



Tuesday February 9, 2021

Township of Wellington North, Recreation Committee and Council.

I am writing on behalf of Mount Forest Minor Hockey to let you know we are extremely disappointed on the decision to remove the ice from Mt Forest for remainder of season.

We feel this is a poor decision as far as the effect it will have on our organization, and the future of minor hockey. The kids need a distraction from the everyday events that are occurring right now, and we do not think the decision to remove the ice was researched or discussed near enough. As your primary and largest ice renter we should have been asked for our input, or at least been included in the discussion with the recreation committee. In a conversation with Tom Bowden at Christmas time I told him we estimate a 50 to 60 percent return of kids, but with small team sizes still utilize 75-80 percent of ice allotments. I also told Tom our minor hockey association could help offset some of the extra expense, in order to keep the ice in.

To keep the ice in for 6 weeks after lockdown, only to remove it days before the reopening tells me this was not a financial decision. I'm sure it's too late to reverse your decision, but we are asking you to strongly reconsider taking the ice out.

Any information you can provide us that lead to your decision of closing, would be appreciated so we can pass it on to our association members. We will be fielding a lot of questions as to "WHY". We were preparing to reopen registration as soon as we heard our zone colour, and were completely blindsided by this information this morning.

We understand this is a difficult situation, but for the mental and physical wellbeing of our kids we ask you to strongly reconsider your decision.

Regards,

Anson Lewis,

President of MFMH