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I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Daniel

Last Name: Macdonald

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 29th St W

Ward: Ward 2

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Harry Bailey upgrades budget

Comments:

I wish to express my full support for increasing the budget for the Harry Bailey Leisure Centre upgrades supported by my city counselor, Hilary Gough. I cannot express how much I and my family have missed the use of this facility for lane swims, family/public swims, and swimming lessons. Until it closed down, our family used it constantly. It was a mainstay for us as a means of exercise, sharing family time, and improving our quality of life. Living in Caswell Hill, it also meant we were able to walk there very frequently. The loss of this facility has meant a massive increase in the use of our vehicle to drive to Shaw, Lawson, or some other distant facility. As a result, we have significantly less time to devote to this aspect of improving our health and quality of life. But at least we have a vehicle. Countless families do not have this luxury or the time to travel across town for even a public swim let alone lessons. It is unconscionable that needful communities such as Mayfair and Caswell Hill would be the ones to suffer from what appears to be simple mismanagement of this project from the outset. It seems hypocritical on the part of the city to have, as part of its expressed goals, the desire to reduce vehicle use and increase the health and well-being of citizens of core neighbourhoods, and then to perform a colossal healing-dragging act on something so connected to this goal. Meanwhile prices continue to rise with each month that the city does nothing. This is not going to get any cheaper. Please act now.

Sincerely,

Daniel Macdonald

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