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**Subject:** Re: FW:

Hi Erin

Thanks for your speedy reply. Sometimes sending an email to a generic email address is not always a success story !!

Further, to my email about the handrails at our Arena in Almonte

First an apology though. Not so long ago, myself, family and friends organized and ran a memorial golf tournament for 10 years that we donated just shy of \$100,000 to pay for children that couldn't afford hockey fees and to reduce the cost of hockey for all kids in our hockey association. I don't think there would have been one person that would have complained if I would have directed money to have handrails installed on the two sets of stairs in the Almonte arena to make it safe for seniors, anybody else with mobility concerns and all patrons to be honest. Again my apologies, that's on me, I could have easily made that happen but my focus at the time was on the users , not on the facility.

I have two grandsons in hockey at this point. One plays for MTK and the other for Hill Academy out of Orangeville, Ont. (AAA). He plays teams all around the GTA and the Northern US states. I get to arenas not only all over Ontario but the US as well. Arenas that a lot of people probably wouldn't even know exist. When it comes to facilities and arenas I have seen a wide scope of what's available and what can be done.

You have to believe that I didn't just wake up one night out of a dream, and decide our Almonte arena is a dangerous place for spectators.

There might not be any legislated requirements for handrails but I am pretty sure any "grandfathered" legislation doesn't cover unsafe facilities. The arenas that I sent you pictures of are retrofitted and there are many many other ones that are older than the Almonte arena. If we are not legally required to keep our facilities safe and accessible to all residents, especially seniors, then we sure are morally required.

Feel free Erin, to forward this email to anyone you think might be interested in my story including the Accessibility Committee.

Thank you for your time and your patience!!!

Cheers

Don

