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Subject: Memorial Arena Demolition

Town of Goderich
Mayor Trevor Bazinet and Goderich Council

Greetings Mr. Mayor and Goderich Council,

Topic: Demolition of Goderich Memorial Arena

I ask that this letter be accepted as part of the minutes of the next Council meeting. Thank-you.

The Town of Goderich should demolish the Memorial Arena, preserve the historical items, rezone the site and parking lot as residential and place it on the real estate market.

The homes around the arena deserve a new environment from the chaotic parking and view of a 70 year old building that has served its intended use.

Injecting more money into the Goderich Memorial Arena is neglecting the engineers cautionary report.

Spending \$200 thousand or \$18 Million of taxpayers money for refurbishment of any kind is wrong and goes against the cautionary report on the Memorial Arena by B.M. Ross & Associates, Engineering Consultants.

The Town of Goderich, for many years, has been experiencing extreme difficulty with "replacing" sidewalk infrastructure that involves over 100 areas with multiple slabs of crumbling concrete in each area. Taxpayers/Voters are very observant because it's happening in front of their house in their neighbourhood.

The Town of Goderich and Council should move forward and the demolition will provide, along with rezoning, the transformation to a residential site that will blend in with the existing neighbourhood.

Any future development should be on the south side of the Goderich Huron YMCA sports complex at 190 Suncoast Drive East.

The new development in the future should be a small gymnasium no bigger than the one in the public elementary school to serve the shuffleboard enthusiasts and others etc.

The current ice surface at the YMCA is not collecting maximum earned income potential during available operational hours for future expansion.

Taxpayers should be reminded that at a Council meeting on Jan. 3, 2025, Goderich Council declared the Memorial Arena, ***“closed due to significant safety and accessibility concerns.”***

It would be irresponsible for the Mayor and Goderich Council to support any short or long term funding especially after reading the cautionary report on the Memorial Arena by B.M. Ross & Associates, Engineering Consultants.

Thanks for your time,
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