



VIA EMAIL
Jaclynn Gowan

June 23, 2025

Dear Ms. Gowan,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and advocacy for the Tara Community Centre and its baseball facilities.

Your comments regarding the condition of the facilities and the specific improvement requests was shared with Council on June 23, 2025.

1. **Washroom Upgrades** – We recognize the importance of clean, accessible, and functional washroom facilities and will assess the scope of potential renovations.
2. **Covered Dugouts for Diamond B** – The addition of covered dugouts is a valuable suggestion to improve player comfort and safety and can be considered.
3. **Lighting for Diamond B** – Extending play hours through lighting installation is a great suggestion. However, we are aware that modifications to this area, such as lighting or fencing, may affect the flexibility of the space for other community events, including the Fall Fair. We will evaluate the feasibility and broader implications of this suggestion.
4. **LED Lighting Upgrade for Diamond A** – Transitioning to energy-efficient lighting aligns with our sustainability goals and long-term cost savings.

Items with capital costs associated will be brought forward during budget deliberations and as granting opportunities arise in the upcoming years.

In addition, your comments regarding staffing levels during tournaments, road maintenance near the splash pad, and safety at the entrance have been noted. These operational concerns will be reviewed internally to determine appropriate adjustments and improvements.

We also acknowledge the importance of maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for all users, especially during high-traffic events. Your input will help guide our planning and resource allocation moving forward.

Current and Planned Capital Improvements:

We are pleased to inform you that as a part of the 2025 Capital Budget, the Municipality has slated paving of the roadway between Hamilton Street and the track behind the Tara Community Centre.

This roadway provides essential access to the recreation facilities, and its improvement will enhance safety, accessibility, and the overall experience for all users. Work is scheduled to be completed this year.

Sincerely,

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