a Canadian Municipality even think about getting rid of a hockey rink? We are supposed to be a proud Hockey Nation!"

**Canada 12/14/20**

"Grew up playing here! Perhaps a little biased due to nostalgia but would hate to see it go! Build a splash pad on the grass and call it a day."

**Canada 12/14/20**

"Leave the rink alone. This is canada!!!! Leave our outdoor rinks alone."

**Canada 12/14/20**

"Keep this rink. We have enough swimming pools."

**Canada 12/14/20**

"This rink has brought me a lot of joy over the years and is one of the last things I have to embrace winter in this country."

**Canada 12/14/20**

"This rink is a staple in the community. Demolishing this would do a great injustice to the development of this sport and teaching children and kids the importance of sport."

**Canada 12/14/20**

"This is a family tradition we have rented and enjoyed this rink for years and years. Just wrong to get rid of something that my kids have grown to use and love."

**Canada 12/14/20**

"I learned how to skate there & I still go there every weekend to get some laps in or either playing a game of shinny with the guys. Would be a sad to see it go"

**Canada 12/14/20**

"i grew up on this rink"

**Canada 12/14/20**

"I grew up playing on this outdoor rink with buddy's. Its a place were everyone in the area comes to play a few hours of shinny and doesn't have to worry about what's going on in their lives for a couple hours a week. Its the only rink in the neighborhood. I was hoping to teach my son how to skate on this rink where I grew up playing"

**Canada 12/14/20**

"I'm concerned that there aren't enough outdoor rinks. We certainly have enough swimming pools. Keep the Canadian tradition alive to skate and play hockey outdoors in the fresh air. Thanks"

**Canada 12/14/20**

"We need an ice surface that is reliable. Skating is great exercise and is a lot of fun plus it's a Canadian thing to do. Not every family can afford skating lessons for their children; what a great place to learn!"

**Canada 12/14/20**

"Who in their right mind thinks it's a good idea to demolish this rink? City needs to add more like it...not take away!"

**Canada 12/14/20**

"This rink Keeps many kids in the area out of trouble as it did for me when I was young.It provides a great place for everyone with outdoor ball hockey rentals in the summer and the ice rentals in the winter along with the free shinny.Chic Murray is a one of a kind rink and it should not be taken down. Nothing is better then playing sports outdoors. When almost all the other facilities keep you trapped inside It also Gives people the opportunity to learn how to skate and play hockey with help from experienced peers."

**Canada 12/14/20**

"We need this rink. No more pools"

**Canada 12/14/20**

"This skating rink has been a part of this community for ages. Why take it away now. There are many children in this neighborhood. A lot of families who find it so convenient to send their kids over to enjoy a skate and a meet up. I hope you don't get rid of it."

**Canada 12/15/20**

"I've watched my boys and their friends play hockey on this rink for many many years. They've developed many friendships and great memories playing a great Canadian sport at this ice pad. The thought of this rink being torn down is sickening as you will not only be taking away memories for many, but you will also be removing opportunities for future experiences for many children and their families. LeVe this rink alone!!"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"There are not enough rinks in Mississauga for the current demand. The Chic Murray rink is used by many in the community and it should not be removed to install yet another pool."

**Canada 12/15/20**

"I love this place"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"I grew up here playing hockey working on my skills to try and get better to make high lev hockey teams. I've had some of the most fun in my life here and still do!"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"It's just asinine to get rid of this outdoor rink"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"Even though I am a Senior, I enjoy skating outside as well as inside. Do not destroy this outdoor rink."

**Canada 12/15/20**

"If this goes thru and the rink disappears so will my vote to reelect Chris Fonseca"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"Chris Fonseca I can not believe you can support such an ill advised plan"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"My husband maintained a 'natural rink' for 10 years in south Mississauga. It was a labour of love. When the weather cooperated it was great and used by many, however the last years were a battle with mid-winter thaws. There are some wonderful free skating facilities out there but outside of Mississauga. Maintaining a covered rink when few are available seems reasonable. Thanks"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"This is a special place. I have played on this outdoor rink and rented it with my hockey teams since I was five years old. There are many public outdoor pools within a few km of this location, but there is only one outdoor arena."

**Canada 12/15/20**

"We don't need another swimming pool. Kids needs to be out doing an outdoor activity. Why are we always taking away something that will benefit the kids."

**Canada 12/15/20**

"I'm signing because outdoor skating has changed my life. It has brought me back from my lowest point. We don't have many outdoor ice rinks we can use at this time this year please keep the outdoor rink open."

**Canada 12/15/20**

"Every neighborhood needs a rink, within walking distance from their homes. Ours has been part of our community for many years"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"It is across my house, can't believe that I hear about this only now! Why is Chris Fonseca hiding it from us?"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"Because we need places like this for our kids and families to go and have outside fun! There are so few places like this left! It is good fun outside, fresh air activity for kids!"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"Outdoor skating is a family tradition and we not only need to save this rink but there should be more!"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"#DoItForJoe"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"I believe the concept of skating outdoors is one of the best healthy activities that should be available."

**Canada 12/15/20**

**Canada 12/15/20**

" really want to turn it into a pool ?"

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/15/20**

"LET US PLAY"

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/15/20**

"I can't play competitive organized hockey anymore due to head injuries. Chic Murray has been the only place I can play casual hockey without fear on getting injured for years. The community uses this rink daily, I don't see why closing it down makes any sense. Very disappointed in our elected officials."

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/15/20**

"Keep Canadian skating alive"

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/15/20**

"I used to go to the rink to skate with myFamily"

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/15/20**

"This is not democracy in action! How can one person make a decision that effects of so many without warning or consultation? Given the few pleasures the citizens of Mississauga have had the opportunity to enjoy this year, would you not consider how, with a little planning and compassion, find a way to allow us to continue to skate in the city centre? This is not the time of year to take more away from us. Please, reconsider the timing of this decision."

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/15/20**

"We need more outdoor facilities for all sports and recreation. Not less."

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/15/20**

"This is not good. Been in this area for 18years had my kids and grandkids going there."

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/15/20**

"I'm signing because we need to be preserving these outdoor rinks for more generations to come, not tear them down to add to the obscene number of pools we already have!"

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/15/20**

"Not a lot of places to play in winter, let's preserve the ones we have."

**Canada 12/15/20**

"Let the kids skate, especially this year!"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"I've seen a lot of kids learning how to skate here... the next Wayne Gretzky could learn how to skate here."

**Canada 12/15/20**

"I love this rink [REDACTED] I can't play competitive organized hockey anymore due to injuries. Chic Murray outdoor arena has provided me with a place to play casual hockey for many years without risk of injury. it has been a great fun way to stay active and socialize during the winter months. It would be beyond disappointing to see this wonderful rink demolished for a swimming pool. Please do share this petition and make frequent calls/emails to the mayor/counselors offices"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"I skated here when I was 10 years old and now I bring my kids here to skate and teach them how to skate. This is the only outdoor ice pad that is covered and the ice is well maintained. I will be looking forward for my grand kids to skate here too in the future"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"There are simply too few covered outdoor rinks. Please do not demolish this rink!"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"I love playing hockey"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"We need more places to skate outdoors not less!!"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"Keep some memories Don't destroy everything Please ☺"

**Canada 12/15/20**

"Ms. Fonseca: You have 2 sons of skating age. Look at them, and think of all the other boys and girls out there, without rich parents like you, who should be given a

fair chance to skate, to follow their dreams, to enjoy this wonderful Canadian winter sport. You know very well that this is the ONLY open but roof covered skating rink for the skaters in Mississauga. Swimming pools can be dug up somewhere else. Pls. go find another spot to dig up your swimming pool. Pls. think and act like a caring mother rather than a clever politician. In future when you are thinking of these ventures kindly have the courtesy to consult with the public first. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

**Canada 12/15/20**

"Skated today and it was most excilerating. There may come a future when indoor skating will be banned again so rethink according to the dictates of a new possible future"

[REDACTED]

**Canada 12/16/20**

"It's important for everyone to get out and exercise, especially the kids."

[REDACTED]

**Canada 12/16/20**

"Rockwood/Rathwood has so little already."

[REDACTED]

**Canada 12/16/20**

"this was my childhood. it would be a shame to see the next generations not being able to enjoy this space just as I did."

[REDACTED]

**Canada 12/16/20**

"We need to preserve history."

[REDACTED]

**Canada 12/16/20**

"Growing up playing hockey in the MHL we had many games at chic Murray. I only got to play on the outdoor rink once but what a memory it was playing an outdoor scrimmage with my team."

[REDACTED]

**Canada 12/16/20**

"Only Outdoor rink in the city where you can do any type of Shinny/Stick & Puck. This is a piece of our city, and a rare one at that"

[REDACTED]

**Canada 12/16/20**

"We need the outdoor rinks. Please reconsider another site for the pool you so dearly want to build that isn't needed."

**Canada 12/16/20**

"I enjoyed coaching on the ice under the stars."

**Canada 12/16/20**

"My family has enjoyed this rink for shinny, hockey practices and skates. It is a rare resource and the only one of its kind in Mississauga. There are plenty of swimming pools. Outdoor skating rinks are the true Canadian way to enjoy the winter and enjoy our game. Do not take this away from the residents. Find another place for the pool."

**Canada 12/16/20**

"Hockey is Canadian tradition, it's a great sport, great exercise, and a great way to deal with the cold in winter. It's wrong to take away a community rink from underprivileged kids. This is Canada."

**Canada 12/16/20**

"My son grew up practicing at this fantastic facility."

**Canada 12/16/20**

"Keep the outdoor rink. We need it, the kids need it."

**Canada 12/16/20**

"My son has been learning to skate at this rink. I have been going here for over a decade, I would love for him to grow up going there as well."

**Canada 12/16/20**

"My children and myself frequently skated here their youthful years."

**Canada 12/16/20**

"There is a need for the tradition of outdoor skating and hockey City hall does not allow hockey"

**Canada 12/16/20**

"I love the character and feel of this rink"

**[REDACTED] Canada 12/16/20**

"The city needs more, not less, rinks that can be accessed by everyone."

**[REDACTED] Canada 12/16/20**

"I'm signing because I disagree with the decision to remove this rink...teens need more to do not less!"

**[REDACTED] Canada 12/16/20**

"Great memories here"

**[REDACTED] Canada 12/17/20**

"Ice rinks are Canada, please keep the rink!"

**[REDACTED] Canada 12/17/20**

"Diversity in sports opportunities is important, particularly when the infrastructure is already in place."

**[REDACTED] Canada 12/17/20**

"We need more outdoor rinks in Mississauga!"

**[REDACTED] Canada 12/17/20**

"This rink carries memories for my family and my sons hockey development. It would be a shame for others not to have the same opportunity."

**[REDACTED] Canada 12/17/20**

"We need outdoor winter activities in Mississauga and this rink allows us to skate in any weather"

**[REDACTED] Canada 12/18/20**

"Chic Murray is a gem of a place for families to get outside and have fun all winter."

**[REDACTED] Canada 12/18/20**

"What a terrible plan. I am so disappointed in our City council, and the lack of leadership being displayed. How anyone could ever think this was a good idea is

shocking, but especially now, when the need for our community (in particular our kids) to have access to outdoor activities has never been more evident. They should be embarrassed."

**Canada 12/18/20**

"Please save this rink. Great experience for the kids. We did many outdoor birthday parties here!"

**Canada 12/18/20**

"It's a place to let off steam, even if its snowing heavily. Let it be."

**Canada 12/18/20**

"Growing up this was my second home in the winter. I love it! This rink is more important now than ever. Keep it open please."

**Canada 12/19/20**

"Because the rink is important to our youth and their physical and emotional health. It is also part of our local history."

**Canada 12/19/20**

"It is essential for our community to have recreation spaces. It is always, always busy! We should be promoting fresh air and exercise in safe spaces, not destroying them."

**Canada 12/19/20**

"Its crazy that you build something and after you remove it. Hockey is part of my life and as a young player in the 70's we skated there and so did my kids. Bring back the fun to Mississauga"

**Canada 12/19/20**

"We need this especially nown"

**Canada 12/19/20**

"We have plenty of indoor pools in Mississauga. We don't have another covered, outdoor rink."

**Canada 12/19/20**

"I love this place"

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/20/20**

"it's the right thing to do"

[REDACTED] **US 12/20/20**

"you cant take away all the fun from us..."

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/20/20**

"Toronto has plenty of outdoor ice and less space. Keep it."

[REDACTED] **12/20/20**

"Chic Murray is an iconic symbol this City is run on a whim and the current mayor is the worst we have had in Mississauga"

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/20/20**

"As a Mississauga resident I know how valuable and cherished this rink is, would be a shame too see it torn down in a seemingly sneaky way."

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/21/20**

"Such good exercise for the kids and fresh air too. Why destroy it?"

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/23/20**

"I dont think it should be closed."

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/23/20**

"Do it for Chic"

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/23/20**

"We need to hold onto traditions insread of demolishing them."

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/23/20**

"my grandson played there last year"

[REDACTED] **Canada 12/24/20**

" [REDACTED] "



**Canada 1/3/21**

"I have played at the outside arena for over 20 years. It will be a shame to tear down this part of Mississauga history and negatively affecting the community of torn down!!!!

**Canada 1/4/21**

"Outdoors rinks are part of Canadian heritage. Children and Adults need Winter outdoor recreation for their physical and mental well being"

**Canada 1/5/21**

"The rink is needed in the community"

**Canada 1/5/21**

"I believe we need more outdoor hockey spaces."

**Canada 1/5/21**

"With Covid alone this is the best rink to play on"

**Canada 1/5/21**

"It's pretty obvious why this is a no brainer. Gets kids out and exercising!"

**Canada 1/5/21**

"its the right thing 2 doespecially 4 the kids"

**Canada 1/5/21**

"We need more outdoor activities for kids during winter. We hardly can book skating at Celebration square this days. Fonseca please stop this change or give better option for skating in this area."

**Canada 1/5/21**

"The rink is very important for children, families and the community as a whole. Mayor Bonnie Crombie and Councillor Chris Fonseca please keep the rink."

**Canada 1/5/21**

"The outdoor rink is a treasure. Please don't tear it down."

[REDACTED] **Canada 1/6/21**

"We are Canadian and Canadians are hockey."

[REDACTED] **Canada 1/6/21**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **Canada 1/6/21**

"Because I like the rink"

[REDACTED] **Canada 1/6/21**

"This is our community. City spokespeople don't get to choose what they do with our community without consulting us"

[REDACTED] **Canada 1/6/21**

"This is my neighborhood and we need to save as many outdoor rinks as possible before they go extinct."

[REDACTED] **Canada 1/6/21**

"I'm tired of everything being taken away from our kids"

[REDACTED] **Canada 1/6/21**

"We moved to this neighborhood because of this rink. The city continues to make decisions in this neighborhood without making a valiant attempt to gather public opinion on these large scale projects .which is legislated to under section 35 and 42 for development funded projects. No one asked if this community wanted a club style fitness area? The community center is within a 5 km range of 4 club style gyms."

[REDACTED] **Canada 1/6/21**

"I love skating. My kids too!"

[REDACTED] **Canada 1/7/21**

"I love this skating rink! I have been going here since I was a young girl"

[REDACTED] **Canada 1/7/21**

[REDACTED]



"I am sick and tired of seeing things meet the demolition ball for Developers...we have lost too much already. Go to Europe...AND PAY ATTENTION. Bonnie and Chris just because YOU CAN'T SKATE don't take it away from those who do!!!!!!!"

**Canada 1/10/21**

"We need more suitable, useable, covered hockey rinks for our youth that can be used in all types of weather...The ones [REDACTED] reported on, are useless in warmer winter weather. Designate more of our taxes to keep our youth off the streets and protected from the elements."

**Canada 1/10/21**

"We need more, we want children regardless of their age, to have a safe place to play"

**Canada 1/10/21**

"Our elected officials can fly in a plane with recycled air with 300 strangers but I can't sit with my granny and having dinner. sports teams get to convene and play no physical distancing in a closed Auditorium but these kids can't play outside with a maximum of maybe 10 people. Did the people do not accept your communist agenda and do not consent to your draconian measures. We are free people"

**Canada 1/10/21**

"What the heck is wrong with u people ... please keep it, a beautiful winter attraction & play ground for our beautiful Mississauga City"

**Canada 1/11/21**

"The community needs these outdoor spaces now more than ever. I had friends whose kids played in beginner hockey leagues at this rink and they had a great time. Its a unique rink that should be kept."

**Canada 1/11/21**

"Bonnie Crombie and Fonseca should take a page out of Brampton Mayor's playbook as they have added 4 more new outdoor rinks to make 8 in their city and we have a measly 3! It's embarrassing at how they have more and better public recreation facilities than Mississauga!"

**Canada 1/11/21**

"Lack of outdoor venues"

**Canada 1/11/21**

"This is the only rink outdoors that kids can play hockey on. Please don't take that away!"

**Canada 1/11/21**

"I have two boys who love skating and playing hockey. Mississauga only has a couple of outdoor rinks that I know of and access. Tearing down this rink will leave my boys and my family with limited access to one other rink. I hope the city has thought this through before going through with this enormous change to our community!"

**Canada 1/11/21**

"This rink is the only one you can consistently skate on all winter. Please do not remove!"

**Canada 1/11/21**

"This is a wonderful (covered) rink that must remain available!"

**1/12/21**

"This rink is one of my favorites"

**Canada 1/12/21**

"i'm signing this petition because i use to play exhibition games at that rink every year for 4 years when i was a kid ."

**Canada 1/12/21**

"The community needs this rink as it's representative of Canadian hockey culture"

**Canada 1/12/21**

"The uniqueness of this rink makes saving it imperative"

**Canada 1/12/21**

"Hockey is in our D.N.A. Let's encourage playing outside instead of being confined inside."

**Canada 1/12/21**

"Lots of pools, but this would leave Miss with only 2 outdoor rinks. Why not save development money the City does not have (esp after covid...) & keep the rink!"

**Canada 1/12/21**

"We need this in our community for the kids"

**Canada 1/12/21**

"What a shame. It is the only outdoor ring with the roof over it in Mississauga. Mississauga needs that staking ring"

**Canada 1/12/21**

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**Canada 1/12/21**

"There are some good memories that I have there and I hope that when I can/ have kids they can have some good memories too"

**Canada 1/13/21**

"Because this rink is a big part of the neighborhood. Now is the wrong time to destroy."

**Canada 1/13/21**

"It's important to the community!"

**Canada 1/13/21**

"I want to save the skating rink, the place where kids can have fun"

**Canada 1/13/21**

"Save the ice"

**Canada 1/13/21**

"I use to go here ass a kid"

**Canada 1/14/21**

"I learned how to skate on this rink and Mississauga doesn't have any historical outdoor rinks like "Chick Murray"."

**Canada 1/14/21**

"This is a valuable place for residents of Mississauga. My kids and I have fond memories and enjoyed skating there"

**1/14/21**

"Why not?"

**Canada 1/14/21**

"Mississauga needs more outdoor rinks not less - Toronto has 54 - we have?"

**Canada 1/14/21**

"I love the game of hockey"

**, Canada 1/15/21**

"Enjoy using over the years and should continue to be available to next generation of skaters"

**Canada 1/15/21**

"Hockey is not only a national point of pride, but also helps teach kids (and adults) about the principles of teamwork, hard work, and maintaining an active lifestyle."

**Canada 1/15/21**

"Keep it!"

**Canada 1/15/21**

"I think there should be a dedicated "skating" rink so am on board - indoor as we know know is not healthy. Outdoor is the way to go ...and who needs another chlorinated indoor pool"

**Canada 1/15/21**

"We need more outdoor winter activities in Mississauga. I vote Mississauga as the most boring sleeper suburb of Toronto!!"

**Canada 1/15/21**

"It's shameful that this is Mississauga's only covered outdoor rink to begin with and we are tearing it down? Doesn't sound very Canadian does it?"

[REDACTED] Canada 1/15/21

"I've played shinny there many times! It's such a great place to be with family and friends!"

[REDACTED], Canada 1/15/21

"I live in the area and my children enjoyed using the outdoor rink. It is a part of promoting outdoor health habits. Get the kids outside, stop forcing them indoors!!!"

[REDACTED] Canada 1/18/21

"Keep the rink. It's as simple as that...It's already built...just maintain it."

[REDACTED] Canada 1/19/21

"Because I love to play hockey here!"

[REDACTED] Canada 1/22/21

"Outdoor sports are important to our culture"

[REDACTED] Canada 1/23/21

"We need MORE outdoor space, not less"

[REDACTED] Canada 2/1/21

"Why not"

[REDACTED] Canada 2/3/21

"We need to keep more rinks like this not get rid them."

[REDACTED] Canada 2/3/21

"Kids need any outlet for helping their mental health!!!"

[REDACTED] Canada 2/3/21

"Please do not destroy the skating rink"

**Canada 2/3/21**

"Please do not destroy the Community skating rink. We all need it especially the children."

**Canada 2/3/21**

"Outdoor rinks in Mississauga are already to few. Kids should have more outdoor options in winter not less. My 4 kids have all played/practiced at this rink when they were younger. The rink should stay and more rinks should be put up in other parks in Mississauga as well. Thanks."

**Canada 2/7/21**

"I feel kids and adults need a place to have some fun especially during COVID. I personally spent time there and feel it would be an injustice to get rid of it."

**Canada 2/7/21**

"It's a good rink"

**Canada 2/8/21**

"Need a roofed rink"

**Canada 2/9/21**

"This rink Was where i spent my childhood playing hockey, Please don't take that memory away from Mississauga hockey community"

**Canada 2/10/21**

"I love chic murray"

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing this information. I hope that it will be meaningfully considered by you when making decisions in favour of having at least one refrigerated roofed skating/hockey rink in Mississauga to accommodate all of the current and new residents moving to our City.

I want to thank the Mayor, Councillors, and Recreation Executives for their attention to this matter.

Regards,

Joe Galati