



Plans for New Arena Unveiled - July 17, 2006

It is a proposal that could bring jobs to the city, secure live racing in Windsor, and provide an entertainment venue for you and your family.

That is what the Toldo Group has in store for Windsor and Essex County.

Plans unveiled for a 38-million dollar arena complex at Windsor Raceway include a 65-hundred seat hockey arena expandable to 75-hundreds seats for concerts geared to families.

Toldo group could break ground as early as March and be up and running for the 2008- 2009 hockey season. The group says it has got the money, including the backing of Wayne Gretzky in the form of Wayne Gretzky G-99, a sports bar and grill. The last step is getting on city council's agenda.

"Well we're waiting for the city to proceed and decide on whether or not they want to participate in our plan," says Chris Krubu, council to Toldo.

If council gives the go ahead, plans call for the grandstand and clubhouse to be bulldozed.

The Toldo Group says the only thing that will stay is the slot building.

In addition to the main ice pad, the plan would also include a community rink.

Mayor Eddie Francis confirms Toldo Group has been in talks with the city and discussing numerous plans, but he says council will not move forward until it is presented with a strong and viable business plan.