From: <u>City Clerk</u>
To: <u>Stephanie Smith</u>

Subject: FW: Re Burnhamthorpe CC redevelopment Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:45:11 AM

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From: Dejan Skoric

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:36 PM **To:** City Clerk < City. Clerk@mississauga.ca> **Subject:** Re Burnhamthorpe CC redevelopment

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

As Ward 3 resident I am fully supportive of the planned redevelopment and addition to the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre.

A few months ago I had a chance to see the plans and was impressed by the proposed design, and with the care that went into the planning badly needed additional amenities. While this addition will not be a zero-carbon building, nevertheless it is clear that sustainability was one of the key considerations in the design and will be more energy efficient than comparable facilities in Mississauga.

While the negative side of the redevelopment is the loss of the outdoor ice rink, the additional features of the redeveloped centre will be a great improvement over the current situation.

I call upon Council to continue with the planned construction of an addition to Burnhamthorpe Community Centre without further delay.

At the same time, I propose that the Council directs staff to immediately start planning a replacement outdoor ring in adjacent Gulleden Park and with the goal for it to be completed roughly in the same timeframe as the community centre addition.

Sincerely

Dejan Skoric

## **Benefits of the Redevelopment**

Once completed, residents will enjoy the benefits of:

- New equipment-based Fitness Centre (including fitness studio)
- New 25m lap pool and therapeutic pool
- Optimized multi-purpose social and recreation rooms
- · Renovated gymnasium
- Improved accessibility and flow throughout the building
- Increased green space for community connections
- Improved access for pedestrians
- Improved sustainable and accessible design standards



View of East Entrance



View of Pool

## **Timeline**

Construction start date (April 2021)

Open to the public (Spring / Summer 2023)



For more information and project updates, please visit mississauga.ca/burnhamthorpe

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Recreation





The City is renovating and building a new addition to the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre to meet the needs of the Rathwood-Applewood community.

The project will aim to serve the community through improving the quality of recreational services and implementing higher accessibility and green building standards.





## **Dear Ward 3 Residents,**

I would like to provide you with an update on the redevelopment of the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre. In January of 2019, Recreation staff brought to Council the 2019 Recreation Master Plan that included the much needed redevelopment of the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre and the proposed indoor aquatic centre that will benefit the residents of ward 3.

As a big supporter of community recreation and sport, and the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre, where I host my annual community bbq and skate event, and attend many family, youth, senior and organization events, it's always wonderful to see so many community members come together.

During discussion with the design team, I requested that the outdoor rink be included in the preferred design of the new community centre. After careful review by the design team, it was determined that the outdoor rink has come to the end of its lifecycle and will require major renovations to bring it up to standard. An additional consideration for the design team was that Glen Forest School pool, the primary pool for Ward 3 residents, is approximately 50 years old, does not meet current accessibility standards and will also require millions of dollars of upgrades to improve.

After careful consideration, staff brought forward a plan to include a much needed and improved aquatics facility including a therapy pool and the addition of a highly-requested fitness centre. The design included improvements to the existing Chic Murray arena (indoor rink) as well as upgrades to existing spaces including the gym and program rooms but unfortunately required the removal of the current outdoor rink.

The outdoor rink operates for approximately 4 months of the year and is only being utilized by residents at a capacity of 30%

for drop-in programs. Where the outdoor rink sees roughly 500 residents weekly over the 4 months, the indoor pool and fitness centre will see over 6,000 visits per week, all year round.

The Ward 3 community is in need of a well-designed, viable community centre which services all residents and can be used for future generations to come. I have requested from staff that when the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre reopens, that free public skates and low cost rental of the indoor rink be provided and that I, along with staff and the community explore further options to offer skating to the community.

Gulleden Park, adjacent to Burnhamthorpe Community Centre is planned for redevelopment and is to be completed in coordination with the reopening of the renovated community centre. I have also requested that a new refrigerated rink and multi-use court be incorporated into this design at this park subject to community consultation.

The outdoor rink will remain open this winter season and construction on the redevelopment of the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2021. Plans are available on my websites at **chrisfonseca.ca** or on the City's website at **mississauga.ca/burnhamthorpe** 

Wishing you and your family a healthy, safe and happy 2021.

Respectfully,

Chris Fonseca Councillor, Ward 3 City of Mississauga