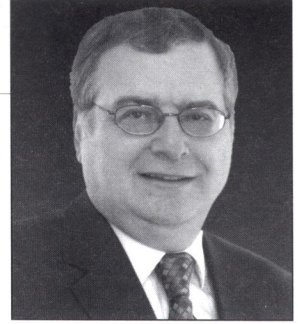


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Dear Brenda,

**Re: Briefing Note of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - Outdoor Rinks**

This letter is to raise the issue that there is only one outdoor ice rink in Scarborough. There are thirteen priority neighbours in the entire City of Toronto; however, six of them or 46% of these are in Scarborough alone, which flags an important concern.

Outdoor ice rinks have numerous benefits in communities including increasing community engagement and interaction. Younger children will have the opportunity to be active and everyone in the neighbourhood can use the outdoor rink as a recreational/fitness centre. Priority neighbourhoods with large percentages of immigrant populations could have the opportunity to use an inexpensive recreation to experience Canadian winter sport.

I would like to ask for Parks, Forestry and Recreation to recognize this issue and to consider a location to place another outdoor ice rink in Scarborough.

Sincerely,

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