

Hello,

I just had the opportunity to view the Task Force meeting. My thought throughout the meeting was why isn't anyone suggesting an alternative location for these Shuffle Board players. Surely they could economically be set up at the YMCA, McKay Centre, School gymnasium, a church, the Maitland Golf Club (This is what our teams did as children in Guelph). Which would bring income into the community as well. Only later did councillor John mention sending them to Bayfield but that was not discussed further.

Clearly this group was having difficulty grasping the extensive costs of bringing the Arena up to par or the costs associated with same.

How have we gone from prior council and town staff recommending demolition of this building to now apparently only two options, either refurbishing or rebuilding? No consideration for any other options and a task force full of sports minded people clearly all for another massive expensive project.

Why are you not considering working with the above buildings and driving up business and helping both the community and our pocket books? The YMCA is already in need of Maintenance and having difficulty making profits. They need more alternatives with reasonable pricing to attract greater usage, like fee for skating as opposed having to buy a full day pass. Some people just want one activity occasionally. It would make more sense to put funding there if absolutely necessary. This town is too small for similar buildings of this magnitude.

How do you plan on financing this endeavour? Surely not another extended loan from the Reserves on the back of the Taxpayers' backs that is going to last for many years into the future?

Don't we have more immediate brick and mortar and other issues that need attention? What are the plans for the Airport which is also a burden on taxpayers?

Please provide full transparency regarding these decisions and of all monies spent since the rink closed, including copies of the reports and costs associated with same. This information should be available to the public and brought to light before any decisions are made on even proceeding with another report, looking at contractors and cost analysis. It seems to me the initial reports must have indicated the cost outweighed any benefits and thus the recommendation demolition. It sounded like millions would be required.

Will the results of town survey on taxation be available to the public and available in advance of any of these decisions being made? MPAC has not reassessed properties since 2016. Are you aware of the type of increase in the taxpayers rates when they do? I would bet the townspeople don't and are going to be in shock and many in trouble.

These are all things that this council should be heavily weighing.

I understand I am a day late but request that you take an exception and add this message to the upcoming meeting on the 24th. You often add things at the very last moment to the agenda. Please note, I am still awaiting a response to my prior email to council regarding the Coast Waterfront. We deserve full transparency there as well.

Sincerely
Kate Krouskie