

## KITCHENER RANGERS HOCKEY CLUB

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**April 8, 2025** 

City of Kitchener Attn. Mayor Vrbanovic 200 King Street West Kitchener, ON

Dear Mayor Vrbanovic,

As you are aware, The AUD has consistently set the standard for cuttingedge hockey facilities and is recognized as an important community gathering space.

Given the dynamic nature of the Ontario Hockey League and the advancements in athletic facilities, it is imperative that The AUD evolves to remain competitive. Over the years, the Kitchener Rangers have developed a strong and collaborative partnership with the City, resulting in ongoing improvements to The AUD.

On March 24, 2025, the Kitchener Rangers Board of Directors unanimously approved a motion to "approve up to \$2,500,000 towards renovations and design of the players' dressing room area, business office and media/scouts room."

I am writing to formally request the approval and support of the City of Kitchener for the proposed renovations to The AUD.

Similar to the 2012 renovation project, the Rangers will handle the procurement of architectural and contracting services, with continuous support from City staff. The Rangers will fully fund their portion of the renovation project.

We understand staff are proposing to City Council that additional renovations be made at the same time to create a full-service restaurant at The Aud. We are confident this new amenity will significantly enhance the fan experience during Rangers' events and address substantial community needs for other events hosted at The AUD.

We kindly request the City's approval and support for this renovation project. We believe that these enhancements will not only benefit the Kitchener Rangers but also serve the broader community by providing a state-of-the-art facility for various events.



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Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continuing our successful partnership with the City of Kitchener.

Sincerely,

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Joe Birch Chief Operating Officer Kitchener Rangers Hockey Club