



**Councillor
Mark Grimes**

Toronto City Council
Ward 6
Etobicoke-Lakeshore

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Councillor Joe Mihevc
Chair
Community Development and Recreation Committee
100 Queen Street W B35
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Dear Councillor Mihevc

I am writing to you and the Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee with respect to Report #19.1 911 - Emergency Municipal Address Signs Posted Visibly Indoors in City Owned or Leased Arenas, Community Centres that is before you Thursday October 16, 2008

I am advising you and the Members of the Committee that I support the implementation of posting emergency signage in all City of Toronto operated municipal facilities. I would ask that the actions described in the report be supported by this Committee.

As cell phones are now often used to contact 911 emergency services in recreation facilities it is important that callers be able to quickly provide the address of the facility, as it is not linked to the phone number calling, as it would be if a land line were used. I have witnessed this on several occasions in local arenas where parents are distraught when a child is injured and attempt to obtain emergency assistance only to be scrambling for the address. This will avoid any delay in response time for emergency personnel, and could save lives.

Your consideration of my request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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