To: Chair and Members  
Emergency and Community Services Committee  
Outstanding Business Item No. Q and Issue: Badminton Petition  
ECS07066

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Re: Letter Requesting Badminton Courts for the Stoney Creek Area (ESC07066)  
(Ward 10)

Council Direction:  
That the General Manager of the Community Services Department prepare a report for  
the Emergency and Community Services Committee with respect to correspondence  
received from Ms. Barb Joy regarding the availability of Badminton Courts in Stoney  
Creek.

Information:  
At its meeting of July 11, 2007, Hamilton City Council considered the letter, dated June  
26, 2007, that was received from Ms. Barb Joy, (attached as Appendix A to Report  
ECS07066), regarding the availability of badminton courts in Stoney Creek.

In the correspondence, Ms. Barb Joy requested assistance in finding a reasonably  
priced badminton court for several seniors in the Stoney Creek area. Currently, Ms. Joy  
and several local badminton associates travel to Sackville Hill Seniors’ Centre at 780  
Upper Wentworth Street to play badminton.

Valley Park Recreation Centre staff contacted Ms. Joy to discuss her request. Staff  
reviewed the gym schedule and added a senior badminton program on Tuesday  
afternoons from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The program is for 10-weeks at a cost of $26.50.  
This cost is comparable to other Recreation Centres operating the same type of  
badminton program for seniors. The program is to be advertised at all Seniors’ Centres  
and Clubs as well as the Hamilton Community News since the program was too late for  
inclusion in the Culture and Recreation Fall and Winter Guide.
Valley Park Recreation Centre also offers adult badminton, which is open to seniors on Monday evenings from 8:05 p.m. to 9:35 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

As well, Ms. Joy requested that consideration be given to the provision of a badminton court, if a new seniors’ centre were to be built in Stoney Creek.

Currently, staff is awaiting the results of the “Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities”. This study, as outlined in the Information Update to Council dated May 7, 2007, is to be completed by the end the year with a final report with recommendations anticipated for late 2007. Seniors’ Centres are included in the scope of work of this study.

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June 26/07

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