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Dear Mayor Mrakus,

We have read with interest the Aurora Aquatic Feasibility Study which presents several exciting options to expand the aquatic facilities at Stronach Aurora Recreation Centre (SARC).

What strikes me about this exiting project is the large bandwith of the impact of this project. Beyond the most obvious aquatic activities, it will impact almost every sport from a rehab and training and recovery aspect. It will also serve the medical recovery community dealing with issues of arthritis, spinal cord, stroke and cardiac rehab just to name a few.

This wide catchment will create exciting partnerships with Southlake Hospital, Sport Aurora and the many individual sport clubs operating in and about York Region. Truly a regional impact will be seen.

This expansion would be a welcomed opportunity to incorporate Integrated Sport Medicine Services such as physiotherapy, massage, nutrition and other wellness services. As a medical practitioner in York Region for over 30 years now, we would be very interested in renting a portion of the planned 2 000 square foot amenities space.

Our practice consists of registered massage therapists, sports medicine doctors, physiotherapists, registered dieticians and many other healthcare professionals. We provide functional rehabilitation of individuals of all ages, concussion therapy, sports related injuries as well as maintaining optimal physical wellness from a holistic perspective. This SARC site is centrally located in the heart of York Region, right off the highway, allowing for easy access for my clientele who come from far and wide. The universal design of the entrances, exits as well as the parking lot would allow for easy access for our patrons, another huge bonus. A facility of this calibre would attract users from a large radius, putting Aurora on the map as a place that promotes healthful active living and wellness for everyone.

We strongly support this forward thinking expanded vision for SARC as it will provide a multitude of employment opportunities whilst increasing the awareness of fitness and active living for all and promoting healthy lifestyle habits not only for Aurorans, but for citizens across York Region.

In an effort to help design / develop and promote to bring this exiting project to fruition I will make myself available to the town in any way you deem necessary to aid the process.

Professionally yours,

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