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Subject: a great opportunity to ensure fairness across all nine York Region municipalities for youth hockey

Dear York Region Council,

This ongoing pandemic resulting in shut down of children and youth team sports is a perfect time to rectify the following;

1) That York Region municipalities stop supporting by ceasing the subsidizing and/or providing community centre ice time to GTHL (Greater Toronto Hockey League) associations and clubs, for team practices and league games. This specifically includes Vaughan Rangers, Vaughan Panthers, Markham Islanders, and Markham Majors.

2) That York Region municipalities stop supporting by ceasing the subsidizing and/or providing community centre ice time to NYHL (North York Hockey League) associations and clubs, for team practices and league games. This specifically includes Vaughan Rangers, Vaughan JCC Beast, and Thornhill Rebels of Thornhill Community Hockey League (TCHL). TCHL in particular should not be getting ice time for postal code L4J residents of Thornhill-Vaughan.

Rationale: any municipally supported and/or subsidized ice time should include all other York Region municipalities such as Richmond Hill, King Township, Aurora and others so that they can all be part of the same league(s). All nine York Region municipalities should fall under the same youth sports umbrella for York Region to have a true youth hockey identity.

Below are just three of many articles that demonstrate rampant racism occurring for years within youth hockey governed by GTHL.

[Minor hockey under scrutiny for racism complaint policies - TSN.ca](#)

[GTHL hires investigator to probe racism as city examines league - TSN.ca](#)

[Canada's largest youth hockey league changes approach to dealing with racism, discrimination | CBC Sports](#)

GTHL has taken no meaningful action and continue to obfuscate to this day. You can find an endless list of articles by searching "GTHL racism".

Considering City of Vaughan will have one more seat after the 2022 municipal election resulting in Vaughan and Markham holding 10 of the 22 seats, it is imperative that both these municipalities be completely part of York Region youth hockey.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime if any questions, clarifications, or further info desired.

Best Regards,
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