



## City should consider Ice Track's advantages

Letter

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For many years (too many years), we in the city of Windsor have been talking about building a new arena to replace The Barn, which is a disgrace to our fine city. We have recently been offered a proposal to build a new arena complex, named Ice Track, at the location of Windsor Raceway.

Everything about this proposal looks to be first-class, professionally developed and well thought out. There would even be a second ice pad, and a Wayne Gretzky restaurant. The location is ideal, with ample room for traffic flow and plenty of parking space.

The proposal is from two prominent local families, the Toldos and the Rosatis. These are not unknown, out-of-town people. These are both successful, local entrepreneurs who know how to run a business. So it's obvious they have a stake in the city of Windsor and its continuing vibrancy.

They are longtime active supporters of the city of Windsor who have constantly given to the community, not only in creating jobs for the workforce, but in generous financial contributions to charitable and support organizations in the area.

So I pose the following questions to the members of Windsor city council:

Who would you rather have build this type of complex, two solid community businesses with a proven track record, or some out-of-town investors who don't give a hoot about Windsor, who only want to rake in the profits and take the money out of town?

How long do we need to keep dithering about this matter? London and Sarnia have left us in a trail of dust.

Are you worried about jumping into this too fast? Trust me, you'll never be accused of that. Twenty years is plenty long enough to ponder something like this.

Are you worried about operating losses? They have guaranteed that if there were any deficits, the taxpayers of Windsor would not be on the hook.

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