



November 1, 2024

Town of Oakville
Attention of Town Councillors
1225 Trafalgar Road
Oakville, ON, L6H 0H3

Re: Submission to Final Master Plan Presented to the Special Council Meeting of November 5, 2024

Dear Councillors:

I am writing to request time to peruse the Master Plan Report that is going to be presented to the Special Council Meeting on November 5, 2024 at 18:30, according to items 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 of the agenda for that meeting.

As many other swimmers and sauna users at the Glen Abbey Recreation Centre, we object to further changes that will alter the present building structural design, the sauna and the conversation pool. While damage was already done by removing a water slide that was very popular, especially with minors, we are seeking to have the rest preserved and salvaged from further irresponsible actions.

We also object to conversion of change rooms and shared showers into the so called “universal washrooms”. Further to making patrons feel morally uncomfortable, there is also the risk for sexual violence. Most importantly, these settings are highly anti-hygiene, since patrons will not be taking off their bathing suits to wash their bodies properly before going into the pool, which is against universal laws, or when leaving for home.

Further, we would like to see saunas added to all other recreation centres. Inexplicably, in previous intents for us to provide input to the managers, none has provided an answer as to why they don’t do it if they are so popular.

Our general consensus is that while we do not object to the report being presented to the Council, input should be sought from presenters after providing them with a copy and sufficient time to evaluate its contents before The Council “accepting it in principle,” as indicated in Item 5.1.2.

Regarding the Creation Zone at the Glen Abbey and Iroquois Ridge libraries, I’d like to request that that program be cancelled since it has proven to be a white elephant that is wasting enormous amounts of taxpayer money by being grossly underused.

Yours very truly,

Guillermo Flores