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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Fixed income seniors united

Subject Arena/convention centre

Meeting (if known) Planning

Comments

Well here we go on a great safari expedition hunting another white elephant accompanied by the ghost of Bill Hunter. The mayor and city council are displaying a remarkable lack of vision with this latest development project of an ice hockey area and related convention centre attempting to revitalize the downtown core.

Over the past decades, our elected officials have been complicit in downtown's demise by allowing neighbourhood development with its attendant strip mall areas to chew away at merchants and other businesses downtown. Why go? They have successfully transformed the city into the likeness of every other unimaginative city in North America, resplendant with franchise outlets and sugar shacks.

Now breathless developers appear to have sold council on another way to squander tax dollars on another pie in the land of living skies. With songs of Alberta eating our convention lunch and spectral sports franchises, they have used Calgary and Edmonton as comparisons. My God! There are more people in Calgary than the whole province of Saskatchewan. It's like comparing apples to raisins. Have we not learned our lesson with Mosaic Stadium? Ask Regina residents how they feel about their .45 mil rate increase for the next ten years.

I don't believe Council has a madate to plow our tax dollars into such a boondoggle. Instead of ressurecting tired old tropes, let them put the proposal to a referendum with each councillor's stance, and a full accounting of costs, at the next civic election.

Attachments

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No