

We would like to formally state our club's opposition to the items being considered. It is our estimation that the proposed changes would adversely affect our ability to offer the youth of Grand Forks and the surrounding region the opportunity to participate in the Olympic Sport of Curling.

Over the years the Grand Forks Curling Club has provided a program for the development of our local youth to aspire to great achievement on the world stage in the sport of curling. Our club has produced young curlers that have gone on to win world and national championships. This has gone on for decades and even this most recent season, we have proudly witnessed our youth participate in and win 2 separate regional championships.

In addition to the sport of curling, our facility has hosted at least hundreds of regional children into our facility for the STEAM event these last few falls. The STEAM event is a demonstration of the type of things that are being planned for a local Children's Museum here in Grand Forks. Our ability to dedicate our facility for a few weeks to that endeavor would also be affected by these proposed changes.

Our facility and club are home to a wide range of residents in our region. All are welcome and we ask that you consider the impact of these proposed changes on those residents, of which are youth are a very special part

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