

**From:** Manjot Heer  
**Sent:** 2020/11/30 1:28 PM  
**To:** Fay, Peter <[Peter.Fay@brampton.ca](mailto:Peter.Fay@brampton.ca)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: Presentation to City Council for a Sports Dome

Hi Peter,

Kuldeep advised that I email you in order to add a brief presentation to the agenda for tonight's meeting.

The presentation pertains to the need for a Sports Dome in Brampton, specifically, on Creditview Road and Sandalwood Parkway near Cassie Campbell Recreation Centre. The Sports Dome will be used by Ontario Field Hockey players in order to allow them to continue with practice during the fall and winter seasons - when cold temperatures hinder their ability to continue practicing outdoors.

Field Hockey is a sport that is traditionally played outdoors. While an indoor version of the game has been introduced in years past, outdoor Field Hockey remains the focus at the international level. Given the harsh winters in the GTA, local players are unable to continue with practice when temperatures drop. Accordingly, they are forced to forego outdoor practices and must opt to play indoor Field Hockey - a completely different game played on hardwood (as opposed to turf) with 5 players (as opposed to 11) using different equipment.

Regrettably, there are no indoor training facilities for Ontario's Field Hockey players to continue with Field Hockey practice during the winter months. This has resulted in an annual six month lapse in practice for our players. Having to stop practice in September and to resume same in April has placed our players at a competitive disadvantage compared to other provinces that have the weather and facilities to allow their players to practice year-round. This issue is further highlighted by the fact that Ontarians are forced to fly to British Columbia during the winter in order to continue practicing, which is not a sustainable long-term solution.

As a result of the above deficiencies in training facilities, many stand-out and capable players have been left off the National Team as a result of their inability to practice and inability to afford living in British Columbia during the winter months. In order to level the playing field for all Canadians, it is imperative that our players have access to a Sports Dome. This is especially so as there has been a growing interest amongst the youth to play Field Hockey, which has only increased the talent pool.

I will be happy to discuss further at tonight's meeting.

Regards,

Manjot S. Heer

**From:** Manvir M

**Sent:** 2020/11/30 5:50 PM

**To:** Fay, Peter <[Peter.Fay@brampton.ca](mailto:Peter.Fay@brampton.ca)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Dome Facilities at Cassie Campbell Field Hockey Pitch

Hello Mr. Fay,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing in regards to dome facilities to be put over the Cassie Campbell field hockey pitch. There is currently no indoor facility in Brampton or all of GTA for the sport of field hockey. Ontario has a strong number of field hockey players of all age groups including quite a few players that compete at the national level representing Ontario and international level representing Canada. We have a good showing of players that are trying out for the Canadian Mens National Team to take part in the Tokyo olympics. For these trainings and trails, Ontario players have to fly out to British Columbia as there is no indoor training facility available for them. These training and trails go on for a few months and the athletes have to stay in BC for long periods of time. This provides more stress on the athletes because some cannot afford the trip financially or even due to school. These causes excellent athletes in the province of Ontario to consider not going at all, This, in turn, diminishes Ontario's talent representing on the Canadian Team and they do not get to witness the amazing talent we are nurturing here.

Majority of the Ontario talent is situated locally in the city of Brampton as well as Mississauga and Toronto. Having dome facilities put over Cassie Campbell field hockey pitch will increase the chances of Ontario representation on the Canadian Team and will provide equal opportunities to our Brampton athletes to represent Canada. The Cassie Campbell Field Hockey Pitch has already hosted the Pan-American games for the sport of Field Hockey in 2013 and international teams from North and South America have already seen the amazing world class facilities. We would like to take it one step further and make this facility accessible year around. Local clubs, who are nurturing these athletes, will also benefit from the year around field hockey pitch being open and more kids will want to participate in the sport of Field Hockey. I hope this help in your understand of this situation. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanks,

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From: Gaganpal Dhanju

Sent: 2020/11/30 4:57 PM

To: Fay, Peter <[Peter.Fay@brampton.ca](mailto:Peter.Fay@brampton.ca)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Indoor Field Hockey Facility

Hi Mr. Peter Fay,

I am emailing you today to advocate for a new Indoor training facility in Brampton. We request that a dome be added to the field hockey turf at Cassie Campbell.

There currently no indoor training facility for field hockey players in the GTA. As a result, our players need to travel to BC in order to train for the National team. Many players miss their opportunity to play at the national level due to costs related to travel and accommodations. We believe that the addition of a dome in the field hockey community will allow for equal opportunity for our local athletes that are competing for a spot on the national team.

I would love to discuss this further. Look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,  
Gaganpal Dhanju