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A POLITICAL LEGACY OUR TOWN SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD

A new ice rink in Tonawanda? Give me a break! At a time when our town is struggling with a diminishing tax base, badly needed infrastructure updates, a devastating tax revenue hole left by the Huntley closure, rising healthcare costs, and continued uncertainty for blue-collar Tonawanda families, our town government, once again, shows us just how out-of-touch they are.

Another \$1,000,000.00 or more for additional parking that will rarely be used, is yet another slap in the face of taxpayers in our town. A staggering 8 million or more for a project that will benefit a small percentage of taxpayers? This is all on top of the loss of recreational pool use to the surrounding neighborhoods. You can't swim on ice! This is a political legacy our town simply cannot afford.

Town taxpayers should be asking these following questions: What is the return on investment? When does the frivolous spending stop? How many permanent local jobs are created from this project? How much has the town already spent on this project? How much will it cost to run and maintain the facility? When will town board members put taxpayers and their interests first?

The best investment the town could make are infrastructure improvements that are desperately needed throughout our town. I call for putting ice rink issue on the ballot so that the taxpayers – and not just the politicians – can have a voice on this issue.

I urge all Town of Tonawanda residents to call their representatives of the town board and ask them to put this entire financial boondoggle on ice!

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