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**To:** CityClerks <cityclerks@barrie.ca>; Office of the Mayor <OfficeoftheMayor@barrie.ca>

**Subject:** OMHA Tournament ice donation consideration

Dear Mayor Lehman and Members of Council,

My name is Jessica Tulk and writing to you on behalf of the Barrie Colts Atom AAA hockey team. We have been tasked with hosting the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) AAA Championship this March at the Holly Community Center. We were the winners of the tournament last year and with that come the task of hosting the following year. We are working hard at fundraising and will receive some funds from the teams that enter the tournament however it does not cover all the costs associated with this event. I have attached a letter requesting the City of Barrie consider donating a portion of the ice costs to relieve some of the financial burdens of this tournament. I understand this will need to receive council approval and I hope you could speak to this when it is brought forth.

Please let me know if you have any questions or feedback, we have fantastic hockey in Barrie and we want to show the province how great Barrie is!

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor Lehman and Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Barrie Colts Atom AAA team who were honoured in chamber in the fall for winning the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) 2018 AAA Minor Atom Championship (Red Hat) last year. It was a great honour and an amazing experience for the boys.

This year, playoff hockey is almost upon us. On the ice, it has been an incredibly great year so far: we are the number one ranked team in the OMHA and number four ranked team in the province. Off the ice, we face a new challenge for the upcoming months: our team, and its seventeen families, have been tasked the responsibility of organizing and hosting the Ontario Minor Hockey Association 2019 AAA Atom Championship, March 15-17 at the Holly Recreation Centre.

The OMHA requires that the winning team host the tournament the following year, and now it is our turn as parents to try to organize this large event. We have limited experience and a limited budget to try to create a special event/atmosphere for the participants who have worked so hard to get to the tournament (our team and the four others that will come to Barrie for the weekend (85-100 families)). Each team pays an entry fee which goes towards the cost of the tournament; however, that money does not cover all the necessary expenses—not considering the costs included in making the tournament a memorable experience for the participants (signage, swag, mementos, etc). The host parents organizing team is responsible for securing and paying for the required facilities including all ice costs, timekeepers and referees. Our parent organizers have secured the Holly Recreation Centre as the venue.

It is an honour to be selected as the host team/city for this event. We would very much like to partner with you and the city to provide the players at our championships their own unique experience. We ask that you please consider donating the cost of the facility rental at the Holly Recreation Centre to the event on March 15-17. We would also invite you to come to the event drop the first ceremonial puck. We are open to your participation in any capacity.

We take great pride in our kids' efforts and accomplishments. We take great pride in our commitment to our kids, our organization and our city/centre. We aim to show that our parents, our team, our organization, our city, our mayor are outstanding hosts for the OMHA Championships and strong & supportive contributors to amateur hockey/sport. Please help us realize our goals. We look forward to your reply and the potential of partnering with you and the city.

Best Regards

Barrie Colts Atom AAA Parent Organizing Committee