

Subject: FW: RE: re- sent with attachment -- Opposition to Lynn Valley Rec. Centre expansion

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Thanks, Ernie!

I really appreciate your quick response to my e-mail. Also, you definitely have 'told us so' over the past few years. All you've been saying about the reduced 'town centre' seems to be coming true.

We'll have a tough fight on our hands over this 'community centre expansion' proposal. However, the whole community is alarmed.

Thanks for your attention and we'll keep you posted.

> Dear Mr.....

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> You may have missed it but there will be no youth center in the newly
> proposed Lynn Valley Town Center. With luck, there may be a room in
> the Library building but that is all. The originally proposed 80,000,
> squarefoot building which included community space for youth, seniors,

> cultural, social and health activities, has been virtually eliminated.
> The size of the building has been reduced from 5 stories to 3 and the
> space from 80,000 square feet to 40.000.

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> It will now be a Library only, more or less. In an unholy alliance
> between some District Staff, with self appointed authority, a Council

> lacking any kind of vision, a totally ineffective and uncommitted
> Mayor, plus an assembly of backward community activists so called, the
> proposed center of 80,000 square feet of which 40,000 square feet were

> allocated for community space et., was eliminated. It was done under
> the slogan "we don't need a community center and we already have the
> Molly Nye House" a 2,500 square foot little house not even big enough
> to serve lunches for Seniors.

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> However, as a taxpayer, it may be of interest to you that the
> originally planned 80,000 square foot center costing a total of \$
> 22 million

> dollars with the money already in place, has now gone up to \$34.5
> million, but for only half the size. Another District success story.
> This time it was accomplished with the assistance of extremely
> backward people calling themselves leaders who call Lynn Valley their
> Home. The bottom line - contrary to your statement that Youth should
> find a place in the New Center, thanks to stupidity, is but a
> pipedream.

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> All this information has been repeatedly brought to the attention of
> the public. It was done in the press, during previous elections and a
> thousand different channels, but the people of Lynn Valley apparently
> were incapable of grasping this. Instead they are now waiting, hoping
> to accommodate the needs of the Lynn Valley youth, a promise as remote


> as the second coming.

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> These are the facts and my final comments, I suppose, should be, "we
> get what we deserve". The people of Lynn Valley allowed themselves to

> be hoodwinked by opportunists, pro real estate interests, and people
> without vision and this is the result.
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> The "community center" as the Lynn Valley Pedestrian Oriented Town
> Center turned Regional Car mall before it was a great idea but in the
> hands of mediocrity even beauty and vision must succumb to blah or to
> quote the old Greeks "Against stupidity even the gods fight in vain"
> or should I say with friends like these

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> Yours truly,
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> Ernie Crist
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