

I.J. Coady Memorial Arena Events Committee

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City Clerk,

I am a member of the I.J. Coady Memorial Arena Events Committee. I am requesting to be placed on the Agenda for the Finance and Administration Committee meeting – Public Input Session on June 18th, 2013.

The I.J. Coady Memorial Arena Events Committee is a group of residents of Onaping Falls that have banded together to try to save our arena. We are raising money to put towards booking more ice time for our minor hockey teams and public skating to up the usage of our arena. We are also looking at a marketing campaign to increase the awareness of what our arena can offer.

In late January of this year, the residents of Onaping Falls were shocked when the City of Greater Sudbury announced that the I.J. Coady Memorial Arena in Levack would be considered for closure due to poor ice usage and revenue.

We are asking the City of Greater Sudbury to re-examine the Arena Renewal Strategy with respect to the I.J. Coady Memorial Arena. Sometimes these decisions are not about numbers and the bottom line but about the people and the community.

As Bobby Orr said, "It doesn't make enough money? Give me a break. Are these community arenas supposed to make money? When did they ever make money? That's not what they are for."

Thank you,

Steve Bastien