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Dear Mayor Clark and Council members,

The downtown core is “dying”. This can be fixed if there is some action taken by the City to deal with problems within their direct control:

- Relocate the bus mall ASAP – this has been discussed for about 15 years, it’s time for action.
- City Council should put pressure on the provincial government agencies to relocate the Welfare office out of the downtown core.
- The Lighthouse is a much more complicated issue. There have been recent discussions about closing the cinemas at 20th Street and 2nd Avenue – this is a direct result of the effects the Lighthouse has had on their business. This could be the **death blow** to the downtown core.

There have also been a lot of discussions on improving the downtown with a new arena. Dealing with the above issues is more important and will also ensure that we are poised for the new arena to succeed.

These are the most critical issues to be dealt with by Council in decades. This will be your legacy. Please take action to ensure that it is a legacy that you will be proud of.

A very concerned lifetime resident and businessman,



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