Mayor Fourgere, Members of City Council, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Well, folks, here we are again, discussing the same thing we talked about in December of 2018 and the spring of 2019, the fate of the Maple Leaf Pool.

The unanimous decision of Council, at that time, was to construct a new facility. The Community, young and old, seniors, students "jumped in" pardon the pun, with enthusiasm, input and hope. Our Executive Director of the Heritage Association, Shayna Stock, spent countless hours, shepherding the process. As a member of the Heritage Community, I can not emphasis enough the importance of completing this project as quickly as humanly possible.

I would like to echo the words of the many of us that the Maple Leaf Pool is a central meeting place for all ages, be it young, old or inbetween. It is and was a meeting place, a place to make friends, a place to socialize and a place that benefits extend far beyond recreation and a healthier lifestyle.

When the news came out, a few weeks ago, that another \$880,000 was required to complete the proposed and selected design that the Community had enthusiastically embraced, my heart and my hope sank.

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Last year, City Council voted to rebuilt the pool, we now have no pool at all. What the Community now has, is a very large snow-filled hole with a pristine chain link fence around the perimeter. One thing that we have do have, represents a "Capital Pointe project" only on smaller scale.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend the extra funding from a 3 million dollar fund that is currently available for these types of projects. It is our understanding that should Council approve this, this afternoon, that the extra funding will allow the project to go ahead as planned and hoped.

On behalf of the Community, I respectfully, ask that City Council do the right thing and adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee by approving the recommendation, ensuring that the selected contractor has a performance bond in place and encourage Administration and the selected Contractor to do their due diligence and have the Maple Leaf Pool built by, or before the stated deadline.

Respectully,

Jeanne' Clive, CSt.J, DAg.