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Subject: Agenda Item 2 for the EPC meeting on 2019-09-17

Good Afternoon Members of the EPC, and city clerks,

I would like to make a formal comment regarding agenda item 2 - the proposed infrastructure projects for tri-level funding.

The proposal recommends taking out ~20 Million of external debt to pay for a new recreation facility in the South end of the city. I would like to voice my opposition to this recommendation.

The recent 2018 City Asset Management Plan report shows that only one rec and leisure centre is in a state above poor, or about 9% of our total inventory. It also shows the average age of our facilities as 60 years, or 10 years over their useful life.

The one facility that is above poor quality, the Mayfair centre, is also the only one under 7 years of age, pulling down the average age by over 10 years. Ignoring this one outlier and you have an average age of 70 years for all the other facilities.

I also have to question the city's requirement to fund this particular project. If I am not mistaken, every one of the Waverley West Neighbourhood plans include cost sharing provisions, so the City may enter into agreements with landowners to cost share the provision of infrastructure within the Plan Area. Why is this not being explored?

The city currently owns 7 facilities, all of which (I would say) service lower income, inner city suburbs. We are neglecting these facilities to accommodate a new facility in an affluent suburb when there is an opportunity to have the developer cost share in these facilities.

I've included Councillor Eadie and Councillor Schreyer in this correspondence as they are the 2 other councillors who have facilities on the list of Recreation and Leisure Centres. I hope they both come to committee to voice their concerns as well.

Cheers, and have a great day,
S. Snyder