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City Council
City of Oshawa
50 Centre St. S.
Oshawa, ON L1H 3Z7

I am writing today, on behalf of Ontario Tech University, to request financial support from the City in fiscal 2023 for a necessary capital project at the shared Campus Ice Centre.

Ontario Tech remains deeply grateful to the City of Oshawa for their help in funding the development of the Campus Ice Centre. It is a facility that we are extremely proud of and honoured to be able to share with our local community. Currently the Campus Ice Centre is heavily utilized by the City of Oshawa. The City is allocated 96% of the 'prime time' hours at the facility with the university booking the other times for varsity or other recreational activities. The current Agreement (2004-2024) with the City addresses the operating cost process but does not consider ongoing capital renewal costs.

The Campus Ice Centre's operating budget is close to breaking even; but, does not leave room for any capital reserve or emergency expenses. Due to the age of the building this has become a major concern for the university as the repairs must be funded through other sources. This year alone, the university was required to pay approximately \$400,000 to repair the roof.

In 2023 we will be required to repair one of the ice pads that has had a failure of the heating and cooling lines. This project has gone through a competitive procurement process and is expected to cost \$1.75 million. The pad will be out of service for four to six months. If we do not make this repair, the pad will not have proper cooling and each year it would be out of service for four months. We are requesting that the City of Oshawa and the University equally share costs on this project. This would represent a capital ask from the City of Oshawa of approximately \$875,000 which will be matched from the University.

We would like to thank the City in advance for considering this request. We hope very much to be able to renew the agreement with the City and look forward to a collaborative discussion.

Sincerely,



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