



Media Release

Predators Look to Make Home Ice in Middlesex Centre

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Municipal staff from Middlesex Centre and representatives of the Lambton Shores Junior B Predators are currently discussing a possible team move to the Middlesex Centre Wellness and Recreation Complex in Komoka.

The municipality had initially been contacted by three Junior Hockey Clubs, all sanctioned by the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA), looking to call the Komoka facility their new home.

Scott Mairs, Director of Community Services, says interest in the Wellness & Recreation Complex was significant and the municipality began the process of considering best options by connecting with the Ontario Hockey Association to ensure any moves would meet their approval. Each Club applied to the OHA and all were initially given approval by the OHA to potentially move. Municipal staff then met with the interested organizations to determine the best fit for Middlesex Centre, team owners, players and fans. Mairs says, "The decision was made to continue talks with the Predators and we are now working through drafts and details of a long term lease."

President, owner and general manager of the Predators, Roop Chanderdat, believes a move to the Middlesex Centre Wellness & Recreation Complex will be positive for his organization. "We selected this rink since it's a modern facility with all the amenities required for Junior Hockey plus it's in a great location (e.g. close to UWO, Fanshawe College, main Highway, etc.) with a growing population base. In addition this facility is also home to the Elgin Middlesex Chiefs AAA Hockey which is a good fit for our Jr. B team to continue to develop local hockey talent that have graduated from their successful program. Plus we have had good dealings in the past with Middlesex Centre during our spring camps and they are very professional."

Final approval with regard to any agreement between the Predators and Middlesex Centre will be made by Middlesex Centre Council at its June 21st meeting.

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