To: Mr. Kevin Christenson, Clerk, City of Hamilton

From: Barb Joy,

June 26/07

Re: Availability of badminton courts in Stoney Creek

Dear Mr. Christenson:

Acting on the suggestion of my councillor, Maria Pearson, I would like the attached letter circulated to the mayor and councillors at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Barb Joy,
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Re: Availability of badminton courts in Stoney Creek

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Several seniors I play tennis with have bemoaned the fact that there are no available courts in Stoney Creek on which to play badminton during the winter months. The King Street Senior's Centre is too small to accommodate a court and the Winona one has only shuffleboard. The Dofasco Centre on First Road has wonderful facilities, I hear, but is restricted to members. Various community groups have pretty well filled up any school gyms on a recurring annual basis for their own sports, according to the school boards I talked to. That leaves nowhere to play.

Therefore, I and other badminton enthusiasts in Stoney Creek would like to elicit your help in finding a reasonably-priced court here. Perhaps your contacts would help because I have exhausted all my avenues of enquiry. We'd really appreciate your assistance.

And then, since it currently excludes active sports and will probably continue to do so, I would like to strongly suggest that the proposed expanded seniors' centre in Stoney Creek – whenever it is built – include at least one badminton court.

My local badminton associates, who currently travel to Sackville Seniors' Centre to play, would applaud you.

Sincerely,

Barb Joy