

Sep 7, 2021

**Dear Brockton Council** 

I am writing this letter on behalf of Special Olympics Ontario – South Saugeen speed skating club. We are kindly asking that you consider renewing our annual donation of ice time at the Walkerton Arena.

As with so many other organizations, our athletes have not been able to participate in anything but virtual sports for the past year. Many of our athletes have only recently been permitted to leave their community homes. Like other athletes, ours are looking forward to participating again in sports being offered to them through Special Olympics Ontario.

Prior to the lockdown, we had for local athletes attend the 2020 National Winter Games in Thunder Bay. All 4 did extremely well and came home with several medals and personal best times. While none were selected to attend the World Games, a couple of really close to that level and with some more training are hoping to qualify for the next World Games.

We appreciate all the support that you have provided for our athletes over the years and hope that this can continue going forward. Special Olympics Ontario is an amazing program for athletes that allows them to gain confidence, meet new friends and excel in all areas of their lives.

If you have any questions about our request, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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