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## Arena talks move forward

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Mayor Eddie Francis and the proponents of an arena development at Windsor Raceway say talks are moving forward. Francis said he spoke with a member of the Rosati family Tuesday over recent news reports that suggested the two sides had different opinions about the \$38-million raceway proposal. They're planning to meet again today. "Full steam ahead," is how Tony Rosati, co-owner of the Rosati group, described the Ice Track project. Since early June, city administrators have held discussions with a partnership between the Rosati development family and the Toldo family, which owns Windsor Raceway. The Toldo-Rosati group proposes a 6,500-seat, \$38-million arena and entertainment complex at the raceway. When the raceway plans were unveiled last week, the mayor responded by saying there were outstanding issues that still needed to be vetted and it was far from a done deal. That triggered a response by the proponents, who issued a news release Monday. "We think it's a great project for the community," said Chris Kruba, the Project Ice Track team lawyer and official spokesman. He said the synergies between an arena and Gretzky restaurant — as proposed by the group — along with the slots operation and racetrack will make the area a destination attraction. "Our goal is to get in front of council to present a strong business case," Rosati said.

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