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To Mayor Brian Bowman and council,

I am opposed to the selling of the Vimy Arena for the Addictions Centre for $1.00 and the transfer of land.
I understand an organized group (Sturgeon Creek Friends) has come forth with an offer of $100.00 for that same property and was rejected. This group was obviously just trying to make a point to you.
In the rejection comments, (about the $100.00 offer), as seen on CTV news, it was said that it is unable to even entertain another offer for a number of reasons; one of which is that it has to be a government associated organization.

Why is it then that the Equal Opportunities West Day Program has been flat out rejected?? That program is government funded and fits into your criteria. Heck, I will give you $200.00 on their behalf! Would that be okay? That is 200 times more than the city is planning on selling it for to Scott Oakes.

EOW made a proposal many many months ago for this property, going through the proper channels as directed by the administrative offices only to discover recently that significant back room bargaining was already taking place for the Addictions foundation.

I understand that a proposed addictions centre is important for rehabilitating addicts. Absolutely. However you must keep in mind that those addicts at some point made a CHOICE to start taking drugs. That is not the problem of the Winnipeg people as a whole. So help me to understand why it should take precedence over other requests without a fair debate?

The clients of Equal Opportunities West, which includes my 28 year old son, did NOT have a choice of being born with an intellectual disability. Susan Morgan, EOW 's director, has been clear in informing you that the current facility is too over crowded for their needs. It is over capacity now because of the demand of the need for spots for clients in day program care. This is REAL. The overcrowding is causing an unpleasant environment for the clients and staff and quality care is being compromised because of it. Why does that not have value Mr. Bowman?

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Sent from my iPad