

Re: Proposed Preston Auditorium Plans

Good morning Madam Mayor and Councilors

I will not go in to a long intro of myself, everyone, except Councilor Hamilton, has heard me speak, present and express my interest in a facility over the last 8 years. In short, I am father of 2, own a business in Cambridge, 20 year resident and an avid promoter of a better community for future generations.

8 years ago I presented to this vary council with a viable, cost effective, efficient plan for a needed multiplex sports and rec facility. This facility had a price tag of \$54M at that time, \$8M in verbal sponsorship agreements I just needed Council to assist in a land use location decision. Mayor Craig said, "once we have an address we can ask for regional and provincial grant funding" Mr. Craig felt collectively this financial assistance would be to the tune of \$15-\$22M. Of the original price \$54M in 2013 I had approximately half the cost covered.....let that sink in..... Don't forget the City of Cambridge has a lot more resources than I do and could have helped fund this overdue upgrade

This council (minus 2 ppl) chose to due public consult after consult after consult and allowed the media to manipulate the "wish list" via an online 'click here to add what you to this new building. The media ran with the story that this new, 4 pad, pool, running track, 2 gyms etc. etc. was \$84M and it was ago. This council allowed this false info to grow legs and the project was put on the back-burner.

So here we are today, days away from a vote that will see this same council vote to put money into a 48 y/o facility at Homuth.....why? Because its cheaper? We are the only City that puts millions of dollars into aging infrastructure and thinks it's OK!! This document states funds will be set aside for future considerations. Let me remind you those words have appeared for the last 8 years minimum. You will not receive thousands of peoples input on this because the apathy of this community on this topic has weaned. "council won't do what's right" "they won't fix it cuz they just care about votes"

As a hockey player, referee, hockey Dad of 2, hockey husband of 1, Coach, CMHA Board member and user of 5 of the Cities facilities/week and observer of rinks from Niagara to Winsor to Toronto.....Homuth and Option D are NOT the right thing to do. So what is then, as proposed and passed, twin Preston Aud, work with Buckingham and decommission Homuth. I urge you to be the council that finally steps forward, does the right thing not the easy or cheapest thing. Be the council that can proudly say "I was part of that" Be the council that builds for the future generations of Cambridge. Please rest assure this has nothing to do with me or the work I have put in to this, but everything to do with building a better community for future generations

I unfortunately am not available to be at the upcoming meeting due to Coaching my 12 year old team and going to my 15 year old game at 2 of our facilities. I look forward to each of your responses in a timely manner as this is time sensitive

Yours in the community,

Regards,

Chris Miranda