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Subject: Memorial Arena Proposal

Good morning everyone,

A group of concerned citizens would like the Town Staff and Council to address the following questions,

1. Do you have a detailed and fully costed/organized plan regarding how the Clubs plan to finance and operate the Memorial Arena? Do you have the financials for each Club that plans to partner? What if one or many fold or cannot fulfill their financial or other obligations? Who will carry the main control? What if they are unable to compromise and work together? Does the Town have any say in how it will operate?
2. Do you intend to proceed with the plans as set out in the GSP phases or are you considering something more economical like bringing other tax funded services under the same roof? This would reduce overhead and give the option of selling off other properties to reduce the tax burden.
3. How do you plan to fund the Maitland Rec's needs and the 1.3 million in maintenance that is going to be required while drawing down significantly on the Recreation Reserves to fund a similar building? Are we going to let Maitland Rec go into disrepair in order to salvage the Memorial Arena?
4. The Maitland Rec operates at a loss, the Airport Assessment confirms it is unlikely to break even. How is this going to be any different? What if there aren't any profits initially or ever going into the Reserve? Are you going to borrow from other reserve funds that are allocated for other purposes/projects?
5. What exactly are the Clubs offering to cover financially and what will the Town be responsible for over and above the \$140k and \$60k required in the first year and the further \$60k/year thereafter, such as ongoing maintenance, contributions for future phase upgrades etc.?

6. Has the pertinent information been provided to appropriate legal council and accountants familiar with such contracts as yet?
7. Are you really doing what is in the best interest of the Town or just a minority of the population and for political reasons? Have you truly considered the risk vs. rewards for everyone involved? What is the real exposure to taxpayers knowing that every \$100k is approximately a 1% tax increase and that our infrastructure is aging?
8. All of these questions and many more must be carefully considered and addressed prior to moving forward with this significant project. Failure to do so would simply be irresponsible.

We trust you will address each and every question above in the Town Council on Monday. If not please include this message on the next Meeting Agenda so it is part of the Record.

Sincerely,

People who wish to protect the Town and it's Citizens