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Dear Council & CRD Board

Re: Access Pass

Williams Lake Minor Hockey would like to voice our displeasure at having to have every one of our over 500 hockey registration forms be stamped by the City Staff, as proof the player has an active access pass.

We have been looking at moving to on line registration but find this impossible due to the limitation you have put on WLMHA by making every hockey registrant confirm that they have an active access pass.

We have thought of having our members register on line, but then have them come into the office with proof they have an active access pass. This is redundant. If they have to come in to town to show the access pass, they might as well register at that time as well.

We have thought of having our members register on line, but then have them have to show us proof that they have an active access pass before they step on the ice. This is problematic as we have players on the ice before we have team managers in place to monitor this. Even if we did have managers in place, how can one justify making an "Unpaid Volunteer" stop little Johnny from Alkali Lake, who was dropped at the arena by his parents, from going on the ice, just because his parents didn't update his access pass.

The Williams Lake Minor Hockey Office could also check every Member's status with the City Employees at the pool, to confirm an active access pass, but this would be time consuming for the City Employees. It would also be extremely time consuming for the WLMHA Office to have to chase these members down and encourage them to get their access pass updated before they are allowed on the ice. This then brings us back to a "volunteer" having to deny a child access to the ice should the parents not follow through.

Williams Lake Minor Hockey has some very "intense" parents who don't like the idea of having to pay for the access pass to start with. I am sure if you ask some of the City Staff who man the pool desk, they will tell you how "frustrated" these people get. Williams Lake Minor Hockey certainly doesn't want to put our volunteers in a position where they get verbally abused or worse, from parents who's child we have had to keep off the ice due to the City's bylaws.

The Williams Lake Minor Hockey Association has been very diligent in ensuring our members have an active access pass but your bylaw is preventing us from moving forward with online registration.

We would greatly appreciate you finding another route to collect your taxes that is not at the expense of your non profit sporting associations being able to move ahead with making registration easier for our members and moving us into the twentieth century.

Thank you.

Sincerely

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