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- HST will cost impact minor hockey
- City could close Centennial Arena

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"It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts; it's what you put into the practice." –

Eric Lindros

From the GMHA Board

Dear GMHA Members, let us start by saying as a Board we do not have any political affiliation and do not want to be affiliated with any political parties. This being said, we feel we have an obligation to inform our membership of actions that will affect the activities our membership.

Provincial & Federal Level: the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) bill received 3rd reading at Queens Park. The change in the tax structure will result in an 8% increase in the cost of ice purchased by the association.

City of Guelph: Guelph minor hockey has had a strong relationship with the City of Guelph for over 60 years. The City has been supportive of our programs and encouraged the development of the youth in our community through a subsidy (reduced ice costs) program. The City Budgeting process is complicated and with the down turn in the local economy will be a challenge for City staff and Council. But, we also know that for many families are at the breaking point and cost has become a factor when it comes to playing our national sport. Any changes to our fee structure are compounded by the above mentioned HST. Listed below are the budget considerations before Council for you to review. As a Board we addressed our concerns at the December 8th Guelph City Council meeting. We have provided the e-mail addresses of the Mayor and Councillors if you choose to contact them directly to voice your concerns.

The City of Guelph is working through the 2010 Budgeting process and has a number of cost reduction options to consider that will affect the programs offered by GMHA.

1. Closing Centennial Arena – 80% of our current House League programs are run out of Centennial Arena. If the arena is closed we will be forced to reduce or eliminate programs.
2. 3% across the board increase in rates and fees.
3. 10% increase to ice rental rates
4. Decrease in the youth subsidy from 47.5% to 40%.

The HST will be applied to any rate increase, therefore in real terms the 3% increase **will result in a 10% increase to your registration fees.**

Thank you,
GMHA Board of Director

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Important Dates:

December 15th

Atom/Peewee
Storm Mentorship

December 19th

GMHA Free Admission
Guelph Hurricanes Game

December 19th

Game Day Coaching
Clinic with the Guelph
Storm (5 Points)

December 30th & 31st

Guelph Storm Holiday
Camp

January 5th

Bantam/Midget
Storm Mentorship

January 14th

Hurricanes Game in
Support of Habitat for
Humanity

January 16th

GMHA Player
Development
(Mitron) Day

February 2010

Attentive Second
Townhall Meeting – Date
to be Determined.

April 30

**Deadline for Final Rep and
Select Team Financial
Statements and Bank
Accounts are to be closed.**

June

Annual Board Meeting



Good Luck to all the teams taking part in tournaments over the Christmas Holiday Break.

Season's Greetings

from the GMHA Board and Office Staff.

The GMHA Office will be closing at 12:00 noon on
Wednesday December 23rd and re-opening on Monday
January 4th, 2010



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Guelph Jr. Storm Representative Hockey Coaching Applications

Believe it or not, it's that time again! Applications to coach Representative Hockey for the 2010-2011 season are available on the GMHA Web Site.

Please send applications to [Rep Coach Application submission](#) or drop them into the GMHA office in a sealed envelope address to the Coach Selection Committee - Rep.

"Hockey's a funny game. You have to prove yourself every shift, every game. It's not up to anybody else. You have to take pride in yourself."

-Paul Coffey

Guelph Hurricanes Jr. B. Minor Hockey Night



Wear your GMHA jersey and your admission is FREE!

Guelph Hurricanes vs. Welland Jr. Canadians
Saturday December 19th
7:30 PM
Sleeman Centre

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Security System Changed at GMHA Office

We have upgraded the security at the GMHA Office. A new combination lock has been added. Anyone wishing to have access to the office after hours must request a combination code from the office. For further details contact the GMHA Office at info@guelphhockey.com.

"Some people skate to the puck. I skate to where the puck is going to be."

-Wayne Gretzky

Newsletter/Website

We would like to hear from you. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve our communication with you? What do you want to see in future newsletters? Are there changes you would like to see on the website? Email us at info@guelphminorhockey.com.



Become a GMHA Volunteer

Guelph Minor Hockey Association is always looking for volunteers. Whether it be one hour of your time or one day, all help is appreciated. Many hands make light work.

GMHA is only as good as the people volunteering. If you are interested in helping out, please send an email to [Committee Help](#) and state what committee you would like to help out with. (if you have a preference) Your name will be forwarded to the Chair of that committee. Guelph Hockey can't run without volunteers like you!

"You miss 100% of the shots you never take."

~Wayne Gretzky

Storm Watch



Special Pricing for GMHA Players

The Guelph Storm is running a promotion for GMHA where any GMHA player wearing their jersey gets their ticket for only \$10.00! The tickets are purchased at the box office on the day of the games. This promotion applies to the Storm games on the following days:

- December 13
- January 17
- January 24

3rd Annual Guelph Storm Holiday

- December 30th and 31st
- Ages 6-8
- Limited Space

Visit www.guelphstorm.com for all the details.

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"When we've got the puck, they can't score."

~Paul Coffey

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