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Club of Puslinch Inc.

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Township of Puslinch.

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Last February on the family day long weekend the Optimist Club held a series of events to raise money for people who had been effected by Hurricane Sandy in New York and New Jersey. We also held a fun filled Family Day celebration for all the residents of Puslinch on the Monday of the long weekend. Both purposes for the weekend were well received and well attended by local residents. Prior to the weekend we asked for council's assistance on the cost of the use of the facilities in the Puslinch Community Park to help us to make the weekend a success.

This year we would like to repeat the Fun filled Family celebration for residents of Puslinch. All activities on Family Day Feb. 17 will be without cost for whoever attends. We are planning a variety of outdoor activities, skating, snow sculpturing, sleigh rides, fire pit and hopefully some new activities provided the weather co operates. We also plan to have live entertainment in the community centre for the kids on Monday morning.

Because this day is at no cost to residents and is focused on getting families to come out to our Community Park to enjoy a day of fun together we ask council's consideration on the costs to use the park facilities for that day. The Rink, Gym, Community Centre, Green Shed, and ball diamond are all required for the day.

Last year we held our first ever 4 on 4 hockey tournament in our rink. Most of the teams were made up of local players with a few teams from Guelph and Milton area. Twelve teams participated enjoying the rink, the fresh outdoor air and the friendly competition. We are working to increase the number of local teams this year by approaching local companies to sponsor employee teams. We would once again like to hold this event on the Saturday and Sunday of the Family day weekend. We also need the use of the Green Shed to run a licensed bar for participants in the tournament. The money raised by holding this tournament will offset our cost for the Monday events for residents. In order to get teams to participate in the tournament we need to keep the cost of entering as low as possible. We would like to ask council's consideration of a reduction in cost of the ice for the tournament. The ice will be required all day Saturday and all day Sunday, Sat 8:00am till 10 pm and Sunday 9:00am till 5:00pm. Optimist Volunteers will work the rink for all three days to reduce staff costs for the township.

We would appreciate Rec Committee and Council's consideration of our requests. We would ask that we are put on the agenda of the next Rec Committee meeting as well as the next Council meeting so we can present our request.

Ken Williams
Optimist Club of Puslinch.