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Cc: CLK-CityClerks
Subject: Item 1 of the EPC regular meeting April 9, 2019

Hello Members of the EPC,

I would like to make a submission regarding Item 1 - Construction of New Gym Facility for Sage Creek Area.

First, I would like to point all the members to the 2018 State of the Infrastructure Report. According to the report our Community Services Department scores a C- in current infrastructure offerings, with almost 60% of the infrastructure in Poor or Very Poor condition.

It blows my mind that my council would even consider the proposal, and I have to question the sanity of some members of council for passing this recommendation on to EPC in the first place. We are not opening Norwood Pool because of a complete lack of maintenance for the past 60 years, we closed Sherbrook Pool for a handful of years because of structural issues, we can't even maintain the things we already have, yet our Councillors are asking to fund brand new infrastructure simply to help facilitate the needs of the Province?

It's overwhelming that the reality of our current situation is that a significant portion of the stuff we've already collectively built is going to fall apart, never to be properly maintained. We do not have enough money to maintain what we already have.

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We can't continue on this path of more infrastructure. We have to shift our thinking, and get a new paradigm. We need to figure out ways to get more out of the existing infrastructure.

The paradigm we currently have is that this is a maintenance/growth problem. We need to start thinking of it not as a maintenance issue, but as a productivity problem. The infrastructure investments the City makes does not create enough wealth, prosperity and productivity. From an accounting standpoint, these were all negative-returning investments.

I recommend the entirety of council have a quick watch of the following 3 videos, less than 2 minutes a piece, from someone who puts it far better than I. Take 6 minutes out of your day to watch and think about how we currently fund new infrastructure, and how we fund that same infrastructure's maintenance.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdBOiF6AH-o&list=PL4ZJBLI7Y9VptmZpe187YOXaFFyjuzbHs

And lastly, my call to action. Please reject this recommendation from the Riel Community Committee and do not direct the public service to explore this possibility. It makes no financial sense.

Cheers, and thanks for your time,
Steve Snyder