



Goderich & District Shuffleboard Club

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His Worship
Mayor of Goderich Ontario
57 West Street
Goderich, ON
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Dear Sir:

RE: GODERICH SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB and MEMORIAL ARENA CLOSURE

Please refer to the Memorial Arena Task Force meeting of February 10, 2025 at which time you recommended that our club submit a letter to Goderich Town Council on the matter.

We hereby request that Goderich Town Council allow our shuffleboard club to use the arena floor and adjacent washrooms for our Tuesday games.

We don't use the kitchen, the showers, the bleachers, the elevator, or any other part of the building except the washrooms. Neither do we believe the arena is about to collapse around our ears if we go inside. On page 2 of Goderich's *Closed Meeting Staff Report* dated December 16, 2025, it reads, *Memorial Arena "... is technically a useable space - depending on the use"*. B. M. Ross and Associates' inspection report to Sean Thomas of April 22, 2024, page 6, states "*In our opinion, the building is structurally safe for its normal occupancy at this time.*"

We request this on the basis that the arena is a vacant building and will now experience minimum operating expenses while deriving no revenue whatsoever.

Our request is for our use of **just** the arena floor and washrooms. Please keep in mind that the initial safety issues expressed in Monday's meeting were based on full usage of the entire Arena. Our weekly shuffleboard players only number around 50 to 55 players. Mr. Barron Purser, Council member, has stated during Monday's meeting of the Task Force that if there are any safety concerns in this regard, that they could be easily addressed and overcome.

Therefore, we respectfully request that problems, if any, be addressed as soon as possible, and that the Council, in its wisdom, grant our club permission to re-enter Memorial Arena at the earliest and to use only the arena floor and washrooms.

Yours truly,

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