

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form**Committee** General Issues Committee**Name of Individual** John McGrane**Name of Organization** John McGrane Services Ltd.**Contact Number****Email Address****Mailing Address****Reason(s) for delegation request** Proposed Sports Bubble at Tim Horton's Field**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes**Are you a lobbyist?** No

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JOHN MCGRANE SERVICES LTD.

December 18th, 2015

Dear Mayor Eisenberger

I would like to begin by thanking you for the opportunity to informally discuss the bubbling of Tim Horton's Field during the winter months from December through to April. As outlined my primary purpose is to provide greater opportunity for youth to participate in both recreation and competitive sport. I, like so many children from the east end grew up with very little money and or resources but was given the opportunity to play soccer from an early age; This opportunity lead to an athletic scholarship at Simon Fraser university, a chance to compete for Canada including the 76' Olympics and playing professional soccer against the world's best including the legendary Pele. The construction of a seasonal bubble could only enhance the usage and opportunity for youth to compete in sport year round. The bubble and year round use at Tim Horton's Field would also maximize sport development which is the priority of Sport Canada and the purpose of the Pan Am legacy and funding for the stadium project in the city of Hamilton.

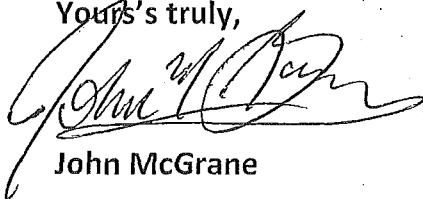
This project would not need any city capital and would be built with full support of Bob Young and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. We would also donate 500 Full Field Bookings to the Recreation Division of Community Services for allocation and distribution for school and community use, i.e. Grass Roots Soccer program currently in operation during the spring/summer could be programmed year round!

The Dome will also contribute back to the city \$100,000 annually towards the creation of a turf replacement fund saving the tax payer \$1,000,000 each decade to replace the stadium's field turf. In addition to increased community programming and direct funding to the city the dome will also cover any additional utility costs that would be incurred during its usage.

Lastly, but probably the most important aspect of this dome is the development of a provincial/national soccer academy that will aid in the year round development of elite soccer players in Canada. This will aid in the development of elite amateur and professional players here in the city of Hamilton. This initiative will also play a significant role in supporting the advent of professional soccer both here in Hamilton and across this country in coming years.

I look forward to making a formal presentation to city council outlining the details and merits of this project in the coming year! To you and all the members of city council I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families all the best during the holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Yours's truly,

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John McGrane

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Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

RE: Sports Bubble at Tim Hortons Field

As the owner and operator of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the impending new Professional Soccer Team, I am pleased to be an investor in the Dome Project at Tim Hortons Field. Doming the field of play from December through April will allow for much greater community usage, an important part of the Pan Am legacy. It will also turn Tim Hortons Field into one of the few year round outdoor stadiums in Canada.

The Dome will also enable our group to develop a soccer academy which is an integral part of our long-term strategy for growing soccer at all levels in Hamilton and our region.

I look forward to finalizing an arrangement in the near future once approvals from the City of Hamilton have been obtained.

Yours truly,
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS FOOTBALL CLUB

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Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

On behalf of the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA), I wish to take this opportunity to support the proposed Sports Complex planned for Tim Horton's Field in the City of Hamilton.

Anytime a new facility is planned, particularly around strong community based Municipalities, youth development in that area becomes the key principle benefactor. It is the intention of the CSA to work with Municipalities such as the City of Hamilton, to strategically place youth training centres around Canada in order to drive youth development in concert with the CSA's National Player Pathway. Under the leadership of Mr. Bob Young, we support this planned Sports Complex as it will be essential for the development of local soccer players as they progress through our player pathway onto the Professional and International stage.

Sincerely,

Victor Montagliani
President