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To Whom It May Concern

My name is Paul Pavan and I am the President and Director of the Kitchener Waterloo Predators Volleyball Club, a not-for-profit club for elementary and high-school age athletes.

I would like to express my support for the initiative undertaken by the City of Kitchener to build a facility that will include 4 full-sized basketball courts.

This type of facility is what our community has needed for years and the thought that it could actually come to fruition in the next few years has all the sports organizations in our community very excited.

For our sport, 4 full-sized basketball courts would equate to 8 volleyball courts. With this number of courts, it would mean an increase in practice time, and with 2 of the biggest clubs in the province in our community, this would help alleviate the shortage for practice time that we currently experience.

This past year, we had over 700 young athletes try out for a spot on one of our teams. Unfortunately, we had to release over 400 athletes, due to the fact that there is a shortage of practice facilities and we could only accommodate a limited number of athletes. A facility of this size would allow us to increase the number of teams we carry, thereby allowing more young athletes to participate in youth sport.

Furthermore, this would create the ability for the city to earn revenue by running OVA tournaments, which go on weekly from early November to the end of March. A facility of this size could accommodate tournaments of up to 32 teams and up to 1000 people per day on weekends, giving the members of our community a financial boost.

I have just scratched the surface of what the possibilities could be and the impact that this type of facility could have on the sports clubs and business owners will be felt throughout our community for years to follow.

Sincerely,

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