



Comments to City Council Meeting – March 20th, 2024

Re: ITEM SC11.18 – Scarborough Civic Centre 2025 - Strategic Plan
From: Scarborough Community Renewal Organization, Larry Whatmore, President

March 19, 2024

On February 16, Scarborough Community Council considered a request from Councillor Myers concerning the future of the Scarborough Civic Centre and has made a recommendation to City Council.

The Scarborough Community Renewal Organization, a multi-stakeholder group of engaged volunteers that works to promote and renew Scarborough, strongly supports the need to revitalize this iconic building and give it a renewed sense of purpose at the centre of Scarborough's civic life.

The Scarborough Civic Centre, having celebrated its 50th anniversary last year, was built as the centre of civic and community engagement by renowned architect Raymond Moriyama.

Many proposals have been made for the productive use of this facility since amalgamation. However, it remains an under-utilized resource and not nearly as vibrant as it should be. It is also not very welcoming to the community, to access for public events or to even find your way around the building for a meeting.

The Scarborough Civic Centre is one of the City's most magnificent public assets.

Developing a comprehensive strategic plan for the Scarborough Civic Centre is an excellent starting point, to reinvigorate this building as the vibrant heart of Scarborough's civic and community activities, as per its original vision.

SCRO strongly supports this initiative and would like to be engaged as it evolves.

Sincerely,

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