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Your Worship and Members of City Council:

RE: Expected Media Coverage - London Ice Park in Receivership

I am anticipating some media coverage today on this matter. We have received several media inquiries and will be doing a couple of interviews. In brief, we have been made aware that "London Ice Park has been placed in receivership" and is no longer open. This closure displaces a number of adult programs and ice users, as well as some children's programs.

Staff in our Parks and Recreation Division have been fielding calls from some of these groups in search of alternative ice arrangements. We have been able to make some arrangements, however, 100% of our available prime time ice time in city rinks, as well as at Western Fair have been sold for the year.

We are anticipating that some groups will not be able to find suitable alternative times.

We also understand that some of these groups may have paid for ice in the Ice Park, some up to Christmas and some for the entire ice skating year.

We are anticipating that we will be receiving questions as to the City's interest in acquiring this site for community use. We will have no comment on that matter for now.

We will advise further as events warrant.

Betty, if possible, could this be added to the CNC agenda today as a late added? If not the next meeting will be fine. Thanks!

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