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Dear residents,

I am delighted to report to you that there has been very significant progress made by the City of Toronto and the TDSB toward an agreement regarding the future of the Hodgson Ice Rink. The City of Toronto is moving forward with tendering a \$2 million contract to refurbish and upgrade the rink. Now that the TDSB is finally prepared to approve a lease agreement, the facility will continue to be located at Hodgson Senior Public School and, barring any unknown construction challenges such as inclement weather, the rink will most likely be ready for the 2014/2015 winter season.

I want to take this occasion to thank our School Trustee, Shelley Laskin, for her effective advocacy and partnership in these negotiations. I cannot express strongly enough how much I've appreciated working with Trustee Laskin on behalf of our community and how much I value her commitment to putting our neighbourhood's kids above all else. I also want to express my gratitude to the City of Toronto and TDSB staff who answered our call to focus on arriving at a resolution rather than the obstacles in their way.

To the parents and residents who have advocated for our local rink, I can tell you that not only were your voices heard, they were instrumental in what we've achieved.

I will share further details with you when an agreement is formally signed.

Each time our community has been presented a challenge, we've successfully faced it together.

Sincerely,



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