

Subject: [External] Twinning of Preston Auditorium

To Whom It May Concern,

There is no other way to say this. The arena situation in Cambridge is an **embarrassment** to the city.

I have children currently enrolled in both Cambridge Minor Hockey and Cambridge Ringette, and I can say without hesitation that our arenas are consistently among the worst we visit. The spectator experience, change room facilities, amenities offered, etc. at Cambridge arenas are consistently well below the norm, regardless of the size of the city/town/village that we attend for games.

Cambridge Council has repeatedly kicked this issue down the road. There has been a total lack of decision making and/or a forward looking approach on this topic - and this has to stop. The latest development I learned about is that the plan to twin Preston Auditorium is up for another round of consideration? And Karl Homuth Arena would remain open for several more years instead? Unless the reason for this is that you are expediting a new plan to deliver on on a state of the art multiplex/multi-functional recreational complex...then please stick to the original decision and expand on one of the only passable arena complex's we currently have...and shut down Karl Homuth.

I ask any Councilors that have children or grandchildren enrolled in local sports to speak up about the dismal state of our arena's - and how it makes you feel to host teams and families from other cities in these facilities.

Regards,

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