

March 28, 2007.

Councillor Shelly Carroll, Chair, Budget Committee

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am extremely disappointed with the proposal to close Westgrove pool located in my ward.

Although this area has not been identified as a priority neighbourhood, it probably should have been. It is a high needs area which has many challenges, particularly new Canadians living in high rise buildings in the Dixon Road corridor, Martingrove, and The Westway. Closing Westgrove pool would be detrimental to this neighbourhood and add to the many problems they are already facing. I have spoken with 23 Division officers who strongly support the need for recreational activities for youth from these apartments.

I recently met with the MPP who is asking for a Community Centre on the Kipling Collegiate Grounds. A far cheaper and more practical solution would be to invest in and maintain the services we are offering now, instead of closing them down.

I hope the committee will understand these issues and reconsider the closure of the pool.

Yours,

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cc. Mayor Miller  
Councillor Fletcher  
Brenda Librecz