



TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
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MINORU PLACE ACTIVITY CENTRE

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"Recreation reduces isolation, loneliness and alienation"

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ITEM No. 2

**Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the
General Purposes Committee
Meeting of Monday, June 16,
2014.**

June 13, 2014

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Your Worship and Councillors:

Subject: Minoru Major Facility Project:

I am writing on behalf of the Minoru Seniors Society to outline our concern about changes which have materially altered this project from the original vision of a facility co-inhabited by ourselves and the Aquatic Centre.

We are concerned that we will not have double the programmable space we now have, with space being lost to the Pavilion. A lot of study went into arriving at our space requirements going forward. A lot of people feel we should have lobbied for more space in the new complex, but we are trying to be responsible. The space we anticipated would meet our needs, but is a minimum after a careful analysis.

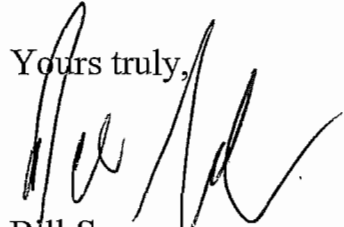
We are satisfied we can co-inhabit, but we have some serious concerns about the "integrated approach" we hear is under consideration. If we are going to be able to effectively deliver services and programs for seniors, we feel we must be able to operate independent of the Aquatic Centre or Pavilion. For example, a senior's gym requires seniors focused and adapted equipment, and staff focused on the needs of seniors. Also, seniors want to be able to exercise with their peers, and not integrated with younger people whose needs are quite different.

We had a meeting scheduled with Serena Lusk to discuss these concerns, and hopefully get clarification of the space allocation. This meeting was cancelled with little notice and to date has not been rescheduled.

We want to be assured we will still have a distinct Seniors Centre, run independent of the Aquatic Centre and/or Pavilion at the end of the day, so we can continue to fulfill our mandate to seniors in the community, as we have done since inception.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Bill Sorenson,
Chair, Minoru Building Expansion Committee
Minoru Seniors Society

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Cc: Cathryn Carlile, General Manager, Community Services, City of Richmond.
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Eva Busich-Veloso, Coordinator, Senior Services, City of Richmond.
Serena Lusk, Senior Manager, Recreation and Sport Services, City of Richmond.