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Dear Budget Committee 2015,

We are writing to you to express our concerns over the proposed 7.25% rate increase on ice permits.

Prior to expressing our concerns we would like to question why such a drastic increase and where will the additional 5% will be allocated?

Prime time permit fees for resident Children and Youth in an A type facility (East York Memorial arena) is \$154.13 per hour. If approved, this category will see an increase of \$11.35 per hour including inflation. The fee increase will have an average cost impact of approximately \$25 per individual player per season. Our Association alone uses approximately 1372 hours of ice per season that keeps just over 800 local kids playing the game.

At E.Y.H.A. we do our best to keep the cost of minor hockey in our neighbourhood at a low and affordable level. This increase will cause us to raise our registration fees to nearly \$400.00 (taking into account the cost increases of uniforms, trophies and incidentals). These increases will push most of our single parent and less fortunate families out of hockey and/or drive them to seek funding from organizations such as Canadian Tire Jump Start and Hyundai Hockey Helpers, who are already finding their resources insufficient to meet the demand.

As a local non-profit minor hockey Association we urge you to reconsider the proposed rate increase. At the very least please consider a lower and more reasonable increase.

Regards,

Connie Mitchell
President
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