

To Burlington City Council
Re: CW-48-19 New Skyway Community Centre

Mayor & Council,

This letter is in support of the improved recommendations to the original (2016) design of the replacement of the Skyway Arena – now to be called the Skyway Community Centre due to the improvements in accessibility, the addition of two community rooms, an indoor walking track and the outdoor community area.

I am pleased that the City has now incorporated the following Climate Impact design features:

- A zero emission electric ice re-surfacer
- A roof support system compatible with solar panels
- The replacement of Freon (HCFC) with ammonia as a refrigerant
- The replacement of natural gas HVAC system with a geothermal system to reduce GHG

These are all worthwhile changes to the original design in keeping with the Declaration of a Climate Emergency.

Don't be afraid to acknowledge these good elements with signage that will educate the public as to what has been, and can be, done.

Now that you've considered some of the Capital expenditures, don't forget the environmental options for the Operations side of things or additional Designs: water conservation, motion-activated lights, recycle and compost containers, rainwater collection, permeable surfaces, drought resistant ground cover, native species landscaping, EV-charge station, trees planted for shade, a green roof or wall, and, perhaps, this would be a good location for another community garden.

Sincerely,

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