

END POVERTY REGINA PRESENTATION FOR CITY COUNCIL Dec. 10/18**Thank you Mayor Fougere and Councillors**

Our family is a 5th generation immigrant family of “Ukrainian Irish” descent. My grandfather, while working on the CN, built two homes for his children and later grandchildren to live in in downtown Regina. Today, my son, brother and grandchildren also still reside in the area.

I would like to sincerely appeal to all of you to rebuild Maple Leaf Pool located at 1101 14th Ave. This would truly be a long term investment for the future sustainability and development of this area. This decision to rebuild this facility would support a Safer Communities concept and is an integral part of the daily work performed by Chief Evan Bray and the Regina Police Service in this community.

Summers are for swimming a safe place for friends and family.

Maple Leaf Pool is one of the few “green spaces in this heavily populated area and thee ONLY recreation facility. It is surrounded by Miller and Balfour High School to the south, Thomson Public School on the Northwest and St Augustine and Arcola School on the east. It has been the centre of many community events.

The Heritage Community Association gathered Statistics Canada Census information (2006-2016) on “trends in population” in this area.

The reports indicated that in 2016 :

- 16.4 % of children were under the age of 15 years.
- 22.5 % are young adults (age 15 years to 29 years) as compared to overall Regina City at 21.1%
- **Therefore in 2016 approximately 38.9 % of the upcoming population is between ages 1-29 years.**
- **60% of persons residing in this area have remained in the same dwelling for 5 years.**
- **44% of dwelling are “unaffordable” as compared to the overall Regina City statistics.**
- **The cost is almost double to reside in this type of housing.**
 (“ Unaffordable” is defined as those residents who are required to pay more than 30% of their income to housing)
- 17% of residents are of First Nations heritage
- 5 % Metis
- 10 % Visible Minority
- 32 % are from diversity groups.
- This projection identifies there is a definite need to provide recreational facilities.

- Children from Regent Park were placed on school buses to Coronation school where many of them were called names "lunch kids" "poor kids" when they got off those buses there were many schoolyard conflicts.
- And finally the Pasqua Recreation Neighbourhood Centre was closed permanently and torn down. They had housed recreational programming for the children in the area and also the Food for Learning Lunch Program.

Thank you in consideration.



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